



## Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

### West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment

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#### **Title**

West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment

#### **Recommended Action**

No Action Needed

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment.

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#### **Presenter(s):**

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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. Habitat restoration, public access and trail options are all discussed.

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 publically owned properties. Conceptual approaches for private properties are also included.

Staff will brief the committee on the methodology, findings, recommendations and preliminary cost estimates with a focus on West Bay Park and lagoon area. Council was briefed on the study on March 22 and a study session is planned The Port Commission was briefed in September. The full

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study is available at the city website at:

<http://olympiawa.gov/~media/Files/PublicWorks/Water-Resources/West-Bay-Env-Assess.pdf?la=en>

**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. A community meeting in April with the Northwest Olympia Neighborhood shared the study.

**Options:**

Briefing only.

**Financial Impact:**

None at this time.