



CITY OF WAITSBURG

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Combined Determination of Non-Significance and Public Hearing Notice Shoreline Master Program

Description of Proposal: The proposed project is an update to the 1999 City of Waitsburg Shoreline Master Program (SMP) to be consistent with state law as required by the Washington Department of Ecology. This action implements the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW), which governs the development of Washington's shorelines. Local jurisdictions are required to update their SMPs in accordance with the Guidelines in Washington State Administrative Code (WAC) 173-26, which was revised in 2003 to reflect current knowledge regarding shoreline management and science. The SMP includes goals and policies, development regulations, and shoreline jurisdiction maps with shoreline environment designations. Project elements also include a programmatic Shoreline Restoration Plan and a Cumulative Impacts Analysis (CIA). The CIA evaluates the cumulative impacts of reasonably foreseeable future development on shoreline ecological functions, and concludes with a statement that the SMP will not result in a net degradation of those functions.

This proposed non-project action would add a Shoreline Master Program containing goals, policies and regulations to govern the use of Waitsburg's shorelines as an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Proponent: City of Waitsburg
Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator
City of Waitsburg
147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35
Waitsburg, WA 99361

Location: The SMP update would affect properties adjacent to the Touchet River and properties within 200 feet of the OHWM of the Touchet River; its floodway; contiguous 100-year floodplain extending a maximum of 200 feet inland of the floodway; and any associated wetlands.

Lead Agency: City of Waitsburg

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date issued below. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **April 7, 2016** via email to rjinch@gotvc.net or mailed/delivered to Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator, City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361

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Pursuant to WWMC Section 21.08.170, a person may appeal this DNS only on a procedural determination by the responsible official. The appeal must be filed with the City of Waitsburg City Clerk within 14 days of the close of the comment period, or by 5:00 p.m. on **April 21, 2016**.

Responsible Official: Randy Hinchliffe
Position/Title: City Administrator, City of Waitsburg
Address: Waitsburg City Hall
147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35
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Date Issued: **March 24, 2016**

Signature: _____

Note: This determination does not constitute approval of the proposal. Approval of the proposal can only be made by the legislative or administrative body vested with that authority. The proposal will be required to meet all applicable regulations.

Public Hearing

The City of Waitsburg Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on **April 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** in the meeting room of the City of Waitsburg Fire Department located at 234 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99351 on the following:

City of Waitsburg Shoreline Master Program

Public Comment Period: You are invited to express comments up until and at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted to Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator, City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361 or via email at rihinch@gotvc.net.

For citizens with speech, sight or hearing disabilities wishing to review documents pertaining to this hearing, should contact the City of Waitsburg within 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, as to the type of service or equipment needed. Each request will be considered individually according to the type of request, the availability of resources, and the financial ability of the City to provide the requested services or equipment.

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