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CLARK COUNTY
WASHINGTON

COMMUNITY PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Oliver Orjiako, Director

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DATE: January 28, 2014

SUBJECT: Clark County Shoreline Master Program Amendment

INTRODUCTION

Clark County adopted an updated shoreline master program (SMP) in July 2012. It was approved by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) in August 2012 and took effect in September 2012. SMP policies are included in Chapter 13 of the comprehensive plan. SMP regulations are included in Clark County Code Chapter 40.460. In addition to requirements for shoreline development to maintain shoreline ecological function, the regulations also include a list of shorelines along streams and lakes that are subject to the SMP.

In the course of implementing the SMP, a conflict in the regulations was discovered through a development proposal on Carty Lake relating to dredging and dredge material disposal. Ecology also noted that Carty Lake is not on the list of lakes subject to shoreline jurisdiction, but should be. To address these issues, a limited amendment to the Clark County SMP is proposed. The amendment will correct errors and omissions in accordance with WAC 173-26-201, Process to prepare or amend shoreline master programs.

PROCESS

Staff will submit an Ecology checklist identifying exact SMP amendments. We will follow legal public notice requirements in the WAC (173-26-100) and comply with expectations in the Shoreline Management Act, RCW 90.58.130. In addition, staff will demonstrate this amendment will not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

Staff is currently in the process of working with ESA (our consultant on the update) to update the SMP Inventory and Characterization (I & C) Report. ESA has graciously agreed to update the I & C Report without cost to the county.

Staff will work with the City of Ridgefield and the Port of Ridgefield to assign an appropriate shoreline designation. As keeper of the official SMP map, GIS will update the shoreline designation layer in GIS. County staff will also work with the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Environmental Services, and Community Development to complete this amendment.

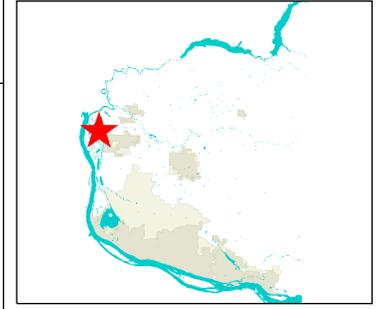
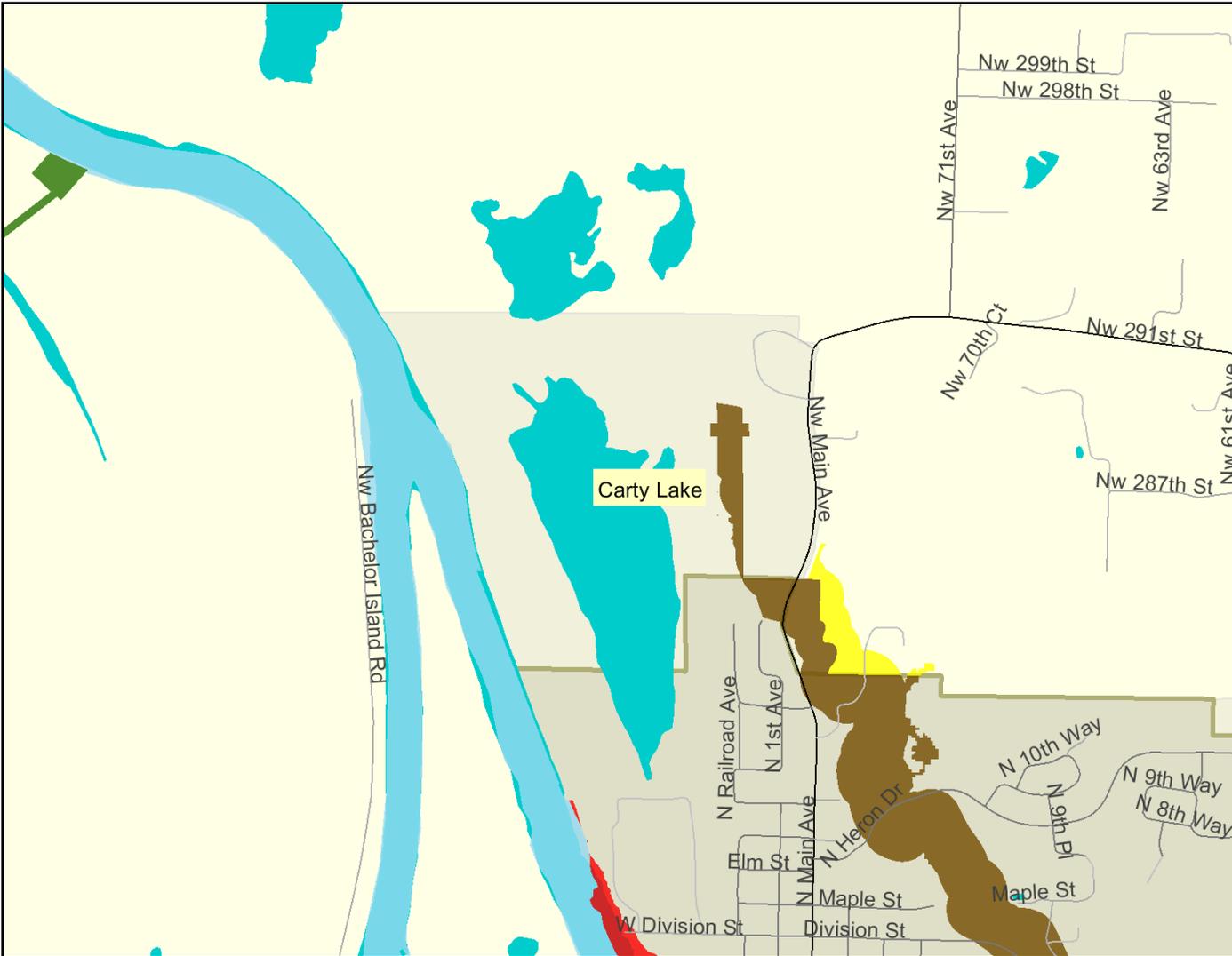
We anticipate this process will take approximately six (6) months to complete.

During the summer months, Clark County will hold hearings with the Planning Commission and the Board to adopt the SMP amendments. Staff will submit SMP amendment changes to the Department of Commerce for their 60-day review, and will complete a SEPA notification. Upon approval of the SMP amendments by the Board, staff will submit the Washington State Department of Ecology checklist and amendments to Ecology for review and approval.

LOCATION

See attached map below.

Carty Lake



Legend

Roads

- Alley
- Arterial
- DNR
- DNR (Private Land)
- Driveway
- Interstate
- Interstate Ramp
- Primary Arterial
- Private Roads
- Private Roads w/o Names
- Public Roads
- SR Ramp
- State Route

Shoreline Designations

- Aquatic
- High Intensity
- Natural
- Rural Conservancy Residential
- Rural Conservancy Resource Land
- Medium Intensity
- Urban Conservancy
- Waterbodies
- Rural Centers
- City Boundaries
- Urban Growth Boundaries
- County Boundary



Map center: 1066328, 188707



Scale: 1:15,610

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