



**2019 Shoreline Master Program Update  
Notice of Joint Public Comment Period,  
Public Hearing and Open House (File CAM19-00026)**

**Project:** The City of Kirkland and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) are seeking comments on proposed amendments to the Kirkland Shoreline Master Program (SMP).

The joint local/state public **Comment Period** will run from **April 8 through May 8, at 5 p.m.** A joint local/state **Public Hearing** will be held on **April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber** at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Prior to the public hearing an **Open House** will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the same location to provide information.

**The draft amendments and supporting documents will be available for public review starting on April 1 at [www.kirklandwa.gov/shorelinemasterprogram](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/shorelinemasterprogram).**

**Background:** The SMP regulates how shoreline properties may be used and developed. The proposed amendments, part of a State-mandated periodic update, are intended to ensure consistency with any changes to state law, to address consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations and to otherwise improve the City's shoreline regulations. Minor amendments to the City's wetland and stream regulations are also proposed to ensure consistency with the SMP, reflect best available science, and provide clarity. The update has been informed by Planning Commission, Houghton Community Council, and City Council review.

The proposed changes would amend the Shoreline Area Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and Kirkland Zoning Code (KZC) Chapters 83-Shoreline Management, Chapter 141-Shoreline Administration, Chapter 5-Definitions, and Chapter 90-Critical areas: Wetlands, Streams, Minor Lakes, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, and Frequently Flooded Areas pursuant to KZC Sections 135, 140 and 160. The SMP changes affect all property within shoreline jurisdiction. The changes to wetland and stream regulations apply Citywide. At the public hearing, additional related amendments may be considered within the scope of the amendments under consideration.

Authority for the periodic review is based on the Washington Shoreline Management Act (90.58 RCW). These amendments resulting from the periodic review were developed by the City of Kirkland to comply with [WAC 173-26-090](http://wac.wa.gov/WAC173-26-090), which requires SMP updates every 8 years. Kirkland is using the optional joint review process to combine the local and Ecology comment periods, as allowed under [WAC 13-26-104](http://wac.wa.gov/WAC13-26-104). No additional comment period will occur during the state review process. Comments provided to the City of Kirkland will be reviewed by both the City of Kirkland and Ecology. There is no need to send comments directly to Ecology.

**Public Comments:** During the joint public comment period from April 8 through 5 p.m. on May 8, direct all written comments to Joan Lieberman-Brill, [JLiebermanBrill@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:JLiebermanBrill@kirklandwa.gov) of the Planning and Building Department. Please refer to Permit No. CAM19-00026, and include your name, mailing address and email address. All comments received prior to the public hearing on April 25 will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and Houghton Community Council. At the public hearing, anyone may speak or submit written comments.

**Joint Open House and Public Hearing:** Will be held by the Kirkland Planning Commission, Houghton Community Council and Ecology on April 25, 2019. The open house will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 123 5th Avenue followed by a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission's hearing is the official hearing of the City. The Planning Commission will prepare a recommendation to the City Council for their final decision at a public meeting. The Houghton Community Council will make a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council. The date of the City Council meeting is tentatively set for August 2019.

At the conclusion of the joint comment period, the city of Kirkland will prepare a response to comments and determine whether changes to the SMP amendments are needed. Public comments and City of Kirkland responses will be provided to Ecology. After local adoption by the Kirkland City Council, the SMP amendments will be formally submitted to Ecology for final action per [WAC 13-26-104](#) and [WAC 173-26-110](#). Ecology will review amendments for consistency with state laws and rules. Ecology may either approve the program as adopted or may recommend changes necessary for approval.

**For more information:** You may view the official file (Permit # CAM19-00026) at the Planning and Building Department or contact project planner, Joan Lieberman Brill at (425)-587-3254. Please refer to File CAM19-00026. More information is also available at the project webpage at [www.kirklandwa.gov/shorelinemasterprogram](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/shorelinemasterprogram).

People requiring a disability accommodation may call (425) 587-3000 or for TTY service call (425) 587-3111 prior to the meeting(s).

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