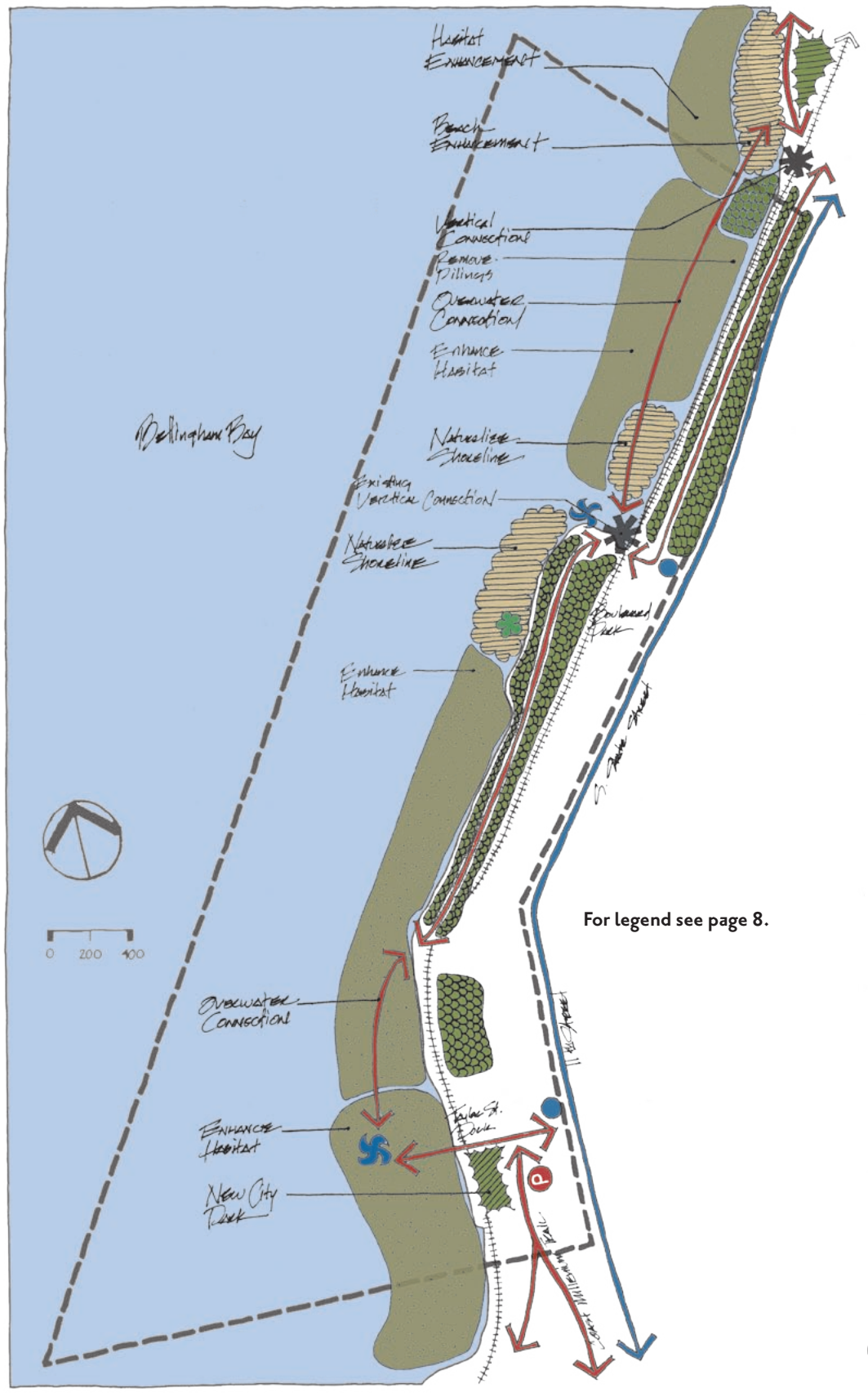
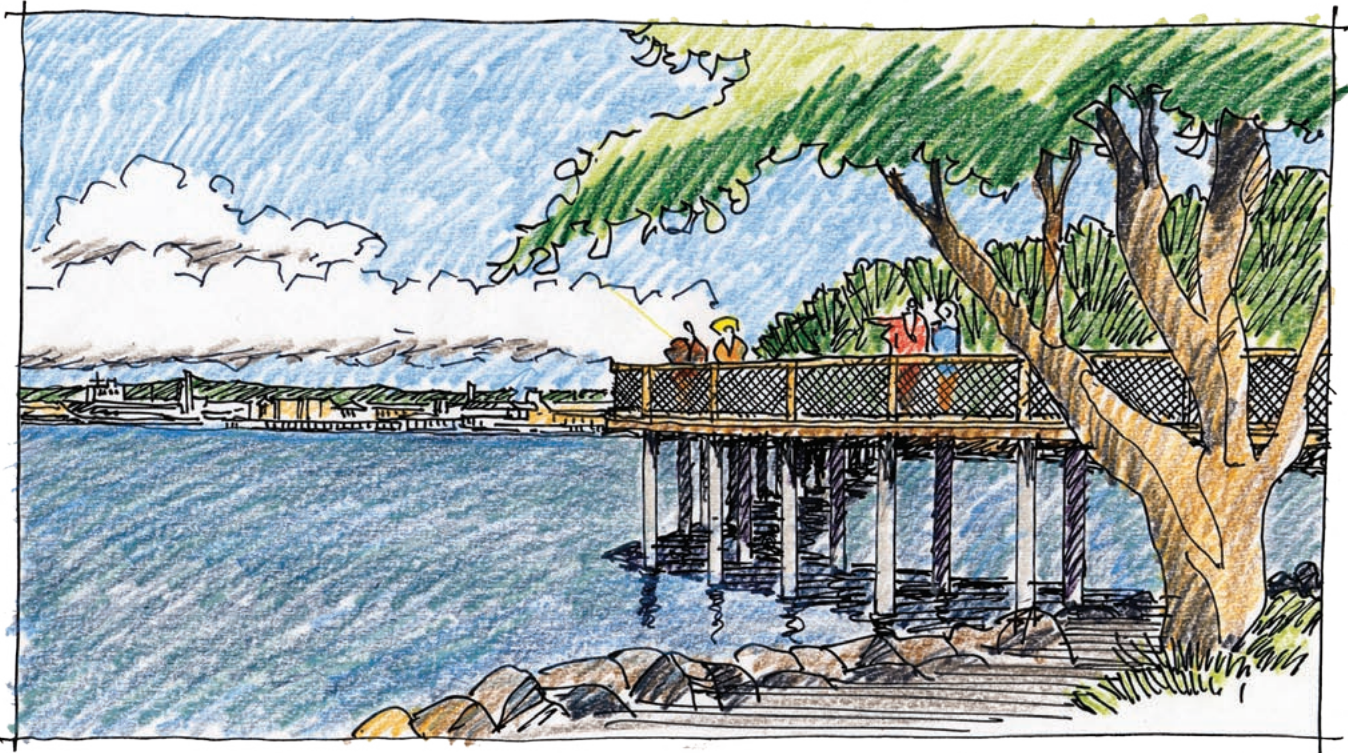


South Hill & Boulevard



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SOUTH HILL & BOULEVARD



Over-water pedestrian walkway leading toward downtown.



Water-taxi stop at Boulevard Park.

THE SOUTH HILL AND BOULEVARD waterfront will continue to be an area of open space, transportation connections, enhanced habitat and recreation. The vision for the area seeks to build upon and enhance these qualities. Connections between Fairhaven and the City Center will be reinforced with trail and transit improvements, including an over-water pathway between Boulevard Park and the Taylor Street Dock. Upland connections over the railroad and to the water will also be improved, and woodland vegetation on the hillside will be preserved. Beaches will be improved and hardened shorelines will be softened, while marine habitat will be enhanced wherever possible.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Reinforce the Inherent Qualities of Each Place on the Waterfront

1. Make the waterfront a regular part of the lives of more people
2. Respect history, cultures and the arts
 - ♦ Embrace, include and expand upon knowledge of cultural and historical past
3. Make the waterfront inviting to people on foot
 - ♦ Improve existing and develop new pedestrian connections between the neighborhoods on the bluff and the water
4. Reinforce a unique “sense of place” at different waterfront locations
 - ♦ Preserve the sense of forested continuity along the hillside to the water
5. Complement adjacent uses

Restore the Health of Land & Water

1. Enhance or reintroduce natural systems
 - ♦ Expand on the habitat restoration along the shoreline
 - ♦ Expand and enhance eelgrass beds along the near shore
2. Create and restore habitat wherever possible
3. Remediate upland and in-water contamination
4. Protect existing natural shorelines
5. Seek opportunities to soften existing hardened shorelines
6. Tailor environmental cleanup strategies and remediation to planned use
7. Manage storm water retention and treatment to enhance estuarine habitats
8. Require sustainable practices in all development
9. Restore, enhance and expand sand and gravel beaches wherever possible
10. Connect proposed open space and natural areas to regional open space network and wildlife corridors

Improve Waterfront Access

1. Develop strong connections between uplands and water
 - ♦ Reinforce connections between Fairhaven and City Center
2. Provide links to regional trail systems
3. Provide multiple modes of access to each area of the waterfront
 - ♦ Create small parking areas at the upland side of pedestrian routes to the water
4. Provide convenient connections between different modes of transportation (jitney/bus)
5. Create and connect large and small parks and open spaces with a “braided” system of pedestrian trails
 - ♦ Expand upon the recreation activity at existing parks
 - ♦ Enhance existing open spaces
 - ♦ Promote opportunities for recreation
6. Enhance opportunities for visual access to waterfront areas
 - ♦ Reinforce the visual connections between Fairhaven and the City Center
7. Provide the opportunity to walk the waterfront while respecting natural habitat
 - ♦ Provide viewing that respects industrial activity areas
8. Help people find their way

SOUTH HILL & BOULEVARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Natural Systems & Restoration

- ♦ Maintain separation between public access trails and the water's edge to protect land and water habitat areas from the south end of Cornwall Landfill to the north end of Boulevard Park
- ♦ Remove creosote piling along shoreline between Boulevard Park and Cornwall Landfill
- ♦ Reduce some of the grassy areas and hardened edges to create a more naturalized transition from grass to native plants, and native plants to beach
- ♦ Recreate eelgrass beds along and near the shore

Connections

- ♦ Construct an over-water trail to connect Boulevard Park to the Cornwall Landfill similar to the over water connection from Boulevard Park to Taylor Street Dock
- ♦ Provide transit stops along State Street at waterfront trail connections
- ♦ Improve a hand-carry boat landing area at Boulevard Park
- ♦ Introduce more native plants in the park
- ♦ Create water jitney stops at the north end of Boulevard Park and at the Taylor Street Dock
- ♦ Create small parking areas at the upland side of the Taylor Street Dock
- ♦ Designate a bike path between City Center and Fairhaven

Culture & History

- ♦ Conduct an inventory to identify all the historic and native sites

Future Uses

- ♦ Create a new city park on the hillside south of the Taylor Street Dock
- ♦ Allow leases for food and beverage businesses that are appropriate to a pedestrian environment in the park