

Lorenzan Creek

Alternatives Analysis and Design

UPDATE #9

2023 through May 2024

OVERVIEW

Skagit County operates a maintenance facility in Concrete, WA. This facility is located at 44510 Concrete Sauk Valley Road. Lorenzan Creek, a salmon bearing stream, flows within a culvert under the length of the property (WDFW ID: GR18). This culvert is a documented barrier to fish passage. All stormwater on site is directly discharged into this culvert. This includes runoff from the parking surfaces, roof structures, and discharged stormwater from WSDOT's system to the north of the property.

Skagit County paused design work in February 2024 while we applied for additional funding to continue the project.

All previous updates can be found on the [Lorenzan Creek Feasibility Study](https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSurfaceWaterManagement/Lorenzancreek.htm) website which is located at <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSurfaceWaterManagement/Lorenzancreek.htm>

UPDATE

- *Design* –
 - Herrera submitted both 30% (conceptual) and draft 60% plans to the County
 1. County shared these with WDFW, WSDOT, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, and Skagit River System Cooperative to seek comments.
 2. County staff also reviewed the plans
 3. County returned 60% plans with comments to Herrera to update prior to permitting
 - Herrera draft the Basis of Design Memo.
 - County has been working with the Town of Concrete on a sewer line that sits atop the existing culvert and needs to be relocated to install a larger fish passable culvert. This included additional survey and ground penetrating radar to locate.
- *Permitting and Environmental Compliance* –
 - Expected to be submitted next quarter 2024
- *Communication and Stakeholder Outreach* –
 - The second [workshop](#) was held March 15, 2023 via zoom. The County posted flyers through the Town of Concrete to encourage wide participation. Agenda, meeting notes, and the presentation slide deck can be found on the County's website.
 - County met with WSDOT to determine how the project elements that intersect both ownerships can be addressed.
- *Funding* –
 - Skagit County applied for funding from Puget Sound Energy, Fish Barrier Removal Board, and Department of Ecology.

- Puget Sound Energy funding was awarded May 9, 2024 ([C20240239](#)) for finalizing the design.
- Project is listed on the “[Draft Funding List](#)” for the Department of Ecology (ranked 10th). The final list will be published July 1, 2024. This funding will complete design and provide some construction funding.
- County applied for [Brian Abbot Fish Barrier Removal Board \(FBRB\)](#) funding. The Prioritized Project List is expected August 20, 2024 with funding available starting July 1, 2025. This funding would complete construction.

UPCOMING

Skagit County will apply for permits and continue working on 90% designs.