



# SHORELINES OF THE STATE 2016

King County Comprehensive Plan, 2016  
Chapter Six, Shorelines

**Current Shoreline Jurisdiction Miles**

Lake:	220
River/Stream:	1,696
Marine:	51

- Shoreline Jurisdiction**
- Aquatic Shoreline
  - Natural Shoreline
  - Forestry Shoreline
  - Resource Shoreline
  - Conservancy Shoreline
  - Rural Shoreline
  - Residential Shoreline
  - High Intensity Shoreline
  - Incorporated City
  - Potential Annexation Areas
  - City in Rural Area
  - Tribal Lands
  - Urban Growth Area Boundary
  - Forest Production District Boundary
  - Agricultural Production District Boundary
  - King County Boundary
  - Freeways

**What is included in the shoreline jurisdiction?**  
Shorelines of the State include all marine shorelines, lakes greater than 20 acres, and rivers and streams with 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) mean annual flow or greater. The shoreline jurisdiction includes these water bodies and shorelands. Shorelands are defined as those areas extending landward for two hundred feet from the ordinary high water mark, floodways and contiguous floodplain areas landward two hundred feet from such floodways, and all associated wetlands and river deltas. King County currently includes the zero-rise floodway, essentially the 100-year floodplain, in its shoreline jurisdiction.

**What is contained in the shoreline jurisdiction?**  
The updated map of the shoreline jurisdiction was developed based on State direction to:

- Include all qualifying shorelines on federal lands (these were not previously included)
- Use a 1998 USGS study to identify the location of 20 cubic feet per second flow points on streams (these are higher up in the watershed than most current points)

Further, lakes were reevaluated in relation to the 20-acre threshold given the availability of new data about lake size.

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**Data Sources:**  
King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resource Division

**Notes:**  
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