

PROPOSED BY: _____

INTRODUCED: 10/7/25

RESOLUTION NO. _____

(A Resolution of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District
Board of Supervisors)

**WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT
SIX-YEAR WATER RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2031**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 86.15.110, flood control or storm water control improvements may be extended, enlarged, acquired, or constructed by a flood control zone pursuant to a resolution adopted by its Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Public Works Department on behalf of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District has prepared a Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program for adoption; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 86.15.120, the Supervisors shall hold a public hearing prior to adopting the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program attached hereto as Exhibit "A" has been reviewed and determined to be consistent with Whatcom County's comprehensive plan and is consistent with the following plans:

- Lower Nooksack River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan, October 1999
- Jones Creek Debris Flow Study, March 2004
- WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery Plan, October 2005
- Birch Bay Comprehensive Stormwater Plan, July 2006
- Lake Whatcom Comprehensive Stormwater Plan, March 2008
- Lake Samish Basin Comprehensive Stormwater Plan, July 2012
- Birch Bay Central North Sub-Watershed Master Plan, December 2013
- Birch Bay Central South Sub-Watershed Master Plan, January 2015
- Nooksack River System-Wide Improvement Framework, June 2016

- Birch Point, Terrell Creek Urban Area, and Point Whitehorn Sub-watershed Master Plan, November 2016
- Lake Whatcom Comprehensive Plan: Stormwater Capital Program Update, September 2017
- Lake Whatcom East Geneva Sub-watershed Master Plan, January 2021
- Birch Point Sub-watershed Drainage Study Report, September 2023; and
- Lake Whatcom Management Program 2025-2029 Work Plan.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 86.15.110, the preliminary engineering studies for constructed improvements are on file with the Whatcom County Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 86.15.110, the estimated cost of the acquisition or construction of the improvement, together with supporting data, is included in the Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the improvements will benefit one or more flood control zones, subzones and the county as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors as follows:

That the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program for the years 2026 through 2031, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Flood Control Zone District Board of
Supervisors
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

Kaylee Galloway, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Christopher Quinn by J. Smiley 9/23/25

Christopher Quinn, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division

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No.	Project Description	Database ID No.	BES	Previous Expenditures		2026			2027			2028			2029			2030			2031			Total
				Amount	Source	Phase	Amount	Source	Phase	Amount	Source	Phase	Amount	Source	Phase	Amount	Source	Phase	Amount	Source	Phase	Amount	Source	
RIVER & FLOOD																								
19	Cougar Creek and Neevel Levee Improvement (19082038): Stabilize oversteepened section of levee (SWIF project) with new flood gate and restoration (FLIP project)	16-008	59.4	\$ 539,000	FCZD	PE	\$ -	FCZD															Project Total:	
				\$ 117,000	NOAA grant																			\$ 2,598,000
				\$ 1,536,000	FbD grant																			
				\$ 351,000	EQIP	CN	\$ 44,000	FbD grant																FCZD Total:
					CN	\$ 11,000	FCZD															\$ 550,000		
20	Acme Woody Revetment Repair (19082358): FEMA funded repair to Acme Early Chinook Restoration Project	23-005	67.7	\$ 898,000	FEMA	PE	\$ -	FCZD															Project Total:	
				\$ 50,000	State	PE	\$ -	FEMA/State																\$ 967,000
				\$ 800	FCZD	CN	\$ 18,000	FCZD																FCZD Total:
						CN	\$ -	FEMA/State																\$ 19,000
21	Bertrand Creek Levee Stabilization (19082139): Restore right and left levee prisms and install bank protection (SWIF project)	16-005	54.4	\$ 94,700	FCZD	PE	\$ -	FCZD															Project Total:	
				\$ 29,600	DK4	PE	\$ -	DK4																\$ 142,300
						CN	\$ 12,600	FCZD																FCZD Total:
						CN	\$ 5,400	DK4																\$ 107,300
22	Polinder Levee Repair (1908XXXX): USACE levee deficiency - repair levee seepage	25-001	54.3	\$ 8,500.00	FCZD	PE	\$ 34,850	FCZD															Project Total:	
				\$ 1,500.00	LE Subzone	PE	\$ 6,150	LE Subzone																\$ 222,000
						CN	\$ 145,350	FCZD																FCZD Total:
						CN	\$ 25,650	LE Subzone																\$ 188,700
						RW	\$ -	FCZD																LE Subzone Total:
						RW	\$ -	LE Subzone																\$ 33,300
23	Upper Hampton Levee Improvements: Widen levee crest and flatten backslope at one site and seepage at retaining wall deficiencies (SWIF project)	16-006	70.4	\$ 6,000	LE Subzone	PE			PE			PE	\$ 5,000										Project Total:	
					Under Lynden project	RW			RW			RW												\$ 61,000
						CN			CN			CN	\$ 50,000	FCZD/LE Subzone										
24	Dahlberg Wetland Mitigation Site (19081926): Develop advanced mitigation site for future impacts from Flood and Road projects	20-004	66.3	\$ 1,383,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 215,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 5,000													Project Total:	
						CN	\$ 165,000	FCZD	CN															\$ 5,268,000
						CN			CN	\$ 3,500,000	FCZD													
25	Abbott Levee Protection and Improvement (19081822): Interim erosion protection measures for levee & road (Ph. 1); Extend and realign upstream end of levee (Ph. 2 - SWIF project)	16-007	70.4	\$ 658,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 30,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 250,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 30,000	FCZD	PE			PE					Project Total:	
				\$ 445,000	Roads	PE	\$ -	Roads	PE	\$ -	Roads	PE	TBD	Roads	PE			PE						\$ 2,998,000
						RW			RW	\$ 75,000	FCZD				CN	\$ 1,500,000	FCZD	CN	\$ 10,000	FCZD				FCZD Total:
						RW			RW						CN	TBD	Roads	CN	TBD	Roads				\$ 2,573,000
26	Ferndale Levee Improvement (19081928): Reconstruct and realign Ferndale and Treatment Plant Levees to improve level of protection and address deficiencies	07-104	68.9	\$ 250,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 35,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 7,500	FCZD	PE	\$ 6,500	FCZD	PE	\$ 6,500	FCZD	PE	\$ 1,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 1,000	FCZD	Project Total:
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				\$ 27,500	Ferndale	PE	\$ 35,000	Ferndale ILA	PE	\$ 7,500	Ferndale ILA	PE	\$ 6,500	Ferndale ILA	PE	\$ 6,500	Ferndale ILA	PE	\$ 1,000	Ferndale ILA	PE	\$ 1,000	Ferndale ILA	FCZD Total:
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						PE	\$ 95,000	FEMA/State	PE	\$ 95,000	FEMA/State	PE	\$ 95,000	FEMA/State	PE			FEMA/State						
27	Hudson Rd Bridge No. 132 Bridge Replacement (19082246): Alternatives analysis and bridge replacement as required by WDFW permit condition	22-001	64.5	\$ 65,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 11,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 2,500	FCZD	PE	\$ 2,500	FCZD	PE			FCZD					\$ 6,124,000	
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															CN	\$ 4,750,000	FEMA/State						FCZD Total	
															CN	\$ 175,000	FCZD						\$ 256,000	
															CN	\$ 175,000	Roads							
28	Fish Camp (19082355): Design in 2026, Phase 1 Construction in 2027 (may possibly include berms).	24-001	71.9	\$ 25,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 30,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 150,000	FCZD												Project Total:	
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						RW			CN															FCZD Total:
						CN			CN	\$ 2,000,000	25/27 FbD Grant												\$ 205,000	
29	Glacier-Gallup Alluvial Fan Restoration (718007): Remove all or part of Glacier Creek levee and construct setback levee along Gallup Creek. Interim revetment fix in 2023	18-006	88.9	\$ 481,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 100,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 500,000		PE	\$ 500,000		PE	\$ 100,000		PE					Construction expected in 2030-2031	
				\$ 1,229,000	FbD grant	PE	\$ 400,000	FbD grant	PE			PE			PE			PE						
						RW	\$ 120,000	FCZD	RW	\$ 1,500,000		RW	\$ 1,500,000		RW	\$ 250,000		RW						
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						CN			CN			CN			CN			CN	\$ 5,000,000		\$ 5,000,000			
30	Floodplain Acquisition: Acquire key properties for future levee reconfiguration to reduce risk and improve habitat	07-002	79.6			RW/CN	\$ 986,922	FCZD	RW	\$ 5,000,000		RW	\$ 5,000,000		RW	\$ 5,000,000								
						RW/CN	\$ 3,947,688	FbD grant																
						RW/CN	\$ 3,963,435	FEMA/CBDG																
						RW/CN			RW			RW												
31	Emergency/New Projects: Typically repair projects that result from new damage, as needed	08-003	Varies			PE	\$ 25,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 25,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 25,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 25,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 25,000	FCZD	PE	\$ 25,000	FCZD	Total/year:
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Large Maintenance Projects by Contract																								
32	High Creek Sediment Trap (19082358): Annual clean out of sediment traps	22-005	58.8			CN			CN			CN			CN			CN			CN			
						CN	\$ 120,000	FCZD	CN	\$ 120,000	FCZD	CN	\$ 125,000	FCZD	CN	\$ 125,000	FCZD	CN	\$ 130,000	FCZD	CN	\$ 135,000	FCZD	
NOTES																								
Numbers in italics are placeholders for projects still being conceived.																								
Previous expenditures includes work contracted in 2024 that will continually appropriate into 2025.																								
Note 1: Estimated total project cost includes work done by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and funded directly by USACE.																								

Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements

Database ID No. 20-007

Construction Funding Year(s): 2026

Project Narrative:

This project includes the installation of a water quality treatment facilities associated with the Eagleridge neighborhood in the Lake Whatcom watershed. The Eagleridge development is approximately 34 acres and runoff from this development will be routed through water quality facilities to help remove sediments and phosphorus before entering Lake Whatcom.

Project Status:

Design work was initiated in 2024 and construction is scheduled to take place in 2026.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$865,000



Austin Court Stormwater Improvements

Database ID No. 20-008

Construction Funding Year(s): 2026

Project Narrative:

This project includes the installation of a large filter vault to improve water quality in the existing Austin Court stormwater system. The tributary area is approximately three acres and the water quality system will remove sediments and phosphorus prior to entering Lake Whatcom.

Project Status:

Design started in summer 2024 and will continue in 2025, with construction scheduled to take place in 2026.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$827,375



Strawberry Point/ Lake Whatcom Blvd Stormwater Improvements

Database ID No. 17-001

Construction Funding Year(s): 2028

Project Narrative:

This project will involve the installation of a water quality facility to treat approximately three acres of residential area. Project elements may include bio-infiltration swales, filter vaults, media filter drains, and rain gardens in order to improve water quality.

Project Status:

Design is anticipated in 2026 and construction scheduled to take place in 2028.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,170,000



The Firs Drainage Improvements

Database ID No. 25-003

Construction Funding Year(s): 2028

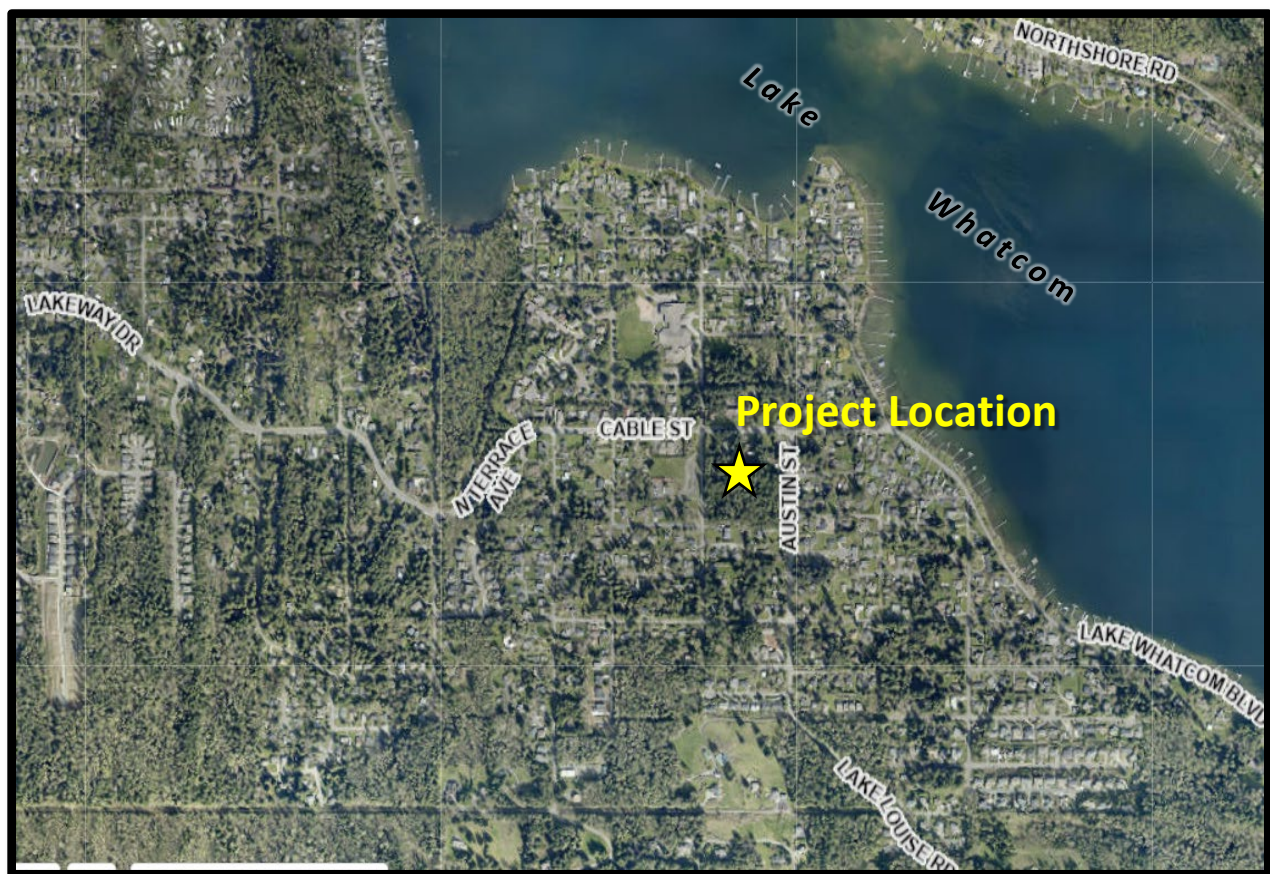
Project Narrative:

This project includes the installation of a stream bank stabilization and channel restoration to reduce erosion and sediment from entering Lake Whatcom.

Project Status:

Design work will be initiated in 2026 and construction scheduled to take place in 2028.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$ 1,670,000



Sudden Valley Stormwater Improvements No. 2

Database ID No. 22-007

Construction Funding Year(s): 2029

Project Narrative:

A water quality improvement project focused on removing sediment and treating phosphorus will be constructed within the Sudden Valley development. The project will involve drainage system upgrades and retrofits to the existing stormwater infrastructure. Details will be forthcoming as Whatcom County works with representatives of the Sudden Valley Community Association to determine project needs.

Project Status:

Design is anticipated in 2027-2028 and construction scheduled to take place in 2029.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$960,000



Lake Whatcom Boulevard Water Quality Vault (EG-4)

Database ID No. 22-008

Construction Funding Year(s): 2030

Project Narrative:

This project involves the installation of a filter vault to improve water quality in the existing Lake Whatcom Boulevard stormwater system. The new water quality treatment system will remove sediments and phosphorus from approximately 3 acres of residential runoff prior to entering Lake Whatcom.

Project Status:

Design is anticipated in 2028-2029 and construction scheduled to take place in 2030.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$650,000



Viewhaven Lane Water Quality & Conveyance Improvements

Database ID No. 20-009

Construction Funding Year(s): 2031

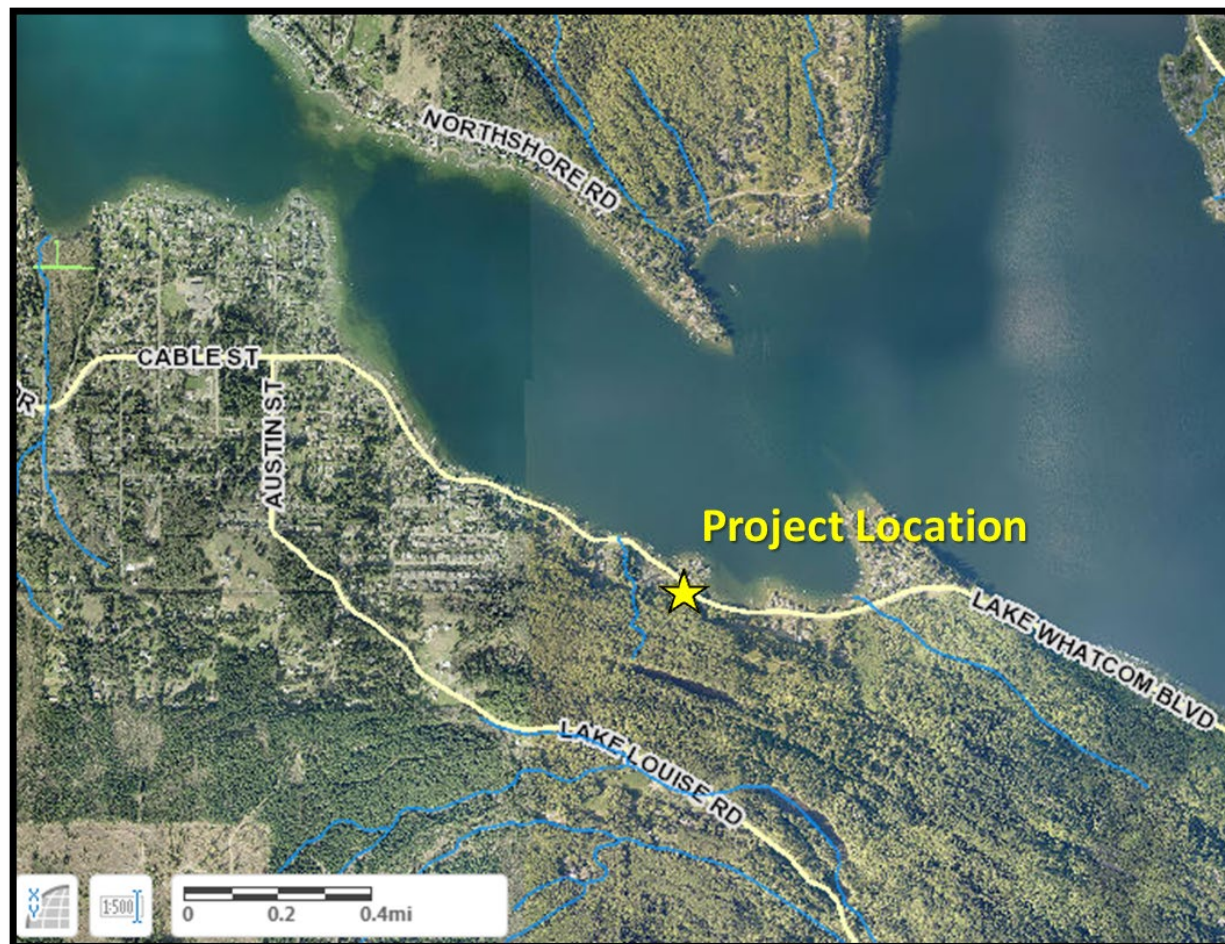
Project Narrative:

This project will improve conveyance and water quality near Viewhaven Lane and the Lake Whatcom Blvd intersection. It will involve approximately 100 linear feet of conveyance improvements by replacing two undersized culverts and regrading a ditch. The project will also install approximately 135 linear feet of water quality facility, which may include bioinfiltration swales, filter vaults, media filter drains, and/or rain gardens.

Project Status:

Design is anticipated in 2029-2030 and construction scheduled to take place in 2031.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$655,000



Charel Terrace Stormwater Outfall Repair

Database ID No. 20-011

Construction Funding Year(s): 2027

Project Narrative:

The December 20, 2018 “Solstice Eve” windstorm caused damage to the stormwater outfall on Birch Point installed as part of the Charel Terrace project in 2011. In March 2019 a “Major Disaster Declaration” that covered Whatcom County for the December storm was granted. In December 2019, the Consolidated Resource Center approved the Washington State Emergency Management Division’s \$110,887 request for Architectural & Engineering Services to assess the site and develop conceptual design options. In 2020 Herrera Environmental Consultants completed a preliminary study that assessed the outfall stabilization approaches to maintain a functional outfall. From this study, a temporary repair was constructed in fall 2022 to secure the catch basin to the bluff and reposition the outfall tee. The permanent repair will be constructed in the summer of 2027.

Project Status:

Design occurring in 2021-2025 and construction is scheduled to take place in 2027.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$692,000 (primarily FEMA funded)



Semiahmoo Drive South & Outfall Improvements (BP-2, BP-5) Database ID No. 18-009 & 18-010

Construction Funding Year(s): 2027

Project Narrative:

This project will improve the stormwater conveyance system at the south end of Semiahmoo Drive by upsizing the cross culvert to reduce flooding and increase traffic safety, and reconstruct the outfall conveyance system to the Strait of Georgia damaged during the November 2021 extreme rainfall event.

Project Status:

Design and permitting was initiated in 2021 and will continue into 2026. Construction is scheduled for 2027.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,595,000



Lora Lane Drainage & Tide Gate Modifications (TC1-2)

Database ID No. 18-008

Construction Funding Year(s): 2026

Project Narrative:

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing 48" corrugated metal culvert under Birch Bay Drive with an 8-ft wide fish passable box culvert, replace the existing tide gate on the waterward side of Birch Bay Drive with a new side hinge tide gate, and install shoreline armoring at the outfall area. This will be a collaborative project with Birch Bay Leisure Park.

Project Status:

Preliminary engineering design occurred in 2021. Permanent repair design occurred from 2024-2025 and construction is anticipated for 2026.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,790,000



Birch Bay Village Drainage Improvements Database ID No. 23-003

Construction Funding Year(s): 2027

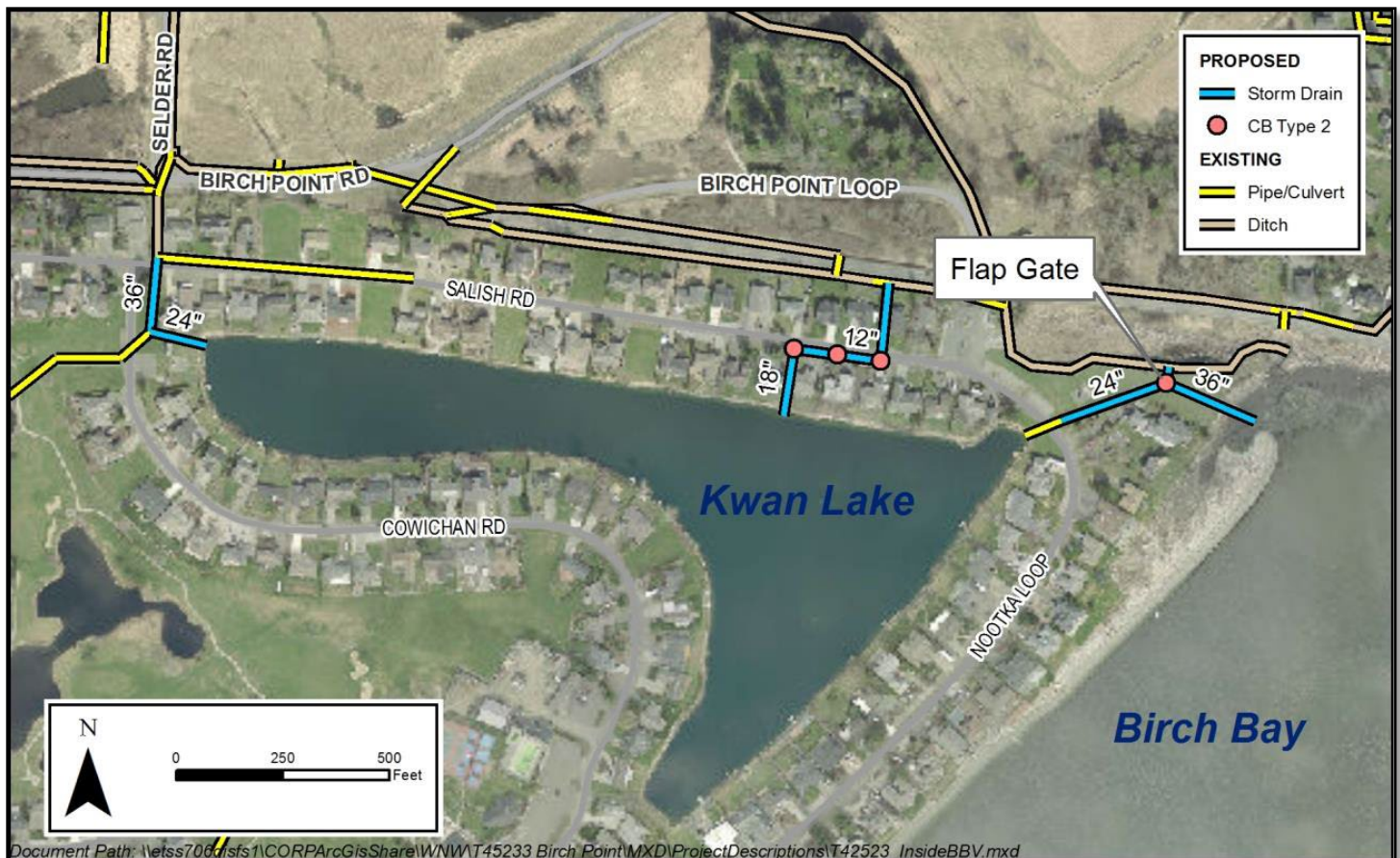
Project Narrative:

This project will address drainage and flooding issues in Birch Bay Village in the vicinity of Salish Road and Kwan Lake. It will involve installing or replacing 1,400 lineal feet of pipe, installing four new catch basins along Nootka Loop and Salish Road and installing a new 36" diameter flap gate near Nootka Loop to reduce tidal backwatering. This is a collaborative project with the Birch Bay Village Community Club (BBVCC). The preliminary design and permitting is currently underway and being funded by BBVCC, and construction will likely be funded by BBWARM.

Project Status:

Design is underway and construction is scheduled to take place in 2027.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$300,000 (CN only)



Normar Place Stormwater Improvements (BP-1)

Database ID No. 19-004

Construction Funding Year(s): 2028

Project Narrative:

This project involves upsizing pipes, replacing catch basins and installing an outfall pipe over the bluff with an energy dissipater at Normar Place to reduce roadway flooding, scour and sediment transport.

Project Status:

Design is anticipated in 2024-2026 and construction in 2028.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,400,000



Richmond Park Stormwater Improvements (SH-2) Database ID No. 22-010

Construction Funding Year(s): 2029

Project Narrative:

This project will address drainage concerns in Richmond Park by re-routing the large volume of water that currently moves through the development down Shintaffer Road to an outfall in Birch Bay. It would involve replacing 1,640 feet of ditch/culvert on Shintaffer Road with 36" diameter HDPE pipe, installing 13 Type 2 catch basins and building a new outfall into Birch Bay.

Project Status:

Design will occur in 2027-2028 and construction is scheduled to take place in 2029.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,520,000



Roger's Slough Drainage Improvements

Database ID No. 23-002

Construction Funding Year(s): 2030

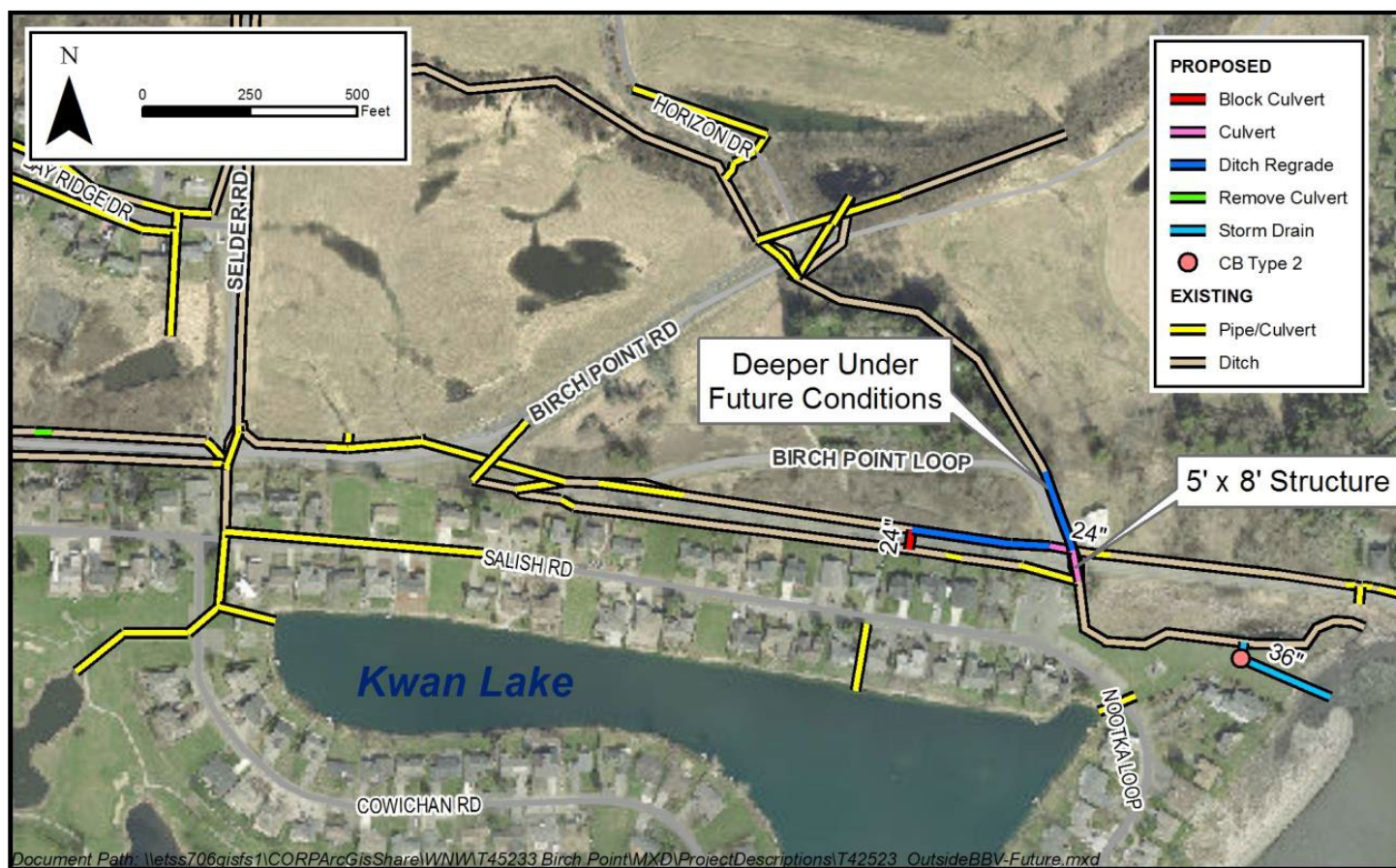
Project Narrative:

This project will address drainage and flooding issues in Birch Bay Village, Birch Bay Drive and Birch Point Loop Road. It will involve replacing twin 30" diameter culverts that direct water under Birch Bay Drive into Roger's Slough with a fish-passable concrete box culvert, installing 285 feet of pipe, regrading 500 feet of ditch, and installing a new Type 2 catch basin and overflow pipe near the mouth of Roger's Slough.

Project Status:

Design will occur in 2028-2029 and construction is scheduled to take place in 2030.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,800,000



Bay Ridge Estates Drainage Improvements

Database ID No. 23-004

Construction Funding Year(s): 2031

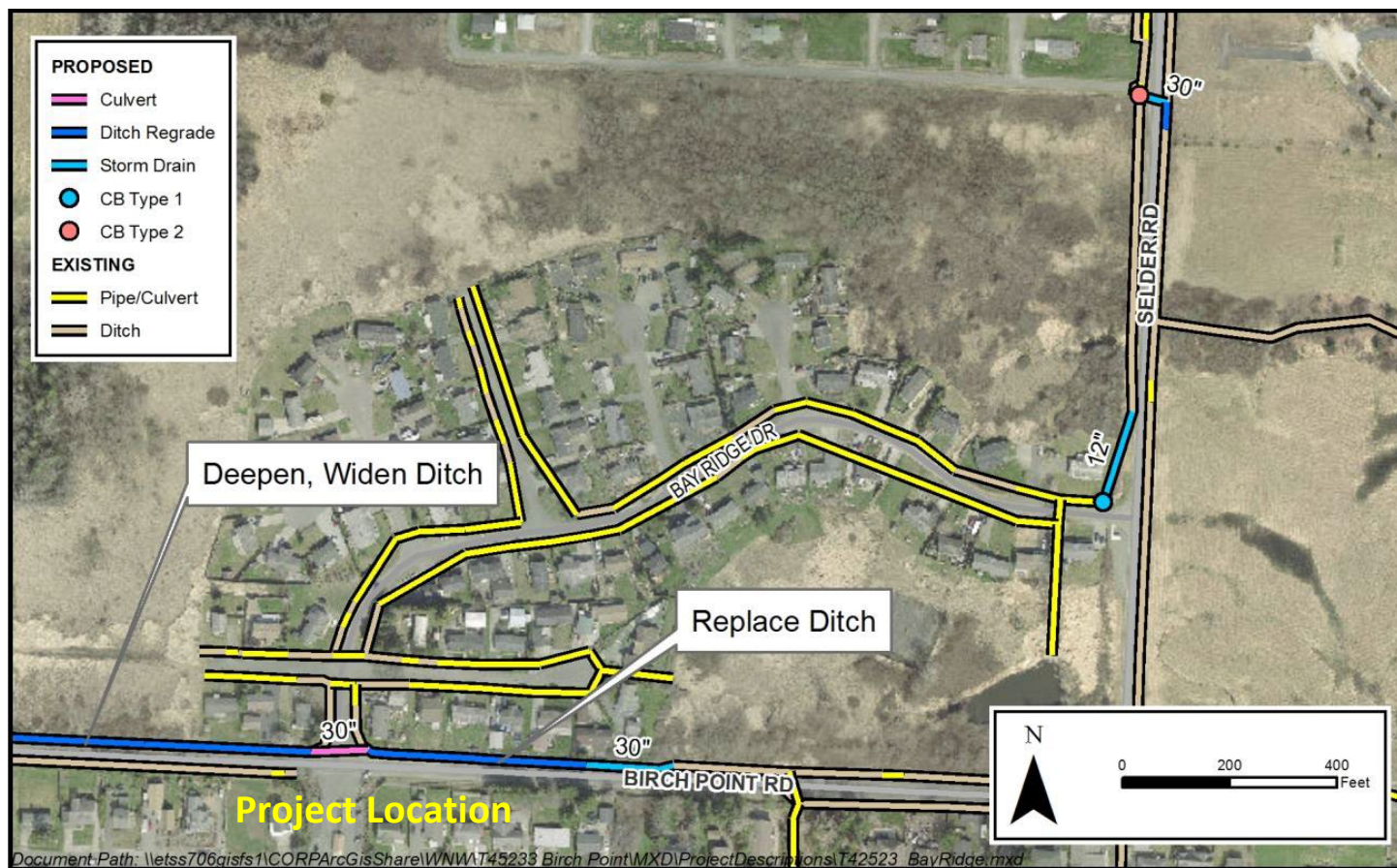
Project Narrative:

This project will address drainage and flooding issues in Bay Ridge Estates and along Selder Road. It will involve installing or replacing 500 lineal feet of pipe, regrading 1,000-feet of ditch, and installing two new catch basins on Selder Road and Birch Point Road.

Project Status:

Design will occur in 2029-2030 and construction is scheduled to take place in 2031.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,070,000



Wooldridge Avenue & Sunset Drive Stormwater Improvements (TC-2)

Database ID No. 13-007

Construction Funding Year(s): 2032

Project Narrative:

This project will improve the conveyance system along Wooldridge Avenue, Jackson Road and Sunset Drive by upsizing pipes, installing or replacing catch basins and culverts, reestablishing roadside ditches, and installing a water quality filter vault and treatment swale.

Project Status:

Design is anticipated in 2030-2031 and construction is scheduled to take place in 2032.

Total Estimated Project Cost: 1,220,000



Birch Point Road Stormwater & Outfall Improvements (BP-3 & BP-6)

Database ID No. 21-001

Construction Funding Year(s): 2032

Project Narrative:

A corrugated metal outfall pipe over a steep bluff on Birch Point collapsed due to erosional undermining. The driveway culverts, ditches and upstream storm drain system leading to the outfall are undersized and cause flooding and erosion during storm events. This project will involve upsizing culverts, reestablishing ditches and replacing and anchoring the outfall pipe and construction of pipe-end energy dissipater.

Project Status:

Design will be initiated in 2030. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2032.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$970,000



Birch Bay Drive Storm Drain Replacement (CN-2)

Database ID No. 25-002

Construction Funding Year(s): 2033

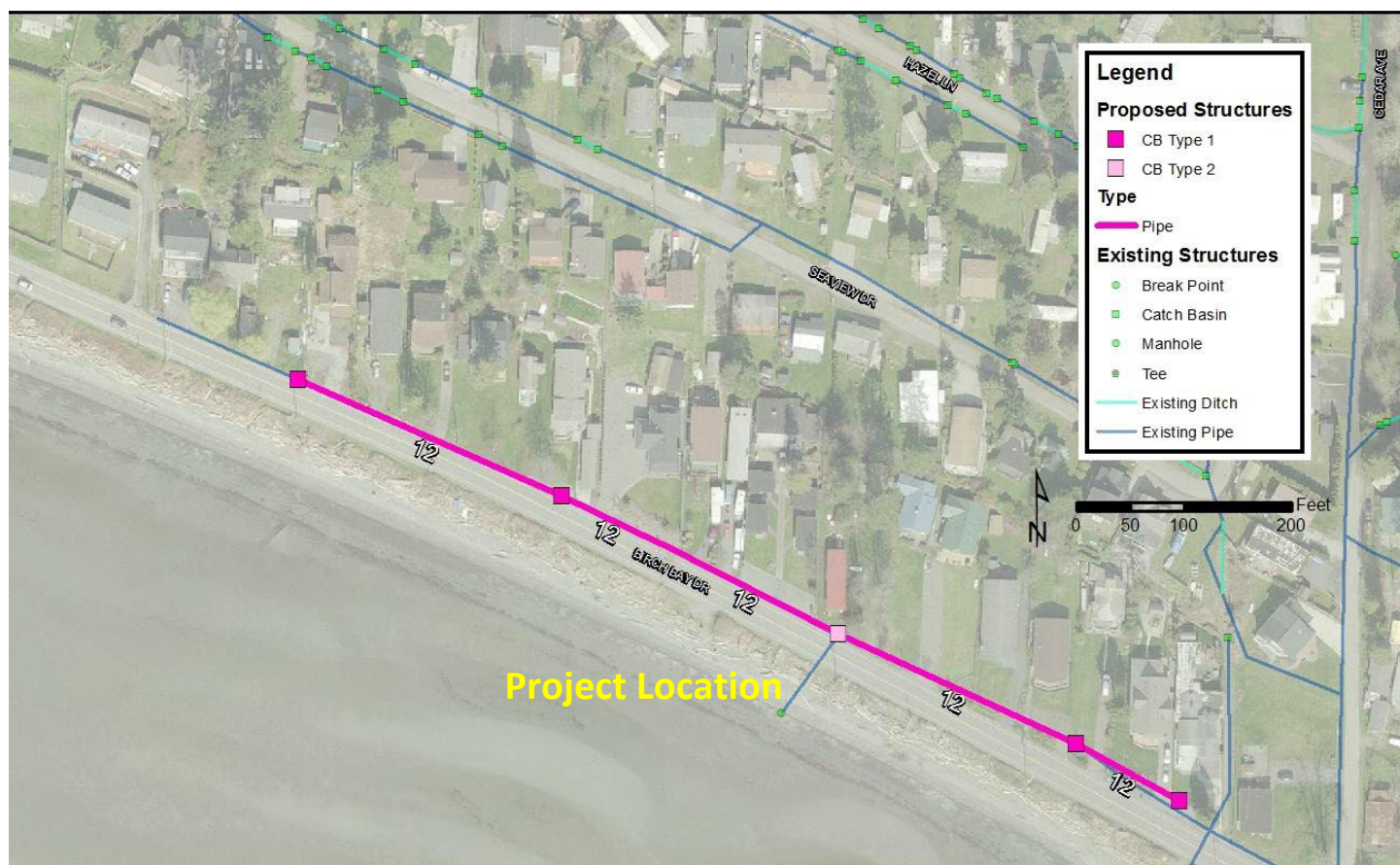
Project Narrative:

This project will address drainage and flooding issues on the north side of Birch Bay Drive between Cedar Avenue and Shintaffer Road. It will involve replacing over 900 lineal feet of undersized pipe and installing five new catch basins.

Project Status:

Design will occur in 2031-2032 and construction is scheduled to take place in 2033.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$465,000



Cougar Creek Early Action / Neevel Levee Bank Stabilization

Database ID No. 16-008

Construction Funding Year(s): 2025

Project Narrative:

The Neevel Levee provides varying levels of protection to a significant amount of agricultural land. Approximately 250 feet of the levee running along Cougar Creek is over-steepened and experiencing sloughing of the riverward face. A stabilization project incorporating large woody debris at the toe and reducing the slope of the riverward face is proposed in the System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) to resolve the deficiency identified by the US Army Corps of Engineers and keep the levee eligible for repair under the Public Law (PL) 84-99 Program. An early action project developed through the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process includes replacement of the Cougar Creek flood gate and culvert, and installation of large woody debris in the channel downstream.

Project Status:

Construction was finalized in October 2025 with funding through NRCS's EQIP program, and Floodplains by Design (FbD). Final site planting will occur Spring 2026

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,598,000

Expenditures to Date: \$2,543,000



**Acme Woody Revetment Repair
Database ID No. 23-005**

Construction Funding Year(s): 2025

Project Narrative:

The project site is an approximately 1/4-mile long section of eroding bank located along the left bank of the South Fork Nooksack River in the unincorporated community of Acme in Whatcom County. In 2009 and 2010 the Flood Control Zone District constructed multiple log jams and woody revetments to discourage lateral erosion and stabilize the lower reach of Landingstrip Creek for the purpose of enhancing critical habitat for ESA listed species and providing flood protection to the Acme community and the SR 9 bridge. Flooding in November 2021 damaged the lower portion of the project, destabilized the wood structures, and eroded the streambank. The proposed project will repair the woody revetment along the new stream alignment with three Engineered Log Jams.

Project Status:

The design was completed by Herrera Environmental Consultants and Construction was completed in the Summer of 2025 by Strider Construction Company, Inc. with funding through FEMA and FCZD.

Total Estimated Cost: \$967,000

Expenditures to Date: \$948,800



**Bertrand Creek Levee Stabilization
Database ID No. 16-005**

Construction Funding Year(s): 2025

Project Narrative:

The Bertrand Creek right and left bank Levees are designed to overtop during larger floods, but provide protection to agricultural land during the growing season. The left bank levee has a 250 foot long section where erosion is threatening the levee prism. The levee will have to be repaired to remain eligible for rehabilitation through the US Army Corps of Engineers Public Law (PL) 84-99 Levee Rehabilitation Program.

Project Status:

The project has been designed by the FCZD. Construction is in progress and anticipated to be complete in September 2025. Site planting will be completed in 2026.

Total Estimated Cost: \$143,000

Expenditures to Date: \$124,300



Polinder Levee Repair Database ID No. 25-001

Construction Funding Year(s): 2026

Project Narrative:

Several deficiencies were identified by the US Army Corps of Engineers on the Polinder Levee. This project proposes to rebuild about 190 feet of levee backslope to address the seepage. The project will also construct about 190 feet of new levee to replace a substandard levee near a residential structure.

Project Status:

A conceptual design has been developed, detailed design will start at the end of 2025.

Total Estimated Cost: \$222,000

Expenditures to Date: \$0



Upper Hampton Levee Improvements

Database ID No. 16-006

Construction Funding Year(s): 2028

Project Narrative:

Several deficiencies were identified by the US Army Corps of Engineers on the Upper Hampton Levee. Improvements to the levee geometry are identified for two locations and improvement to address seepage is proposed at a third location.

Project Status:

A conceptual design has been developed as part of the System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) planning process. Detailed design has not been initiated yet. However, we were able to complete a portion of the levee backsloping work at one site using excess material generated at the 2021 Abbott and Lynden Levee Improvement projects.

Total Estimated Cost: \$61,000

Expenditures to Date: \$6,000



Dahlberg Wetland Mitigation Site Database ID No. 20-004

Construction Funding Year(s): 2027 - 2028

Project Narrative:

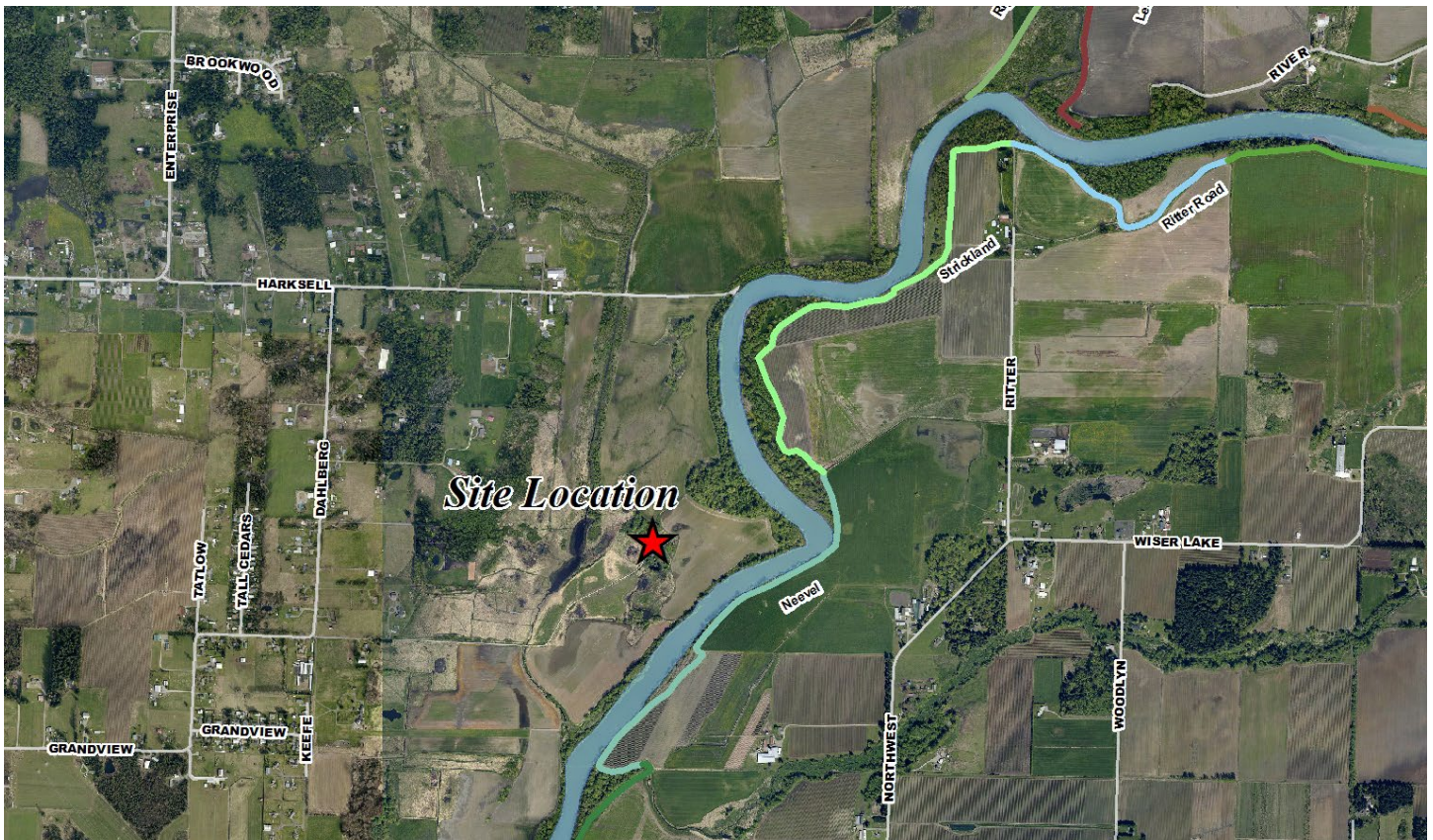
The FCZD purchased a property northeast of Ferndale as a mitigation site for future projects having wetland or riparian impacts. The property contained a dilapidated farm house.

Project Status:

FCZD purchased the subject property and demolished the farm house in Fall of 2020. The FCZD installed a groundwater monitoring network on the site to support developing a long-term restoration plan for the site. The wells collected data for over two years. In 2025 the FCZD hired a consultant to develop concept designs optimizing the advanced mitigation credit potential of the site. Final design is expected in 2026 with construction in 2027. This project is fully funded by FCZD.

Total Estimated Cost: \$5,300,000

Expenditures to Date: \$1,383,000



Abbott Levee Protection and Improvement Project

Database ID No. 16-007

Construction Funding Years: 2021 and 2029

Project Narrative:

The project is located along Abbott Road about 1.7 miles east of Hannegan Road. Erosion along the Nooksack River removed a section of riprap that previously protected the land adjacent to the Abbott Levee and Abbott Road. Phase 1 of this project addressed the ongoing erosion in this location. The FCZD is also investigating possible road and levee setback options to improve the upstream tie-in of the levee and address a deficiency identified by the US Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the levee's eligibility in the PL 84-99 Levee Rehabilitation Program. This work will be implemented as a second phase of the project.

Project Status:

Construction of Phase 1 was completed during Summer or 2021. The FZCD is working with the project consultant on Phase 2. Phase 2 will include a reach assessment to provide the technical basis for developing alternatives for upstream improvements. The FZCD will utilize this reach scale analysis to develop a capital project for Phase 2. Phase 2 construction is anticipated in 2028.

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,998,000

Expenditures to Date: \$1,103,000



Ferndale Levee Improvement Project

Database ID No. 07-104

Construction Funding Year(s): 2027 - 2030

Project Narrative:

Two levee segments, one sponsored by the City of Ferndale and one by the FCZD and Diking District #1 in the US Army Corps of Engineer's Public Law (PL) 84-99 Levee Rehabilitation Program, provide protection to the three treatment facilities along Ferndale Road. The US Army Corps of Engineers has identified several deficiencies along these two levee segments, including a gap in which super sacks filled with sand have been placed. The 1999 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan recommended improving these levees to provide 100-year protection to the City and the treatment facilities. The System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) also includes this project to address the identified levee deficiencies.

Project Status:

This project is currently in the design phase. A preferred alternative for the levee and road alignment has been selected and the 60 percent design is complete, a 90 percent design level plan is anticipated in 2026, and final design for each phase will be in 2027. Grant funding through the State's Floodplain's by Design program has been secured to complete the design. Construction is anticipated to be phased with construction beginning in 2027 and lasting through 2030.

Total Estimated Construction Cost: \$20,680,000

Expenditures to Date: \$1,340,000



Hudson Road Bridge No. 132 Repair

Database ID No. 22-001

Construction Funding Year(s): 2024 and 2029

Project Narrative:

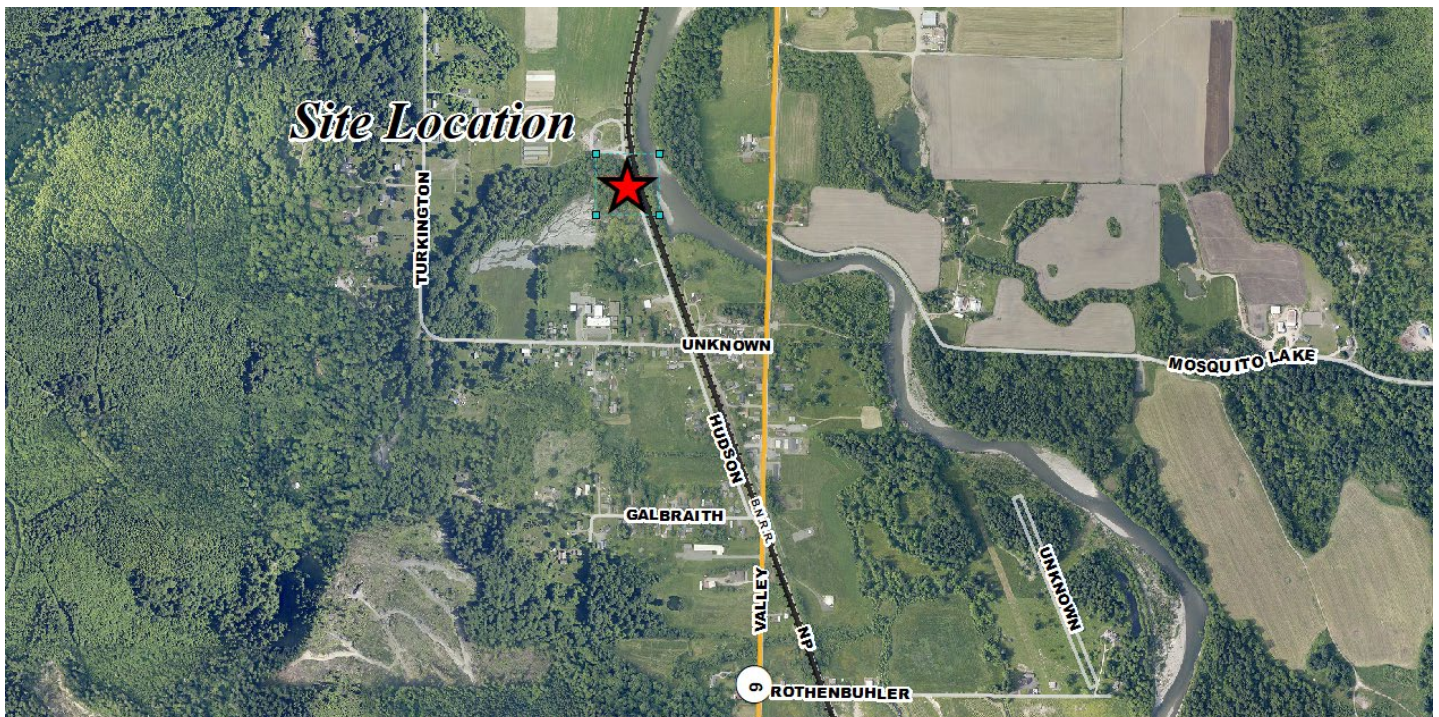
The project is located near the dead end of Hudson Rd in Acme, WA. The FCZD purchased the property at the end of this road as a part of the Jones Creek Debris Flow Risk Reduction Project. The approaches to the bridge that serves the property were damaged during the November 2021 flood events. The flood damaged was repaired in 2024 to restore access. However, as a part of the Hydraulic Project Approval permit, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has required that the crossing be replaced with a new bridge that is consistent with WDFW Water Crossing Design Guidelines within five years. In 2025 the FCZD commenced a bridge replacement alternatives analysis that will evaluate the challenges associated with Jones Creek debris flow hazards and neighboring habitat restoration efforts.

Project Status:

FCZD completed the design, permitting, and construction of the temporary repair in 2024. The FCZD has provided FEMA with the damages and cost estimate to perform the temporary repair, and will continue to coordinate the full bridge replacement. An alternatives analysis for the bridge replacement and fish-passage study began in 2025. The construction for the bridge replacement is expected in 2029. The FCZD anticipates that FEMA and the State will fund 95% of the project through the Public Disaster Assistance program. The Roads Department is contributing 2.5% funding for the alternatives analysis; future cost-shares with Roads will depend on the selected alternative.

Total Estimated Cost: \$6,000,000

Expenditures to Date: \$335,000



South Fork Nooksack Fish Camp (Ts'eq) Integrated Project Database ID No. 24-001

Construction Funding Year(s): 2027 - 2029

Project Narrative:

The South Fork Nooksack River Fish Camp (Ts'eq) Integrated Flood and Fish Project (Fish Camp Project) is a collaboration of the Nooksack Indian Tribe Natural Resources Department (Tribe) and the FCZD to develop broadly-supported, multi-beneficial solutions to reduce flood risk to the Acme community and restore habitat for ESA-listed early-timed Chinook salmon and other salmonid species. The Project Area includes the SFNR mainstem channel and floodplain habitats and extends from the end of Rothenbuhler Rd. to just downstream of the BNSF railway bridge. The State Route (SR) 9 bridge crosses over the SFNR near RM 8.6 and separates the project area into upstream (Phase 2) and downstream (Phase 1) sections. The Nooksack Tribe has received numerous grants for the project and is managing the consultant design, permitting, and public outreach. The project will include fish habitat as well as flood hazard reduction elements. New flood hazard reduction infrastructure proposed by the project may be constructed and maintained by the FCZD.

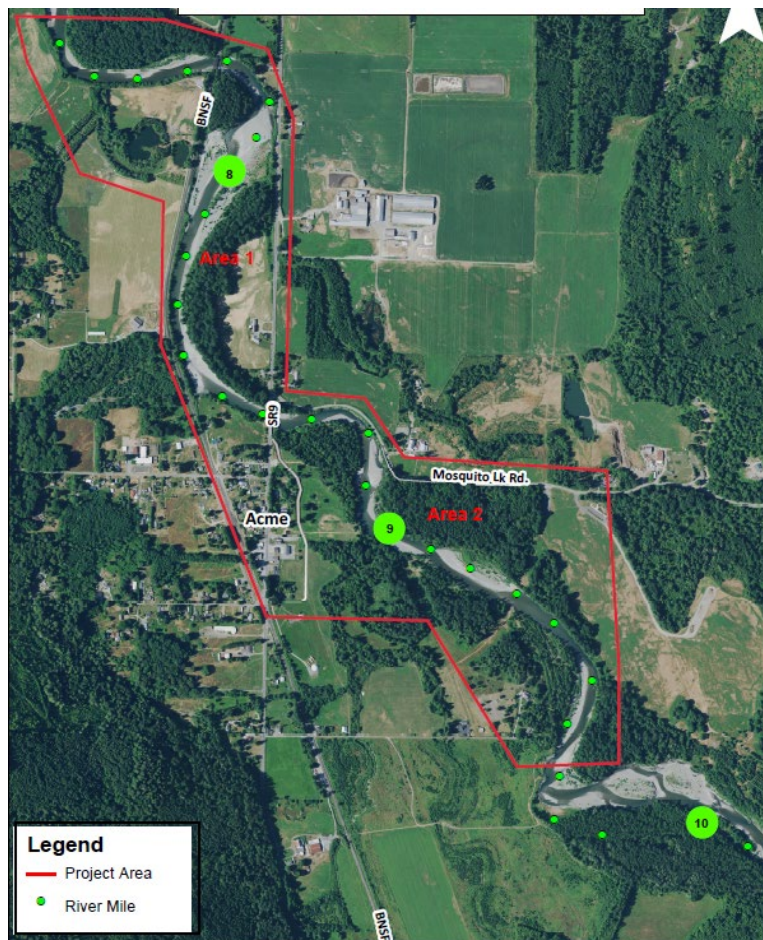
The FCZD is providing the Tribe with pass-through Ecology Floodplain by Design Grant funding for the project. FCZD expenditures include staff time.

Project Status:

The project is currently at conceptual design, final design is anticipated in 2026 and Construction may begin in 2027

Total Estimated Cost: \$3,085,000

Expenditures to Date: \$255,000



Glacier-Gallup Creeks Alluvial Fan Restoration

Database ID No. 18-006

Construction Funding Year(s): 2023, 2030 and 2031

Project Narrative:

The Glacier Creek Levee on the left (west) bank of the creek was constructed in the 1960s to prevent overflows into Gallup Creek and damage to State Route (SR) 542. Since construction, the levee has been subject to ongoing damage. Constriction of the Glacier-Gallup channel migration zone (CMZ) has exacerbated aggradation upstream of SR 542 and severely degraded fish habitat. WSDOT replaced the Gallup Creek bridge in 2010 and is working to construct a new bridge over Glacier Creek and the alluvial fan between the two creeks. The FCZD is developing a project in coordination with WSDOT and is evaluating the feasibility of full or partial removal of levees blocking natural channel migration on the Glacier and Gallup Creeks alluvial fan and construction of a setback levee on Gallup Creek to protect the Community of Glacier.

Project Status:

A feasibility study and alternatives analysis for evaluating levee removal and setback alternatives was initiated in late 2018. Preliminary design of the preferred alternative will be initiated once the preferred alternative is selected. Construction of an interim project to address levee damage was completed in 2023. Construction of the levee removal and setback is anticipated will be coordinated with Glacier Creek bridge replacement. Construction is anticipated in 2030 and 2031.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$17,000,000

Expenditures to Date: \$1,710,000



Floodplain Acquisition Database ID No. 07-002

Acquisition Funding Year(s): 2017- TBD

Project Narrative:

Reach-scale projects to reconfigure flood infrastructure are being evaluated through the integrated planning processes that started with the System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) and has transitioned into the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process. The goal of this work is to reduce flood risk and expenditures and restore habitat and the processes that form it.

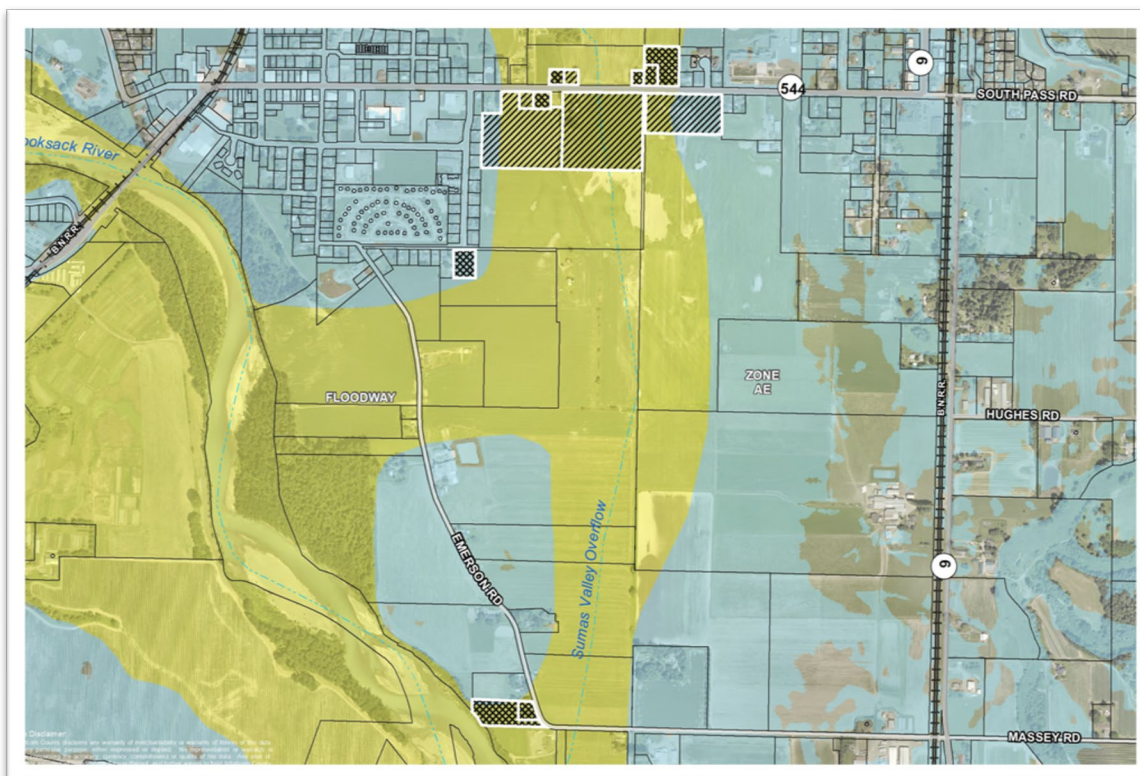
Voluntary acquisition of lands is proposed to enable future levee reconfigurations to reduce flood risk and future levee repairs, while improving habitat.

Project Status:

Acquisition of 2 floodplain properties and 11 development rights occurred in 2025 and structures on 19 properties were demolished from 2024-2025. Acquisitions are targeted in areas that sustained significant damage in 2021, in areas mapped as FEMA floodways and areas that will enable future flood hazard reduction projects

Total Estimated Cost: N/A

Expenditures to Date: N/A



Emergency/New Projects
Database ID No. 08-003

Construction Funding Year(s): 2026 - 2031

Project Narrative:

This item provides funding to address unanticipated projects resulting from new damage to flood control facilities.

Project Status:

Design and construction to occur as necessary.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$425,000/year

Expenditures to Date:

Due to the nature of this item, no map exists. Board of Supervisors review and prioritization will be sought at the appropriate time.

High Creek Sediment Trap

Database ID No. 22-005

Construction Funding Year(s): Annually

Project Narrative:

High Creek flooding damaged nearby homes and closed Mount Baker Highway in the mid-1990's. A legal settlement resulting from that event directs Whatcom County to prepare a creek management plan. Sediment management in the watershed including the 3400 feet of County owned right of way east of Kendall Creek is an important plan element along with fish habitat mitigation. State permits for future maintenance dredging are dependent on consistency with the final management plan. A management plan was developed and recommended the construction of two sediment traps, one sited upstream of Mount Baker Highway to trap coarser material and one by the confluence with Kendall Creek to trap finer material. The sediment traps were constructed in 2018. The project provides for the annual clean out of those sediment traps.

Project Status:

The 2026 clean out is anticipated to be complete in September 2026 for a cost of \$120,000. Total Estimated Cost is for annual estimated cleanout costs funded by the FCZD.

Total Estimated Cost: approximately \$120,000 annually

Expenditures to Date: --

