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January 7, 2015

The Honorable Denise McCluskey
City of University Place
3715 Bridgeport Way W.
University Place, WA 98466

**Re: City of University Place Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval, Resolution No. 736**

Dear Mayor McCluskey:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of University Place (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Significant effort was invested in this update, and the SMP will provide a framework to guide development and environmental protection in the City's shoreline areas into the future.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified specific changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These changes are detailed in Attachment B and Exhibit B-1. Recommended changes are proposed in Attachment C. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A. Attachment D contains the City's and Ecology's responses to public comments received during Ecology's review of the proposed SMP.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point the City may:

- Agree to the proposed changes, or
- Submit an alternative proposal. Ecology will then review the alternative(s) submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the changes originally developed by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur when the City and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guideline requirements.



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Please provide your written response within 30 days to the Director's Office at the following address:

WA State Department of Ecology
Attention: Director's Office
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

Ecology appreciates the work that the Citizen's Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, City Council and City staff (Jeff Boers), and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program update; thank you again for your efforts.

We look forward to concluding the SMP update process in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the changes identified by Ecology, please contact our Regional Planner, Chrissy Bailey, at Chrissy.Bailey@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 407-0290.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures (4)

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