

City of Enumclaw Shoreline Master Program Public Access Plan Enumclaw, Washington



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Public access is one of the three overarching State goals for shoreline management under the Shoreline Management Act (SMA). The SMA requires local governments to assure that shoreline recreational development is given priority. Local governments are required to promote and enhance the public interest with regard to rights to access waters held in public trust by the State while protecting private property rights and public safety.

Shoreline public access improvements are intended to enhance recreational uses and allow for enjoyment of the natural beauty of the City of Enumclaw's (City's) shorelines while sustaining a high level of ecological functioning. Specific uses for different public areas will be detailed in the Shoreline Master Program code and are consistent with the City of Enumclaw Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Master Plan (City of Enumclaw 2006). Existing and potential future shoreline public access areas have been selected that meet the following criteria: establish connectivity among existing public access areas; allow for shoreline public access points, including view points to shoreline areas; minimize impacts to ecologically critical areas; and provide access to historical resources. This document describes opportunities for improvements to existing publicly-owned land (within the City or its Urban Growth Area) that will increase public access to Boise and Newaukum creeks, and the White River, while also providing increased connectivity across the City (Photographs 1 and 2).



Photograph 1. View of Mount Rainier from City of Enumclaw Park.



Photograph 2. Fall colors on display along the Enumclaw Foothills Trail.

2.0 METHODS

In order to identify potential for public access improvements, we reviewed existing park and trail information both within the City and in nearby rural King County areas. The City is providing information to citizens through its website and open houses, in order to collect information for future public access and land use policies for shoreline areas. As part of the process for creating the City's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Master Plan, the City held public meetings to solicit input from citizens on their vision of park improvements needed in the City (City of Enumclaw 2006), some of which are relevant to shoreline areas. Property owners of land within the shoreline jurisdiction will also be contacted on an individual basis by the City to solicit comments. All of this information will be analyzed to identify projects for public access improvement. For descriptive purposes, the shoreline jurisdiction has been divided into four shoreline management zones (SMZs) as shown on Figure C-1.

3.0 RESULTS

Areas that are determined to have potential for priority shoreline public access improvement are shown on Figure C-2 and described below.

3.1 ENUMCLAW FOOTHILLS TRAIL SYSTEM

Along Shorelines of Statewide Significance, the SMA directs local governments to increase public access to publicly-owned shoreline areas (RCW 90.58.020). No such areas exist with the SMZ; however, the City's SMZ areas can provide an important link between public trails located to the north and south of the City that connect to the White River. The Enumclaw Foothills Trail, within King County (King County website 2007), is planned to link with the Pierce County Foothills Trail System and includes a proposed bridge crossing of the White River, along with visual and potential physical access to the shoreline (King County website 2007). The corridor may provide connectivity between the cities of Enumclaw and Buckley and farther south to the Pierce County Foothills Trail system, which would provide connectivity to the Puyallup River Trail (Pierce County 2008).

The southern portion of the Enumclaw Foothills Trail, which runs alongside a tributary to Boise Creek, includes a paved patch along the western side of the main tributary to Boise Creek. The trail continues both south and north of the City/Urban Growth Area in King County (Photographs 3, 4, and 5). Boise Creek Park, which is located partially within SMZ 1 and contains wetlands that drain directly into Boise Creek, may also be improved in conjunction with aesthetic, ecological, and public



Photograph 3. King County portion of Foothills Trail (facing north from SE 432nd Street).



Photograph 4. View of Enumclaw Foothills Trail (facing south from Warner Avenue).



Photograph 5. Enumclaw Foothills Trail adjacent to SR 410 and tributaries to Boise Creek (facing south from Good Will Park).

access improvement to the southern portion of the existing Foothills Trail. A priority public access project, under the Enumclaw Paths and Trails Plan (City of Enumclaw 2000), includes extension of the “central spine” of existing trails via connection through the City, connectivity with other parks, including (from south to the north) Veterans Memorial Park, Veterans Triangle Park, Good Will Park, and Guenther Park, and numerous historical buildings located in the center of town (see Figure C-1). In



Photograph 6. Location of part of the proposed loop trail (facing east along SE 440th Street).

addition, a proposed loop trail system would incorporate areas within SMZ 1 (Photograph 6). Safe access from the trail, across State Route (SR) 410, to Boise Creek Park (see Figure C-1) will improve public access connectivity.

An open space area consisting of vacant City-owned properties currently contains trails, although the area is fairly degraded from both an ecological and aesthetic perspective (Photographs 7 and 8). This area is surrounded by some vacant privately-owned properties; these property owners may be important partners for the City for rehabilitation of this general area.



Photograph 7. Open space area within SMZ 1 located north of Guenther Park that connects to the Foothills Trail.



Photograph 8. View of Enumclaw Foothills Trail (facing north from the open-space area).

3.2 MAHLER PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Shoreline areas within Mahler Park (within SMZ 1) provide recreational and public access values moderately given lack of access in most of the area. This area has high potential for access and recreation, but is currently limited due to lack of parking, trails, or signage. In addition, the area provides educational or scientific values moderately, based primarily on portions of it being in public ownership,

containing habitat for many fish and other wildlife species, and being relatively undisturbed. It provides uniqueness and heritage values well due to the presence of federally listed or state priority species and its proximity to a wildlife corridor and a King County stream restoration project site.

3.3 CITY OF ENUMCLAW PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Shoreline areas within the Enumclaw Golf Course (SMZ 2) provide values (uniqueness and heritage, recreational and public access, as well as educational and scientific values) moderately based primarily on its being in public ownership, having recreational uses, and supporting the largest spawning concentration of coho salmon in Boise Creek (Photograph 9). Limitations to values primarily consist of the degree of habitat degradation, and limited public access to all areas (that is not golf-related).



Photograph 9. Wetland within SMZ 2 Sub-area A, near golf course hole 2, showing native plantings.

There are trails within the golf course that allow public access to shorelines. A Golf Course Master Plan will be developed to detail plans for improvements, which may include items previously identified by the citizen golf advisory committee (such as: turf condition; drainage and irrigation; furnishing upgrades; clubhouse improvement; parking improvement; bridge replacement; and stream bank reinforcement) (City of Enumclaw 2006). In addition, the plan should include ecological restoration activities (as described in the Shoreline Characterization Report), ecologically sound golf course maintenance guidelines (Best Management Practices), and shoreline access improvements (such as wildlife viewing areas and informational signs). Some of the access bridges and walkways may need to be rerouted and replaced with select viewing locations in order to minimize impacts to the shoreline and allow for wider riparian buffers. New trails may also improve connectivity to adjacent Parks, such as the Enumclaw Exposition Center (and planned Equestrian Center).

3.4 COORDINATION ASPECTS

Resources for park and habitat improvement projects within the City's shorelines may be coordinated with other programs. Such resources include, but are not limited to:

- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Grant Program – a state grant program that funds new parks, wildlife habitat, and working farms.

- The Mid Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group – a non-profit organization that works with communities to maximize self-sustaining salmon populations. It works cooperatively with private landowners, agencies, tribes, and others to identify, design, and implement projects that improve salmon habitat.

4.0 USE OF THIS REPORT

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of the City of Enumclaw and applicable regulatory agencies for specific application to the City of Enumclaw Shoreline Master Program. The reuse of information, conclusions, and recommendations provided herein for extensions of the project or for any other project, without review and authorization by Landau Associates, shall be at the user's sole risk. Landau Associates warrants that within the limitations of scope, schedule, and budget, our services have been provided in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions as this project. We make no other warranty, either express or implied.

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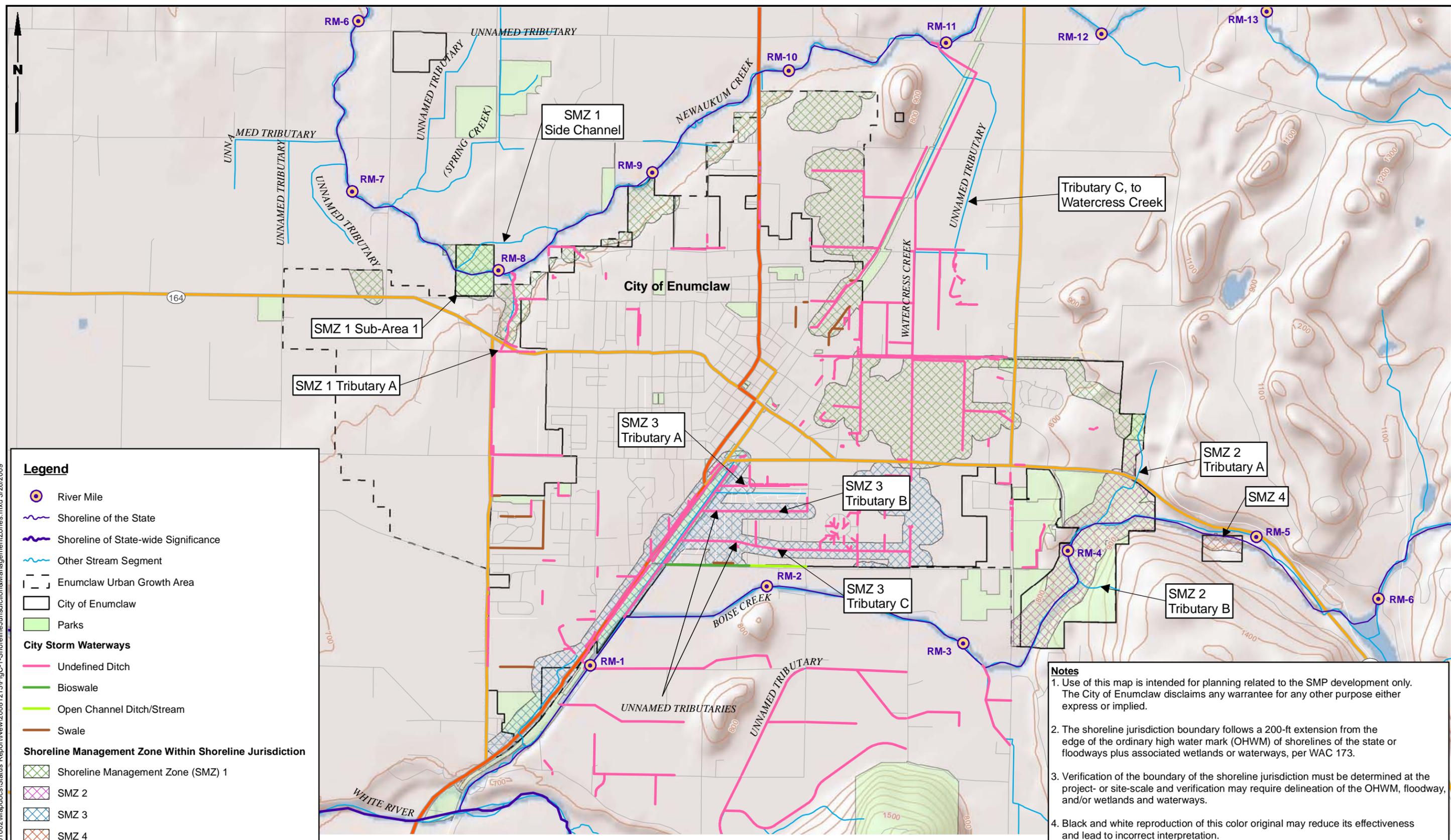
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- Shoreline of the State
- Shoreline of State-wide Significance
- Other Stream Segment
- Enumclaw Urban Growth Area
- City of Enumclaw
- Parks

City Storm Waterways

- Undefined Ditch
- Bioswale
- Open Channel Ditch/Stream
- Swale

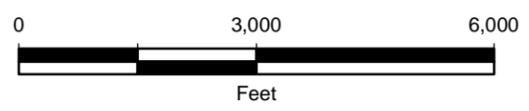
Shoreline Management Zone Within Shoreline Jurisdiction

- Shoreline Management Zone (SMZ) 1
- SMZ 2
- SMZ 3
- SMZ 4

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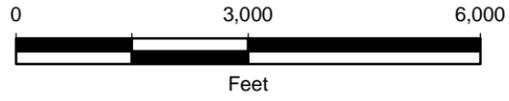
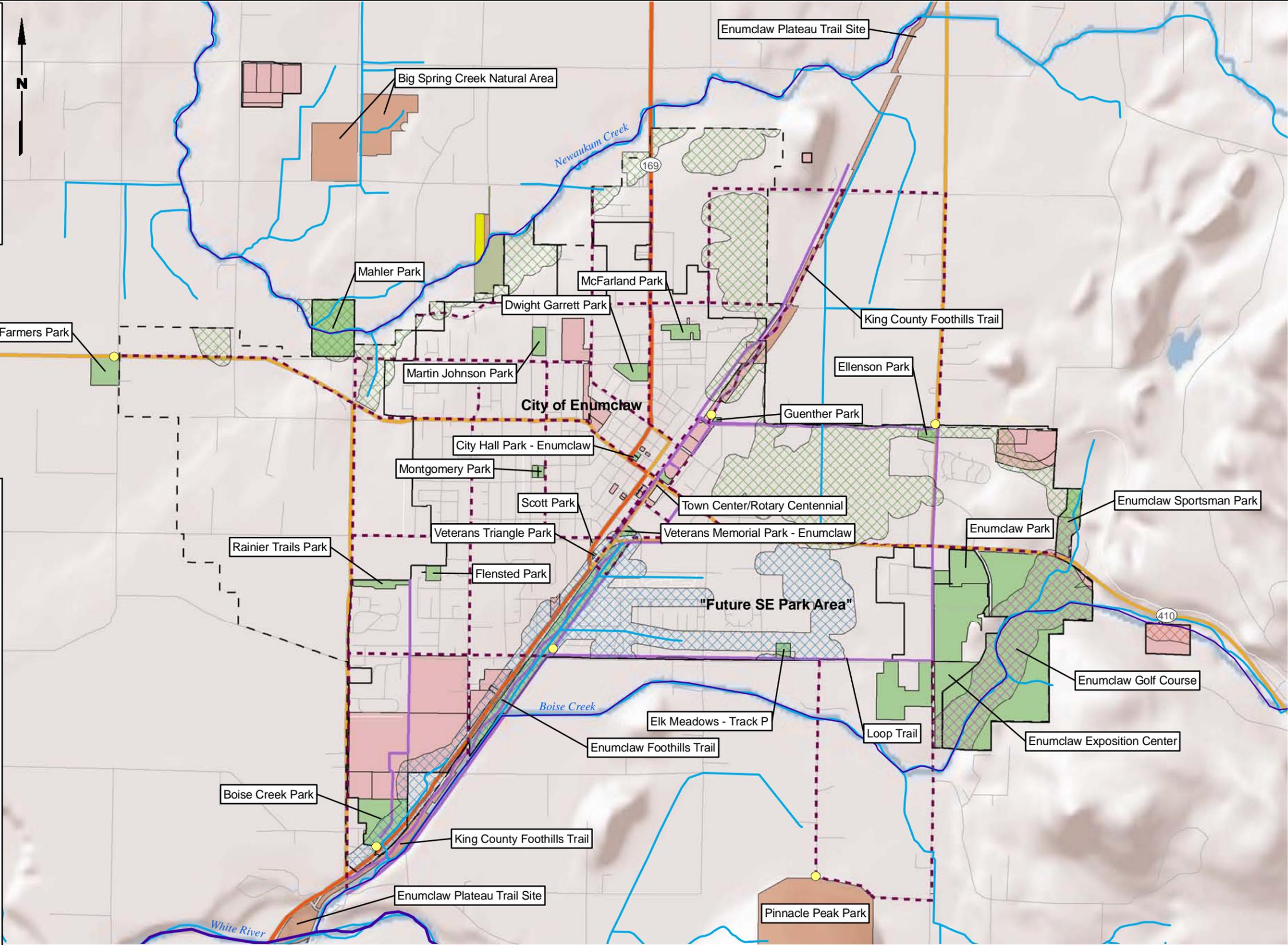
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Shoreline Management Zones Within Shoreline Jurisdiction

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- SMZ 2
- SMZ 3
- SMZ 4

City of Enumclaw Existing and Proposed Trail System

- City of Enumclaw Trailheads
- Current Trails, Bikeways, and Connectors
- Proposed Future Trails, and Bikeways
- City of Enumclaw Parks
- City of Enumclaw-owned Property
- King County Shoreline Access Gap Area (per SMP)
- King County Natural Lands (Informal Access)
- King County Park



Data Sources: Ecology; King County GIS; City of Enumclaw; WDFW

<p>City of Enumclaw Shoreline Master Program Enumclaw, Washington</p>	<p>Public Lands and Priority Shoreline Access Locations</p>	<p>Figure C-2</p>
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