Shoreline Environment Designations

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Inventory and Characterization (information and maps)

Shoreline Environment Designation Map
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Each Shoreline Environment Designation includes:

- Purpose statement
- Criteria
- Management Policies
- Designation-specific Regulations

EXAMPLE: Harper/Southworth
**High-Intensity Designation**

**Purpose:** to provide for high-intensity water-oriented commercial, transportation, and industrial uses while protecting existing ecological functions and restoring ecological functions in areas that have been previously degraded.

**Criteria:**
1) Currently supporting high-intensity uses related to commerce, transportation or navigation in UGAs and LAMIRDS
2) Supporting existing major transportation facilities in the rural area
3) Are suitable and planned for high-intensity water-oriented uses
Shoreline Residential Designation

Purpose: to accommodate residential development and appurtenant structures that are consistent with this Program. An additional purpose is to provide appropriate public access and recreational uses.

Criteria:
1) Currently predominately single-family or multi-family residential development*
2) Planned or platted for residential development
* Except where there are significant environmental limitations
Rural Conservancy Designation

Purpose: To protect ecological functions, conserve existing natural resources and valuable historic and cultural areas in order to provide for sustained resource use, achieve natural flood plain processes, and provide recreational opportunities.

Criteria:
1) Outside UGAs and LAMIRDs
2) Currently supporting lesser-intensity resource-based uses
3) Currently accommodating residential uses and low-intensity water-dependent uses
4) Supporting human uses but subject to environmental limitations, such as properties that include or are adjacent to steep banks, flood-plains or flood-prone areas
5) Shoreline is of high recreational value (or historic or cultural value)
Urban Conservancy Designation

To protect and restore ecological functions of open space, floodplain and other sensitive lands where they exist in urban and developed settings, while allowing a variety of compatible uses.
Natural Designation

Purpose: to protect those shoreline areas that are relatively free of human influence or that include intact or minimally degraded shoreline functions intolerant of human use.

Criteria:
1) Shoreline is ecologically intact with largely undisturbed portions of areas such as wetlands, estuaries, unstable bluffs and spits
2) Represents ecosystems and geologic types that area of particular scientific and educational interest
3) Shoreline is unable to support new development or uses without adverse impacts to ecological functions or risk to human safety