

Lorenzan Creek

Alternatives Analysis and Design

UPDATE #14

June 2025 – December 2025

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 re-kicked off the design meetings with Herrera Environmental to take the plans from 60% to final.
 - County and Town are working to determine actual right-of-way location. This will determine final orientation of the culvert.
 - Working with private property adjacent to project to determine possible temporary construction easement needs.
 - County working with WSDOT on securing required right-of-way for new project.
- *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
- *Communication and Stakeholder Outreach –*
 - No specific outreach has occurred since the last update.
- *Funding –*
 - The County secured funding from the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency to complete an assessment of the historic fuel tanks. This work should be completed in April 2026 at which time we can apply for funding to remove the tank and island.
 - The County has Department of Ecology funding to remove the existing structures on the property. This funding expires in June 2027.
 - Puget Sound Energy has continued their funding effort for final design. This funding expires December 2027.
 - We have applied for Fish Barrier Removal Board Funding for the entire project. The pre-applications were due January 26, 2026 with final applications due May 7, 2026. Prioritized project list is published August 18, 2026.

- We also applied to the Seattle City Light Skagit Habitat Enhancement Fund for completion of final design. Funding decisions will be made in late June 2026.
- *Other* –
 - 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.