



## CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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### **Citizens Invited to Shoreline Master Program Open House**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, April 21, 2010 – Citizens will have the opportunity Thursday, April 29, to provide input on the proposed Public Participation Plan for the city's update of the Shoreline Master Program. Staff will present the draft plan at an Open House scheduled for 6:30 – 7:30 pm at City Hall.

The Shoreline Master Program is a combination of planning strategies and regulations required under the State Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) to guide shoreline development. State law requires the city to update the program by the end of 2011, and the Public Participation Plan is a required component of the update process.

Over 90 residents and others attended an initial meeting on March 2 to learn about the update process and share their thoughts on how the public can best be involved. The city sought additional input through a survey posted on the city website and circulated by email.

The draft public participation plan, developed by staff in collaboration with consultants AHBL, is on the agenda for the April 22 meeting of the Planning Commission, which begins at 7 pm, and is expected to be a topic of discussion at the City Council's May 5 Study Session, which begins at 4 pm.

“The April 29 meeting will provide citizens with the opportunity to learn about the draft Public Participation Plan and share their thoughts,” said Long Range Planner Libby Hudson. Members of the public are encouraged to bring photos of their favorite waterfront view or shoreline activity to share in a display.

The draft participation plan, notes from the March 2 meeting, and additional information is available at [www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us), or from Ryan Ericson, Shoreline Planner, at 780-3767 or [pcd@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](mailto:pcd@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us).

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