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Ecology Seeks Public Comment on MLT Shoreline Plan Update

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE — Public comment on the Mountlake Terrace's recently updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is being sought by the state Department of Ecology.

The proposed SMP update, which was developed in 2010-2012, will guide construction and development in the city's 1.2 miles of Lake Ballinger shoreline. It includes new shoreline environment designations, permitted use, buffers from the shoreline, creeks and wetlands, and structure setbacks that reflect existing land uses and ecological conditions. The plan also establishes permitting requirements.

The SMP is designed to help minimize environmental damage to shoreline areas by preserving existing shoreline and wetland habitat, reserve appropriate areas for water-oriented uses, and protect the public's right to access public land and waters.

Under Washington's 1972 voter-approved Shoreline Management Act, Ecology must review and approve Mountlake Terrace's proposed shoreline program before it takes effect.

Ecology will accept public comment on Mountlake Terrace's proposed shoreline program through April 25, 2013. Comments and questions should be addressed to David Pater, Department of Ecology, 3190 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, Washington 98008, or david.pater@ecy.wa.gov. Questions may be directed to the email address, or call 425-649-4253.

Mountlake Terrace's proposed shoreline program and related documents can be viewed on either the City's webpage at <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/planning/shorelinePlanning.htm>, or Ecology's webpage at

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/shorelines/smp/mycomments/MountlakeTerrace.html>.

After the public comment period, Ecology is expected to approve the proposed shoreline master program as written. It is also possible that Ecology could direct the City to modify specific parts. Once approved by Ecology, Mountlake Terrace's shoreline program will become part of the overall state shoreline master program. The Plan will also be formally adopted into the municipal code.

For more information, call Community and Economic Development at (425) 744-6266.

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