



SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

SMP Update
Bremerton Planning Commission
Meeting
July 20, 2010

Agenda

- **History & Status of the SMP update process**
- **Draft Shoreline Inventory and Characterization**
- **State Policies & Regulations**
- **Public Involvement**
- **Questions/Comments**

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History

- 1972 - State law created Shoreline Management Act requiring all jurisdictions to create rules for Shoreline development.
- 2003 - State Legislature revised the shoreline management guidelines to emphasize ecologically appropriate development.
- 2009 - 2011 – Revise SMP to comply with State requirements.

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Where Do the SMP Regulations Apply?

- Puget Sound (*Bremerton has about 25 miles of marine shoreline*)
- Kitsap Lake
- Twin Lakes
- Union Reservoir/River
- Gorst Creek
- Regulations apply from the ordinary high water line upland 200'.

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Meeting the State Requirements

Public Access – Priority Uses – No Net Loss

- Step 1: Document existing conditions
 - Inventory and Characterization
- Step 2: Predict foreseeable development.
 - Determine how that will impact the shoreline
- Step 3: Create a plan that allows development while balancing ecological function.
 - Development standards
 - Restoration plan

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Timeline

2009:

- Gather data regarding our shorelines ✓
- Prepare a Public Participation Plan ✓
- Spread the word about the project ✓
 - Open House, Beach Walk, Website, Utility Bill Mailings etc.

2010:

- Ongoing community involvement ✓
- Conduct a Shoreline Inventory, Analysis and Characterization ✓
- Draft Shoreline policies and regulatory development standards

2011:

- Ongoing community involvement
- Prepare a Cumulative Impact Analysis and Restoration Plan
- Adoption process

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Inventory and Characterization

- Describe *existing conditions* to inform policies and regulations:
 - No net loss
 - Water dependent uses
 - Public access

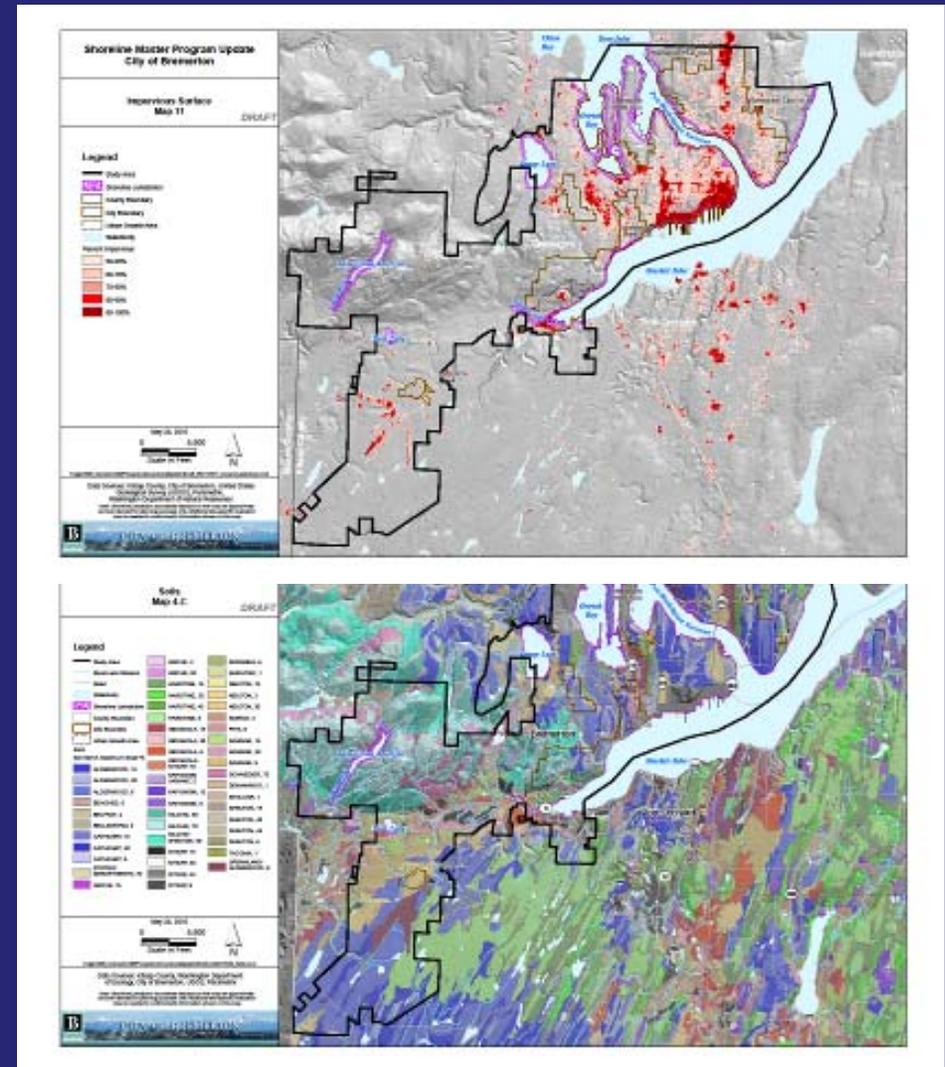


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Inventory and Characterization

- Ecosystem-wide processes and ecological functions
- Ecological functions within shoreline jurisdiction
- Specific measures needed for protection and/or restoration



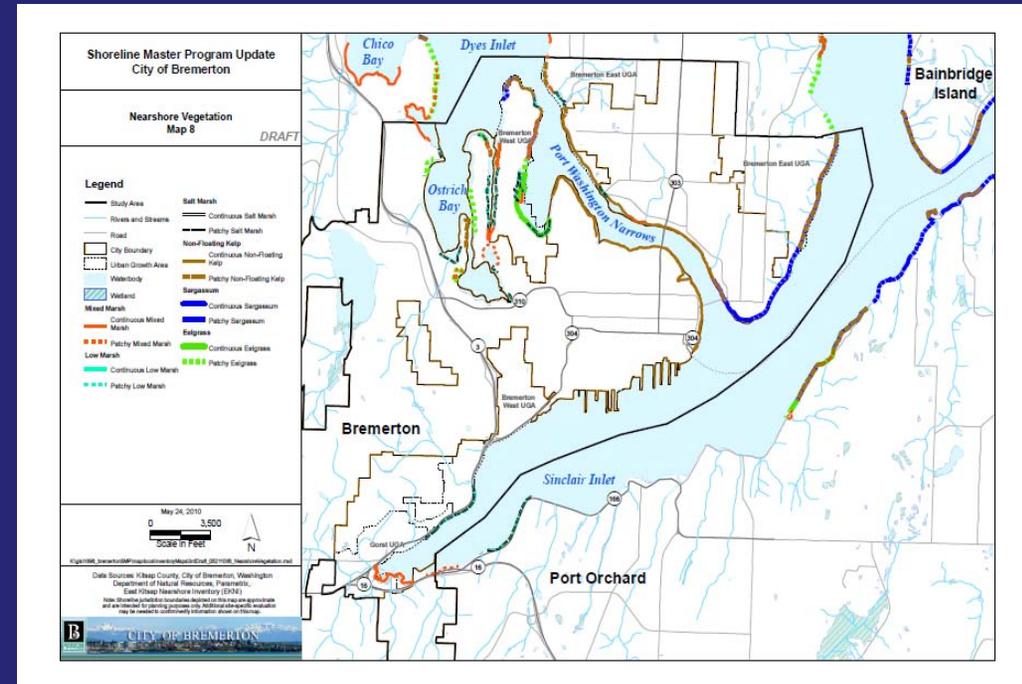
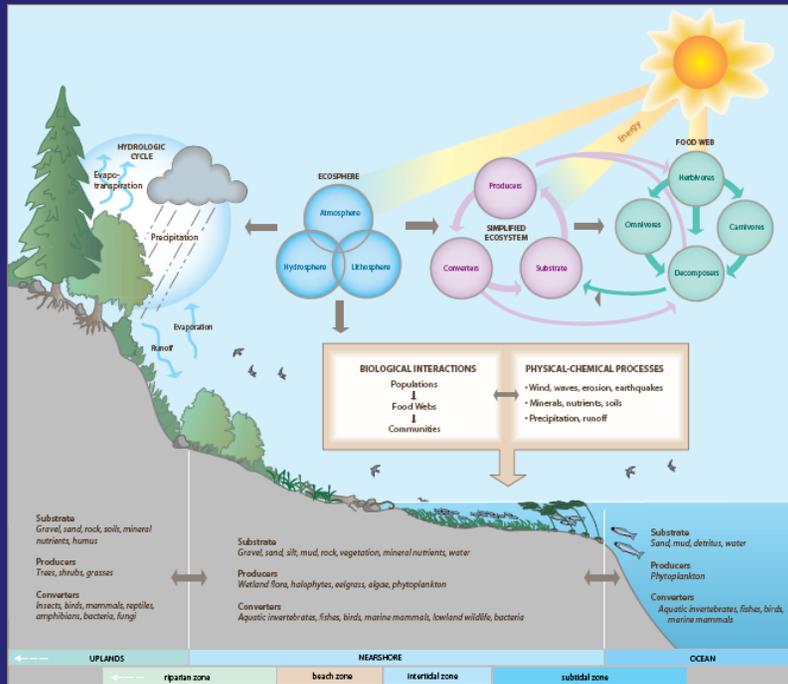
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Inventory and Characterization

- Identify the ecosystem-wide processes and ecological functions



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Inventory and Characterization

- Status
 - Preliminary Draft Complete
 - Revise/update based on reviews and feedback
 - Finalize Report (September 2010)

Policies and Regulations

Key “Governing Principles”

- No net loss of ecological functions
- Priority for Water Dependent Use
- Public Access

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Policies and Regulations

No net loss of ecological functions

- Accomplished through
 - SMP regulations, and
 - Individual permit decisions over time
- **No Net Loss includes Cumulative Impacts**

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Policies and Regulations

Non-Residential Use - Priority for

- Water dependent uses
- Water related uses
- Water enjoyment uses (N/A to industrial)
- Non water oriented uses

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Additional Requirements

- Vegetation Conservation
- Shoreline Stabilization
- Critical Areas

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Vegetation Conservation

- Protection of “functions” provided by shoreline vegetation
- SMP standards must conserve sufficient vegetation to maintain “functions” over time
- “No net loss of shoreline ecological functions”

Critical Areas

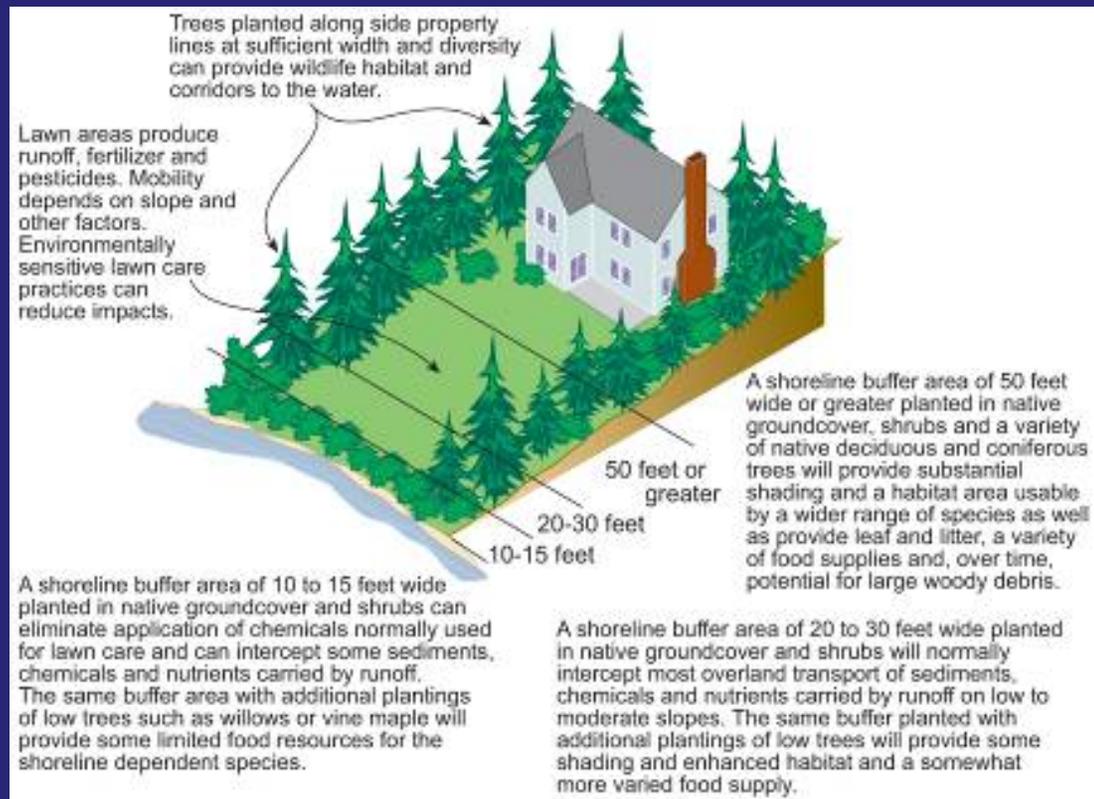
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Vegetation Conservation



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Vegetation Conservation

Buffers - Factors

- Existing ecological processes
- Extent to which upland activities/vegetation affect ecological processes
- Extent of existing development or vegetative cover
- Planned future use – especially “water dependent use”
- Fairness to existing uses and development patterns

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Shoreline Stabilization

- Recognize adverse impacts of modification
- Allow only where need is demonstrated
- Limit “modifications in number and extent”
- Give preference to “soft” modifications
- “Hard” armoring allowed only after analysis confirms less intrusive “soft” measures won’t work

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Critical Areas

- Wetlands
- Wildlife Habitat
- Frequently Flooded Areas
- Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas
- Geologic Hazards

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Critical Areas

Shoreline master programs shall provide a level of protection to critical areas located within shorelines of the state that assures no net loss of shoreline ecological functions necessary to sustain shoreline natural resources as defined by department of ecology guidelines adopted pursuant to RCW 90.58.060.

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Non-conformities

Legally existing structures and uses within critical areas buffers in shoreline jurisdiction are considered to be “conforming” under the GMA, and may continue during the time the critical areas regulations remain in effect. Special provisions are included regarding change or expansion of these existing uses.

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Non-conformities

Basic Approach

- Can continue to exist (e.g., grandfathering)
- Long term goal: bring into conformity
- Nonconformity cannot increase
- Abandonment ceases a nonconforming use
- Consider whether nonconformities are benign or detrimental

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How to Get Involved

- Beach Walk: Friday August 6th at Evergreen Park 11am to 1pm
- Citizen Advisory Council Meeting August 10th
- Website: Updated regularly with up to date documents, meeting times, and information
- Become an interested party – Receive email updates and meeting dates
- Talk to staff via phone or in person

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Questions or comments:

Please try to keep questions broad in nature as we do not have site specific information available today.

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