

Lorenzan Creek

Alternatives Analysis and Design

UPDATE #12

October – November 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 –*
 - 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 working through some funding opportunities to assist with relocating this line (thank you Town of Concrete!)
 - County met with WSDOT to discuss how to address their stormwater entering the site. There are some questions about maintenance responsibility, design requirements, and other items we are currently working through.
- *Permitting and Environmental Compliance –*
 1. Permits were submitted in early November. Some edits have been requested. The County will be working through those with Herrera and the Town as needed.
- *Communication and Stakeholder Outreach –*
 - No specific outreach has occurred since the last update.
- *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.
 - Have a finalized agreement from the Department of Ecology. The 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. This funding will be used to remove buildings and all infrastructure not related to those tanks, and to assist with removal of the underground stormwater infrastructure once additional funding is secured.

- The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe has offered to work on a NOAA Fish Passage grant with the County. These are due in February 2025.

UPCOMING

Skagit County will continue to seek opportunities and apply for funding.

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