

Whitman County Shoreline Master Program

Planning Commission Kick-Off Meeting on SMP Periodic Update

June 1, 2022



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Shoreline Master Program Periodic Reviews

2022 Joint City-State SMP Periodic Review



Shoreline Management Act (SMA) - RCW 90.58

“...to prevent the inherent harm in an uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state's shorelines.” **RCW 90.58.020**

SMA Policy Areas:



- Environmental protection



- Public Access



- Water-dependent and preferred uses



Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs)

RCW 90.58.050 - establishes a cooperative program of shoreline management between local government and the state.



Local government - initiates the planning required by this chapter and administering the regulatory program consistent with the policy and provisions of this chapter.

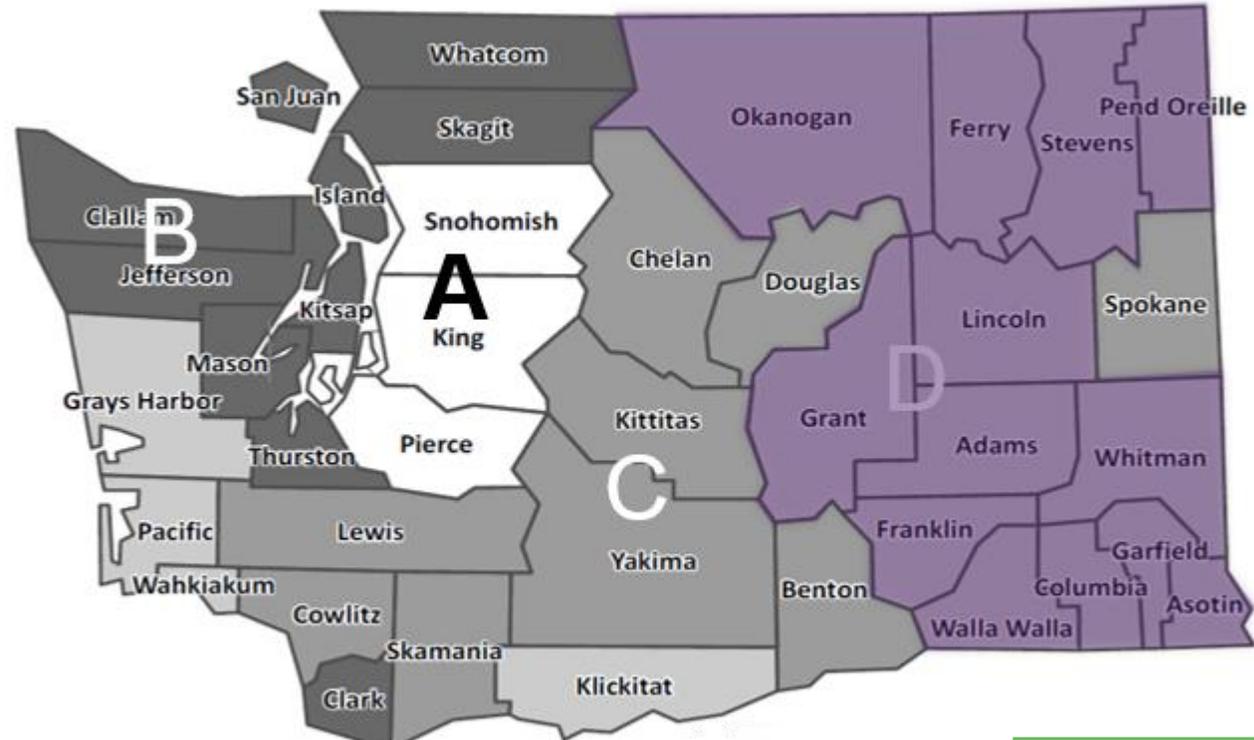
Ecology - shall act primarily in a supportive and review capacity with an emphasis on providing assistance to local government and on insuring compliance with the policy and provisions of this chapter.



The SMA mandates a schedule for the periodic review of your SMP at least every 8-years

of SMA counties +(cities)

A	3 + (71)
B	10 + (39)
C	10 + (58)
D	18 + (71)



Deadline: June 30 of year listed
 *Whitman County has been granted a year extension and is due June 30, 2023

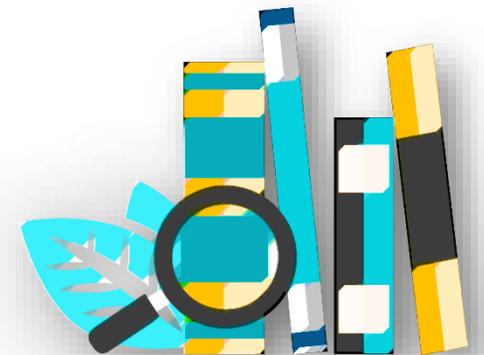
(RCW 90.58.080)

	A	B	C	D
GMA	2015	2016	2017	2018
SMA	2019	2020	2021	2022
GMA	2023	2024	2025	2026
SMA	2027	2028	2029	2030



Conduct Review of the SMP for changes to:

1. Revised Code of Washington(RCW) & Washington Administrative Code (WAC)
2. Comprehensive Plan & development regulations
3. Local circumstances, new information, improved data



Use Ecology Checklist & Guidance to address changes to RCW and WAC

Row	Summary of change	Review	Action
2014			
a.	The Legislature raised the cost threshold for requiring a Substantial Development Permit (SDP) for replacement docks on lakes and rivers to \$20,000 (from \$10,000).		
b.	The Legislature created a new definition and policy for floating on-water residences legally established before 7/1/2014.		
2012			
a.	The Legislature amended the SMA to clarify SMP appeal procedures .		
2011			
a.	Ecology adopted a rule requiring that wetlands be delineated in accordance with the approved federal wetland delineation manual .		
b.	Ecology adopted rules for new commercial geoduck aquaculture .		
c.	The Legislature created a new definition and policy for floating homes permitted or legally established prior to January 1, 2011.		

2011

2011 a. Federal wetlands delineation manual

Ecology repealed the State Delineation Manual rule and replaced it with a rule requiring that identification of wetlands and delineation of their boundaries shall be done in accordance with the approved federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplements.

Rule: WAC [173-22-035](#), effective 3/14/2011. Guidance: [Wetland Delineation Manual guidance](#).

Review considerations

All SMPs should use language from the new WAC because the state delineation manual rule has been repealed. Consult [Ecology's website for wetland delineation manual guidance](#).

Example language

The following language should be included in the applicable section of the SMP (or the applicable critical areas code if wetland delineation is addressed in a CAO adopted by reference):

Identification of wetlands and delineation of their boundaries shall be done in accordance with the approved federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplements.



Joint state/local review

WAC 173-26-104



**30 day Joint City/State Public
Comment Period**



Joint City/State Public Hearing



Next Steps:

Response to Comments

Provide responses to all comments received and determine if additional amendment modifications are necessary.



Submit to Ecology for Initial Determination

After comment period and prior to local adoption. Ecology will provide a written initial determination of consistency with SMA and Guidelines.

Local Adoption

After receiving written concurrence from Ecology, locally adopt the proposed SMP amendments.



Submit Locally Adopted SMP amendments to Ecology

Per WAC 173-26-110.

*The SMP Amendments will be effective 14-days after Ecology's formal written approval.



Ecology is required to review all SMP amendments to ensure consistency with the Shoreline Management Act and implementing rules.

In order to approve the local jurisdiction's Periodic Review and proposed SMP amendment, Ecology must conclude that the proposed amendment satisfies the criteria found in WAC 173-26-201(1)(c). This includes the conclusion that the SMP amendment:

- will not foster uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state's shorelines (WAC 173-26-201(2)(c)(i); and
- will assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions will result from implementation of the amended master program (WAC 173-26-201(2)(c)(iv)).



Questions

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<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Shoreline-coastal-management/Shoreline-coastal-planning/Shoreline-planners-toolbox>

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Shoreline management

Shoreline Master Programs amendments

State approved Shoreline Master Programs

[Contacts](#)

Shoreline Management Act

Shoreline planners toolbox

Shoreline laws, rules, and cases

Aquaculture

Shoreline Master Programs

Coastal zone management

Hazards

Padilla Bay reserve

Education & training

Ocean management

Shoreline planners toolbox

This toolbox is designed for local and state shoreline planners responsible for developing and administering Shoreline Master Programs. Users will find links to our web pages and publications to help with:

- [Permitting.](#)
- [Resolving shoreline management issues.](#)
- [Developing and updating Shoreline Master Programs.](#)
- [Researching laws and rules.](#)

If you don't find what you need, please contact the Ecology regional planner serving your city or county government.

Administration of Shoreline Master Programs

- [Shoreline permits and enforcement](#)
- [Shoreline permitting manual](#) 

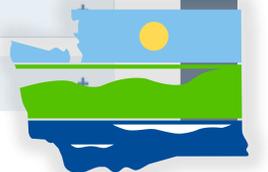
New shoreline programs and amendments

- [Shoreline Master Programs](#)
- [Status of local Shoreline Master Programs](#)
- [Shoreline Master Program Grants](#)
- [Shoreline Master Programs Handbook](#) 

Amendments

[Periodic review](#)

[Comprehensive updates](#)

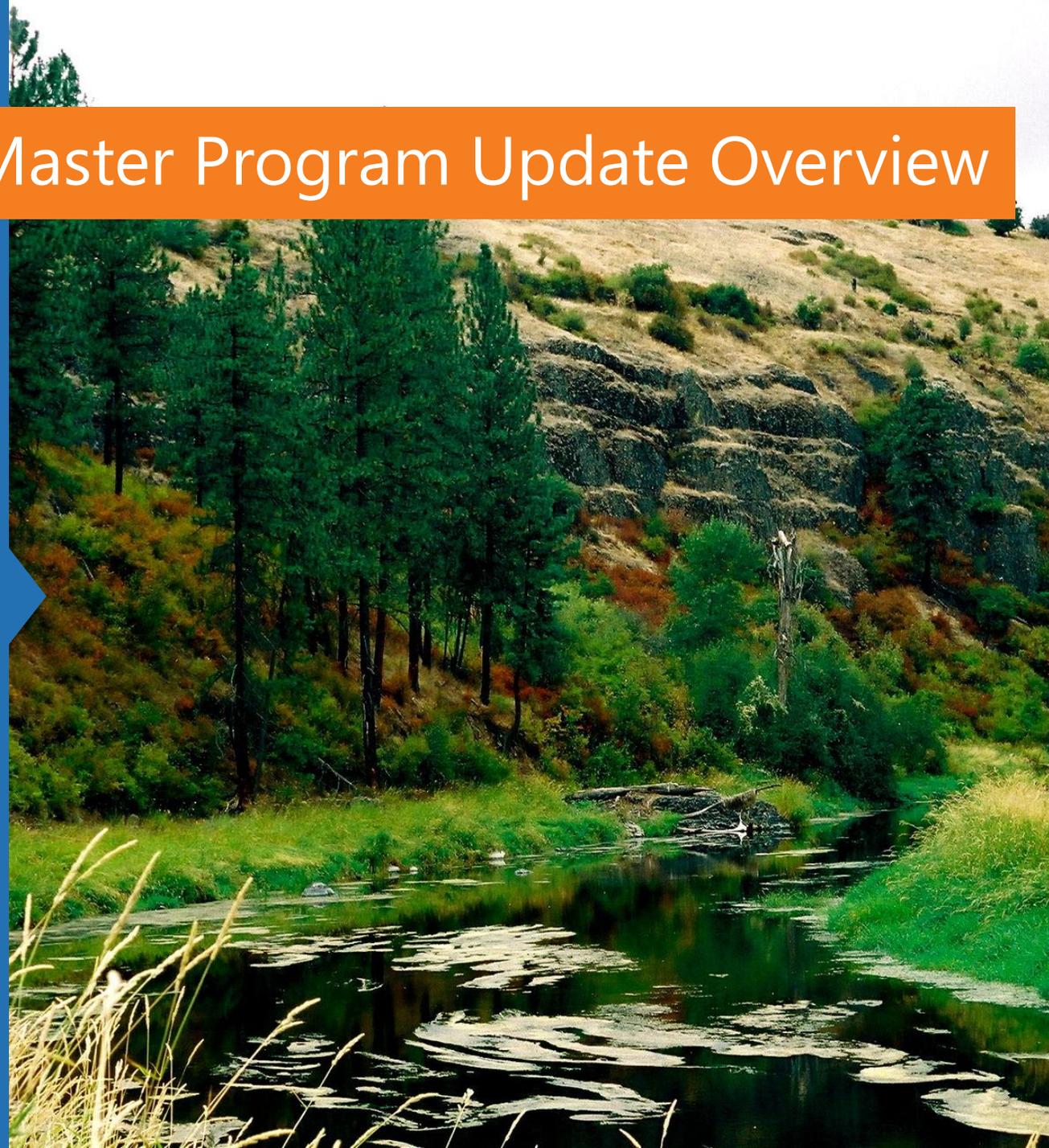


Whitman County Shoreline Master Program Update Overview

Purpose: The intent behind this periodic review is to bring Whitman County and coalition into conformance with all applicable requirements and regulations relating to Shoreline Management and Critical Areas.

Whitman County Coalition - SMP

- Whitman County
- Albion
- Colfax
- Palouse
- Pullman
- Rosalia
- Tekoa



Outreach/ Process

2022					2023				
	May	June		September	November - December	January	March-May		June
Outreach	Whitman County, SCJ, & Ecology	Whitman County Planning Commission Workshop	Agencies & stakeholder outreach	Local jurisdiction outreach #1	Local jurisdiction outreach #2	Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt / Public Hearing Notices	Planning Commission / Ecology Joint Public Hearing	BOCC Meeting	SMP adopted by County & submitted for final approval to Ecology
Details	Project virtual kickoff meeting	June 1, 2022, Virtual meeting with Commission	SMP virtual meeting	Meetings with each community at local council/ board meetings	Meetings with each community at local council/ board meetings	GMA: 60 day notice Ecology/ County: 30 day notice	Public and stakeholder Input for draft SMP amendments	Discussion and Motion	Submittal to Ecology

Whitman County



- SMP Stream^{TWC}
- SMP Waterbody^{TWC}
- Non-jurisdictional Stream^{NHD}
- Non-jurisdictional Waterbody^{NHD}
- Incorporated City^{ESR}
- Urban Growth Area (UGA)^{ESR}

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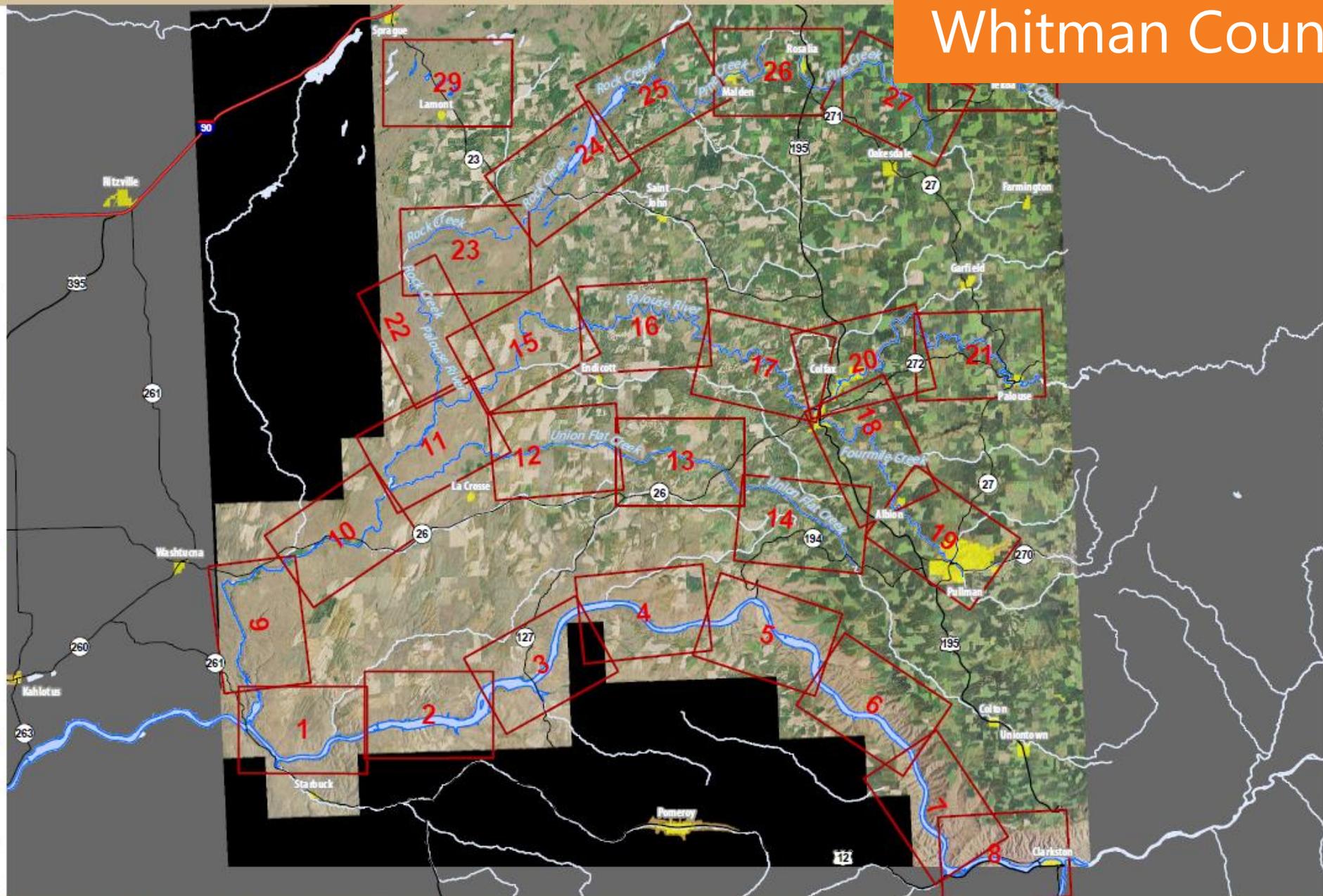
Maps 1 - 29. County Shoreline Maps
 Maps 30 - 31. Rural Industrial/Port
 Designation Details

Data Sources:
 WA Dept of Ecology (Ec), National Hydrologic
 Dataset (NHD), National Resource Conservation
 Service (NRCS), USFWS National Wetlands
 Inventory (NWI), The Watershed Company (TWC),
 Aerial imagery from 2013 USDA NAIP.

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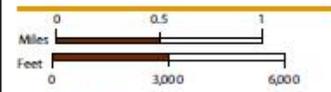


Albion/ Pullman



--- SMP Stream™
 □ SMP Waterbody™
 □ City or Town Limit™
 □ Urban Growth Area (UGA)™
 Proposed Environment Designations^{2, 3, 4}™
Whitman County
 □ Rural Conservancy
City of Pullman
 ■ High Intensity
 ■ Shoreline Parks
 ■ Shoreline Residential
 ■ Shoreline Residential - Urban Growth Area
Town of Albion
 ■ High Intensity
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 ■ Urban Conservancy

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² Shoreline areas waterward of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) are assigned an Aquatic environment designation.
³ Details of "Rural Industrial/Port" designated areas can be found on County pages 30 and 31.
⁴ All areas of the County that are pre-designated by a City or Town will remain as Rural Conservancy under the County's SMP until such time as the pre-designated area is annexed.



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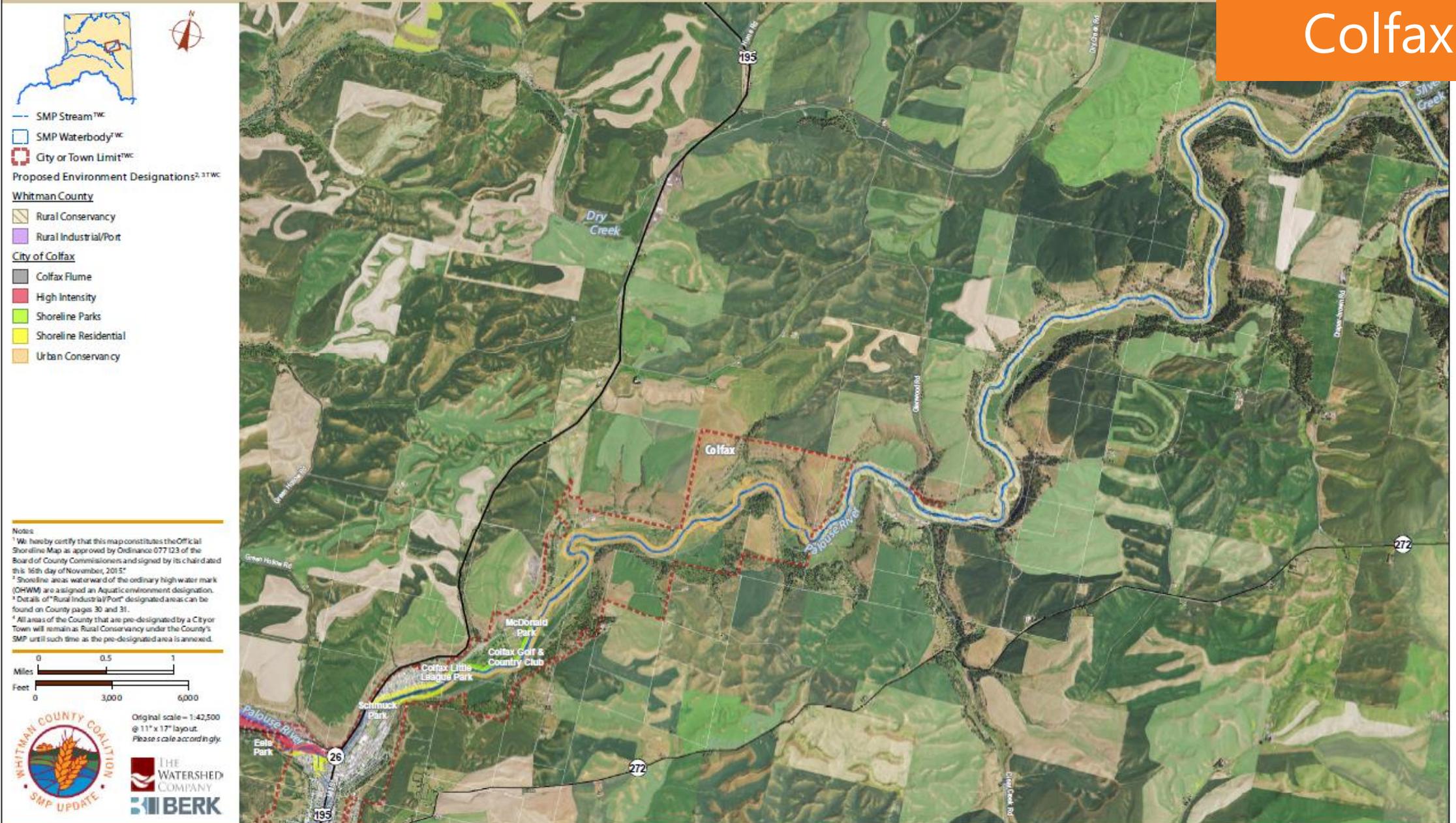



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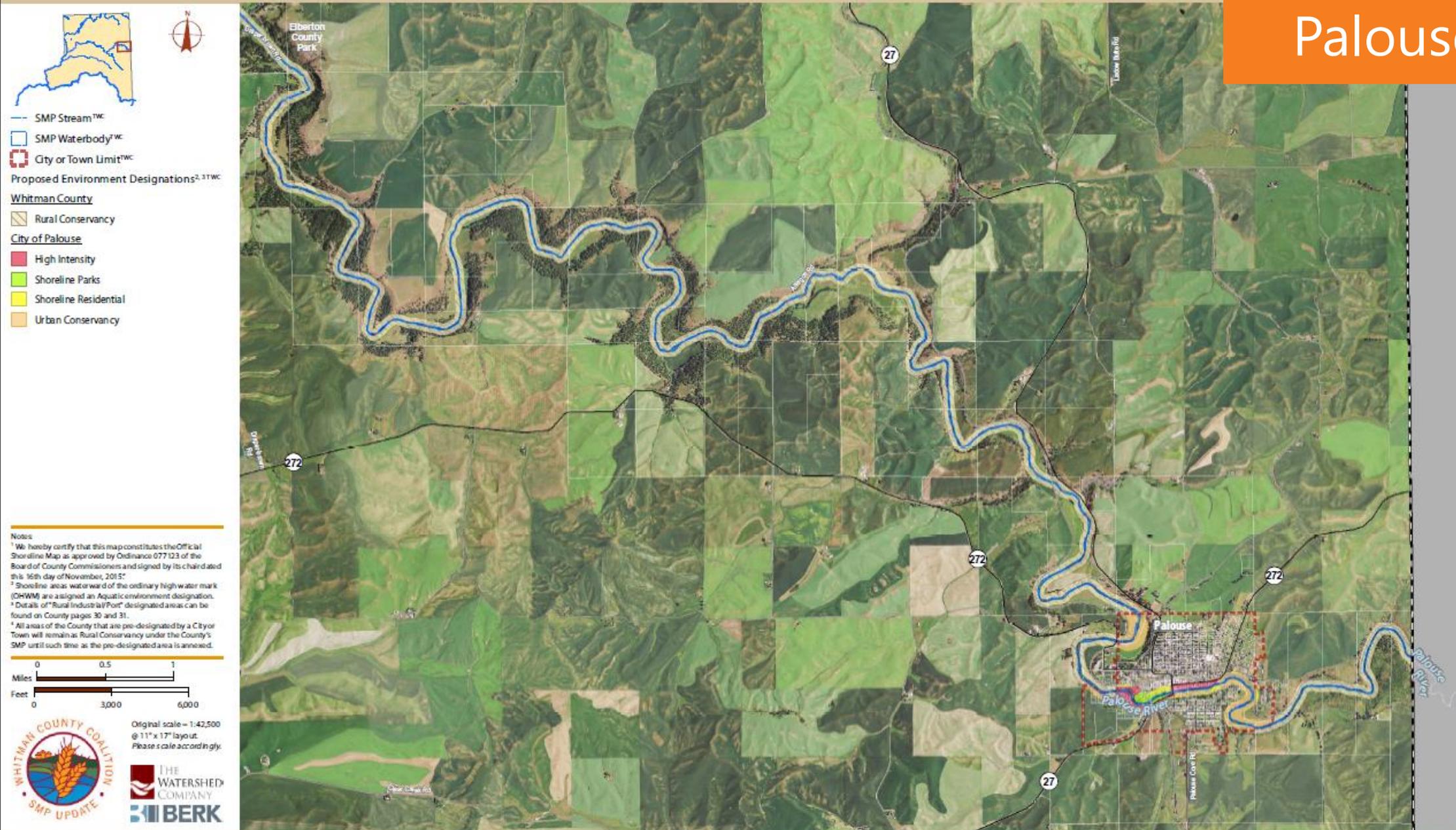


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Palouse



Rosalia



- SMP StreamTM
- SMP WaterbodyTM
- City or Town LimitTM

Proposed Environment Designations^{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}

Whitman County

- Rural Conservancy
- Shoreline Parks

Town of Malden

- Urban Conservancy

Town of Rosalia

- Rural Industrial
- Rural Industrial - Future Annexation Area¹
- Shoreline Parks
- Shoreline Residential
- Urban Conservancy
- Urban Conservancy - Future Annexation Area¹

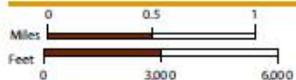
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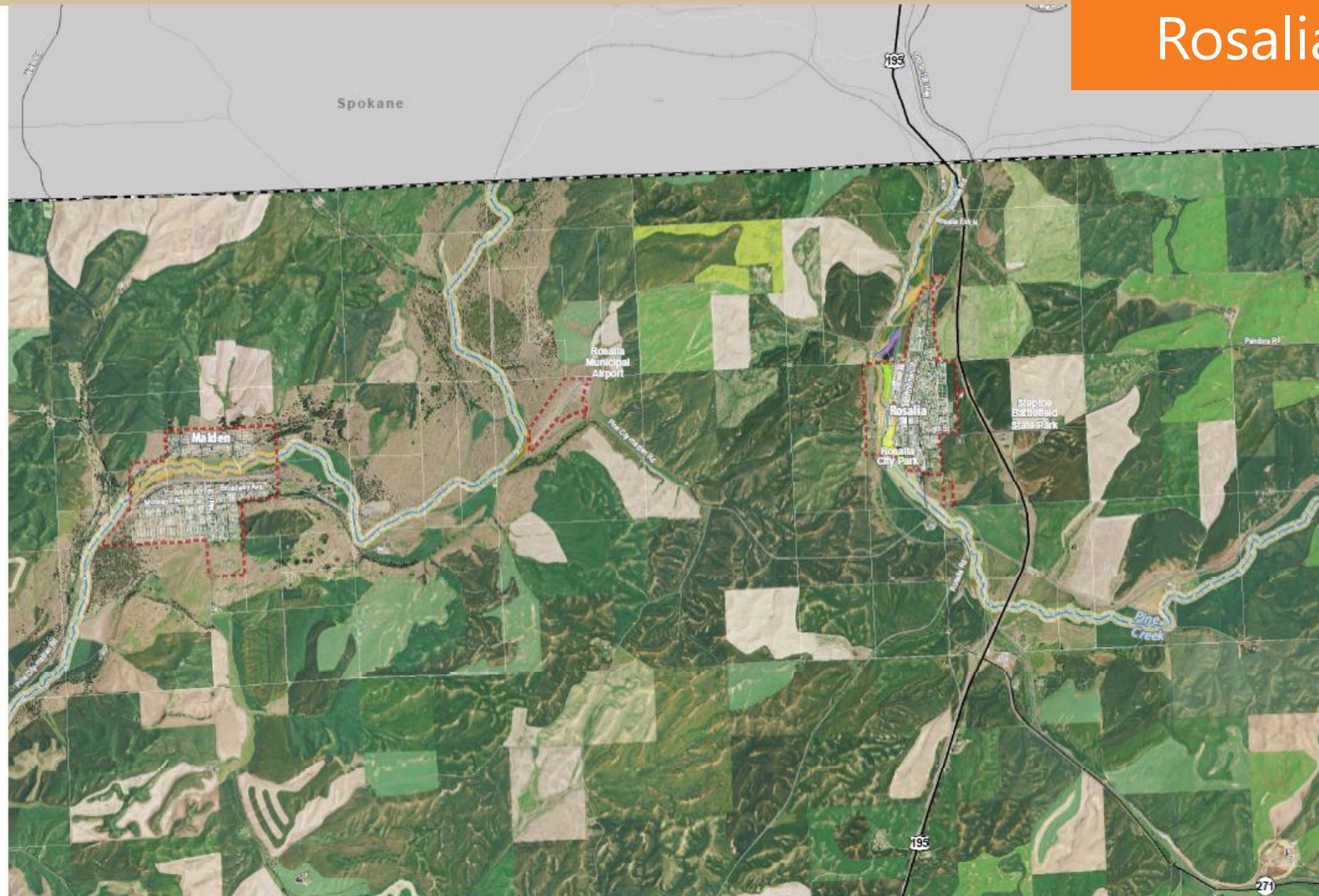
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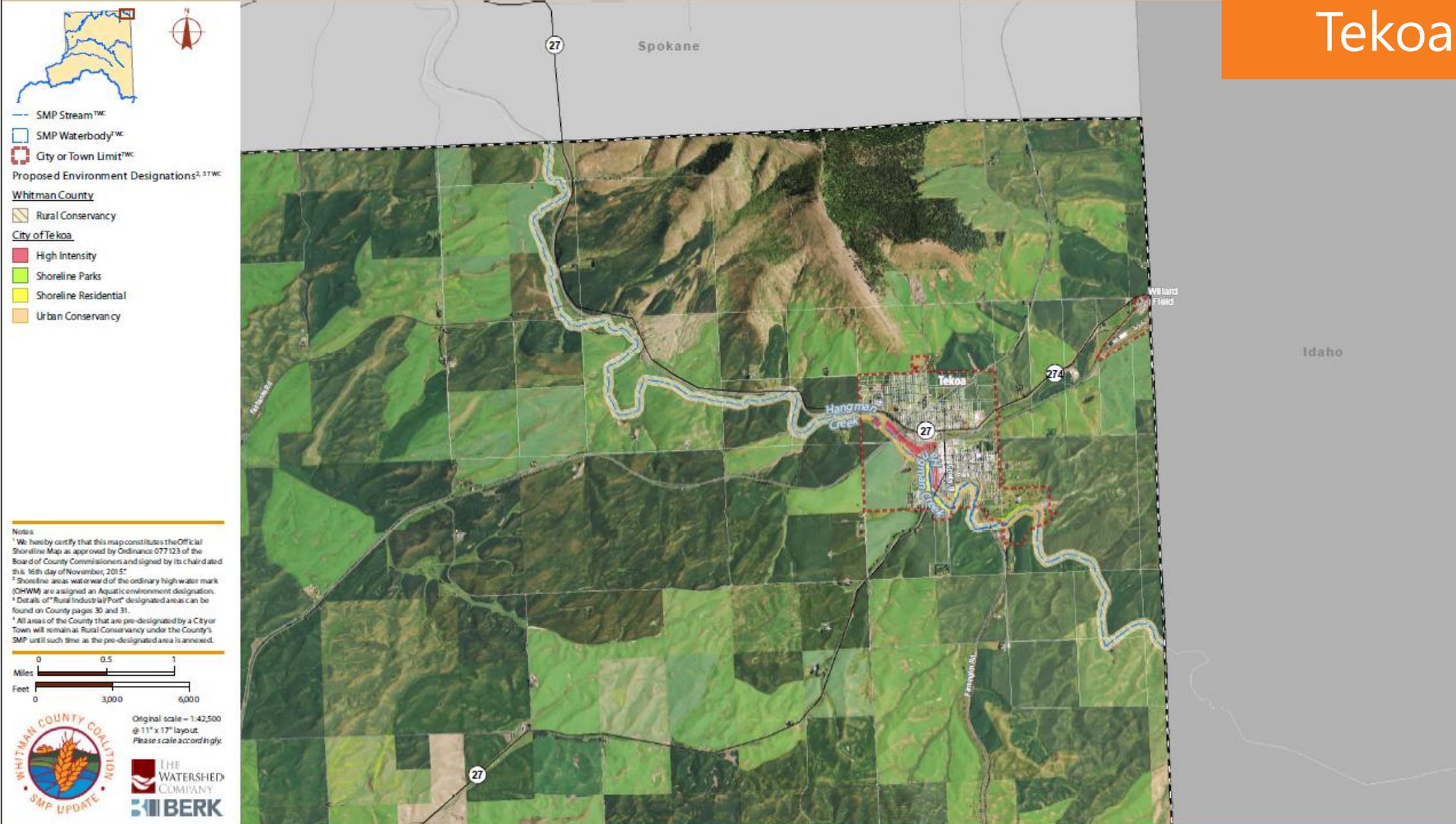
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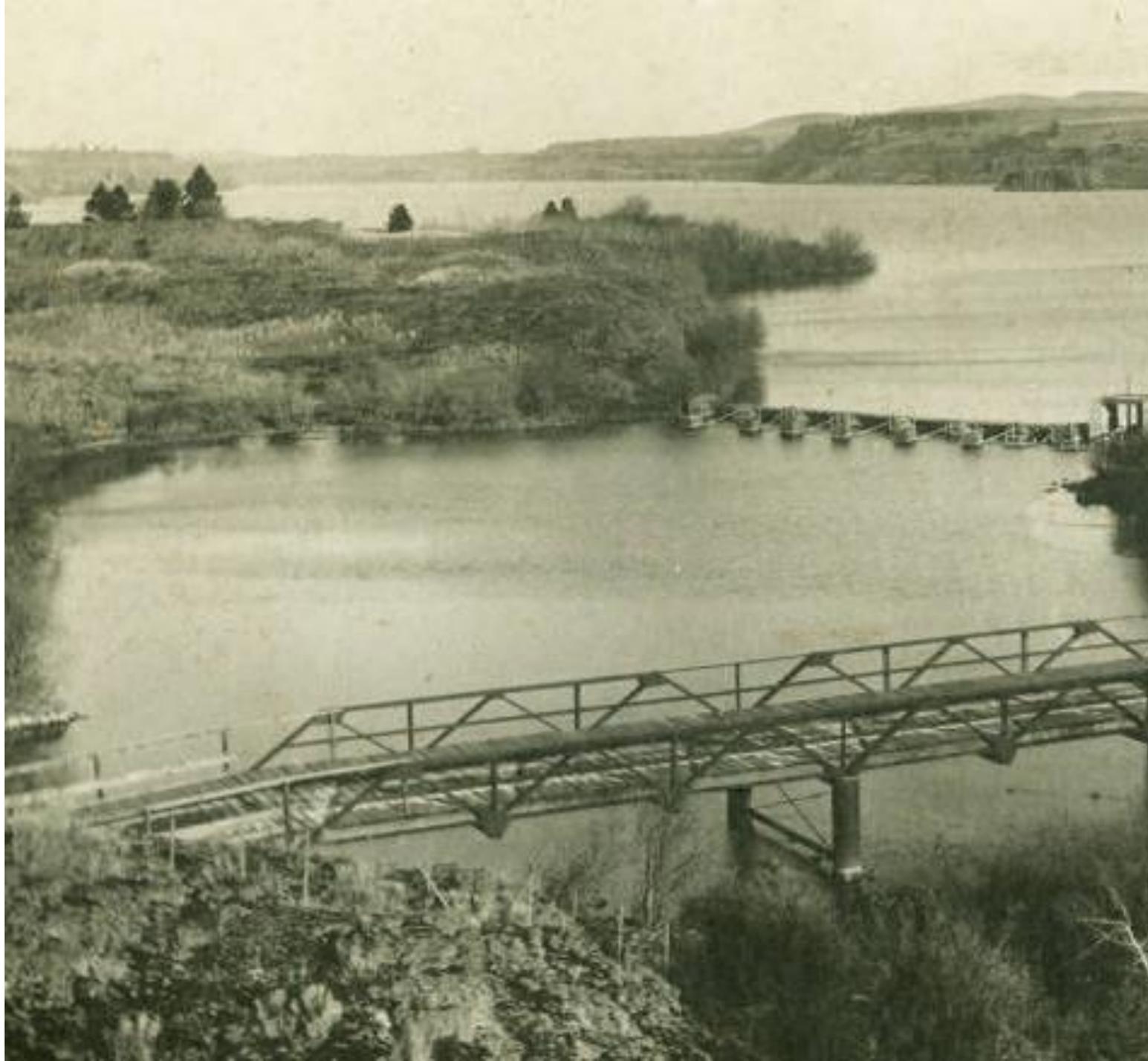
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Tekoa



Periodic Update Summary – what's changed?

- Cost Thresholds
- Streamlined Process: Ecology
- Non-conforming/ Conforming Provisions
- Exemptions: American with Disabilities Act, Federal lands, enhancement projects
- Clarification to definitions, procedures
- Wetland Delineation, Critical areas guidance
- Floating home regulations





Q&A/ Next Steps

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