

Exhibit A

The following policies and amendments to policies are added to the Environmental Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The remaining policies of the Environmental Element are unchanged.

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENT

GOAL

1. Continue protection of Renton's natural systems, natural beauty, and environmental quality.
2. [Reserved for 2005 Comprehensive Plan Amendments to Environment Element.]
3. Manage Shorelines of the State to protect unique and fragile areas, retain and enhance natural amenities within an urban environment, and minimize hazards to public safety.

Flood Plains

Objective EN-E: Protect the natural functions of 100-year floodplains and floodways.

Policy EN-25a. Prohibit permanent structures from developing in floodways due to risks associated with deep and fast flowing water.

Policy EN-26a. Limit development within the 100 year floodplain to that which is not harmed by flooding. Roads and finished floors of structures should be located above the 100 year flood level, and new development should provide compensation for existing flood storage capacity due to filling.

Policy EN-27a. Restrict land uses to those that do not cause backwater or significantly increase the velocity of floodwaters.

Policy EN-28a. Incorporate design features, which are intended to keep harmful substances from floodwaters in any development, which is allowed in the 100-year floodplain.

Policy EN-29a. Emphasize non-structural methods in planning for flood prevention and damage reduction. Substantial stream channel modification, realignment, and straightening should be discouraged as means of flood protection.

Policy EN-30a. Dredging activities may be conducted as follows:

- a. Continue as-needed maintenance dredging of the constructed channel section of the Lower Cedar River per the City of Renton's agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control using best management practices to minimize salmonid habitat disruption.
- b. In coordination with Federal or State permitting agencies, the City may allow dredging outside of the lower Cedar River for public purposes such as to protect public facilities, or when needed to

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improve aquatic habitat, for example to correct problems of material distribution or water quality when such problems adversely affect aquatic life.

Policy EN-31a Renton's floodplain land use and management activities should be carried out in coordination with King County, adjacent cities, and State and Federal agencies. The City should partner with agencies to implement regional plans such as the King County Flood Hazard Reduction Plan.

Policy EN-32a The existing flood storage and conveyance functions and ecological values of floodplains, wetlands, and riparian corridors should be protected, and should, where possible, be enhanced or restored.

***Discussion:** The maintenance dredging of the lower 1.25 miles of the constructed channel section of the Lower Cedar River will continue to be needed periodically. The City of Renton was the local project sponsor with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of the Cedar River Section 205 Flood Hazard Reduction Project. As the local project sponsor, the City of Renton is required by its Project Cooperation Agreement with the US Corps of Engineers to maintain the federal project, which includes future maintenance dredging.*

Shorelines of the State: Natural Resources and Hazard Management

Summary: Approximately 18 miles of shoreline in the City of Renton are under the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) of 1971, including Lake Washington, Green River, Cedar River, Black River, Springbrook Creek, and May Creek are shorelines within the City. Generally, regulated shorelines include the water bodies and their shorelands extending landward from the floodway or ordinary high water mark for two hundred (200) feet in all directions. This jurisdictional area increases to include all marshes, bogs, swamps, and river deltas, associated with the regulated Shorelines of the State. The total of this area is subject to shoreline use classification and regulation. Natural environment conservation and flood hazard minimization are priorities of the SMA and of the Renton's required Shoreline Master Program, of which the policies of this sub-element are a part. *(Also refer to the Land Use Element, Shorelines of the State: Land Use, Recreation, and Circulation Management.)*

Objective EN-R: Protect and preserve resources and amenities of all Shorelines of the State situated in the City of Renton for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

Policy EN-88 Existing natural resources should be conserved.

1. Water quality and water flow should be maintained at a level to permit recreational use, to provide suitable habitat for aquatic life, and to satisfy other required human needs.
2. Aquatic habitats and spawning grounds should be protected, improved and, if feasible, restored.
3. Terrestrial wildlife habitats, including wetlands, riparian areas, and upland habitats should be protected, improved and, if feasible, increased.
4. Unique natural and fragile areas should be designated and maintained as open space. Passive

recreation access and use should be restricted, if necessary, for the conservation of these areas.

Policy EN-89 Shoreline land uses including residential, commercial, industrial, civic, and mixed uses should be allowed consistent with the Land Use Element. Existing and future activities on all shorelines of the State regulated by the City of Renton should be designed to minimize adverse effects on the environment.

Policy EN-90 The City of Renton should take aggressive action with responsible governmental agencies to assure that discharges from all drainage

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basins are considered an integral part of shoreline planning.

1. Soil erosion and sedimentation, which adversely affect any shoreline within the City of Renton, should be prevented or controlled.
2. The contamination of existing watercourses should be prevented or controlled.

Policy EN-91 All further development of the shorelines of May Creek east of FAI-405 right-of-way, and that portion of Springbrook Creek beginning from approximately SW 27th Street on the north to SW 31st Street on the south, abutting City-owned wetlands in this area, and for that portion of the west side of the Creek in the vicinity of SW 38th Street abutting the City's recently

acquired Wetlands Mitigation Bank should be compatible with the existing natural state of the shoreline.

1. Low density development should be encouraged to the extent that such development would permit and provide for the continuation of the existing natural character of the shoreline, and is consistent with underlying zoning.
2. For the subject locations, the waterways should be left in an undeveloped natural state as much as possible.

Policy EN-92. Floodplain objective EN-E and associated policies are incorporated by reference as part of the City of Renton Shoreline Master Program objectives and policies.