

Interim Floodplain Development Regulations Extension



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INTERIM FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

- Overview of Interim Floodplain Development Regulations
- Reason for the extension
- Public outreach to date
- Next steps



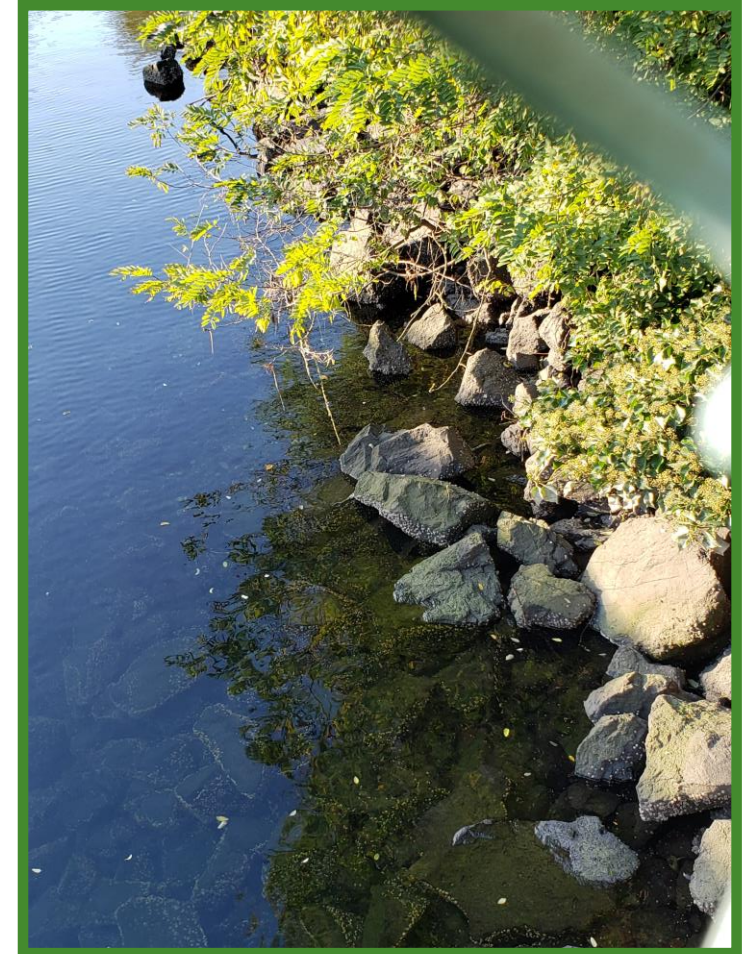
OVERVIEW OF INTERIM REGULATIONS

- In July 2020, the City Council passed and the Mayor signed [Ordinance 126113](#), establishing interim floodplain development regulations
- Contain building codes and other standards that make homes, businesses, and people safer from flooding
- Apply to permit applications for construction on property within mapped floodplain areas



OVERVIEW OF INTERIM REGULATIONS

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) produced the updated maps and established the minimum required standards for the regulations
- Due to expire on February 24, 2021. If not extended, property owners in FEMA floodplain areas may not be able to purchase flood insurance or renew existing policies



REASON FOR EXTENSION

- Need additional time to evaluate properties that are not mapped by FEMA but are mapped by SPU as “flood prone” to determine if additional areas need to be included in the regulations
- Public outreach and environmental review for the permanent regulations have taken longer than anticipated



South Park Neighborhood



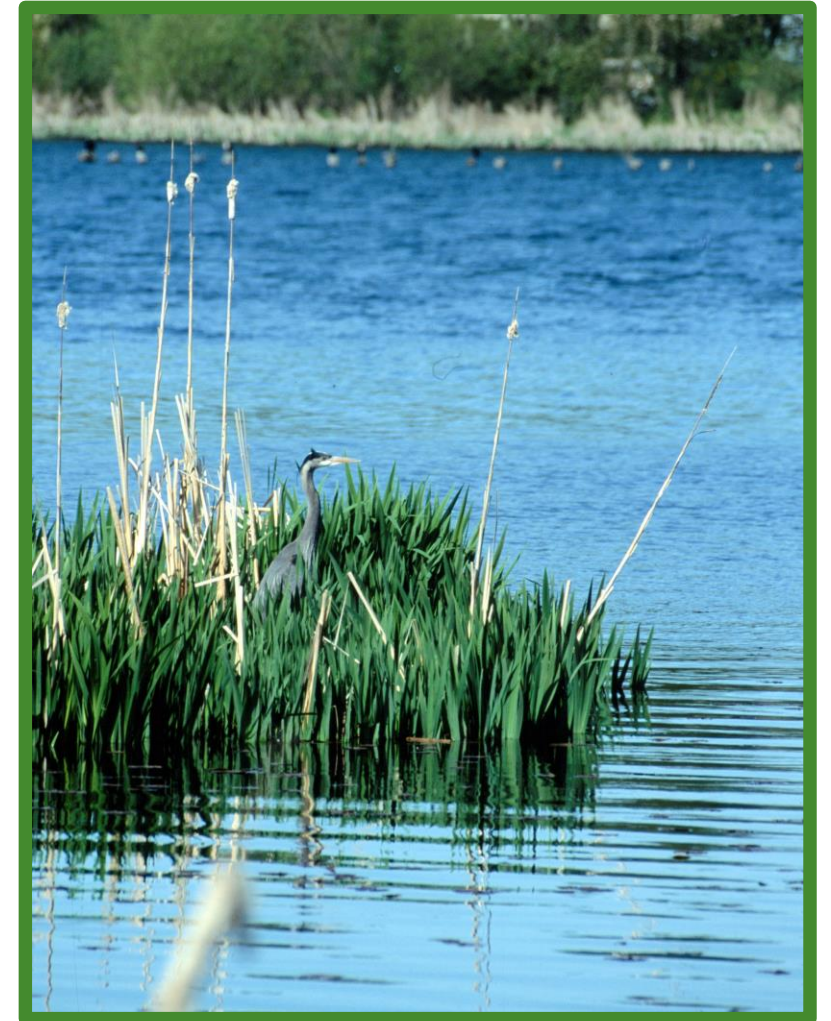
PUBLIC OUTREACH COMPLETED TO DATE

- Project Webpage - information and link to sign up for SDCI's email list
- Over 160 subscribers to the Floodplain Development Regulations Update email list
- Postcards –2,400 mailed to owners of property in the FEMA floodplain mapped areas



NEXT STEPS

- Continue with public outreach
- Work with SPU staff to evaluate if additional areas should be included as flood prone
- Develop permanent regulations



QUESTIONS?

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