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Dear Friends, Colleagues, Neighbors and Elected Officials:

The City of Spokane Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update is underway, and I invite you to attend the upcoming SMP Open House, next Tuesday, December 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the West Central Community Center, Newton Room, 1603 North Belt Street to learn more about the update.

The Shoreline Master Program sets policy and provides standards for development along the shores of the Spokane River and Latah Creek within the city limits. Spokane's Shoreline Master Program was originally adopted in 1976, and was last amended in 1982. The Planning Services Department is updating the program to meet the requirements of the Washington State Shoreline Management Act and 2003 Shoreline Master Program Guidelines. The new SMP will address the changes in environmental science, laws, and local needs that have occurred over the last 30 years.

Presently, we have completed work on an inventory and analysis of the shorelines; developed shoreline environmental designations that are consistent with the diverse shoreline ecological conditions and land use functions; and developed shoreline goals and policies that reflect community desires and comply with the Shoreline Management Act. We are presently working on shoreline regulations and a restoration plan. We want to share all of this information with you.

The Spokane River and Latah Creek shorelines are unique assets that belong to us all – so please attend the Open House and give us your feedback.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Leroy Eadie
Director