

Lorenzan Creek

Alternatives Analysis and Design

UPDATE #15

January – April 2026

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 –*
 - The County and the Town recognize that the majority of the culvert is beneath the Town-owned portion of the road. This has allowed some changes to the design that may result in cost savings.
 - Herrera is putting together an updated site plan to be shared and used to confirm that all permitting agencies support the changes.
- *Permitting and Environmental Compliance –*
 - County has now secured all required permits:
 1. WDFW HPA – 2025-05-23
 2. ECY 401 – Water Quality Cert Order No. 23759
 3. USACE Section 404 – NWS-2025-0024
 - County will be using the new site plan to coordinate with PSE on relocation of the power pole.
- *Communication and Stakeholder Outreach –*
 - No specific outreach has occurred since the last update. Have had some on-going discussions with one private landowner.
- *Funding –*
 - The County has Department of Ecology funding to remove the existing structures on the property. This funding expires in June 2027. Working with ECY on if we should file for an extension now.
 - Puget Sound Energy has continued their funding effort for final design. This funding expires December 2027.
 - We applied to the Seattle City Light Skagit Habitat Enhancement Fund for completion of final design. Final proposal presentation are June 3rd with funding decisions made in late June 2026.

- We have secured \$1,030,000 in state funding for construction. We're waiting on their timelines and guidance.
- We are still looking for between \$500-\$900,000 to finalize construction. There are many upcoming opportunities we will be working on. Once the PLIA report described below is completed, we will apply for removal funding from PLIA.
- *Other –*
 - The County secured funding from the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) to complete an assessment of the historic fuel tanks. This work was completed and a draft report has been sent to PLIA for review. The positive is that they have not found any serious contamination requiring clean-up. Best case scenario removal is estimated at \$235,000 while worst case is \$385,000. This would occur if there are contaminants under the tanks that couldn't be sampled during the recent sampling event. The report will be on the website once it is finalized.
 - The Town is underway on the design of their new sewer line. The existing line runs on top of the 2' culvert and needs to be relocated to construct a new crossing. They secured funding for this portion of the work.
 - The County is still working on securing a location for the new facility.

UPCOMING

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