



PLEASE JOIN US AND PARTICIPATE

Walla Walla County and the Cities of Prescott, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla invite you to participate in

REGIONAL SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE DRAFT SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM OPEN HOUSES

WHAT IS A SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM?

A Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is a locally prepared set of policies and regulations, required by State law, that govern development in shoreline areas. SMP's are designed to:

- Encourage appropriate shoreline development;
- Promote public access to the shoreline; and
- Provide environmental protection.

Existing uses and agricultural practices would be allowed to continue; SMP policies focus on new development.

WHAT IS THE REGIONAL SMP UPDATE?

Walla Walla County, along with the cities of Prescott, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla, are working cooperatively to update their existing SMP's as a partnership coalition. The State updated its guidelines for SMP's in 2003. This process will update the County and City SMP's to be consistent with the new State requirements and reflect current information about Walla Walla County's shorelines.

The Draft Shoreline Master Program complies with the State of Washington's updated 2003 guidelines for SMP's and reflects updated information about shoreline conditions. The updated policies and regulations ensure that the County and cities meet State planning requirements for development in shoreline areas and protect valuable natural, agricultural, and economic resources.

ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

Please join us at one of these events and provide your input on the Draft Shoreline Master Program.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 12

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Prescott City Hall
108 South D Street
Prescott, WA 99348

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 13

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Touchet-Gardena Lions Building
152 Gardena School Road
Touchet, WA 99360

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 13

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Walla Walla County Public Health &
Legislative Building
314 W Main Street, 2nd Floor
Walla Walla, WA 99362

DROP-IN INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday Afternoon, May 13 Noon - 4:00pm

Walla Walla County Public Health & Legislative Building
314 West Main Street, 2nd Floor - Walla Walla, WA 99362

These meetings are an opportunity for every County and City resident, as well as other interested citizens, to learn more about the Draft Shoreline Master Program, ask questions, and provide feedback on draft policies and regulations that govern shoreline uses, shoreline public access, and protection of shoreline resources.

Please visit the County's or Cities' websites for more information:
<http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/departments/comms/ShorelineMasterProgramUpdate.shtml>

Email questions to: shorelines@co.walla-walla.wa.us.