

Lorenzan Creek

Alternatives Analysis and Design

UPDATE #11

August – September 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.

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 completed 60% designs and submitted to the County for review and submittal.
 - 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. The Town is likely applying for some independent funding to assist with relocating (thank you Town of Concrete!)
- *Permitting and Environmental Compliance* –
 1. Expected to be submitted by the County early November.
- *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 but did not receive funding.
 - The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe supported the County in applying for the [Aquatic Organism Passage](#) (AOP) funding that was due September 23, 2024. This could potentially fund the entire project as well as up and downstream barriers. There is no public date for decisions but last funding cycle we were notified about 8 months after submittal. Thank you, Rick, and all USIT for this hard work and support.
 - Received our draft funding agreement from the Department of Ecology. They notified the County that the removal of the historic fuel tanks is not an eligible item so we are now looking for funding for that work that we had assumed ECY would fund.

UPCOMING

Skagit County will apply for permits and continue applying for funding.

Skagit County is continuing to look for a new location for the facility.