

Feature Class Name

ShorelineDesignation

Summary

Polygons representing the environmental designation of shorelines within the unincorporated areas of Grant County, Washington.

Description

A Shoreline Master Program is a combination of planning and regulatory documents. SMP documents carry out the policies of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) on local shorelines. Local governments are required to prepare SMPs based on the state laws and rules. It is prepared to implement the SMA to prevent "harm caused by uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the State's shoreline." Local SMPs are tailored to local geographic and environmental conditions, and existing and future planned development patterns within the shoreline.

The SMP update process balances and integrates objectives and interests of local citizens. Key principles of the SMP include striking a balance among environmental protection, public access and water-oriented uses, and achieving "No Net Loss" of ecological functions.

*The Grant County Shoreline Master Program is available at:
<http://www.grantcountywa.gov/GCDS/Planning/Shoreline-Master-Program/>*

Credits

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The environment designation assigned to each shoreline area. Please see Article II. Environment Designations, section 24.12.100 Environment Designations of the Grant County DRAFT Shoreline Master Program document.

The county has designated shorelines pursuant to chapter 90.58 RCW by defining 33 them, providing criteria for their identification and establishing the shoreline ecological functions to be protected.

Aquatic – The purpose of the “Aquatic” shoreline designation is to protect, restore, and manage the unique characteristics and resources of the areas waterward of the Ordinary High Water Mark.

Natural – The purpose of the “Natural” shoreline designation is to protect, those shoreline areas that are relatively free of human influence or that include intact or minimally degraded shoreline ecological functions less tolerant of human use. These systems require that only very low-intensity uses be allowed in order to maintain the ecological functions and ecosystem-wide processes. Consistent with the policies of the designation, restoration of degraded shorelines within this environment is appropriate.

Rural Conservancy - The purpose of the “Rural Conservancy” shoreline designation is to protect shoreline ecological functions, conserve existing natural resources and valuable historic and cultural areas in order to provide for sustained resource use, achieve natural floodplain processes where applicable, and provide recreational opportunities. In addition to existing agriculture uses, examples of uses that are appropriate in a Rural Conservancy shoreline designation include low-impact, passive recreation uses, water-oriented commercial development, and low-intensity residential development.

Public Recreation Conservancy- The purpose of the “Public Recreation Conservancy” shoreline designation is to provide continued and enhanced recreational opportunities while protecting shoreline ecological functions, conserve existing natural resources and valuable historic and cultural areas in order to provide for sustained resource use, and achieve natural floodplain processes where applicable, recognizing many of the functions in these areas in Grant County are a result of the Columbia Basin Project. Examples of uses that are appropriate in a Recreation Conservancy shoreline designation in addition to Columbia Basin Project and irrigation district facilities and operations include public lands with low- impact recreation uses, and water-oriented commercial development.

Recreation - The purpose of the “Recreation” environment is to provide for water-oriented recreational uses with some commercial uses and residential mixed-uses to support recreational uses while protecting existing ecological functions, conserving existing natural resources and restoring ecological functions in areas that have been previously degraded.

High Intensity—Public Facility -The purpose of the "High Intensity—Public Facility" environment is to provide for higher intensity public facility utility or infrastructure that needs shoreline location for operation and that are associated with high-intensity water-oriented power generation, irrigation water supply conveyance, transportation or navigation uses. This environment may also provide for some recreational uses while protecting public safety, existing ecological functions, conserving existing natural resources and restoring ecological functions in areas that have been previously degraded.

Shoreline Residential - The purpose of the "Shoreline Residential" designation is to accommodate primarily residential development and appurtenant structures, but to also allow other types of development consistent with this chapter. An additional purpose is to provide appropriate public access and recreational uses.

Shoreline Residential – Low Intensity - The purpose of the "Shoreline Residential – Low Intensity" designation is to accommodate residential development while protecting and, where appropriate, enhancing ecological functions. An additional purpose is to provide appropriate public access and recreational uses.

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