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Public Meetings to be Held on County Shorelines Planning

OLYMPIA – A series of public meetings this month, will allow Thurston County citizens to help craft policies for eight required elements for a state-mandated update of the county’s Shoreline Master Program. The eight elements include-

- **Economic Development**, the utilization of shorelines for economically productive uses that are particularly dependent on shoreline location or use
- **Public Access**
- **Recreation**
- **Circulation**, including public transportation and other public utilities and facilities
- **Usage**, including housing, business, industry, transportation, agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education and public buildings and grounds
- **Conservation**, protection and restoration of the ecological functions of shoreline natural resources
- **Historic**, cultural, scientific, and educational values
- **Flood** damage prevention and mitigation

Four public meetings are scheduled in March from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hear citizens' views and concerns regarding the eight elements of the Shoreline Master Program.

**Wednesday 03/04/2009**
Yelm Community Schools District Office
107 First St N
Yelm, WA
360-458-1900

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Tuesday 03/10/2009  
Lacey Community Center  
Woodland Creek Community Park  
6729 Pacific Ave SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  

Wednesday 03/11/2009  
Griffin Fire Hall  
3707 Steamboat Loop Rd NW  
Olympia, WA 98502  
360-866-9000  

Thursday 03/12/2009  
Black Lake Fire Department Station 95  
5911 Black Lake Blvd SW  
Olympia WA 98512  

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