

Progress Report for the Shoreline Master Program Update



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This report must accompany all requests for payment and, as appropriate, will be accompanied by deliverables per the scope of work.

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Compare actual accomplishments by task to the objectives established in the grant agreement. Also, list deliverables per the grant agreement due to Ecology by date of this progress report and their status.

Progress Report #8 ~ All Grant Deliverables, supporting information & PPP documentation, i.e. meeting and event notices, presentations, and SAC products, etc., regarding this Progress Report are available at the County's SMP website www.bentoncountysmpupdate.com, Deliverables are available by opening the SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link.

Task A, Coordination:

The Draft SMP and Draft Cumulative Impacts Analysis, was delivered to the Department of Ecology for review during this quarter. The Draft SMP was delivered on October 18th, 2013, and the Draft Cumulative Impact Analysis was delivered on November 13th, 2013. Regional Ecology Shoreline planners have provided review and comments to Benton County on the Draft SMP. ECY also attended scheduled County SMP update events and were available to provide technical assistance during the Shoreline Advisory Committee meetings.

Task C, Implement Public Participation Plan:

The SMP public participation information, program schedule, materials, resources, SAC meeting summaries, Ecology Deliverables, upcoming events, etc., are available at the various links on the County's Shoreline Master Program website at www.bentoncountysmpupdate.com. This website is maintained on a continual basis. All draft program materials and shoreline educational materials and flyers are provided at SAC meetings for members of the public. Signup sheets are provided to enlist future participation by interested parties and to provide program updates by email or mailing lists.

DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED DURING THIS QUARTER INCLUDE:

Phase 3 Process, Complete Draft SMP & Cumulative Impacts Analysis:

Task 3.5 Develop SMP administrative provisions

PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT BENTON COUNTY SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

The Public Review Draft of the Benton County Shoreline Master Program was delivered on October 18th, 2013 and can be found at the [SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, October 2013](#).

BENTON COUNTY SHORELINE PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN

The Benton County Shoreline Public Access Plan was prepared in response to the community visioning and questionnaire process required in Phase 3. The Plan identifies specific public needs and opportunities for the location of public access and use policies and incentives to direct new public access to the areas identified. The purpose of the document is to provide a reach by reach shoreline public access plan that identifies existing and known planned public access, and potential future actions to improve shoreline public access. A reach map is attached for reference. The Plan is based on two sources of public input on public access topics: 1) a vision questionnaire and 2) a shoreline public access focus group.

[SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, October 2013](#).

Task 3.6 Prepare Preliminary CIA

The **Draft Cumulative Impact Analysis for Benton County's Shoreline Master Program** was completed during this quarter, reviewed by the SAC, and sent as a deliverable to the Department of Ecology on November 13th, 2013, for review. This document can be found at the [SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, November 2013](#).

NEW DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED WITH THIS PROGRESS REPORT INCLUDE:

***Task 3.7 Demonstrate how Phase 3 complies with the guidelines**

The **SMP Submittal Checklist** for tasks completed in Phase 3 is available at the [SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, January 2014](#).

***Task 4.1 Prepare Restoration Plan**

The Draft **Shoreline Restoration Plan for Shorelines in Benton County**, is available at the [SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, January 2014](#).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Shoreline Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings were held in Prosser for the months of October and December. These meetings are attended by members of the public and opportunities for participation and interaction with the SAC, as well as a set time for comments or questions on the draft review documents, is provided at the end of each meeting.

Also during this time Benton County hosted two Open House Public Forums, one at the Benton County PUD auditorium in Kennewick, and one in Prosser at the Benton County Planning Annex, on October 9th & 10th respectively. The meetings were advertised through postcards sent to shoreline property owners and those on the County's Public Participation Mailing list, an email flier sent to the shorelines public participation list of interested persons, and a display ad in the Tri-City Herald. The Open House Public forums were held regarding the Public Review Draft Shoreline Master Plan and were arranged to allow informal one-on-one discussions between Staff/consultants and meeting attendees. Staff/consultants provided displays illustrating and explaining major points of the proposed policies and regulations, including building setback requirements, vegetation buffers, regulations on docks and other in-water structures, public access, and expansion of existing uses. Consultants also provided an interactive Google Earth workstation where attendees could view aerial photographs overlaid with shoreline designation map information and have informal discussions with staff about shoreline conditions and other property issues.

A meeting summary of the forums and all SAC agendas, draft review documents and materials, and meeting summaries are available at the County's SMP Update Website at www.bentoncountysmpupdate.com.

*** ECY Contract Deliverables**

Status of Project Schedule: We are on schedule with SMP tasks, and required project deliverables.

Are you submitting a payment request with this progress report? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Personnel changes: NONE

Any difficulties encountered during the quarter: No

Anticipated (environmental, recreational, etc.) benefits of the project: TBD