Attachment B – Ecology Required Changes to City of Sumas SMP

The following changes are required to comply with the SMA (RCW 90.58) and the SMP Guidelines (WAC 173-26, Part III):

ITEM	SMP Submittal PROVISION (Cite)	TOPIC	BILL FORMAT CHANGES (underline = additions; strikethrough = deletions)	RATIONALE
01	15.04.230	Official Shoreline Map	The following note shall be placed on the Official Shoreline Map: Areas not identified as being included in any specific environment designation shall be assigned a designation based on the criteria outlined in SMC 15.04.230.	WAC 173-26-211 requires that a note be placed on the Official Shoreline Map, in addition to the text of the master program, to address unmapped shoreline areas that may exist. This minor change adds the required map note that references the existing language in the master program.
02	15.04.230	Official Shoreline Map	E. Wetland boundary shown on the Official Shoreline Map are approximate, and regulatory boundaries for wetlands shall be established through site-specific delineation required pursuant to Section 15.04.471.	The purpose of the Official Shoreline Map is to illustrate shoreline environment designation boundaries consistent with WAC 173-26-211. This change directs the reader to the appropriate section of the SMP that requires wetland delineation and rating based on defined processes.
03	15.04.540.C.3.d	Dredging	No dredging shall be conducted without the responsible person having obtained a shoreline conditional use permit and a substantial development permit or statement of exemption as appropriate, and where required, a Hydraulic Project Approval permit from the State and all other permits required by state and federal agencies.	This change clarifies the fact that a conditional use permit is required in addition to either a substantial development permit or statement of exemption. According to WAC 173-27-040(b), a development or use listed as a conditional use must obtain a conditional use permit even though the development may not require a substantial development permit.
04	15.04.180.A	Conditional Use Permit Criteria	The purpose of a conditional use permit is to allow greater flexibility in the application of the use regulations of this program in a manner consistent with the policies of RCW 90.58.020; PROVIDED that, conditional use permits may also be granted for a use not included in the enumerated permitted and conditional uses in a circumstance where denial of the permit would result in a thwarting of the policy enumerated in RCW 90.58.020. In authorizing a conditional use, special conditions may be attached by the City or the Department of Ecology to prevent undesirable effects of the proposed use and/or to ensure consistency of the project with the Act and this master program.	These changes delete language that is inconsistent with the review criteria for conditional use permits. WAC 173-27-160(3) allows uses that are not classified or set forth in a master program to be considered through the conditional use permit process as long as the applicant can demonstrate consistency with the conditional use criteria. The requirement to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances that preclude reasonable use of property and
05	15.04.180.C	Conditional Use Permit Criteria	Other uses which are not classified or set forth in this program may be authorized as conditional uses provided the applicant can demonstrate consistency with the requirements of this section and the requirements for conditional uses contained in the this master program and that extraordinary circumstances preclude reasonable use of the property in a manner consistent with the use regulations of the master program.	approval where denial would thwart RCW 90.58.020, are criteria associated with a shoreline variance request (WAC 173-27-170).
06	15.04.190.E	Variance Permit Criteria	Requests for varying the use to which a shoreline area is to be put are not requests for variances, but rather requests for conditional uses. Such requests shall be evaluated using the criteria set forth in Section 15.04.180 of this program.	WAC 173-27-170(5) prohibits a variance from the use regulations of a master program. The purpose of a conditional use permit is to provide flexibility in the application of use regulations for specific uses classified within a master program or for unlisted uses.

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07	15.04.471.B	Wetlands – Designation and classification		ds shall be rated (classified) as Categor ington State Department of Ecology's V recent update.	These changes are necessary to make the SMP consistent with the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available as required by RCW 90.58.100(1) and WAC 173-26-201(2)(a).	
08	15.04.473.C	Wetlands – Stand Buffers	Standard buffers where no minimizing measures are required. The following standard buffers shall be established for all wetlands where no minimizing measures.			These changes are necessary to make the SMP consistent with the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available as required by RCW 90.58.100(1) and WAC 173-26-201(2)(a).
			Wetland rating form Wetland Category Category I Category II Category III Category IV Moderate level of fu	Standard Buffer Width 250 feet 150 feet 100 feet 50 feet		
			(wetlands with habi	tat function scores of 20 to 28 on the		
			Wetland Category	Standard Buffer Width		
			Category I	150 feet		
			Category II	125 feet		
			Category III	75 feet		
				v level of function for wildlife habitat (wetlands with pitat function scores of 19 or less on the wetland		
			Wetland Category	Standard Buffer Width		
			Category I	100 feet		
			Category II	100 feet		
			Category III	75 feet		
			Category IV	50 feet		

	Buffer width (in feet) based on habitat score			
Wetland Category	<u>3-4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6-7</u>	<u>8-9</u>
Category I (based on total score)	<u>100</u>	<u>140</u>	220	<u>300</u>
Category II (based on total score)	<u>100</u>	<u>140</u>	220	<u>300</u>
Category III (based on total score)	<u>80</u>	<u>140</u>	220	<u>300</u>
Category IV (based on total score)	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

2. Standard buffers where minimizing measures are required.

The following standard buffers shall be established for all wetlands where minimizing measures as set forth under subsection (3), below, are required and buffers are based on classification (rating) and level of function for wildlife habitat. Standard buffers are assumed to be comprised of an intact native vegetation community.

	Buffer width (in feet) based on habitat score			
Wetland Category	<u>3-4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6-7</u>	<u>8-9</u>
Category I	<u>75</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>225</u>
Category II	<u>75</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>225</u>
Category III	<u>60</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>225</u>
Category IV	40	40	40	40

3. Minimizing measures.

The smaller standard buffers set forth under subsection (2), above, shall be applicable where the minimizing measures established in the following table are required AND in those cases where the wetland has a habitat score of five or more an undisturbed vegetated corridor at least 100 feet wide is provided between the wetland and another priority habitat:

Disturbance	Required Measure to Minimize Impacts	
Lights	Direct lights away from wetland	
Noise	Locate activity that generates noise away from wetland	
	• If warranted, enhance existing buffer with native vegetation plantings	
	adjacent to noise source	
	For activities that generate relatively continuous, potentially disruptive noise such as certain heavy industry or mining, establish an additional 10-foot	
	heavily vegetated buffer strip immediately adjacent to the outer edge of the	
Toxic runoff	wetland buffer • Pouts all new untreated runoff away from watland while ensuring watland is	
TOXIC TURIOTI	Route all new, untreated runoff away from wetland while ensuring wetland is not de-watered	
	• Establish covenants limiting use of pesticides within 150 feet of wetland	
	Apply integrated pest management	
Stormwater runoff	Retrofit stormwater detention and treatment for roads and existing adjacent	
<u> </u>	development	
	• Prevent channelized flow from lawns that directly enters the buffer	
	• Use Low Impact Development techniques	
Change in water regime	• Infiltrate or treat, detain and disperse into buffer new runoff from impervious	
	surfaces and new lawns	
Pets and human disturbance	• Use privacy fencing OR plant dense vegetation to delineate buffer edge and	
	to discourage disturbance using vegetation appropriate for the ecoregion	
	• Place wetland and its buffer in a separate tract or protect with a conservation	
	<u>easement</u>	
<u>Dust</u>	• <u>Use best management practices to control dust</u>	

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09	15.04.473.E.2	Wetlands – Buffer Reductions	total bu provide buffer a Categor	Averaging. Standard buffers nuffer area is not reduced belowed, further, that the standard averaging will improve the overy I wetland is prohibited. But on based on mitigation.	w the area that would result buffer is not reduced by mor erall protection of the wetlar	These changes are necessary to make the SMP consistent with the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available as required by RCW 90.58.100(1) and WAC 173-26-201(2)(a).		
10	15.04.474.C	Wetlands – Mitigation Ratios		owing ratios shall be used as d or enhanced in relation to t	_	=	uffer to be created,	These changes are necessary to make the SMP consistent with the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available as required by RCW 90.58.100(1) and WAC 173-26-201(2)(a).
				Wetland Category	Area Created/Restored : Area Lost	Area Enhanced : Area Lost		
				Category I	6:1	12:1		
				Category II - forested	3:1	9 :1	1	
				Category II — scrub/shrub or emergent; Category III	2:1	6:1		
				Category IV	1.25:1	3:1		
					M	litigation Ratio		
				Wetland Category	Creation or Reestablishment	Rehabilitation	Enhancement	
				<u>Category I</u>	<u>4:1</u>	<u>8:1</u>	<u>16:1</u>	
				Category II	3:1	<u>6:1</u>	<u>12:1</u>	
				<u>Category III</u>	<u>2:1</u>	<u>4:1</u>	<u>8:1</u>	
				Category IV	1.5:1	3:1	6:1	

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11	15.04.475.A	Activities allowed in wetlands, streams and buffers	Surface water discharge into Category II, III, and IV wetlands and their buffers, Category I wetland buffers, and/or streams and their buffers when no other alternatives for discharge are feasible and the discharge is designed to minimize physical, hydrologic and ecological impacts to the wetland or stream. Surface water discharge into a Category II wetland buffer may be considered as a conditional use where demonstrated to maintain or enhance existing ecological functions.	These changes are necessary to make the SMP consistent with the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available as required by RCW 90.58.100(1) and WAC 173-26-201(2)(a).
12	15.04.475.B.5		Buried utility lines are constructed in a manner that prevents adverse impacts to subsurface drainage, such as through the use of trench plugs and provided that the drilling does not interrupt the ground water connection to the wetland or percolation of surface water down through the soil column. Specific studies by a hydrologist are necessary to determine whether the ground water connection to the wetland or percolation of surface water down through the soil column will be disturbed.	
13	15.04.475.D		Storm water management facilities, limited to detention / retention / treatment ponds, media filtration facilities, and lagoons or infiltration basins, within a Category H, III or IV wetland buffer or stream buffer where the following criteria are met: 1. No other feasible alternative location exists; 2. The width of the buffer between the storm water facility and the wetland or stream edge is not less than twenty-five feet; 3. The facility is located, constructed, and maintained in a manner that minimizes adverse effects on the buffer and adjacent wetland or stream; 4. The storm water facility meets applicable County or state storm water management standards; and 5. Low impact development approaches have been considered and implemented to the maximum extent feasible. Storm water management facilities within Category II wetland buffers may be considered as a conditional	
14	15.04.475.E		<u>use.</u> Storm water conveyance or discharge facilities such as dispersion trenches, level spreaders, and outfalls	
			within a Category #, III, or IV wetland buffer or stream buffer where the following criteria are met:	

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15	15.04.475.E.2	Activities allowed in wetlands, streams and buffers	The discharge facility is located as far from the wetland or stream edge as possible, <u>and no closer than</u> <u>fifteen feet</u> , and is designed and constructed in a manner that minimizes disturbance of soils and vegetation	These changes are necessary to make the SMP consistent with the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available as required by RCW 90.58.100(1) and WAC
16	15.04.475.F		Passive recreation facilities that are part of a non-motorized trail system or environmental education program including walkways, wildlife viewing structures, and trails, in wetland and stream buffers provided that all of the following criteria are met: 1. Trails shall not exceed ten feet in width and shall be made of pervious material where feasible; 2. A minimum buffer of fifteen feet is maintained between the trail or facility and the wetland or stream edge; and 3. 2. The trail is constructed and will be maintained in a manner that minimizes disturbance of the buffer and the adjacent wetland or stream.; 3. Trails should generally be located in the outer twenty-five percent (25%) of the buffer area; except where shoreline access will occur; 4. Trails shall be located to avoid removal of significant trees; 5. Minor trail or walkway crossings are allowed only when alternatives are infeasible and when consistent with the mitigation standard of this program; and	173-26-201(2)(a).
17	15 04 475		6. Trails that access the shoreline of a wetland or stream shall be the minimum necessary to provide access. C. A wetland can be abysically as bydrologically altered to most the requirements of a Low Impact.	
17	15.04.475		 A wetland can be physically or hydrologically altered to meet the requirements of a Low Impact Development (LID), Runoff Treatment or Flow Control BMP if all of the following criteria are met: The wetland is classified as a Category III or Category IV wetland with a habitat score of 3-4 points, and There will be "no net loss" of functions and values of the wetland, and The wetland does not contain a breeding population of any native amphibian species, and The hydrologic functions of the wetland can be improved as outlined in questions 3, 4, 5 of Chart 4 and questions 2, 3, 4 of Chart 5 in the "Guide for Selecting Mitigation Sites Using a Watershed Approach," or the wetland is part of a priority restoration plan that achieves restoration goals identified in this Master Program or other local or regional watershed plan, and The wetland lies in the natural routing of the runoff, and the discharge follows the natural routing, and All regulations regarding stormwater and wetland management are followed, including but not limited to local and state wetland and stormwater codes, manuals, and permits, and Proposed modifications that alter the structure of a wetland or its soils include preparation of a detailed study, and existing functions and values that are lost are compensated/replaced. Stormwater LID BMPs required as part of New and Redevelopment projects can be considered	

	within wetlands and their buffers. However, these areas may contain features that render LID BMPs infeasible. A site-specific characterization is required to determine if an LID BMP is feasible at the project site.	
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1	18	15.04.478.E.2	Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas – Buffer Reductions	Buffer Averaging. Standard buffers may be reduced through the use of buffer averaging provided that the total buffer area is not reduced below the area that would result from use of the standard buffer, and provided, further, that the standard buffer is not reduced by more than 40 25 percent, and the use of buffer averaging will improve the overall protection of the resource. Buffer averaging may not be utilized in combination with buffer reductions based on mitigation, nor is it permitted in areas where a site-specific buffer has been established.	These changes are necessary to make the SMP consistent with the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available as required by RCW 90.58.100(1) and WAC 173-26-201(2)(a).