ANACORTES SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM
PERIODIC UPDATE

Planning Commission
July 22, 2020
Workshop

Shoreline Management Act (SMA) (Ch. 90.58 RCW)
Washington Administrative Code Chapter 173-96, and 173-97 WAC
PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Webpage: https://www.anacorteswa.gov/1095/SMP-Update

Staff reports, resources, notices, and public participation plan (pending update) are on the project webpage.

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PLAN FOR TONIGHT

1. Background and Context (staff)
2. SMP Periodic Update Video (the Watershed Co.)
3. PC Questions and Discussion (All)
4. Community Comments
PROJECT TEAM

The Watershed Company
• Alex Capron, Environmental Planner & GIS Analyst
• Dan Nickel, Vice President

City of Anacortes Staff
• Don Measamer, PCED Director
• Libby Grage, Planning Manager / Project Contact
• Tess Cooper, Associate Planner
BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT
Overarching Goal:
“...To prevent the inherent harm in an uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state’s shorelines.”

More Information:
Revised Code of Washington Chapter 90.58 RCW
Washington Administrative Code Chapter 173-26, and 173-27 WAC
WA State Department of Ecology Shoreline Management page

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT ACT (SMA)

- 1971 – passed by WA State legislature
- 1972 – adopted by voters
- Requires development and implementation of Shoreline Master Programs by cities and counties

Roles & Responsibilities:
- Local Governments –
  - Prepare a “Master Program” and develop a permit system
- WA State Department of Ecology
  - Supportive and review capacity – with emphasis on providing assistance to insure compliance with SMA
  - Substantive review and decision on SCUPs and SVARs
ANACORTES SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM (SMP)

Anacortes SMP Legislative History

• 1977 – Anacortes adopts 1st Shoreline Master Program (Ord. 1704)
• 1980, ‘81, ‘82,– Minor local amendments (Ord. 1835, 1850, 1888)
• 1983 – Major Update - New SMP (Ord. 1908)
• 1985, ‘88 – Minor local Amendments (Ord. 1997, 2063)
• 2001 – Major Update - New SMP (Ord. 2555)
• 2010 – Comprehensive Update – New SMP (Ord. 2837)
• 2020 – Current Periodic Update
SMP IMPLEMENTATION

• All “Development” within shoreline jurisdiction must conform to SMA and SMP

• Shoreline Permit Types:
  • Letter of Exemption – Type 1
  • Shoreline Substantial Development Permit – Type 3-PC or Type 4-CC
  • Shoreline Conditional Use Permit – Type 3-PC; Ecology decision
  • Shoreline Variance – Type 3-PC – Ecology decision

• Appeals
  • Local appeals (per Table AMC 19.20.030)
  • Shoreline Hearings Board (21 days from date of filing w/ Ecology)
PROJECT MILESTONES TO DATE – 2020 SMP Periodic Update

July 2019: Executed contract with The Watershed Company
Oct 2019: 1st Open House (in-person)
Dec 2019: Executed Ecology Grant Funding Agreement
Mar 2020: Completed Gap Analysis & Draft Proposed Amendments placed on website
Mar 2020: 2nd Open House (online)
July 22 2020: Planning Commission Workshop

Next Steps: Finalize draft proposed amendments for public comment, advertise joint public comment period (30 days) and hold public hearing; SEPA determination; PC recommendation to City Council (Fall/Winter timeframe)
VIDEO PRESENTATION

Watch Video: https://anacortes.granicus.com/player/dlip/526?view_id=2

Presented by Alex Capron, The Watershed Company

October 30, 2019 Open House
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Joint Local/DOE Public Comment Period & Public Hearing
Codification & Reorganization

SMP regulations to be re-located from standalone document to Title 19.

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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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