



City of Shoreline Lower Storm Creek Erosion Management Project Permit Process Open House Summary

Overview

On June 11, 2024, the City of Shoreline completed an online open house as part of the City permitting process for the Lower Storm Creek Erosion Management project. Outreach activities included notification to project stakeholders and property owners in the vicinity of the project and online open house.

Outreach activities allowed the City to present information about the proposed design and goals of the project. The public was able to give feedback on the project goals, objectives and design.

Audience and Participation

Mailers were sent to key project stakeholders and over 30 residences within 500 feet of the project limits. These mailers invited residents to participate in the public online open house. The notification letter is included as **Appendix A**.

1 resident and 4 City staff members participated in the online open house.

Online Open House Summary

The online open house was available from June 10-20. The open house presented graphics and background information that introduced residents to the project.

Question & Answer

1. What is the deadline for when the City must have all the permitting done to allow for project delivery next year (2025)?

Answer: The deadline allows for a procurement period for materials, and the in-water work is likely to begin in May (2025). So, the deadline would most likely be no later than January (2025).

2. When talking about the work being done in the Summer, will that be July-August? How long of a construction period will it be? In previous meetings it was discussed that this project would be completed quickly.



Answer: Correct, there may be some early work that's not in the stream, but the meat of the project will be completed in the stream, down in the ravine. The tentative window of work is May/June-September, where you are allowed to work in-stream. We are designing the project so that the work can be completed quickly within the allowable in-water work window. This would be something that the Department of Fish and Wildlife will dictate. There will be some work that we can conduct outside of that window, with no impact to the streams, including restoration on embankments, restoration of staging area, bringing in a crane to drop the pipe and structure into the creek. A lot of work may be happening outside of the stream at either end of the project.

3. Regarding the grant for this project. Will the grant for this project be put into jeopardy if the project is extended into 2026 and not completed in 2025?

Answer: This is a good point as the grant was recently extended through the end of 2025. If we do have to go to 2026 that would be an extenuating set of circumstances. We want to see that the project is making progress, and they aren't generally eager to pull funding from projects that are making progress. We can't promise that we will keep the funding, but we think the odds are pretty good. We also applied for a FEMA grant and are waiting for a reply. We will continue to look for funding to help with this project.

4. Considering how many years we have been in this and it being a million-dollar project. With prices going up, where does it leave us cost-wise?

Answer: We believe our cost estimates are still valid. This is something we will continue to watch. We may need to reevaluate the budget as the project progresses.

Comments and Concerns:

- The sewer substation may be in danger and negatively impacted. Concerned about the sewer pipeline that runs along the upper level of the embankment and if it's in danger as it goes across the creek.
- Concerns about the recent downpours and how they may be putting private property in danger due to the widening of the creek over the last several years.
- Fencing to put in place to remove people from entering the slot canyon, do not want people to turn this into a hiking trail.
 - o **Answer:** the design does include fencing to ensure people do not fall, but the design currently does not include fencing for site security.
- How can we discourage trespassing



- Meeting the needs for permitting and the property club/HOA in the area.



Appendix A
Notification Letter



SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Chris Roberts
Deputy Mayor Laura Mork
Councilmember Annette Ademasu
Councilmember Eben Pobe
Councilmember John Ramsdell
Councilmember Betsy Robertson
Councilmember Keith Scully

May 13, 2024

Subject: Lower Storm Creek Erosion Repair

Dear Shoreline Resident:

You are invited to participate in an online open house from June 10th – 13th to learn more about the proposed Lower Storm Creek Erosion Repair project in your neighborhood. Please go to the online open house at engage.shorelinewa.gov/stormcreek to read a description of the project, see site plans and graphics, and leave your comments. If you leave an email address, following closure of the online open house we will send you a Neighborhood Outreach Summary reporting on suggestions, requests, or concerns expressed, our responses, and any modifications to the design made as a result of feedback. We will also host a conference call via Zoom on June 11th at 6:00 PM to answer questions and respond to neighborhood comments. The link to the zoom call will be available at the above website or please call in to +1 253 205 0468 and enter the Meeting ID: 865 7020 3477 followed by # to join this call from a phone.

If you are unable to participate in the online open house, contact Lea Bonebrake, lbonebrake@shorelinewa.gov, before June 11th if you wish to discuss the project, provide feedback, request emailed project drawings, request a copy of the Neighborhood Outreach Summary, or otherwise correspond regarding this project.

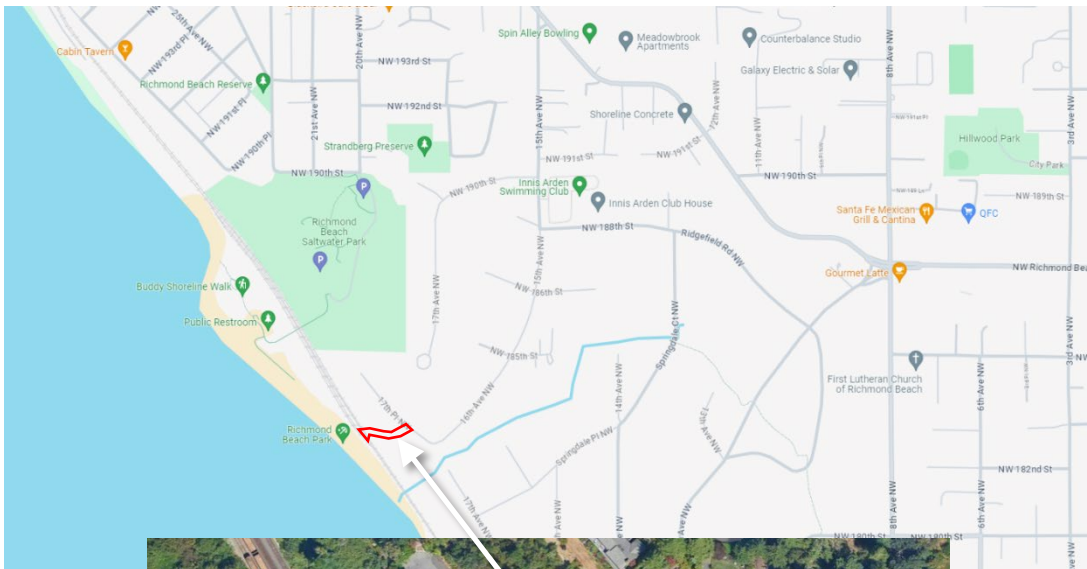
Project Description: Storm Creek has a $\frac{3}{4}$ square mile drainage basin area that outfalls to Puget Sound just south of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Decades long erosion along Storm Creek within the steep bluff along the Puget Sound shoreline has cut a deep "slot canyon", presenting risk to nearby sanitary sewer infrastructure and adjacent private property owners.

Through a collaborative effort between the City of Shoreline, the Innis Arden Club and adjacent property owners, the City is proposing to repair the "slot canyon" with construction of a segment of 36-inch diameter pipe and overlaying channel stabilization, upstream and downstream restoration, and new plantings.

Construction is anticipated to occur during the summer of 2025.

Required Applications:

- Department of Ecology Permits
 - Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA)
 - Section 401
- US Army Corp of Engineers Permits
 - Section 404
- City of Shoreline Permits
 - Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP)
 - Shoreline Conditional Use Permit (SCUP)
 - Shoreline Variance
 - SEPA Environmental Review
 - Critical Areas Special Use Permit (CASUP)
 - Site Development Permit



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