

# Lorenzan Creek

## Alternatives Analysis and Design

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UPDATE #10

June - July 2024

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### 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.

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 has continued to work on updating the design, incorporating comments from the regulatory agencies, County staff, and Tribes.
    1. This included a meeting with WDFW to discuss eligibility for the streamlined permit (FHEP) process and the reduction in freeboard from 3' to 2'. No decision has been formally made yet.
  - County has been working with the Town of Concrete on a sewer line that sits atop the existing culvert and needs to be relocated. This work is ongoing.
- *Permitting and Environmental Compliance* –
  - Expected to be submitted in the coming months.
    1. WDFW approval of FHEP will dictate length of permitting time.
- *Communication and Stakeholder Outreach* –
  - No specific outreach has occurred since the last update.
- *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. Preliminary scoring suggest this funding will not be received due to the barrier at Concrete Road and the upstream barriers.
  - The County is intending on applying for the [Aquatic Organism Passage](#) (AOP) funding due September 23, 2024. This could potentially fund the entire project but ranking well will require bundling with other culverts. This outreach has just begun.
  - Spoke with a representative of Evergreen Rural Water of Washington about potential USDA funding. We have plans to continue discussions over the next few months.

### UPCOMING

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