This document is intended to be a user-friend guide to using the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Map Viewer on the Mason County website. These instructions were done using Internet Explorer version 9. **Before you start using the guide, you need to make sure you turn off the pop up blocker in your browser.** Here are some links to websites that will tell you how to turn off pop up blockers in various browsers:

Internet Explorer versions 8 or earlier:

http://support.microsoft.com/kb/909604

Internet Explorer 9:


Firefox:


Google Chrome:

http://support.google.com/chrome/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=95472

Apple Safari:

http://browsers.about.com/od/safar1/ss/safaripopups_3.htm

Also keep in mind that the Google, MSN, AOL, Bing or Yahoo toolbars that often are installed in browsers can have pop up blockers of their own that might need to be turned off. Search the web for directions on how to turn off these pop up blockers.

Please begin with Step 1 in the red call out on the next page...
Step 1: From the main county webpage, click on the “Map Mason Map Viewer” link.
Step 2: You should now be on the GIS Departments’ home page; click on “SMP Map Viewer” to open the map viewer.
Once the map viewer is open, you can navigate the map in **two** ways. **The first** way, is to simply zoom in on the area of interest using the plus “In” tool that is shown as active in the graphic above. A tool button is active if it is a beige color like the plus “In” tool. See Step 4a for an example of zooming in using the plus “In” tool.

The **second** way to navigate the map is to use the search tool to find a specific property/parcel. See Step 4b for more information how to do this.
Step 4a: With the plus “In” tool active, hold down the left mouse button and draw a box around the area you are interested in. It will draw a red box on the map as you draw the area to zoom to. Let go of the mouse button and the map will zoom in. Repeat if necessary. Go to Step 5.
Step 4b: Enter the parcel number (PIN) you want to search for and click the “Go!” button. Go to Step 4c on the next page.
Step 4c: This window should appear after you hit the “Go!” button in Step 4b. Click the “View Map” button as shown here. This should open another window or tab in your browser with the SMP map viewer zoomed to the parcel you searched for. The parcel you searched for should be highlighted in red like in the graphic below. Hit the “Clear” button along the bottom if you want to clear the red highlighting. There may be some instances where parcels have not yet been mapped into the GIS system. In those instances, you will see a “No map available” message on this page. If this happens, please contact the County GIS department and let them know about this issue so it can be fixed.
Step 5a: Turn on or off the various SMP map layers by clicking on the gray box next to the name of the layer. A black check mark will appear when the layer is on. Keep in mind that layers higher up the list will cover up layers lower on the list on the map.

Step 5b: If you want to get information about something using the “Identify” tool you need to first click the gray circle next to the layer it is on. The circle will turn black when the layer is active and ready for the identify tool to be used.

Step 5c: To turn on or off map labels for a layer, click the label “tag” icon on the right side of the layer name like in this example. The tag will turn yellow and say “ON” when the labels are on.

Go to step 6 on the next page...
This concludes the help guide. Please feel free to try out the other tools along the bottom of the map viewer. More help is available for these tools at this webpage:

http://www.co.mason.wa.us/gis/help.php

Contact the GIS Department if you need assistance: 360-427-9670 Ext 515 (Matt) or Ext 526 (Nicole)