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Public Comment Extended for Shoreline Citizen Workgroup Draft Policies

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, March 25, 2011 – The first of three opportunities to comment on the shoreline citizen workgroup draft policy amendments has been extended to Tuesday, **April 26, 2011**.

Draft amendments to the Goals and Policies of the City of Bainbridge Island's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) are posted on the Shoreline Master Program Update [project webpage](#) for public review and comment.

The draft contains policy recommendations produced by citizen groups as part of the City's update to the Shoreline Master Program. The SMP guides shoreline development under the state Shoreline Management Act, and state law requires that the city update the management program by the end of 2011. The recommendations are a product of a unique citizen involvement process, designed to engage interested community organizations and citizens in three topic-based workgroups and a task force consisting of representative the workgroups.

"The draft document reflects hours of meetings and discussions involving 21 citizen volunteers that started in September 2010," said Ryan Ericson, Shoreline Planner. "The process seemed to work well – the revised policies reflect a range of opinions and in most cases were unanimously approved by the groups."

Written comments are accepted until Tuesday, April 26, 2011, and will be compiled for presentation to the Planning Commission when they begin reviewing the draft revisions to the Shoreline Master Program.

The SMP Workgroups and Task Force are now focused on regulations and will revisit the policy recommendations before forwarding the recommendations to the Planning Commission for consideration. The Planning Commission will begin their work on the update to the SMP later this summer.

Comments may be submitted by email (pcd@bainbridgewa.gov), fax (206) 780-0955 or mail or drop-off: Planning and Community Development, 280 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. For more information, contact Ryan Ericson, Shoreline Planner, 780-3719, rericon@bainbridgewa.gov or visit www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us.

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