

Seahurst Park Shoreline Restoration Project



To Seahurst Park's Neighbors and Visitors:

The Seahurst Park North Shoreline Restoration project follows earlier shoreline restoration work completed in 2005 with the Corps of Engineers along the southern shore of the park, and the results will be similar, but on a larger scale. The project is currently anticipated to begin in **late September 2013 or early October** and the park will then be closed to the public. The project area includes 2,800 feet of shoreline and extends from the park's lower parking lot to the northern park boundary and to the lower slopes of the forested bluffs.

The goal of the project is to restore natural nearshore ecological processes to sustain a naturally functioning park shoreline and contribute to nearshore function within and beyond the park boundaries. The project will help re-establish habitat that benefits endangered Chinook salmon and other species of salmon. Restoration of the gravel beach will provide a place for forage fish such as surf smelt and sandlance to spawn and become a food source for salmon. The restoration will also improve the nearshore eelgrass beds used by juvenile salmon. Besides helping salmon, the project will extend the beaches at the park. Riparian planting will be added along most of the length of the project, with a small wetland/estuary added and supported by the North Creek and two smaller, perennial streams. The main park trail will be restored in the approximate location of the existing service road.

There will be considerable movement of heavy construction and demolition equipment, so **during the construction project the park will be closed to the public**. Only the upper trails will be available for public use. The shoreline of the park will not be accessible and there will be construction fencing and clear signage at park entrances, including the main entrance at 13th Ave. SW and SW 140th St. and the pedestrian access at 17th Ave. SW and SW 140th St. (16th Pl SW). There will be clear signage at the upper trail entrances and at the closure points at the lower ends informing any visitors that the trails are closed prior to the shoreline. Signage will go up after the construction contract is awarded and the construction start date is confirmed.

City staff, the Corps of Engineers, project contractors and Burien Police will coordinate activities and work together to maintain safety and security within the closed construction site, as well as monitor and address illegal and detrimental impacts to area neighborhoods. The contractor will be required to barge all materials related to the removal of the seawall and restoration of the beaches, rather than use surface streets out of the park. This will greatly reduce impacts to the local neighbors and roads.

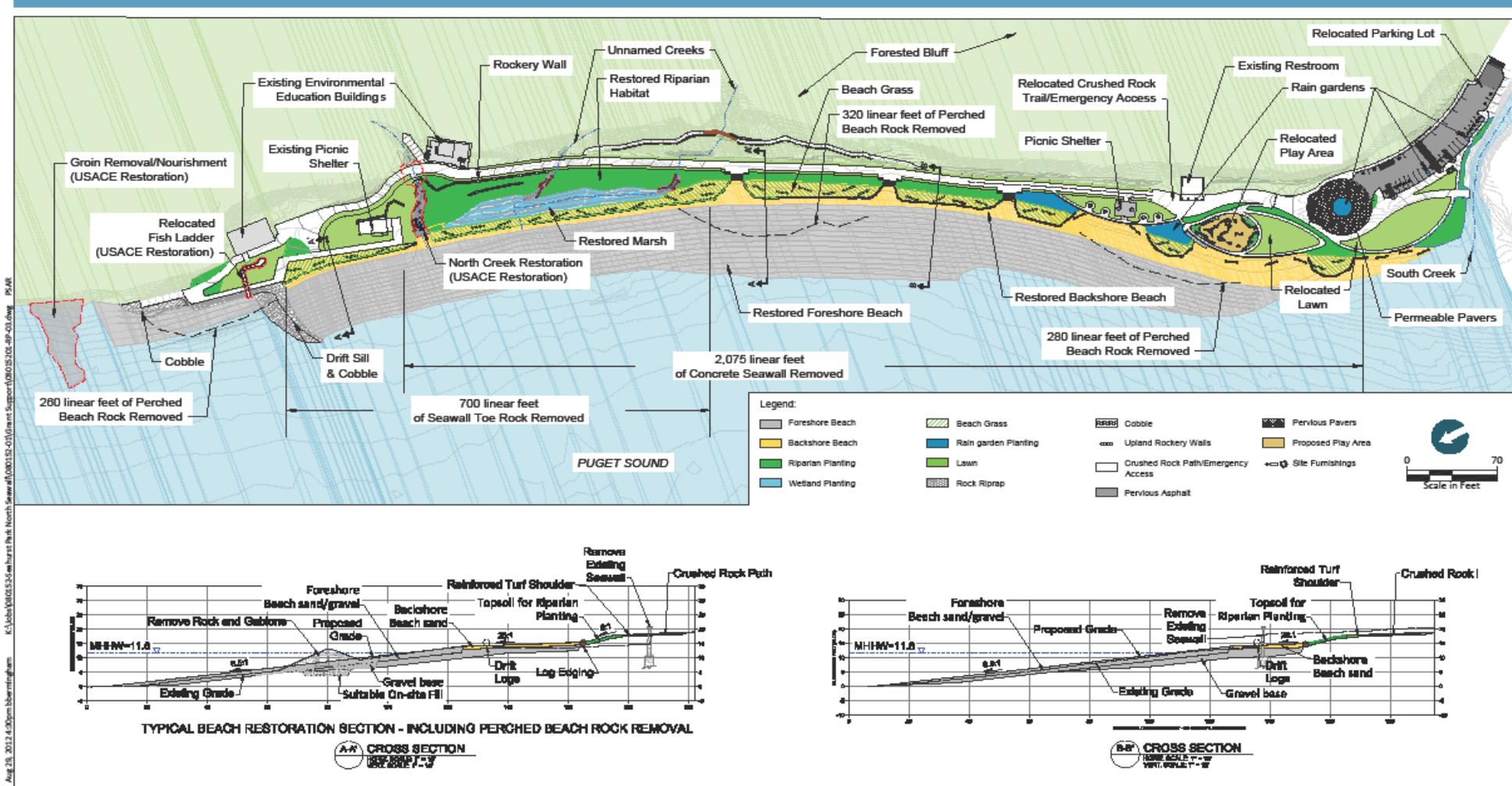
Thank you.

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