

## Public Input Needed for Cle Elum Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance Update

**The City will hold a virtual Open House to solicit feedback on the ongoing Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance Update.**

Earlier this year, the City initiated a Periodic Review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and update to its Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). The City is encouraging the public to participate in the Periodic Review and update process. A virtual open house is scheduled for **November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm** as an opportunity for people to be involved in developing a vision and commenting on draft changes to policies and regulations.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually over **Zoom**. Attend the Virtual Open House on the City's Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance Update by following this link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89192344318?pwd=TE5VZONGNFNldzVEc2xsaFdGaTJjQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 9234 4318

Passcode: 223021

Participate by phone by dialing (253) 215-8782, entering the meeting ID and password.

The Shoreline Master Program is developed under guidelines established by the Department of Ecology. It is an important document that plans for and protects the City's shorelines and waterways, which in the City of Cle Elum includes the Yakima River and the Cle Elum River. State law requires that the City conduct a periodic review of its SMP every eight years. The purpose of the Periodic Review is to stay current with any changes in laws and rules, respond to changed circumstances, and incorporate any new information and improved data.

The City's Critical Areas Ordinance is a set of development regulations that serves to protect sensitive areas in the City, including wetlands, steep slopes, fish and wildlife habitat areas, and aquifer recharge areas. As part of the City's compliance with the Growth Management Act, the City is required to review its CAO in accordance with new best available science and make updates, as necessary.

Anyone who is interested in the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance Update can participate by attending the open house, or can follow updates and submit feedback at

<https://cityofcleelum.com/2020-2021-shoreline-master-program-critical-areas-ordinance-update/>