

## Where is the Ordinary High Water Mark?

The ordinary high water mark is a mark on the bank of the White River or Green River which has been created by the long term presence and movement of water that looks distinctly different than the rest of the bank, in terms of vegetation and/or slope (see Chapter 1, definitions).

Since most of the banks of the White and Green Rivers have been altered with man-made structures, the ordinary high water mark is likely to be located at the top of the river bank or on existing levees. Prior to application, the ordinary high water mark needs to be determined in the field by a qualified professional, and shown on plans when new structures, land development, or a change of use is proposed for a shoreline property.

### Photo Examples of the Approximate Ordinary High Water Mark\*

**Green River**  
Ordinary High Water  
Mark at top of alluvial  
deposit



**White River**  
Ordinary High Water  
Mark at break in slope



\*Photos are for illustrative purposes only.

FURTHER INFORMATION: If you have any questions please contact Planning, Building, and Community at 253-931-3090.