

Shoreline Enhancement/Restoration Objectives:

2-06

1. Basic considerations
 - a. Storm surge abatement /Flood protection from Birch Bay State Park north to Roger's Slough/Seagull Cove (where it's stinky) at the southeast end of Birch Bay Village including consideration for emergency/disaster management (tsunami route, oil spill, 100 year storm, etc).
 - b. Clarify and define public spaces. Establish a Public Beach Access Plan for the Birch Bay shoreline. Procure additional public access shorelands/tidelands.
 - c. Improve people-friendly beach and water access.
 - d. Establish a safe pedestrian walkway/promenade.
 - e. Establish a safe bicycle path.
 - f. Habitat restoration – find a place for increased clay sediments from Point Whitehorn and Birch Point to collect.
 - g. Protect the Birch Bay Drive road base.
 - h. Make provision for the under grounding of utilities to improve appearances.
 - i. Restore natural beach-building processes and get rid of the groins and riprap.
 - j. Retrofit the stormwater/surface water outfalls including the appropriate treatment to improve/protect water quality.
 - k. Re-establish natural vegetation and provide sandy areas for sun bathing.
2. Funding
 - a. Identify the various finding mechanisms/sources to build the project including identifying/prioritizing smaller stages/segments.
 - b. Establish a regular maintenance/repair program of the berm over time and identify funding sources for it.
 - c. Cause the Birch Bay shoreline to be designated "Conservancy Buffer" to emphasize the value placed on the shoreline by the community and to assist in the acquisition of funding.
3. The berm in relation to other public spaces.
 - a. Create a public town center-type gathering space.
 - b. Provide public accommodations such as rest rooms, parking, showers, benches, picnic tables, fire pits, interpretation of and appropriate behavior in the natural environment, etc.
 - c. Provide easy access to retail/commercial spaces to encourage economic development on the east/landward side of Birch Bay Drive.
 - d. Develop safe bicycle and pedestrian links to other public spaces/areas.
 - e. Establish parallel parking along Birch Bay Drive, away/across from the beach.
4. Appearances/Accessibility
 - a. Provide full ADA/disabled accessibility in all aspects.
 - b. Consider the ground level view from buildings/patios and the like.
 - c. Provide different design elements for the different uses along the berm.