CITY OF MONTESANO

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE

City of Montesano
Citizen Advisory Committee

Meeting 1 – Shoreline Environment Designations

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Montesano City Hall

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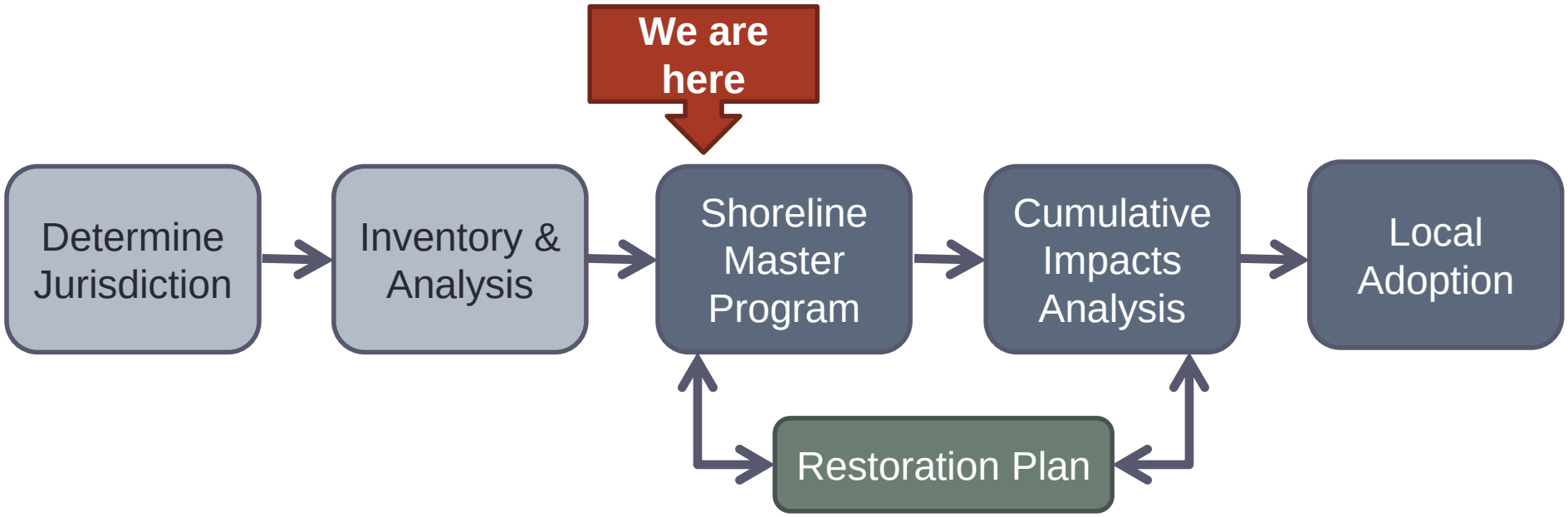
Meeting Purpose

- Discuss format for CAC meetings
- Introduce Environment Designations:
  - Discuss Ecology's requirements
  - Present background
  - Get initial feedback from CAC
- Provide background for the next CAC meeting
- Questions and discussion

Timeline


We are here
Determine Jurisdiction
Inventory & Analysis
Shoreline Master Program
Cumulative Impacts Analysis
Local Adoption
Restoration Plan

2013
2014
2015
Public Participation
Ecology Review and Adoption

Environment Designations?

- Means to regulate development and protect or enhance the character of a shoreline
- Function similar to a land use designation or a zoning district
- All shoreline areas must be assigned specific environment designations

How are they determined?

Assigned by:

1. Existing land use patterns
2. Shoreline biological and physical character
3. Goals and aspirations of the community as found in the Comprehensive Plan
4. Specific criteria for each environment designation found in WAC 173-26-211(5)

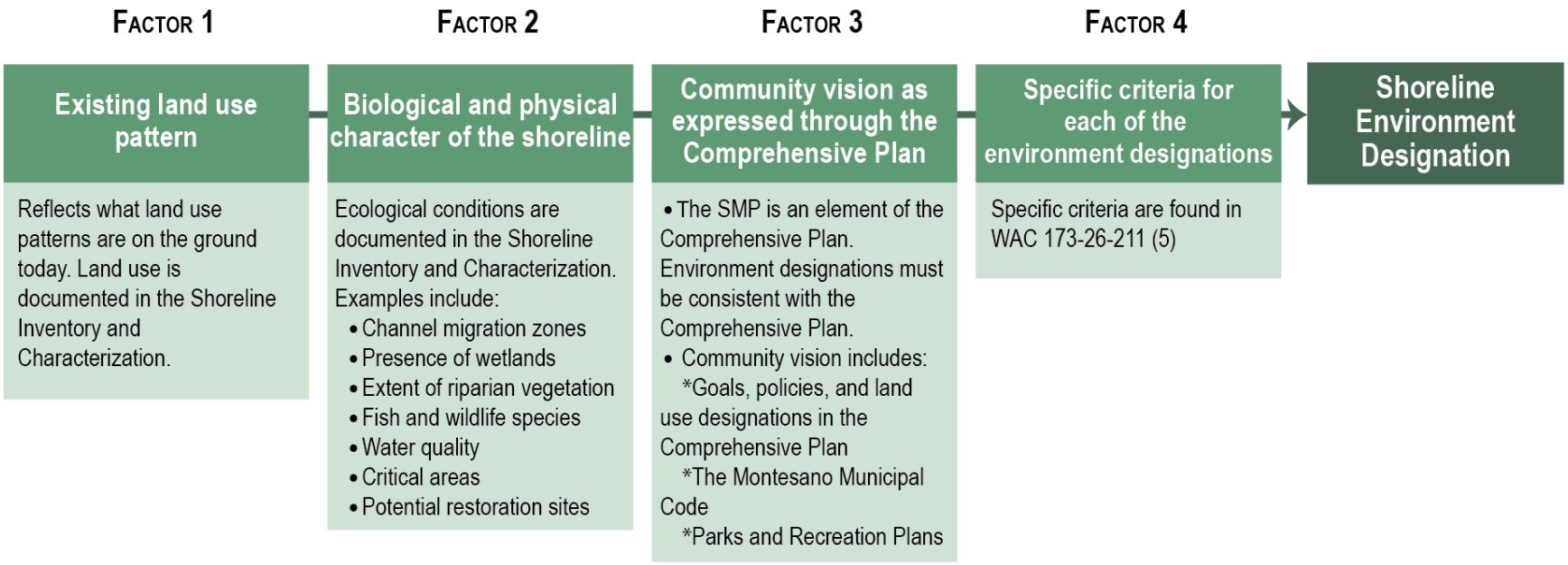
How are they determined?

1. **Existing land use patterns** – Current land uses documented in the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization and map folio
2. **Shoreline biological and physical character** – Ecological characteristics and functions identified in the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization

How are they determined?

3. **Goals and aspirations of the community as found in the Comprehensive Plan** – Includes goals, policies, and land use designations, and codes that implement the Comprehensive Plan.
4. **Specific criteria for each environment designations** – Found in WAC 173-26-211(5)

Factors in the process



What do they do?

- Each environment designation has **specific management policies and regulations** reflecting their purpose and intent
- These policies and regulations **apply to all uses** allowed within each shoreline environment designation

What do they do?: Uses

The shoreline environment designations establish what kind of uses will be:

- Permitted outright
- Need a shoreline conditional use permit
- Prohibited

What they do?: Regulation

Basis for bulk and dimensional regulations:

- Buffers/Setbacks
- Maximum heights
- Maximum impervious surface coverage
- As well as specific regulations for:
  - Site development
  - Vegetation
  - Public access

What can they be?

Five basic environment designations:

- High-intensity
- Shoreline residential
- Urban conservancy
- Natural
- Aquatic

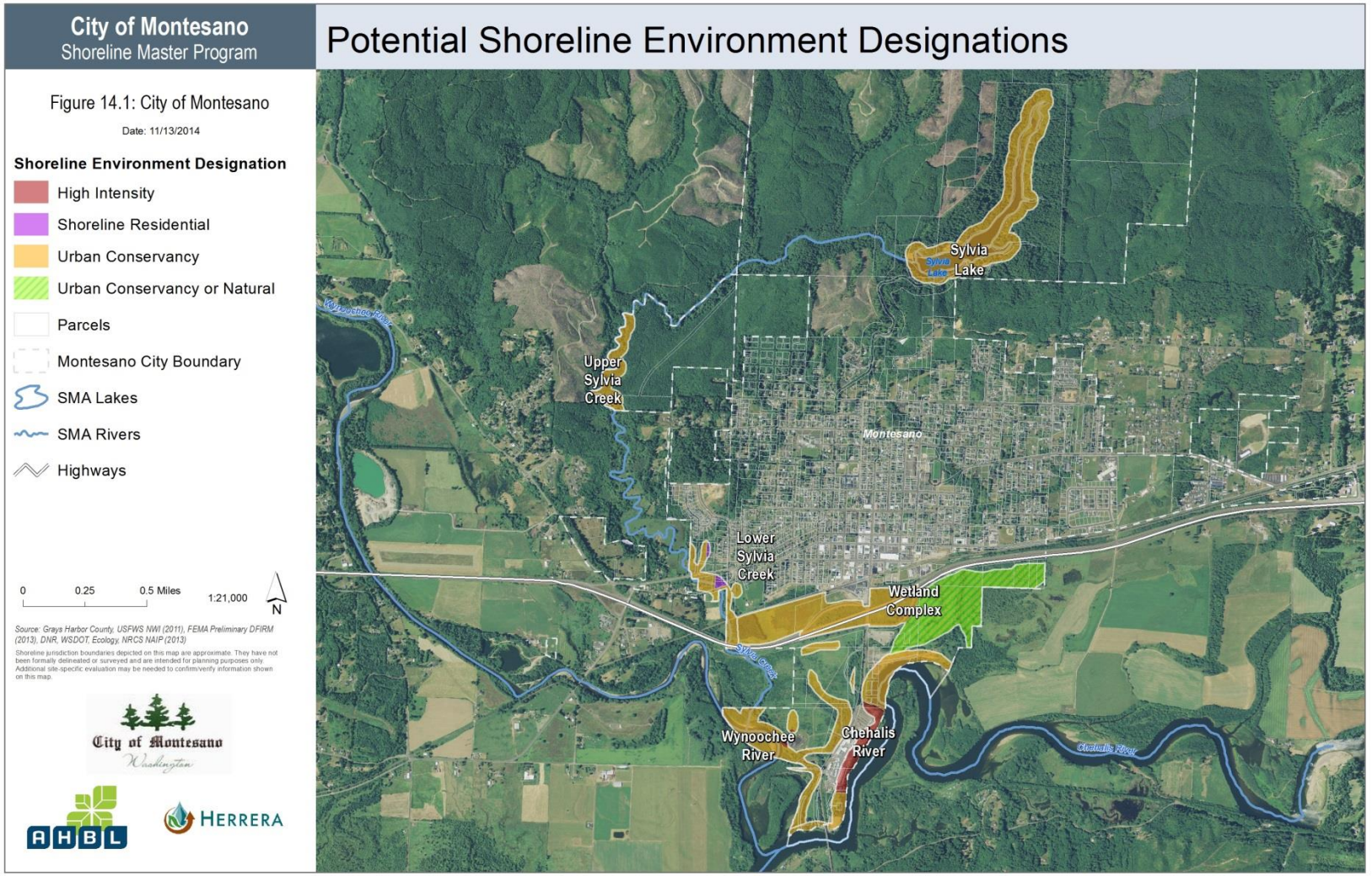
What is proposed?

Shoreline Environment Designation	Number of Reaches	Total Acres
High Intensity	2	12
Shoreline Residential	1	2
Urban Conservancy	6	209
Natural	1*	59
Aquatic	6	71
Total		**353**

*Needs input from CAC

Note: There are 6 reaches in the City, a reach may have more than one environment designation.

Proposed Environment Designations



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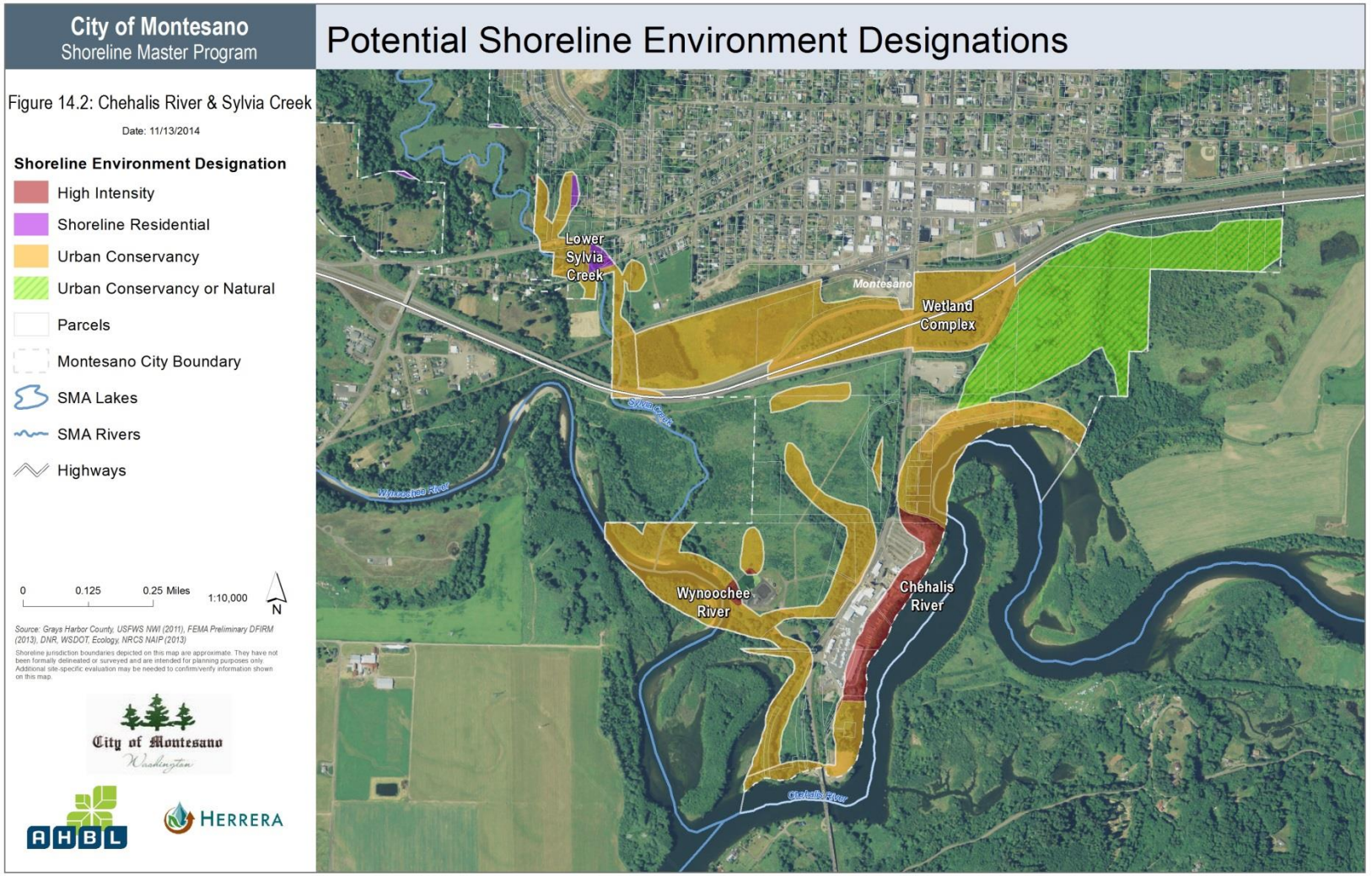

Next Steps

Task 6: Review draft SMP:

- Meeting 2 – January: Finish Environment Designations; start General Goals and Policies
- Meeting 3 – February: Finish General Goals, Policies, and Regulations; start Shoreline Use Policies and Regulations
- Meeting 4 – March: Finish Shoreline Use Policies and Regulations; start Shoreline Modification Policies and Regulations and Administration
- Meeting 5 – April: Finish Shoreline Modification Policies and Regulations and Administration; Discuss critical areas regulations and Restoration Plan

Questions?

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