

PROJECT: 20-1668 DEV, BIRCH BAY BEACH PARK DEVELOPMENT

Sponsor: Whatcom County Parks & Rec Program: WWRP - Local Parks Status: Application Submitted

Parties to the Agreement

PRIMARY SPONSOR

Whatcom County Parks & Recreation

Address 3373 Mount Baker Hwy

City Bellingham **State** WA **Zip** 98226

Org Type County-Parks Department

Vendor # SWV0002425-18

UBI

Date Org created

Org Notes

[link to Organization profile](#)

Org data updated

SECONDARY SPONSORS

No records to display

Project Contacts

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Worksites & Properties

#	Worksite Name
#1	Birch Bay Beach Park

Development	Property Name
✓	Birch Bay Beach Park

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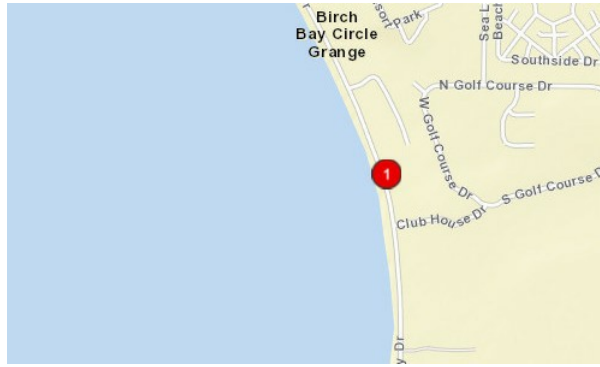
Worksite Map & Description

Worksite #1: Birch Bay Beach Park

WORKSITE ADDRESS

Street Address 7930 Birch Bay Drive

City, State, Zip Blaine WA 98230



Worksite Details

Worksite #1: Birch Bay Beach Park

SITE ACCESS DIRECTIONS

Drive north on Interstate 5, 14 miles north of Bellingham. Take Exit 270 toward Lynden / Birch Bay Road and turn left. Drive west on Lynden / Birch Bay Road for 4.0 miles. Turn left onto Harborview Road for 0.2 miles then turn left on Birch Bay Drive. Birch Bay Park is 0.3 miles south, on the left-hand side of Birch Bay Drive.

Questions

#1: Identify the source of funds (i.e. federal grant, Conservation Futures, local appropriations, private land donation, etc.) that was originally used to acquire the property.

Conservation Futures

#2: Give street address for this worksite if available.

7930 Birch Bay Drive, Blaine, WA 98230

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Project Location

RELATED PROJECTS

Projects in PRISM

PRISM Number	Project Name	Current Status	Relationship Type	Notes
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No related project selected

Related Project Notes

Questions

#1: (all) Does the project site or project boundary lie within the urban growth area boundary of a city or town with a population of 5,000 or more? If yes, name the community and attach one map called Population Proximity Map under the Attachment Tab in PRISM.

Yes, the Birch Bay Beach Park is located within a UGA, and the local population is 8,376 (2019)

#2: Is the project on State Owned Aquatic Lands? Please contact the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to make a determination. [Aquatic Districts and Managers](#)

No

Property Details

Property: Birch Bay Beach Park (Worksite #1: Birch Bay Beach Park)

✓ Development

LANDOWNER

Name Whatcom County
Address 322 N. Commercial, Suite 210
City Bellingham
State WA Zip 98225
Type Local

CONTROL & TENURE

Instrument Type Sponsor owned property (deed)
Timing Proposed
Term Length Perpetuity
Yrs
Expiration Date
Note

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Project Proposal

Project Description

Birch Bay Beach Park Development, phase 1

Project Questions

#1: (all)When will the project be completed and made available to the public for outdoor recreation uses? Please note that funding may not be awarded for about one year from application submittal and it may take one or more years for you to complete the project.

Summer 2022

#2: Are overhead utility lines present at the site, and if so explain how they will be relocated or buried.

Yes

Yes, an abandoned utility pole no longer connected to primary power remains on the site and will be removed during construction. A second pole centrally located on the western edge of the upland property has been re-purposed to serve as an active tsunami warning radar beacon. This is a temporary location under an agreement with Whatcom County Emergency Services. The beacon will be relocated south of its current location outside of the core of the park and associated recreational amenities.

#3: Describe any required mitigation as a result of the action in this proposal. Will mitigation occur on this site or another location?

No mitigation is anticipated as the site was previously developed and has since been maintained as a mowed grass field.

#4: Describe the nature of any existing rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, etc. to the project area.

The park property is bordered on the west by Birch Bay Drive which has a 60-foot right-of-way, but is not included in the 13.2 acres. No other easements or interests in the property exist.

#5: Is this project scope part of a larger effort not reflected in the project application? If so, briefly describe the larger effort, funding amount(s) and source(s).

Yes, this is the first phase of a multi-phase approach to complete final build out of the complete park improvement that was developed as a community planning effort that occurred in 2016. Future phases will include a restroom, parking, nature play equipment and a picnic shelter.

#6: (all)Do you plan to restrict or limit general public availability or use of the site in any way? If yes, describe the type of restriction, the portion of the project area that will be restricted (an illustrative map may be requested), and the reason(s) the public will be restricted.

Yes

Yes, the park will be open to the public from sunrise to sunset, and closed to public use outside those times.

#7: Does this application contain state, federal or other grants as part of the "sponsor match"? If "yes," name the grant(s) and date grant will be available.

No

Development Metrics

Worksite: Birch Bay Beach Park (#1)

GENERAL SITE IMPROVEMENTS

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Develop circulation paths or access routes

Total cost for development of circulation paths or access routes		\$35,000
Enter length of circulation paths and routes by surface type		
	Concrete	Feet 350
	Total	350

Minimum width of the circulation paths or access routes		6
Lighting provided (yes/no)	No	

Install fencing/barriers

Total cost for Install fencing/barriers		\$8,000
Select the fencing types		Wood fencing
Linear feet of fencing/barriers installed		320
Number in feet of fence height		3
Select the barrier types		Bollards Other

Install signs/kiosk

Total cost for Install signs/kiosk		\$12,500
Number of kiosks	New 1	Renovate 0
Number of interpretive signs/displays	1	0
Number of permanent entrance signs	1	0
Number of electronic signs	0	0
Project involves installation of informational signs (yes/no)	Yes	

Install site furnishings

Total cost for Install site furnishings		\$11,500
Select the site furniture / amenities		Benches Bike racks Picnic tables

Landscaping improvements

Total cost for Landscaping improvements		\$53,325
Acres of landscaped area		3.05
Select the landscape features		Drainage Grass/turf Groundcover Native vegetation Trees/shrubs

SITE PREPARATION

General site preparation

Total cost for General site preparation		\$269,000
Acres of site preparation		3.50
Number of trail miles for site preparation		0
Buildings / structures to be demolished		None
Select the site preparation activities		Demolition General site prep activities Mobilization Traffic control

UTILITIES

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Install power utilities

Total cost for Install power utilities \$12,500

Select the power utilities General service connection
Relocate/bury power utility

Install sewage system

Total cost for Install sewage system \$8,000

Number of dump stations New Renovate
0 0

Select the sewer utilities Sewer connection

Install water system

Total cost for Install water system \$8,000

Select the water utilities Water service connection

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Cultural resources

Total cost for Cultural resources \$20,000

Acres surveyed for cultural resources 3.50

Number of trail miles surveyed for cultural resources 0

PERMITS

Obtain permits

Total cost to Obtain permits \$7,500

Number of permits required for implementation of project 4

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING

Architectural & Engineering (A&E)

Total cost for Architectural & Engineering (A&E) \$87,500

Overall Project Metrics

SITES IMPROVED

Project acres developed 3.50

Project acres renovated 0

COMPLETION DATE

Projected date of completion 04/15/2022

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Development Cost Estimates

Worksite #1: Birch Bay Beach Park

Category	Work Type	Estimated Cost	Note
Cultural Resources	Cultural resources	\$20,000	
General Site Improvements	Develop circulation paths or access routes	\$35,000	
	Install fencing/barriers	\$8,000	
	Install signs/kiosk	\$12,500	
	Install site furnishings	\$11,500	
	Landscaping improvements	\$53,325	
Permits	Obtain permits	\$7,500	
Site Preparation	General site preparation	\$269,000	
Utilities	Install power utilities	\$12,500	
	Install sewage system	\$8,000	
	Install water system	\$8,000	
	Subtotal:	\$445,325	
Admin, Architecture, and Engineering		\$87,500	
	Total Estimate For Worksite:	\$532,825	

Summary

Total Estimated Costs Without AA&E:	\$445,325
Total Estimated AA&E:	\$87,500
Total Estimated Development Costs:	\$532,825

Cost Summary

	Estimated Cost	Project %	Admin/AA&E %
<u>Development Costs</u>			
Development	\$445,325		
Admin, Architecture, and Engineering	\$87,500		19.65 %
SUBTOTAL	\$532,825	100.00 %	
Total Cost Estimate	\$532,825	100.00 %	

Funding Request and Match

FUNDING PROGRAM

WWRP - Local Parks	\$382,825	71.85 %
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SPONSOR MATCH

Category	Amount	Project %
Appropriation - Local	\$150,000	
Match Total:	\$150,000	28.15 %
Total Funding Request:	\$532,825	100.00 %

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Cultural Resources

Worksite #1: Birch Bay Beach Park

#1: Provide a description of the project actions at this worksite (acquisition, development and/or restoration activities that will occur as a part of this project)

The project will involve removing a derelict chain link fence, and remnant asphalt paving. Utilities will also be extended into the site for a future restroom. The focus of the project will to open the park site up for immediate use by the public, and site improvements needed to accomplish this include constructing walkways, installing picnic tables, informational signage and landscaping.

#2: Describe all ground disturbing activities (length, width and depth of disturbance and equipment utilized) that will take place in the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Include the location of any construction staging or access roads associated with your project that will involve ground disturbance.

Ground disturbing activities will be kept to a minimum, but trenching is necessary to extend utilities to service the future restroom. The project will primarily import earth material and be constructing on top of the existing grade. Fill areas include a low earth berm along the park frontage that will be landscaped with low shrubs and groundcover planting. Fill will also be spread within the main park area to renovate the turf areas for picnicking and day use.

#3: Describe any planned ground disturbing pre-construction/restoration work. This includes geo-technical investigation, fencing, demolition, decommissioning roads, etc.

No pre-construction ground disturbing activities are anticipated at this time.

#4: Describe the existing project area conditions. The description should include existing conditions, current and historic land uses and previous excavation/fill (if depths and extent is known, please describe).

Birch Bay Beach Park is the site of a former private resort. All of the previous buildings have been removed, but the old asphalt single lane looped roads still remain on site. The site is level, with a moderately steep slope on the eastern side of the property. The large level area of the park that borders Birch Bay Drive is planted with grass, but due to lack of maintenance is patchy, and mixed with other pioneer species. The steep slope contains mature native trees and under story.

#5: Will a federal permit be required to complete the scope of work on the project areas located within this worksite?

No

#6: Are you utilizing Federal Funding to complete the scope of work? This includes funds that are being shown as match or not.

No

#7: Do you have knowledge of any previous cultural resource review within the project boundaries during the past 10 years?

Yes

#7a: Summarize the previous cultural resource review; including lead agency and date of review, reference name and numbers, etc. If RCO, include the prior phase grant number. NOTE: Do not provide any site-specific information considered confidential. Attach previous surveys or other reference documents.

A Cultural Resource Review (0316J) was conducted to inform the community lead master planning effort that occurred in 2016. Whatcom County contracted Drayton Archaeology to complete that review.

#8: Is the worksite located within an existing park, wildlife refuge, natural area preserve, or other recreation or habitat site?

Yes

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#8a: Please name the area and specify when the site was established.

Birch Bay Beach Park property was acquired by Whatcom County on June 11, 2014.

#9: Are there any structures over 45 years of age within this worksite? This includes structures such as buildings, tidegates, dikes, residential structures, bridges, rail grades, park infrastructure, etc.

No

#10: Describe existing worksite site conditions. The answer to this question will be used in cultural resource consultation so please provide detailed information.

The site is level, with a moderately steep slope on the eastern side of the property. The large level area of the park that borders Birch Bay Drive is planted with grass, but due to lack of maintenance is patchy, and mixed with other pioneer species. The steep slope contains mature native trees and under story. A derelict chain link fence parallels Birch Bay Beach Drive along the park frontage, and the old asphalt looped roads remain within the large level area of the park.

Project Permits

Permits and Reviews	Issuing Organization	Applied Date	Received Date	Expiration Date	Permit #
Archeological & Cultural Resoures (EO 05-05)	DAHP				Pending
Clear & Grade Permit	City/County				Pending
Shoreline Permit	City/County				Pending

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Attachments

Required Attachments

5 out of 5 done

Control & Tenure Documentation	✓
Map: Area of Potential Effect (APE)	✓
Map: Boundary map – Draft	✓
Photo	✓
Site Plan: Development site plan	✓

PHOTOS (JPG, GIF)

Photos (JPG, GIF)



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PROJECT DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS

Project Documents and Photos

File Type	Attach Date	Attachment Type	Title	Person	File Name, Number Associations	Shared
	05/29/2020	Project Application Report	Project Application Report, 20-1668D (submitted 05/29/20 10:	RodneyL	Project Application Report - 20-1668 (submitted 05-29-2020_10-07-28).pdf, 430197	✓
	05/29/2020	Cultural Resources: Cultural Resources Survey	0316J Drayton BB County Park Review REDACTED.pdf	RodneyL	0316J Drayton BB County Park Review REDACTED.pdf, 430188	
	05/29/2020	Site Plan: Development site plan	Birch Bay Development Plan.pdf	RodneyL	Birch Bay Development Plan.pdf, 430186	✓
	05/29/2020	Photo	Birch Bay Beach Park-Photo.jpg	RodneyL	Birch Bay Beach Park-Photo.jpg, 430184	✓
	05/27/2020	Control & Tenure Documentation	StatutoryWarrantyDeed_20141027.pdf	RodneyL	StatutoryWarrantyDeed_20141027.pdf, 428626	✓
	05/27/2020	Map: Area of Potential Effect (APE)	RCOGrantApp_BirchBay_PotentialEffect_	RodneyL	RCOGrantApp_BirchBay_PotentialEff... 428601	✓
	05/27/2020	Map: Population Proximity	RCOGrantApp_BirchBay_PopulationProxi	RodneyL	RCOGrantApp_BirchBay_PopulationP... 428600	✓
	05/27/2020	Map: Boundary map – Draft	RCOGrantApp_BirchBay_BoundaryMap_2	RodneyL	RCOGrantApp_BirchBay_BoundaryM... 428598	✓

Application Status

Application Due Date: 06/01/2020

Status Name	Status Date	Submitted By	Submission Notes
Application Submitted	05/29/2020	Rodney Lamb	
Preapplication	04/24/2020		

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct. Further, all application requirements due on the application due date have been fully completed to the best of my ability. I understand that if this application is found to be incomplete, it will be rejected by RCO. I understand that I may be required to submit additional documents before evaluation or approval of this project and I agree to provide them. (Rodney Lamb, 05/29/2020)

Date of last change: 05/29/2020

20-1668, Dev, Whatcom County Parks & Rec
Birch Bay Beach Park Development, RCO Grant Request: \$382,825

BASICS

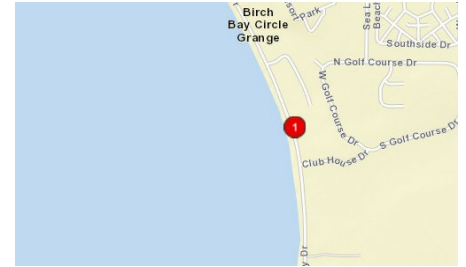
FUNDING

Costs

RCO	\$382,825	72%
Sponsor Match	\$150,000	28%
Total	\$532,825	100%

Sponsor Match Breakdown

Appropriation - Local	\$150,000
Total	\$150,000



Minimum match required
25.00%

DESCRIPTION

Birch Bay Beach Park Development, phase 1

LOCATION

County, City, Water bodies

City Areas: Birch Bay
County: Whatcom

METRICS/COSTS

DEVELOPMENT METRICS

Worksite: Birch Bay Beach Park (#1)

COSTS

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Project Factsheet

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Linear feet of fencing/barriers installed 320

Number in feet of fence height 3

Select the barrier types Bollards
Other

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Total cost for Install signs/kiosk \$12,500

Number of kiosks New: 1, Renov: 0

Number of interpretive signs/displays New: 1, Renov: 0

Number of permanent entrance signs New: 1, Renov: 0

Number of electronic signs New: 0, Renov: 0

Project involves installation of informational signs (yes/no) Yes

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Bike racks
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UTILITIES

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Total cost for Install power utilities	\$12,500
Select the power utilities	General service connection Relocate/bury power utility

Install sewage system

Total cost for Install sewage system	\$8,000
Number of dump stations	New: 0, Renov: 0
Select the sewer utilities	Sewer connection

Install water system

Total cost for Install water system	\$8,000
Select the water utilities	Water service connection

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Cultural resources

Total cost for Cultural resources	\$20,000
Acres surveyed for cultural resources	3.50
Number of trail miles surveyed for cultural resources	0

Project Factsheet

PERMITS

Obtain permits

Total cost to Obtain permits	\$7,500
Number of permits required for implementation of project	4
	<i>Optional</i>

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING

Architectural & Engineering (A&E)

Total cost for Architectural & Engineering (A&E)	\$87,500
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Total Development Cost	\$532,825
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PERMITS

Permit Name	Received	Comment
Clear & Grade Permit	No	
Archeological & Cultural Resoures (EO 05-05)	No	
Shoreline Permit	No	

PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

#1: Does this application contain state, federal or other grants as part of the "sponsor match"? If "yes," name the grant(s) and date grant will be available.

No

ATTACHMENTS

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

File Type	Attachment Type	Title
	Site Plan: Development site plan	Birch Bay Development Plan.pdf

