

# You're Invited!



## Benton County SMP Update Open House Events

Benton County invites you to an Open House Event to introduce the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update and hear your ideas about the future of Benton County's Yakima and Columbia River shorelines.

An Open House Event will be held in two locations – **choose the Event that is most convenient for you!**

### Save the Date

#### August 1, Prosser

Benton County Planning Dept.  
1002 Dudley Avenue  
Prosser, WA 99350  
5:30–7:00 p.m.

#### August 2, Kennewick

Benton County PUD Auditorium  
2721 W. 10th Avenue & SR 395  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
5:30–7:00 p.m.

A SMP is a set of policies and regulations required by state law that: provides environmental protection and restoration for shorelines; promotes public access; and encourages appropriate development such as docks, marinas, recreation facilities, and industries that are dependent on, related to, or enable enjoyment of shorelines.

## Become Involved!

The County must update the SMP for shorelines within its jurisdiction in accordance with the Shoreline Management Act and receive state approval, but the plan is locally prepared and represents the visions and interests of our rural communities. If you enjoy using or viewing Benton County's shorelines, or if you are a shoreline property owner, we encourage you to participate in the SMP update process. You can attend public meetings and forums, learn about the County's shorelines, sign up for our e-mail distribution list, and ask questions and provide comments.

## Need more information?

See you there!

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