

City of Renton

Shoreline Master Program Update



Ecology Response Received

This past March, the Washington State Department of Ecology conditionally approved Renton's Shoreline Master Program. After listening to public comments and staff recommendations, the City accepted most of the conditions, but challenged two issues. One issue was related to the proposed limitation on overwater trails, and the other issue was related to the width of single-family docks.

After several months of discussion and negotiations, Ecology has responded the City's request to reconsider the conditions on overwater trails and dock width. Ecology responded favorably to the City's proposed language on overwater trails. However, upon reconsideration, Ecology did not agree with provisions for six foot (6') wide docks for single-family homes. Basing their decision on both scientific information and regional consistency, Ecology insists that docks may only be four feet (4') wide within the first 30 feet (30') unless a variance is granted or the resident holds a disabled parking permit. The letter can be viewed at the City's SMP webpage.

Council will be meeting in September to discuss this new information.

Meeting Scheduled

Staff will brief the Renton City Council's Committee of the Whole on the latest letter received from the Department of Ecology. Committee of the Whole meetings are open to the public. They can also be watched live on Channel 21, or via internet: streaming.rentonwa.gov/live/default.htm.

Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Renton City Hall
Council Chambers, 7th floor
1055 S. Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Questions About Your Property?

Curious about how the proposed SMP may affect your property? Some of the information has changed. Find out more from project manager Erika Conkling by calling (425)430-6578 or emailing shoreline@rentonwa.gov.

Did you know?

All the review documents are available on the project website shoreline.rentonwa.gov. You can receive an email each time the shoreline page is updated by clicking on the "subscribe to this page" icon located at the top right of the main page.

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