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COUNCIL MEETINGS
SECOND AND FOURTH
MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH

August 17, 2017

Washington State Department of Ecology
Attn.: Director's Office
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

RE: City of Sumas SMP Update
Final Adoption

Dear Director,

In November of last year, the Department of Ecology sent a letter of conditional approval to the City of Sumas regarding the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update that identified required and recommended changes necessary to ensure that the City's draft SMP was consistent with applicable state requirements. In May of this year, following review by the Sumas City Council of Ecology's required changes, the City responded to Ecology by providing proposed alternative language for some of the required changes. In June of this year, the City received your letter dated June 16, 2017 stating Ecology's acceptance of the City's proposed alternative language. The City Council also reviewed Ecology's recommended changes and determined that most, but not all, of the recommended changes were acceptable.

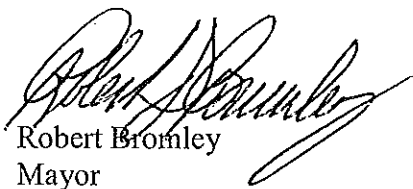
Based on the above agreement between the City and Ecology regarding required changes and the City's further determination regarding recommended changes, the City prepared a final SMP Update document and held a final public hearing on July 24, 2017 to receive public testimony regarding adoption of the Sumas SMP. The final SMP considered at the public hearing incorporated all of the agreed to required changes and the following recommended changes: #1 through #12 and #16 as presented by Ecology.

Following the closing of the public hearing, the Sumas City Council took action on August 14, 2017 through Ordinance No. 1708 to adopt the updated Shoreline Master Program, subject to final approval by the Department of Ecology. A copy of Ordinance No. 1708, including the attached Exhibit A (full adopted SMP) has been included with this letter.

On behalf of the Sumas City Council, I want to thank you and your staff for the support we have received, both financial and technical, over the course of the past several years. The grant funding that Ecology provided made it possible for us to pursue this major update, and the technical support provided by your staff, in particular Chad Yunge from the Bellingham Field Office, greatly improved the quality of the final Master Program.

We look forward to receiving your letter of final approval, after which time the updated Master Program will go into effect.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Bromley
Mayor