

# City of Dayton, Washington



## Public Participation Plan



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The City of Dayton (City) is conducting a comprehensive update to its Shoreline Master Plan (SMP), consistent with the State of Washington Shoreline Management Act (SMA; RCW 90.58) and its implementing guidelines (WAC 173-26). Dayton's SMP is a planning policy document as well as a regulatory tool, establishing development standards for the City's shoreline areas, including adjacent upland areas within 200 feet of designated shorelines.

The primary policy objectives of the SMA are to:

- Prioritize water-dependent and water-oriented uses within the shoreline zone
- Protect the shoreline ecology and natural resources
- Promote public access

It is the City's desire to have ample opportunities for the public to participate in the update process. This Public Participation Plan identifies the goals and strategies the City will use to ensure that such participation occurs.

### **Goals of the Public Participation Plan**

The SMA and SMP guidelines (RCW 90.58.130 and WAC 173-26-090 and 100) require that local governments inform the people of the State about the planning process and invite and encourage participation by all who have any interest or responsibility related to shorelines.

The goal of this Public Participation Plan is to provide a guide to proactively encourage public participation throughout the SMP update process.

### **Overview of the City's Shorelines and Wetlands**

Within Dayton's City limits lie approximately 18,100 feet of shoreline along both sides of the Touchet River. The Touchet River carries a mean annual flow greater than 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) and is therefore considered a Shoreline of Statewide Significance, subject to State shoreline regulations. In addition, Patit Creek and Mustard Creek join with the Touchet River within the City's jurisdiction. The mean annual flow in these creeks is not known to exceed 20 cubic feet per second and therefore they are not subject to additional shoreline regulations outside the 200-foot SMA jurisdiction surrounding the Touchet River.

There are several apparent wetlands along the shorelines of the Touchet River within the Dayton city limits. These are generally associated with low-lying historical floodplain areas that are now isolated from the river by a system of levees maintained by the US

Army Corps of Engineers. There are no lakes or reservoirs exceeding 20 acres in size within Dayton's jurisdiction.

### **Responsibilities**

The City of Dayton is responsible for all aspects of the SMP update. The City will lead the update process and will be the primary administrator of the program. Preparation of this update is funded by a state grant from Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), which will act in a support and review capacity. Ultimately, Ecology must approve new or amended shoreline master programs. Following local adoption of the City's updated SMP, Ecology may conduct its own public review as part of its formal approval process.

### **Parties Involved - Stakeholders**

Local governments must consult with interested parties throughout the process of developing or updating an SMP. To date, the City of Dayton has identified the following interested parties, technical resources, or other stakeholders that will be invited to participate in the SMP update process. All listed stakeholders will have access to copies of the updated reports and links to on-line resources once initial comments have been vetted by City staff.

- All Dayton residents with interest in the SMP update process (as determined by those that attend public visioning sessions, public hearings, request updates, or voice concerns)
- Property owners within 200 feet of the Touchet River
- The Mayor of Dayton
- Dayton City Council
- Dayton Planning Commission
- Dayton Park Board
- Dayton Planning Department
- Dayton Public Works Department
- Dayton Finance Department/City Clerk
- Dayton Historic Preservation Commission
- Columbia County – Planning, GIS, Public Works, and Emergency Management
- Columbia County Conservation District
- Confederated Tribes, Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Department of Commerce
- Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Eastern Washington University Anthropology/Archaeology Department

- Pacific Power
- Columbia Rural Electric Association
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Area Office Division/Biology
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastern Washington Field Office
- Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
- Levee Roundtable, Dayton Development Task Force
- Blue Mountain Audubon Society

Due to their expertise in the disciplines necessary to the formation of shoreline regulations, the following stakeholders from the above list will receive early drafts of Master Plan documents for their comment:

- Confederated Tribes, Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

### **Public Participation Strategy**

After the Shoreline Inventory, Analysis, and Characterization phases of the SMP have been completed, the City will hold a visioning exercise for local citizens and stakeholders. All of the parties listed above, as well as the general public, will be invited to participate. This public event is currently scheduled for early September 2014 and will be used to garner feedback from the community. This input will be used when generating community objectives and goals concerning land use policies, public access plans, and shoreline restoration.

The City has added a section to their website, [www.daytonwa.com](http://www.daytonwa.com), that details progress toward completion of the SMP update. On this page, there will be links to fact sheets, draft documents and final task documents, dates of open houses and public meetings, and contact information.

Through each step of the process the public is invited to appear at quarterly meetings where staff presentations will be made on the following work products as they become available:

- Development of general SMP goals, policies, and regulations (from the visioning exercise)
- Development of environmental designations
- Development of environment-specific shoreline use and modifications policies, regulations, and standards

- Development of SMP administrative provisions
- Preparation of a preliminary cumulative impacts analysis and no net loss plan
- Development of a shoreline restoration plan

At the end of the process, a final public hearing will be held prior to the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council for approval of the SMP.

Notice of the visioning exercise, Planning Commission meetings, and City Council meetings will be placed on the City website, posted on the community billboards and published in at least one community newspaper. All comments received, either at meetings or via email and post, will be collected together for inclusion as an appendix to the final set of SMP documents when submitted to Ecology for approval.

## **Meeting Schedule**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
Mar. 2014	Kickoff Meeting at City Hall	Held
Sept. 2014	Community Visioning Meeting Public Meeting	
Jan. 2015	City of Dayton Planning Commission Public Meeting	
Apr. 2015	City of Dayton Planning Commission Public Hearing	
Jul. 2015	Dayton City Council Public Meeting	
Oct. 2015	Dayton City Council Public Meeting Adoption of Master Program	

### **Kick-Off Meeting**

The SMP Update kick-off meeting was held on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>. During the kick-off meeting the SMP team, City staff, and proposed technical review parties met to discuss the SMP update. Topics discussed included level of effort, important issues, levee maintenance, expectations of growth, this public participation plan, proposed SMP update schedule, and the SMP update process.

Date & Time: Thursday, March 20th, 10 AM

Location: City Hall, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton WA

List of invitees:

- Washington State Department of Ecology - Short, Jaime
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife - Thomas B Schirm
- Confederated Tribes, Umatilla Indian Reservation - Gerald Middel
- Snake River Salmon Recovery Board – Steve Martin
- USACE – Herb Bessey
- Dayton Public Works Department – Jim Costello
- URS - Noah Herlocker
- RLO – Ray Oligher

All invitees, except Gerald Middel, from the Confederated Tribes and Steve Martin, from the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board were in attendance.