

CITY OF GOLD BAR

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE



City Council Meeting

May 21, 2013, 7 p.m.

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Meeting Purpose

- Review the SMP update requirements
- Discuss the phases that have been completed
- Outline the final approval process



Shoreline Management Act

- The SMA governs the use and development of shorelines of the state
- Three guiding policies:
 1. Protect the environmental resources in state shorelines
 2. Preserve and enhance public shoreline access and enjoyment opportunities
 3. Give priority to uses that require a shoreline location

Shoreline Master Program

- Implements the Shoreline Management Act
- Serves as City's plan for managing its shoreline based on best available science
- Establishes goals, policies, and regulations for shoreline protection and use
- Creates a restoration plan for degraded shoreline areas



Shoreline Master Program - Update

- All SMPs are required to be updated based on the 2003 Ecology guidelines
- City's current SMP does not meet the 2003 guidelines for “no net loss” and restoration
- City's critical area ordinance does not meet Ecology's standards in the shoreline jurisdiction

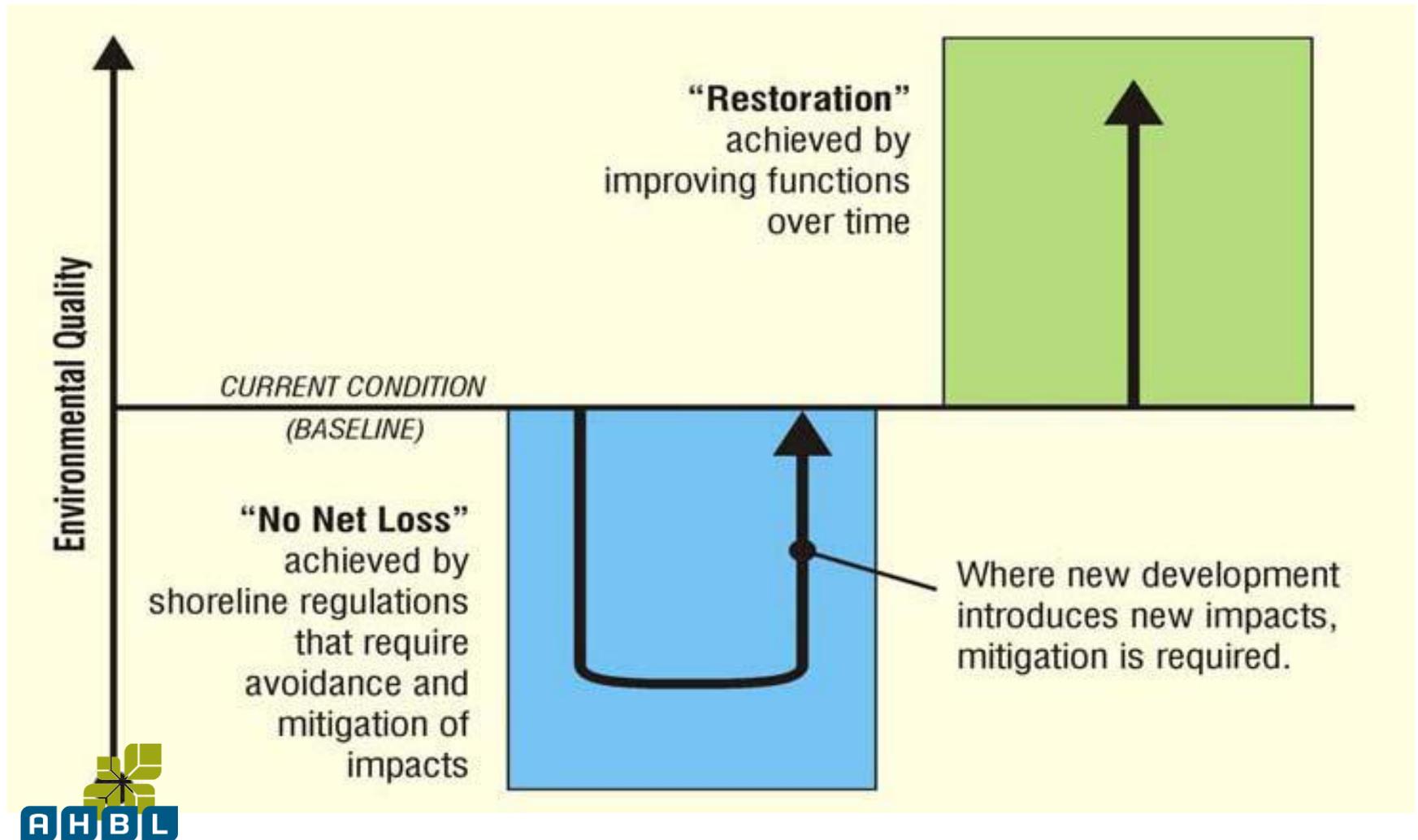


SMP Update - Requirements

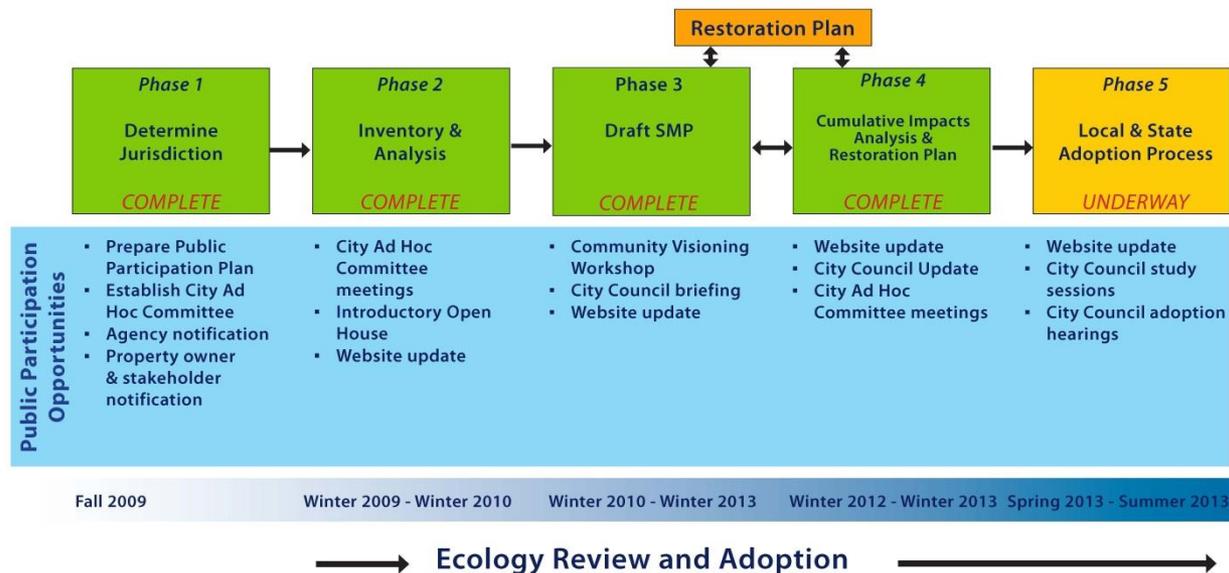
- Protect and restore ecological functions – “no net loss”
- Preserve and enhance public access
- Plan for and foster “all reasonable and appropriate uses”
- Provide for and give preference to “water-dependent uses”
- Require and encourage public input in SMP



No Net Loss & Restoration



SMP Update - Timeline



SMP Update – Phase 1

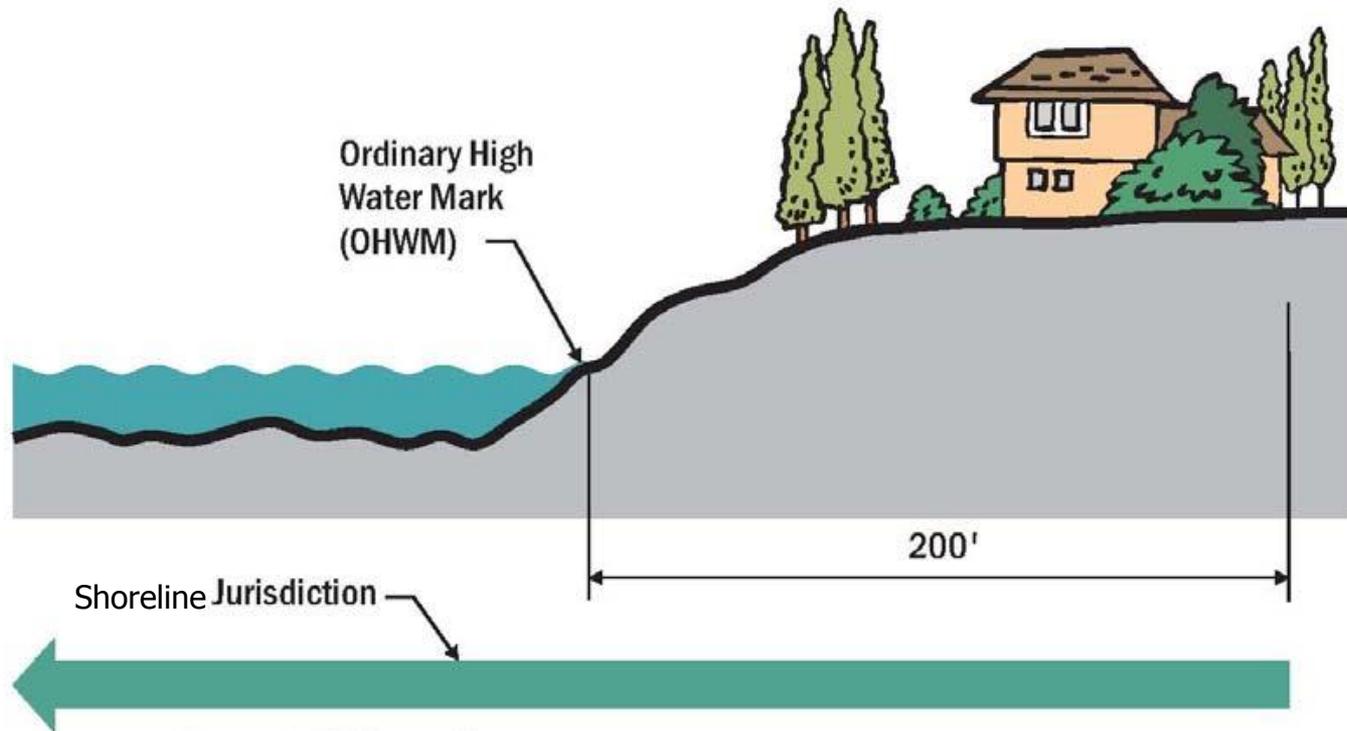
- Prepared Public Participation Plan
- Held project kick-off meeting with Planning Commission
- Gathered data
- Determined shoreline jurisdiction



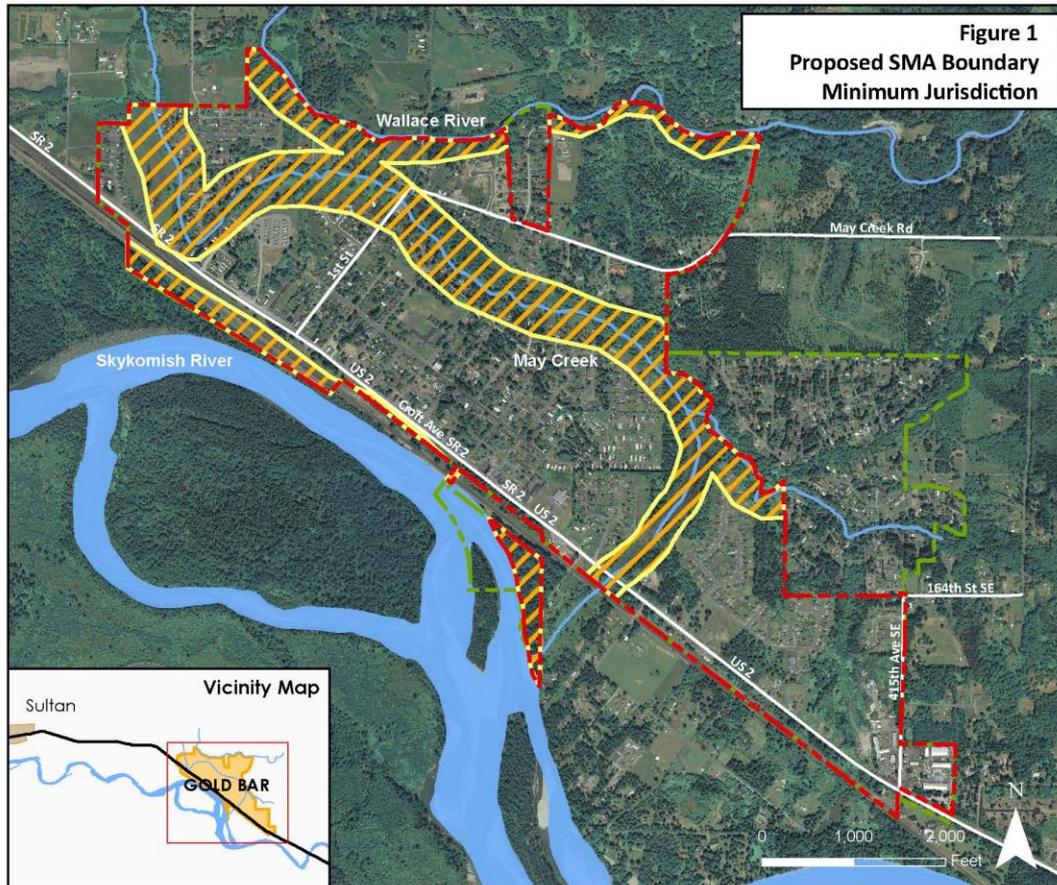
Phase 1 – Shoreline Jurisdiction

- Streams with mean annual flow of 20 c.f.s. or greater: Wallace River and May Creek
- Rivers with mean annual flow of 1,000 c.f.s. or greater: Skykomish River
- Lands extending 200-feet landward from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM)
- Associated wetlands & floodplains

Phase 1 – Shoreline Jurisdiction



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Shoreline Master Program
Skykomish River
Wallace River
May Creek

Legend

- Gold Bar City Limits
- Proposed SMA Boundary*
- Gold Bar UGA
- Rivers/Creeks

*SMA Boundary based on the definition of "shoresline" found in RCW 90.58.030. More detailed information provided in the City's Inventory and Characterization Report.

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SMP Update – Phase 2

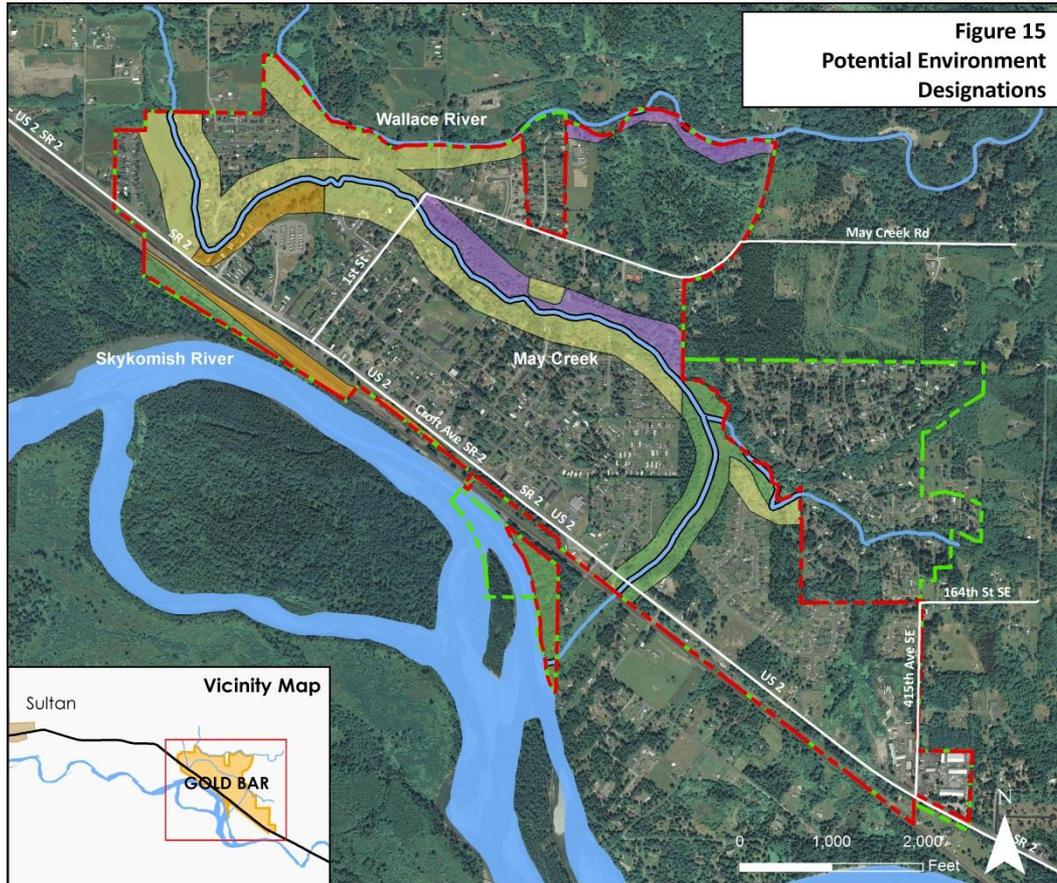
- Documented shoreline conditions
- Identified ecosystem-wide processes, functions, and their relationships
- Noted which ecological functions are healthy or altered
- Identified measures to protect and/or restore the ecological functions and processes

SMP Update – Phase 3

- Held formal community visioning process
- Designated shoreline environments



SMP Update – Phase 3



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Skykomish River
Wallace River
May Creek

Legend

- Gold Bar City Limits
- Gold Bar UGA
- Rivers/Creeks
- High Intensity
- Natural
- Shoreline Residential
- Urban Conservancy
- Aquatic

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SMP Update – Phase 3

- Developed general SMP goals, policies, and regulations
- Prepared environment specific shoreline use and modification policies, regulations, and standards
- Wrote SMP administrative provisions
- Prepared Cumulative Impact Analysis

SMP Update – Phase 4

- Developed Restoration Plan
- Prepared “No Net Loss” Report
- Revisited environmental designations, policies, and regulations
- Finalized map folio

SMP Update – Phase 5

- Prepared final draft SMP for Ecology review
- Ecology reviewed and approved draft SMP
- City completed SEPA review
- Provided GMA 60-day notice of intent to adopt

- Complete local adoption process
- Submit locally adopted SMP to Ecology



Next Steps

- Complete the City's public hearing process
- Adopt the updated SMP
- Ecology reviews and adopts SMP



Questions?

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