

**SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Public Access Planning  
Chelan County**

June 10, 2010



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**Agenda**

- Recap April meetings
- Gaps
- Opportunities
- Proposed Shoreline Recreation Policies, Standards & Implementation Strategies
- Small Group Discussions and Evaluations

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**Recap April Meetings & Outreach**

- **Meetings:** Shared initial public access study
  - 20 citizens at Chelan meeting
  - 24 subcommittee participants
- **Questionnaires:** Distributed at meetings & by email
  - City of Chelan – 10
  - Subcommittee and General Email List – 15
- **Collected corrections, gaps, opportunities**

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**Gaps**

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**Standards to determine coverage/gaps**

- Percentage of population within 15 miles of a regional park or trail
- Percentage of population within 1.5 miles of county park/trail

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**Geography Reviewed:**

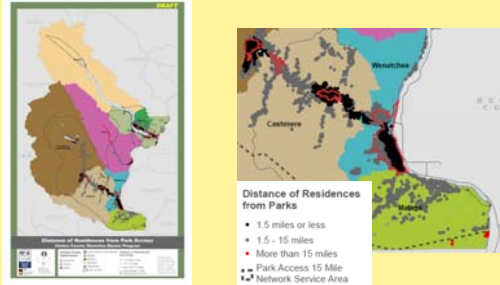
County Census Districts  
Similar to WRIA  
Boundaries

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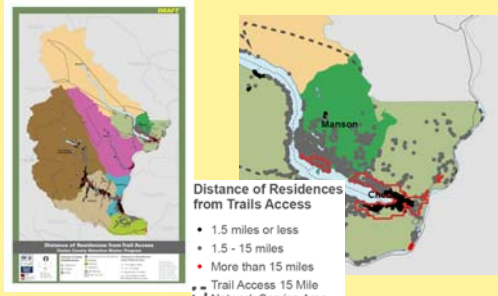
- Results: Shoreline Proximity
  - More than 90% of resident population within 15 miles of *current and/or planned* boating, fishing, trails, parks, and open space facilities
  - Around 50% of resident population within 1.5 miles of *current and/or planned* parks and trails
- Results: Shoreline Quantity
  - About 75% of shoreline acres are public/protected
  - Not distributed equally, e.g. Malaga has little
  - Acres of parks and miles of trails per 1000 would decrease over 20 years

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Parks

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Trails

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**Initial Study Areas to review further for potential gaps:**

- Malaga CCD – has fewer facilities, further distance
- *Parts* of some CCDs have fewer facilities, further distance:
  - Chelan UGA, northern
  - Wenatchee UGA & CCD, northern
  - Cashmere CCD, western
  - Leavenworth-Lake Wenatchee CCD, northern


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• Questionnaire Results – Gaps

- Lake Chelan
  - Some see gaps, e.g. north shore, others do not
- Wenatchee/Entiat CCD
  - Columbia River, between Rocky Reach Dam and Entiat
- Malaga CCD
- Leavenworth-Lake Wenatchee CCD
  - Lake Wenatchee (north shore) and Fish Lake
- Cashmere CCD
  - Peshastin

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# Opportunities



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**What are some shoreline public access opportunities?**

- Public lands:
  - Local, state, federal
  - Rights-of-way
- Land trusts
- Funding
- New development
- Other ideas

— See maps from workshops & questionnaire results

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| CCD                        | Partial List of Opportunities  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Cashmere                   |  |
| Cashmere                   | WDFW site – opportunity for developed access   |
| Peshastin                  | Peshastin Mill Flats, Dryden Dam, Lynn St. Easement  |
| Chelan                     | Don Morse Park, Lakeside Park, Lakeside Micro Park, Chelan River                                   |
| Entiat                     | City waterfront plan area and Entiat Park, Entiat River public access, Columbia River PUD property |
| Leavenworth-Lake Wenatchee |  |
| Leavenworth                | UGA private park   |
| Lake Wenatchee             | North shore Lake Wenatchee, road around lake, Fish Lake  |
| Malaga                     | PUD, County, US Govt properties, public/private partnership  |
| Manson                     | Bureau of Rec, Manson Marina, Pine Crest, Private if compensated                                   |
| Wenatchee                  | South of bridge, two access/restoration sites  |


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### Proposed Shoreline Recreation Standards & Recommendations

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### Sample of Current Policies

- County P&R Plan: Encourage public access to shoreline areas in the development and maintenance of park and recreation opportunities, where consistent with the protection of critical areas and private property rights. (Goal PR2, Policy 3)
- Current SMP: Priority should be given to developments ... which provide the public with recreational areas, facilities and/or access to shorelines. (Policy 17.a)

*Potential Policies – see handout*

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### Proposed Public Access Standards for Chelan County

- Base on State RCO (though for shorelines)
  - More than 90% of resident population within 15 miles of *regional* boating, fishing, trails, parks, and open space facilities
  - More than 50% of resident population within 1.5 miles of *local/community* shoreline parks and trails

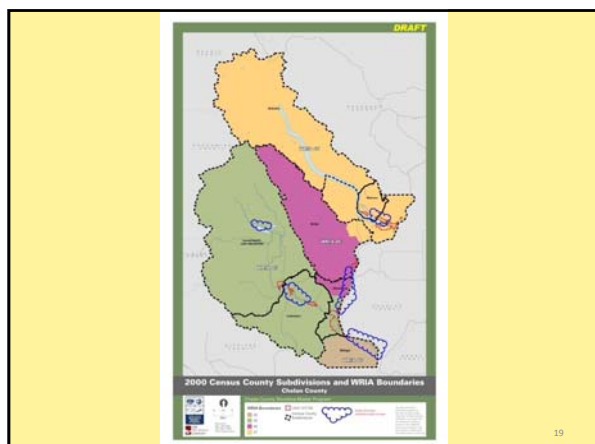
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### Recommendations by Area

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**Guiding Principles – new shoreline recreation proposals**

- Where:
  - Focus on gap areas where 2 or more facility types are missing in area, e.g. boating, fishing, trails, parks, accessible open space
  - Provide new facilities or enhance existing facilities on existing public lands
  - Acquire property or easements to implement adopted public access plans or to recognize unique opportunities
- How:
  - Focus on funding opportunities
  - Be open to public/private partnerships
  - Recognize the need to maintain and operate facilities
  - Do not duplicate efforts by other agencies
  - Partner with other agencies wherever appropriate or possible

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**County Support other Agency Efforts**

- Cashmere CCD
  - Peshastin: Port & WDFW
  - Dryden: PUD
- Planning
  - Fishing Easements: WDFW
  - Trails: PUD, Cashmere, Leavenworth
- Manson CCD
  - BOR
  - PUD
  - Parks & Rec. District

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**County Shoreline Access Prelim. Proposal Areas**

- Malaga CCD
  - Malaga at Columbia River
- Wenatchee/Entiat CCDs
  - Columbia River Between Rocky Reach & Entiat
- Leavenworth- Lake Wenatchee CCD
  - North shore Lake Wenatchee
- Chelan CCD
  - North shore Lake Chelan

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**Malaga CCD**

- Facilities & Proximity
  - 176 acres of shoreline public & protected lands
  - Some fishing access – lakes
  - 0 acres of shoreline parks – more than 1.5 miles away
  - 0 miles of shoreline trails – more than 1.5 miles away
  - 0 boating facilities – within 15 miles of boating
  - Lack of opportunities on Columbia River

**Distance to Parks >1.5 mi**

Malaga

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**Malaga**

- Confluence of Stemilt Creek and Columbia River
- PUD property
- Alcoa – if public/private partnership possible

**Opportunities: April 2010**

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**Malaga Recommendations**

- Acquisition or joint agreement with public agency, or a public/private partnership
- Possible facility: Park with boating facilities, trail, and fishing
- Several Possible Locations under review – PUD, Federal, Alcoa


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**Wenatchee CCD**

Distance to Parks > 1.5 miles

- Good access in City limits – boating, fishing, trails, parks
- Good access everywhere within 15 miles of all types of facilities
- Gap in northern UGA and between Wenatchee and Entiat north of Rocky Reach dam ~1.5 miles distance to parks and trails




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**Wenatchee/Entiat CCD**

- PUD properties along Columbia River

**Opportunities**



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**Wenatchee/Entiat CCD Recommendations**

- Support City Parks and Recreation Plan which includes adding +200 shorelines acres for public access
- Partner with PUD and BLM on possible properties
- Type of facilities ~ water trail for kayaks on Columbia River?

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**Leavenworth- Lake Wenatchee CCD**

- Gap, north shore Lake Wenatchee
- Significant public & protected land
- State Park on east
- Campgrounds on south
- Boating & fishing access at park and campgrounds
- Lack of formal park on north where there are more residents




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**Leavenworth- Lake Wenatchee CCD**

- Opportunities & Recommendations: Lake Wenatchee
- Possible property: USFS land
- Could partner with USFS and Land Trust to develop public park & boat launch on north shore




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**Chelan CCD**

- Gap: North shore Lake Chelan in UGA
- Within 15 miles of boating, fishing, & parks
- Lack parks and trails within 1.5 miles

Distance to Parks >1.5 mi



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**Chelan CCD**

- Opportunities & Recommendations: Limited
- Opportunity: Dietrich Road
- Proposal: Fishing pier with ADA access, vault restroom, small parking area
- Would require small acquisition adjacent to right-of-way for parking
- Look for partner agencies



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### Implementation Strategies

- SMP Rules:** Identification of actions to be taken to
  - develop public shoreline access to shorelines on public property,
  - recommended projects, and/or
  - requirements for shoreline permits, recognizing that the planning process may also justify more flexible off-site or special area public access provisions
- Proposed Chelan County approach**
  - Focus on public properties and recommended projects in gap areas
  - Avoid permit requirements unless required by SMP rules (e.g. non-water oriented commercial or industrial)

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### Grant Programs

- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Account
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Habitat Conservation
- National Audubon Society Together Green Innovation Grant
- NOAA/American Rivers Habitat Restoration partnership
- Partner with a local teacher and the National Environmental Education Foundation for outdoor education grants

### Grants, cont. Local Funding

- Grants (cont)
  - Small Grants program at U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation
- Local Taxing options
  - Conservation Futures Tax – Property Tax
  - Regular Property Taxes
  - Sales and Use Tax
  - Real Estate Excise Tax
- Other sources
  - General Obligation Bonds
  - Donations, Bequests, Gifts

*Focusing on projects means focusing on funding*

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### Key Issues

- Funding is limited
- Need to ensure maintenance


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### Next Steps

- Discuss & finalize recommendations
  - See discussion questions
- Meeting with agencies and potential partners on preliminary projects
- Develop County Shoreline Public Access Plan & SMP policies & standards
- SMP Public meetings & hearings

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### Discussion Questions

- Shoreline Standards – 15 mile and 1.5 mile distance and percentage of population
  - Could largely be met by current & planned facilities
  - Is this a reasonable standard for the County?
- Policies
  - What policies do you like?
  - Need to change?
  - Are missing?
- Shoreline proposals for Malaga, Wenatchee/Entiat, Lake Wenatchee, Chelan
  - Right location & types of facilities?
  - Are we missing a major gap/opportunity?
- Implementation
  - Where should County look for funding?
  - Who are viable partners that could maintain sites? Federal, state, county, city, PUD, parks districts, land trusts, volunteers?

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