

Locust Beach Trailhead

BELLINGHAM



Public Meeting
November 19, 2015
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City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation
Design and Development Division



Trail to the beach



City of
Bellingham

Overview

- Background
- Work completed
- Draft development plan
- Phase one plan
- Park name
- Next steps
- Public Comments

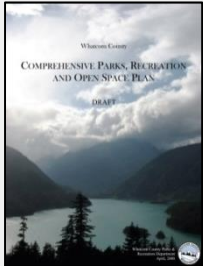


2003-5 BELLINGHAM WATERFRONT FUTURES GROUP



- 2 year citizen-based process
- City Council Res. 2005-04 directed staff to include components in all plan updates
- Access to Locust from east

2007 WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS

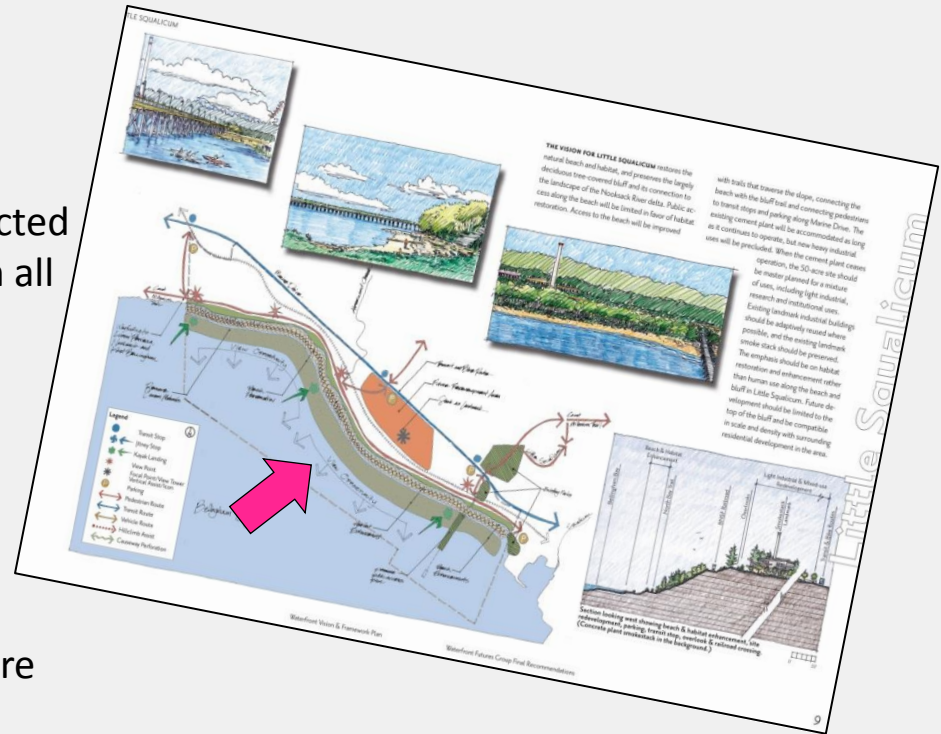


- Locust Beach state tidelands are recreational opportunity
- Need for over 2 miles of new marine beach access

2008 CITY of BELLINGHAM PARKS



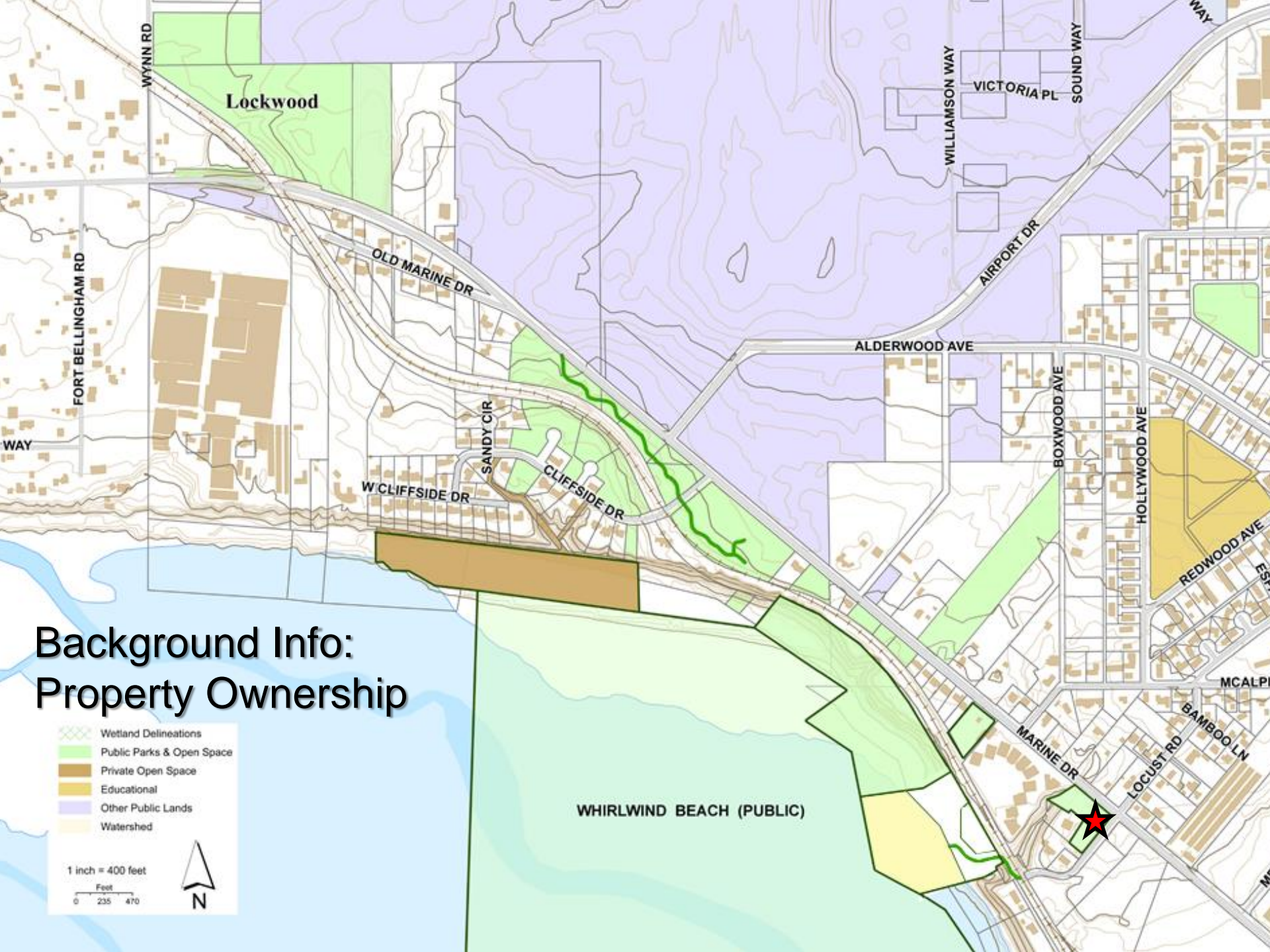
- “Greenway anchor” at Locust
- “North Bay Beachwalk” to Locust
- “Waterfront integration”
- “Whirlwind Trailhead” high priority for implementation (Chapter 7)



Background Info: Published Plans

Background Info: Greenway Connections & Parking





Background Info: Property Ownership

- Wetland Delineations
- Public Parks & Open Space
- Private Open Space
- Educational
- Other Public Lands
- Watershed

1 inch = 400 feet

Feet
0 235 470





STATE TIDELANDS

An aerial photograph of a coastal area with several property tracts highlighted in color. Tract B is a large purple area on the left, adjacent to a body of water. Tracts A, C, D, and E are green. Tract A is a large green area at the top right. Tract C is a green area at the bottom left, marked with a red star. Tract D is a green area at the bottom center. Tract E is a green area on the right. A yellow dashed line is visible on the boundary of Tract B. A black arrow points to the top left corner. The background shows a residential neighborhood with houses and trees.

B

A

E

C

D

Property Ownership

B = Chartwell tract
(discussions underway;
current easement to general public
allows public use of tidelands)

Work Completed:

- RCO Grant
- Stakeholder meetings:
 - DNR, WDFW
 - County staff, law enforcement & Fire
 - Adjoining property owners
- City staff tour & design charrette
- General public meetings
- Site studies
 - Land survey
 - Asbestos removal
 - Cultural resources
- Building demolition
- Hired consultant, draft plan



Neher house demo

Draft Development Plan (~ \$750k)

- Parking
- Landscaping
- Trash/dumpster
- Pet waste station
- Interpretive sign
- Park sign
- Bicycle parking
- Motorcycle parking
- Security lighting
- Restroom



Way finding Sign



Park Sign



Trailhead Sign



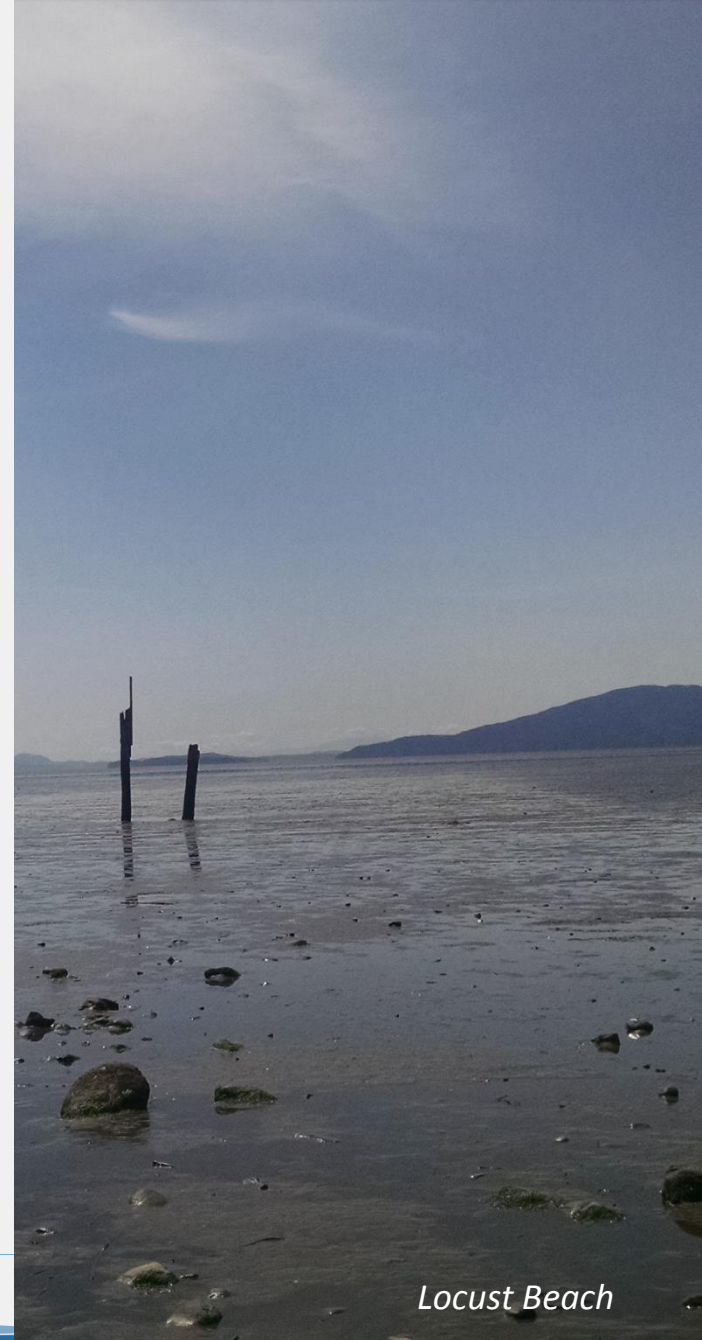
Restroom Building



Trash Receptacle

Phase One Plan (\$330k)

- Gravel resurfacing
- Trash receptacle
- Signs
- Landscaping
- Portable toilet
- ADA parking
- Gate
- Trail improvements



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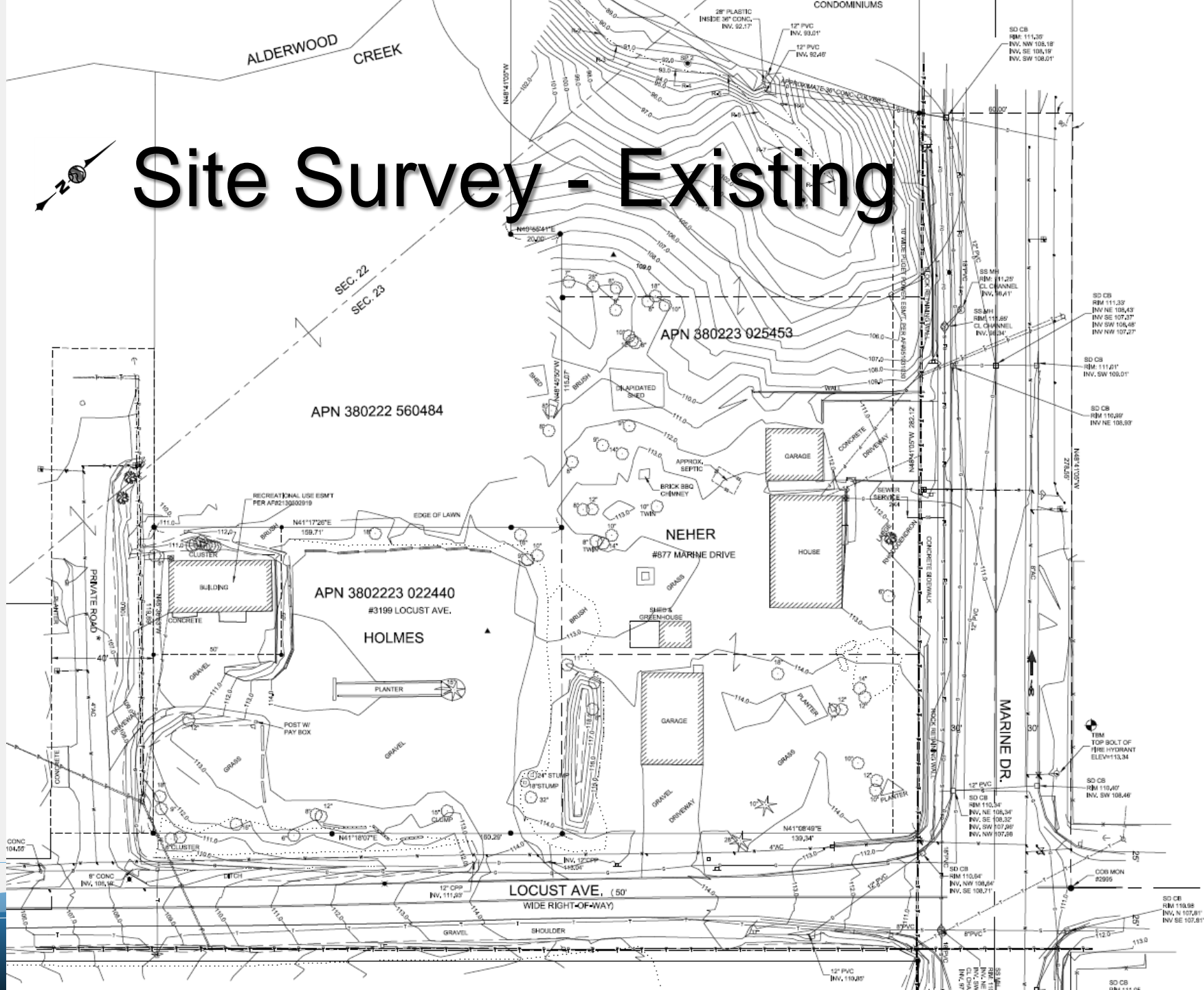


Aerial Photo

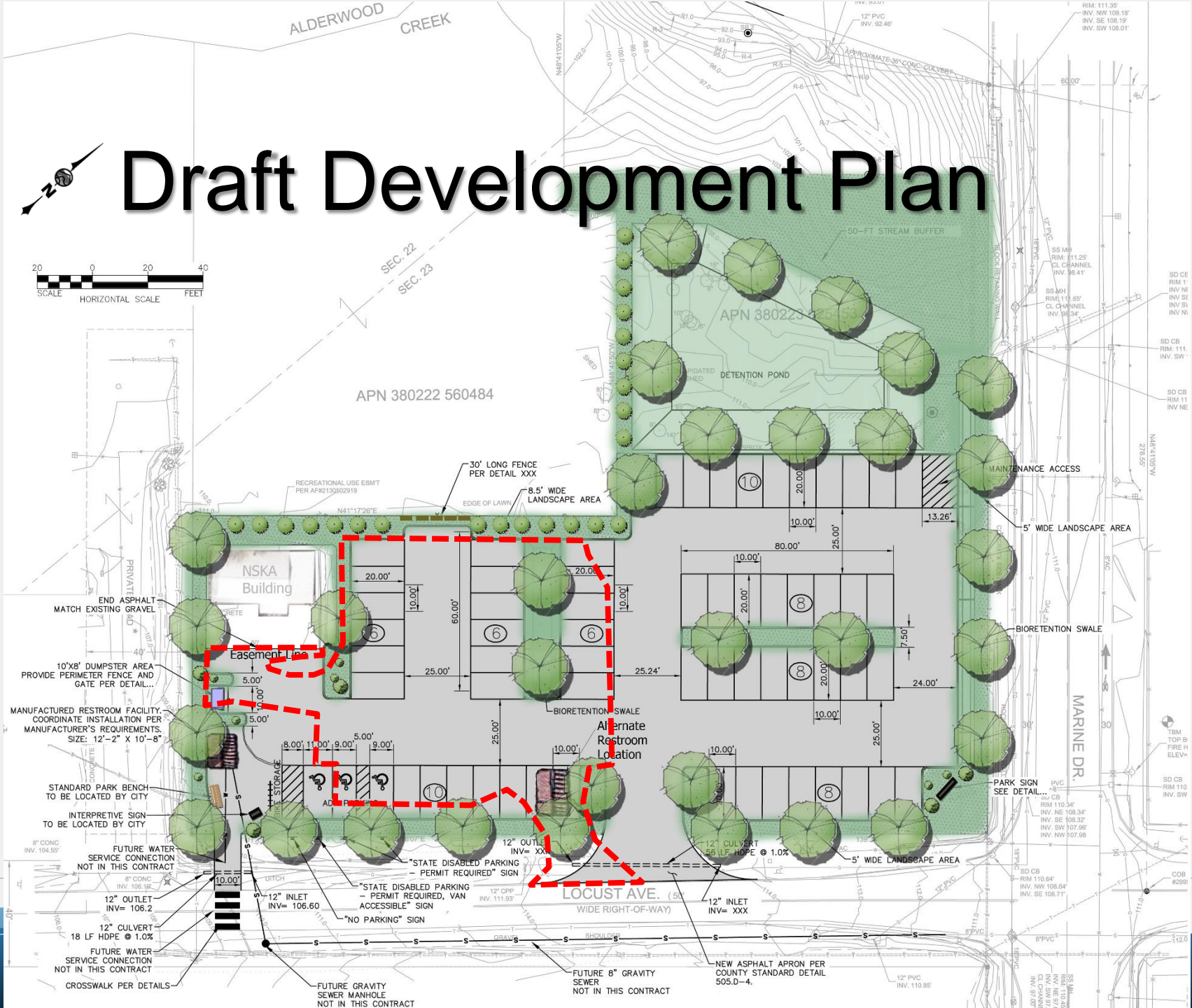
Private Driveway

Locust Ave

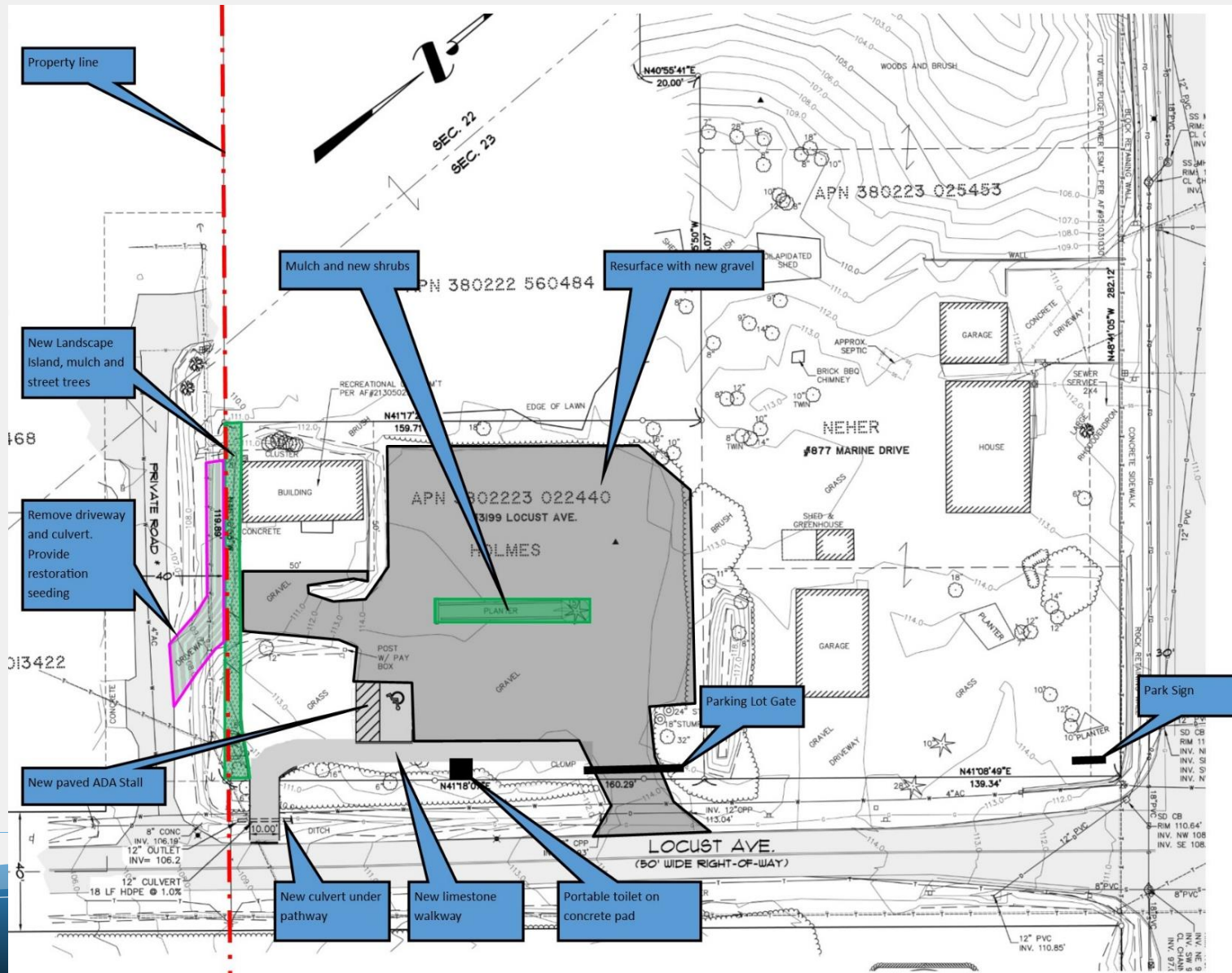
Marine Drive



Draft Development Plan



Phase One Plan



Park Name: "Locust Beach Trailhead"

Name originates
from 1934 plat



I, E.C. Lyle, hereby certify that I personally made the survey of this plat, and all concrete monuments, shown upon this plat, have been set, and that the distances, angles and other data shown upon this plat are correct, that the corners are marked by gas pipes.

E.C. Lyle
Civil Engineer

I, Pliny T. Snyder, county treasurer of Whatcom County, Washington, hereby certify that all taxes due upon the real estate embraced within this plat have been fully paid as shown upon the records in my office, including the year 1934, and that I am the officer in charge of the collection of special assessments levied by the said County of Whatcom on all the land embraced within this plat, and that all delinquent special assessments for which the property embraced within this plat may be liable at this date, and that all special assessments assessed against this plat, which under said plat becomes streets, or other public places have been paid.

Pliny T. Snyder
Treasurer of Whatcom County
State of Washington

Approved by order of the Board of
County Commissioners of Whatcom County,
Washington, this 9 day of November A.D., 1934.

Fred E. Laube

Chairman of the Board of County
Commissioners of Whatcom County,
Washington.

LOT Lot adjustment from 124 and 654 674 S.W. 1/4

County Engineer's Certificate

This is to certify that I have this 9 day of
Nov. A.D., 1934, checked the above plat as to
computations and find the same to be correct
in so far as can be determined from an ex-
amination of the face of the plat.

John M. Adams

County Engineer of Whatcom
County, Washington.

State of Washington } S.S. 440754
County of Whatcom }

I do hereby certify that this plat
was filed for record in the office of the Auditor
of Whatcom County, Washington, at the request of
Mt. Baker Savings & Loan Association on the 24th
of Feb. A.D., 1935 at 4 o'clock P.M., that it is
recorded in Volume 7, of plats, of page 36
in the records of said county.

C. C. Baughman
Auditor and Recorder
of Whatcom County, Washington.

State of Washington } S.S.
County of Whatcom }

On this 9 day of Nov. A.D., 1934, before me personally appeared Arthur J.
Bulfinch, to me known to be the president, and R.R. Loomis, to me known to be secretary
of Mt. Baker Savings & Loan Association, the corporation that executed the within and for-
going instrument and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act
and deed of said Corporation for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath
he testified that he was authorized to execute said instrument, and that the seal affixed
is the corporate seal of said Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day
and year in this certificate first above written.



Nicolas J. J. J.
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington
Residing at Bellingham.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Mt. Baker
Savings & Loan Association, a private corporation organized
and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of
Washington, being the fee-simple owner of all the real estate de-
scribed in the within plat, hereby execute and file this plat, the
same to be known as

DEDICATION

LOCUST GROVE

The real estate embraced within this plat is located in the Enosh
Compton Donation Claim, Surveyed February 26th 1861 by George F.
Whitworth, and is located on Bellingham Bay, in Whatcom County, Washington,
and is described more particularly as follows: Bounded on the north
by the South line of Malpine Road, on the Southeast by property owned
by James Bliss. On the Southwest by the Marietta Road and by J.M. Edson
property, and on the Northwest by the road extending from the SW cor-
ner of Section 8, Township 38N Range 2 East to the Marietta Road, and
by the J.M. Edson property.

The initial point of the survey of this plat is the concrete
monument the point of intersection of the center line of Locust Road
and the westerly line of the Marietta Road, and the Base line of the
survey of this plat is the westerly line of the Marietta Road, ex-
tending from the J.M. Edson property, through said initial point to the property
owned by James Bliss. Concrete monuments are set at all points in-
dicated thus upon this plat.

Locust Road shown upon this plat is 50' wide and is hereby
dedicated to the public as a public highway.

RESERVATION
The title to all coal deposits located at a greater depth than
two hundred (200) feet below the surface of the ground, together with
the right to mine the same, and together with the perpetual easement
to transport through the lands included within this plat, any and all
coal deposits, whether contained in such lands, or in lands other than
those included within this plat, without interfering with the surface rights
of the public, or grantees of property embraced within this plat, are hereby
reserved to the undersigned.

Mt. Baker Savings & Loan Association, a corporation, its successors
or assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Mt. Baker Savings & Loan Association, has
caused this plat to be executed by its President and Secretary there-
unto duly authorized this 9 day of Nov. A.D. 1934.

ATTEST

R. B. Joergie
Secretary

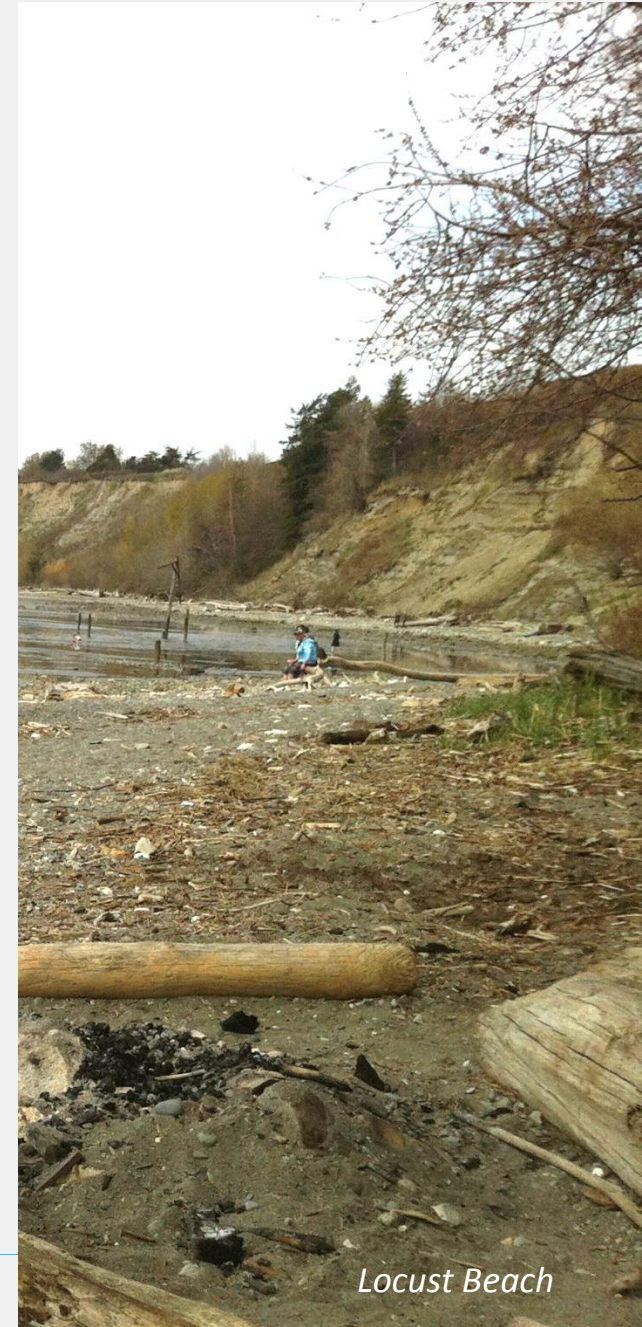
Mt. Baker Savings & Loan Association

By Arthur J. Bulfinch
President.



Next Steps: Phase One

- Complete Design 2015
- Apply for Permits 2015
- Bid Spring 2016
- Construct Summer 2016
- Continue coordination with County staff & neighborhood



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Public Meeting Comments

11-19-2015

- The public should be informed about this drastic change in plans. Send out a mailer?
- Post presentation to the website.
- Remove parking along Locust Ave. It is a safety hazard. Make the shoulder a trail
- Need lighting
- This is a drastic change from the last meeting
- Install parking lot gate and enforce it. Lock it at night, make it effective, regardless if there are cars remaining inside
- Pay Port of Bellingham to manage gate
- Are property corners marked? If so, inform the public
- Who owns ravine area south of trail?
- Need permanent restroom. Portable toilet will be smelly.

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