

Shoreline Master Program (SMP)



About the SMP

The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is a set of local policies and regulations adopted by the City under the State's Shoreline Management Act that generally applies to all major water bodies and lands within 200 feet of those waters.

- [View the 2015 Olympia SMP](#)
- [View the 2018 Olympia SMP - as amended \(Appendix A\) \(Appendix B\)](#)

Periodic review

Every eight years, counties and cities must review the SMP to ensure it remains consistent with any changes in state law, the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and any changes in local circumstance.

The periodic review is not as involved as the “comprehensive update” that Olympia completed in 2015. The comprehensive update was a major rewrite of the SMP that took several years to complete.

For the periodic review, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides a checklist for us to identify and evaluate any needed revisions. Ecology also provides grant funds to help cover the costs associated with conducting the review. The City of Olympia will conduct this review in 2020 and the first half of 2021.

- [View the gap analysis based on Ecology's checklist](#)
- [Fact sheet](#)
- [Info sheet: Summary of biggest changes](#)
- [Info sheet: Waterfront recreation setback and VCA changes](#)
- [SMP Revisions - Public Draft #1](#)
- [CAO Revisions - Wetland Buffers](#)

The public hearing was conducted jointly with the Washington State Department of Ecology on Jan. 11, 2021. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council to approve the SMP and CAO amendments, as

proposed by staff, with two additional changes. In addition, changes were made to address public comments raised as well as to address changes required by Ecology as part of its Initial Determination of Consistency. Amendments must be approved by the City Council and the Department of Ecology.

The SMP and CAO drafts below reflect all proposed changes.

- [View public comments](#)
- [Response to public comments](#)
- [Summary of changes proposed after Public Hearing.](#)
- [Final SMP](#)
- [Final CAO](#)

Next steps

The City Council's Land Use and Environment Committee recommended the SMP and CAO be forwarded to the City Council for a decision. The full Council is scheduled to consider these amendments on May 4, 2021.

How to participate

Please contact Joyce Phillips at 360.570.3722 or jphillip@ci.olympia.wa.us to make comments on the final drafts. All comments that are received by 5 p.m. on May 4, 2021 will be provided to the City Council.

You can also subscribe to the Planning & Development newsletter at olympiawa.gov/subscribe to receive this and other planning related information.

- [View the Public Participation Plan](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Questions?

For questions about the Periodic Review contact Joyce Phillips at 360.570.3722 or jphillip@ci.olympia.wa.us.

For questions about shoreline development or permits contact 360.753.8314 or cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us.

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