



CITY OF GOLDENDALE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM: 2022-2023 PERIODIC REVIEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The City of Goldendale (City) is undertaking a Periodic Review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4), which regulates the use and development of “Shorelines of the State”. In Goldendale, the Little Klickitat River qualifies as a Shoreline of the State (Figure 1).



Figure 1 - Little Klickitat River

The SMA requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the State Legislature. This review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other City plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information, and improved data.

A Public Participation Plan is required to describe how the City will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process of reviewing the SMP.

This Public Participation Plan describes the steps that the City will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as the City's contact information. This plan is in addition to any other minimum requirements for public participation required by the City. This plan is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to ensure the greatest and broadest public participation.

1.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOALS

- Provide interested parties with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and comment on proposed amendments to the SMP.
- Actively solicit information from citizens, property owners, and stakeholders about their concerns, questions, and priorities for the Periodic Review process.
- Encourage interested parties to review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process.
- Provide forums for formal public input at project milestones prior to decision-making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Native American tribes.

2.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

The City is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the SMP periodic review process. The City will use a variety of communication tools to inform the public and encourage participation, including, but not limited to the following:

2.1 City Website

The City's website will be updated with information related to the SMP Periodic Review including status updates, draft documents, official notices, and other project information. The website will be the primary repository of all information related to the Periodic Review process. The site will include who to contact for more information and an email link for questions and comments.

The City's website can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#) or using this web address:
<https://www.ci.goldendale.wa.us/>.

2.2 Email notifications

Notices on the City's website and other public notices will invite members of the public to join an email list for interested parties. The list will be maintained by the City Administrator and will be used to notify interested parties about Periodic Review progress and participation opportunities, including the public comments period.

Interested parties can be added to the list by contacting the City Administrator (509) 773-3771 or pmunyan@ci.goldendale.wa.us.

2.3 Joint Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will be the primary forum for detailed review and recommendations to the City Council. The Planning Commission will conduct a public comment period and at least one public hearing to solicit input on the Periodic Review. The City will coordinate with the Department of Ecology on public notification of comment periods and hearings to take advantage of Ecology's optional SMP amendment process that allows for a combined state-local comment period (WAC 173-26-104). Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comments during the Planning Commission Public Hearing and/or City Council adoption proceedings.

Notices for all hearings will be emailed to those that have requested to be part of the City's email notification list, posted on the City's website, and published in the classifieds section of the local newspaper. All joint-hearing notices with the City and Department of Ecology for the SMP Periodic Update will provide information on the duration of the comment period, and the time and location of any joint-public hearing. Notices will be published as required in City code and will comply with all other legal requirements such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. All notices will be provided to the Department of Ecology.

Interested parties will be encouraged to provide comments to the City by letter or via email. All comments will be provided to the Planning Commission and City Council. The City's website will be the central repository for information under consideration. Documents will be available for review at the City's Development Services Department by appointment only, and copies will be provided at the established copying cost.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all public meetings and hearings will take place via telephone and/or video-conferencing formats until further notice.

2.4 News media

The local news media will be kept up to date on the Periodic Review process and receive copies of all official notices.

3.0 STAKEHOLDERS

The City recognizes the following stakeholders may have interest in the SMP:

- **Citizens.** Citizens might live, own property, conduct business or recreate along the Little Klickitat River. Citizens do not necessarily need to reside in Goldendale.
- **Businesses.** The SMP update may be of interest to some businesses. This Public Participation Plan seeks to reach any businesses interested in being involved. However, the City particularly intends to target those businesses with shoreline issues.
- **Interest groups.** There are a variety of interest groups that may want to be involved in the SMP update. These groups include:
 - Audubon Washington
 - Columbia Land Trust
 - Columbia Riverkeeper
 - Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Friends of the Columbia Gorge
 - Futurewise
 - Central Washington Home Builders Association
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Trout Unlimited Klickitat
 - Wild Fish Conservancy
- **Governmental entities.** Local, State, federal, and tribal governments have significant and wide-ranging interests in shoreline management. They are often property owners and/or have a permitting interest. Governmental entities that may have an interest in the City of Goldendale SMP update include:

Local Government

- Central Klickitat Conservation District
- Klickitat County
- Klickitat County Lead Entity
- Klickitat Public Utility District

State Government

- Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Natural Resources

- Department of Transportation
- State Parks and Recreation Commission

Federal Government

- Army Corps of Engineers
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

Tribal Government

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Yakama Nation

4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIMELINE

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. The City will coordinate with the Department of Ecology throughout the process. A updated timeline will be posted on the City’s website as additional information becomes available.

2022-2023 PRELIMINARY SMP UPDATE SCHEDULE	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Participation Plan sent to Ecology
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email notification sent to stakeholders and interested parties • Review SMP and other relevant City codes and policies • Draft SMP Update Periodic Checklist available on website
September - October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Commission and Council meetings, as needed, to review potential amendments to the SMP • Propose draft amendments
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post amendments on City website
January - February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental review (SEPA) and notice to Commerce • 30-day public comment period on draft revisions • Public Hearing before Planning Commission during 30-day public comment period
March - May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology initial determination (up to 30 days) • City Council adoption • Submit locally adopted SMP to Ecology