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West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive briefing on the West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment and provide feedback to City staff.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a briefing on the West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment.

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Background and Analysis:

The West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment is a science-based analysis of habitat and water quality improvements along Budd Inlet's West Bay shoreline (see map within Executive Summary). Decades of development and shoreline fill degraded environmental conditions warranting a comprehensive look at the entire shoreline.

The assessment covers the western shoreline of Budd Inlet from 5th Avenue north to the City limits. Coast and Harbor Engineering led the work effort starting in May 2015 and concluding in late February 2016.

Partners include the City of Olympia Public Works and Parks, Arts and Recreation Departments; the

Port of Olympia; and the Squaxin Island Tribe. The study focused primarily on City, Port, and Tribe-owned properties. Approaches for private properties are also included.

Staff will brief Council on the methodology, findings, recommendations, and preliminary cost estimates. Public Works and Parks will schedule a study session with Council spring/summer 2016 to discuss the findings in more detail.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The community and Westside neighborhoods are interested in the future development of West Bay Park, trail options along the shoreline and lagoon, environmental restoration opportunities, water quality, and future development along the shoreline.

Options:

Briefing only.

Financial Impact:

None at this time.

Attachment(s):

1. West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment - Executive Summary
2. West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment - Full Report and Appendices