

CITY UPDATE

Help to Shape the Future of Kirkland's Lake Washington Waterfront

Do you enjoy Kirkland's waterfront? If so, please participate in updating the City's shoreline policies and development standards.

WHY THE UPDATE?

Like most cities and counties in Washington State, Kirkland adopted its shoreline policies and standards over 20 years ago. Our waterfront, along with our knowledge of how to maintain a healthy shoreline, has changed a lot as Kirkland has grown. For these reasons the law requires that Kirkland's shoreline policies and standards (aka Shoreline Master Program)

be updated according to State guidelines.

WHAT MIGHT CHANGE?

The overall goal will not change: Enable current and future generations to enjoy using the shoreline while preserving environmental quality. Because Kirkland's shoreline is mostly developed, a likely topic will be a review of alternative approaches for design of shoreline structures such as docks, boat houses and bulkheads (i.e. seawalls) when they are remodeled or replaced.

We will also review land uses that are allowed along the shoreline, such as hotels, restaurants, stores, offices and residences, to be sure that these types of development will still be appropriate when properties redevelop.

These are some of the main topics that have been identified so far.

Everyone who is interested in the Lake Washington shoreline from Yarrow Bay to Saint Edwards

Park is urged to participate in further defining and addressing the issues.

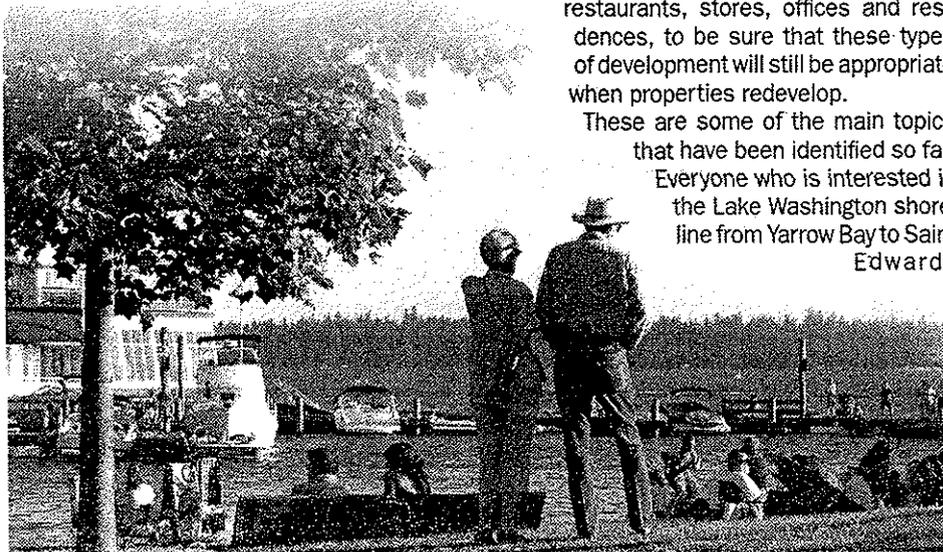
HOW AND WHEN CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Learn more and give your opinions at a public forum on Monday, September 18 from 6:30 PM – 9:15 PM OR on Saturday, September 30, from 8:30 AM – 11:15 AM. The Sept. 18 and Sept. 30 forums are identical, so you need only attend one. Location: the Council Chambers at Kirkland City Hall, 123 Fifth Avenue. The forums will be videotaped for later broadcast on TV channels 21 or 75.

Attend the tour of watershed-friendly shorelines following the forum on Sept. 30, from 1 – 4 PM to see examples of innovative design, construction, and landscaping methods. Tour bus departs from the north side of City Hall. See tour broadcasted later on TV channels 21 or 75.

Find out about future public meetings and project status by contacting project manager Patrice Tovar at ptovar@ci.kirkland.wa.us or (425) 587-3259. She will add you to the distribution list if you will provide an email or postal address. Or use the internet Shoreline Master Program link at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us, or see the signs in shoreline parks and other prominent locations, or TV channels 21 or 75.

Send your input anytime to the project manager by e-mailing to ptovar@ci.kirkland.wa.us or mailing to Patrice Tovar, Department of Planning and Community Development, 123 Fifth Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033.



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EVENTS & MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2006

City Council Meeting
September 5th, 7:30 pm
City Hall

2nd Annual Jewel on the Lake
September 9th, 10:00 am
Juanita Beach Park

S. Rose Hill/Bridle Trails Neig
September 12th, 7:00 pm
Lake Washington Methodist C
WEB: www.rosetraills.org

Kirkland Alliance of Neighbor
September 13th, 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall



Shoreline Master Program Update

*Be Informed
and Involved...*

You are encouraged to participate in the process to update Kirkland's policies and regulations for shoreline use and development also known as the Shoreline Master Program. In Kirkland and the potential annexation area to the north, the Shoreline Master Program applies to land within 200 feet of Lake Washington's ordinary high water mark and within wetlands connected to Juanita Bay and Yarrow Bay.



Since most of that land has already been developed, the updated policies and regulations will mainly affect shoreline property owners when they change or add structures within the shoreline area. Shoreline development and use regulations address bulk and dimensional characteristics, site planning, vegetation conservation, shoreline stabilization, docks and moorage, public access, views and aesthetics.

The current shoreline regulations were adopted over 20 years ago. They need to be updated to fit current conditions and the community's vision for the future, as well as to be consistent with new State guidelines for Shoreline Master Programs.

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PUBLIC TOUR

September 30, 2006 (Saturday)
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Attend the tour of water-shed-friendly shorelines to see examples of innovative design, construction, and landscaping methods for waterfront properties. Tour bus departs from the north side of City Hall. See the tour broadcasted later on TV channels 21 or 75. *To help us accommodate everyone with interest, please RSVP to the tour coordinator at dnatelson@gmail.com or (425) 226-7180*

DIRECTIONS TO KIRKLAND CITY HALL:

123 Fifth Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

Kirkland City Hall is located just north of downtown Kirkland on Fifth Avenue, one block east of Market Street.

From I-405: Take Exit 18 and follow the Kirkland signs. Go down hill on 85th headed west toward Lake Washington. At the third traffic light from I-405, turn right (north) onto Third Street, proceed two blocks then turn left (west) onto Fifth Avenue. City Hall is located two blocks west at 123 Fifth Avenue.

Website

Learn more and sign up to receive e-mail updates on the Shoreline Master Program at:

http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/Planning/Plans_and_Projects/Shoreline_Master_Program.htm

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SHORELINE INVENTORY

The shoreline inventory is a first step in the Shoreline Master Program update. This document is available at the project website (see above) for public review and comment from September 1 – October 15, 2006. Hard copies are available upon request from the project manager (see below).

QUESTIONS? SPECIAL NEEDS?

Contact **Patrice Tovar**
Project Manager
ptovar@ci.kirkland.wa.us
P: (425) 587-3225
F: (425) 587-3232
Department of Planning and Community Development
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COMMENTS?

Submit your comments to the project manager (see above) in writing via e-mail, mail, or fax.

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED

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Updating the Shoreline Master Program

THE PUBLIC FORUMS

Monday, 18 September 2006, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, 30 September 2006, 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.

SUMMARY

OF KEY THEMES, ISSUES AND CITIZENS' SUGGESTIONS

by Jim Reid, The Falconer Group, Facilitator of the Forums

THE FORUM'S GOALS

These were the primary goals of the two public forums sponsored by Kirkland's Department of Planning and Community Development to introduce to the public the update of the City's Shoreline Master Program: 1) Hear from the City about why this project is required and needed and what issues it may address; 2) Advise the City on what issues are of greatest interest and concern to the stakeholders and, therefore, should be included in the project; and 3) Identify the City's and stakeholders' common interests in protecting the City's waterfront.

WHO ATTENDED THE FORUMS?

In total 28 citizens attended the two forums, 14 at each one. Of these, three people live on Lake Washington and one lives outside the City in its Potential Annexation Area (PAA). At the Saturday morning forum over half the audience identified themselves as residents of the City for more than thirty years.

THE FORUMS' AGENDA

To understand the process used at each forum to present information and solicit citizens' perspectives, opinions and recommendations, please see the forum agendas that are attached at the back of this document.

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KEY INTERESTS THE UPDATE SHOULD ACHIEVE

Staff articulated for the citizens these five primary interests of the City:

- Provide a healthy environment along the shoreline to enable current and future generations to enjoy using it.
- Provide a healthy environment along the shoreline to preserve fish and wildlife and their habitats.
- Protect the City's investments as well as those of property owners along and near the shoreline.
- Produce an updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) that is supported by Kirkland's elected officials, citizens, property owners and businesses, the State of Washington, and other key interest groups with an interest in the shoreline.
- In updating the SMP, efficiently achieve the mandates of the State.

At the forums there was citizen support of these interests. The people attending the forums articulated these additional interests and goals (there was no effort made to achieve consensus on these):

- Provide education, incentives and outreach to motivate or enable homeowners, property owners to be partners in implementing the updated SMP.
- Encourage restoration and coordinate ecological enhancement/restoration of City-owned properties with that on adjacent private waterfront properties.
- The City should proactively take actions to facilitate substantial changes for ecological improvement along the Kirkland waterfront, rather than wait for a few owners to voluntarily make improvements in a piecemeal fashion. Consider working with a group of owners of contiguous properties to facilitate efforts to ecologically improve a section of shoreline.
- Offer flexibility in design or design options for achieving the mandates of the SMP; e.g., when bulkheads are removed, allow for some of the new slope to be land, rather than requiring that it all become lake. Also consider reducing setbacks from the street to increase the setback from the lake.
- Simplify processes or ensure City permitting rules, regulations and requirements do not make it more difficult to achieve the goals and objectives of the SMP. Explore the possibility of the City providing sample plans for preferred dock designs.
- Recognize differences in the shoreline to ensure that solutions are tailored to individual and unique circumstances and conditions.
- Coordinate with other local and regional governments to ensure consistent rules and requirements, and to benefit from others' efforts that have proven successful. A "process" example: the City could learn from the Department of Ecology's adoption of Port Townsend's SMP. A "design" example: Mercer Island provides preferred dock design plans to assist anyone who is building a dock.

ISSUES TO ADDRESS IN THE SMP UPDATE

These are issues (and, perhaps, potential solutions) that were suggested during the forums for inclusion in the SMP update:

1. Address stormwater impacts on water quality and shorelines, particularly turbidity following storms and the impacts of vehicular oil and other pollution that drains untreated effluents into Lake Washington.

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2. Encourage “low impact” development practices to decrease adverse impacts in areas that are outside the SMP but impact it.
3. Educate boaters about the impacts on fish and water quality of tossing their garbage into the water.
4. Manage milfoil and other invasive aquatic vegetation.
5. Address the impacts of construction activities on water quality and the shoreline.
6. Assess the City’s zoning requirements, such as those pertaining to how far from the street a house must be, to ensure that we are not inhibiting efforts to restore shorelines on private property.
7. To improve Lake Washington’s water quality, the City should charge more for moorage at marinas on the lake and offer free “pumping” services. Improving moorage and related dock services could attract overnight boats and benefit Kirkland’s economy.
8. Enhance habitat for fish and wildlife. For example, when the City takes down trees in public parks, make sure to replace them, particularly if they are close to the shoreline and, therefore, provide shading for fish.
9. Work with the State to find the funding for public education.
10. Work with other jurisdictions, such as Seattle, to assess impacts on the shorelines from activities across the lake (e.g., milfoil and litter), and join together to reduce those impacts.
11. Provide a wider range of incentives for people to restore their shorelines or engage in other activities which help achieve the City’s goals for preserving and protecting the shoreline.
12. With redevelopment or new construction, require a “softer front” on the shoreline.

WHAT STAKEHOLDERS VALUE ABOUT THE LAKEFRONT

The citizens who attended the two forums said that they most value these qualities and characteristics of Kirkland’s Lake Washington waterfront:

1. Great public access to the lake.
2. Good water quality.
3. A fairly low percentage of the waterfront has bulkheads, considering that it is “urban” lake.

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| I. | 7:00 | Welcome, Introductions, Review Goals and Agenda | Jim Reid,
Facilitator |
| II. | 7:10 | Why Update the Shoreline Master Plan Now? | Mayor Jim Lauinger |

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- III. **7:15** Presentations: Issues and Challenges in Protecting Kirkland's Shoreline
- *How has Kirkland's shoreline changed?* Michael Cogle
 - *What benefits can a shoreline provide?* Michael
 - *How well is Kirkland's shoreline providing those benefits?* Patrice Tovar
 - *From experiences around Lake Washington and elsewhere, what changes in managing shorelines have helped improve fish and wildlife habitat?* Amy Myers
 - *What might the City do to increase Kirkland's shoreline benefits?* Patrice
 - *What process does the City envision to update the SMP, including involving key stakeholders in defining issues, problems and potential solutions?* Patrice/Joe Burcar
- 8:00** Break
- IV. **8:10** Stakeholders' Questions, Concerns and Advice Everyone
- *Are there any questions about what the panelists said to clarify or elaborate on their remarks?*
 - *What is important to you about the City's waterfront?*
 - *What issues do you advise the City to consider during the update of the SMP?*
- V. **9:05** Summarize Key Themes from Tonight's Discussion
- *What were some of the key themes of the discussion, including our common interests.*
- VI. **9:10** Next Steps in Our Process Patrice Tovar, Project Manager
- 9:15** Adjourn

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BIOGRAPHIES OF TONIGHT'S PANELISTS

PATRICE TOVAR has been a professional planner for the City of Kirkland for 17 years. For the last nine she has specialized in long-range environmental planning. She has served as project manager for the City's Critical Areas Ordinance update and Natural Resources Management Plan. She is a member of the City's Interdepartmental Natural Resources Management Team that coordinates Kirkland's environmental policies, programs and codes. Patrice represented Kirkland in a multi-stakeholder process that developed the Sammamish/Lake Washington/Cedar River Watershed (WRIA 8) salmon conservation plan.

A graduate of Stanford University and the University of Washington, one of her degrees is in Landscape Architecture. In addition to her public service, Patrice has worked for private landscape architecture, planning and engineering firms.

MICHAEL COGLE is the City of Kirkland's manager of Park Planning and Development. For the past several years he has overseen all City parks projects funded by the 2002 Kirkland Park Bond, including the completion earlier this year of the Juanita Beach Park Master Plan. Michael has served in the City's Parks and Community Services Department for over twenty-three years.

AMY MYERS, Wetland/Wildlife Biologist at The Watershed Company, received Bachelor of Science degrees in Zoology and Environmental Science from Washington State University in 1997. She has over nine years of experience in environmental consulting, providing expertise in Biological Evaluation (BE) preparation, shoreline inventories, critical area regulations review and preparation, and wetland study and permitting support.

JOE BURCAR serves as a shoreline planner within the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance (SEA) Program of the Washington State Department of Ecology at its northwest regional office in Bellevue. He is responsible for reviewing shoreline permits within King County and helping implement and maintain the Shoreline Master Program. In addition to his work for DOE, Joe teaches the Shoreline Management class in the State Coastal Training Program.

Joe was born and raised in Gig Harbor. He has a strong connection to Puget Sound through his heritage—his grandfather was a commercial fisherman—and through sports—he has been a competitive sailboat racer for over twenty-five years. He is a graduate of the Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University. Before coming to Ecology, Joe worked for the Island County Planning Department, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and City of Tacoma.

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