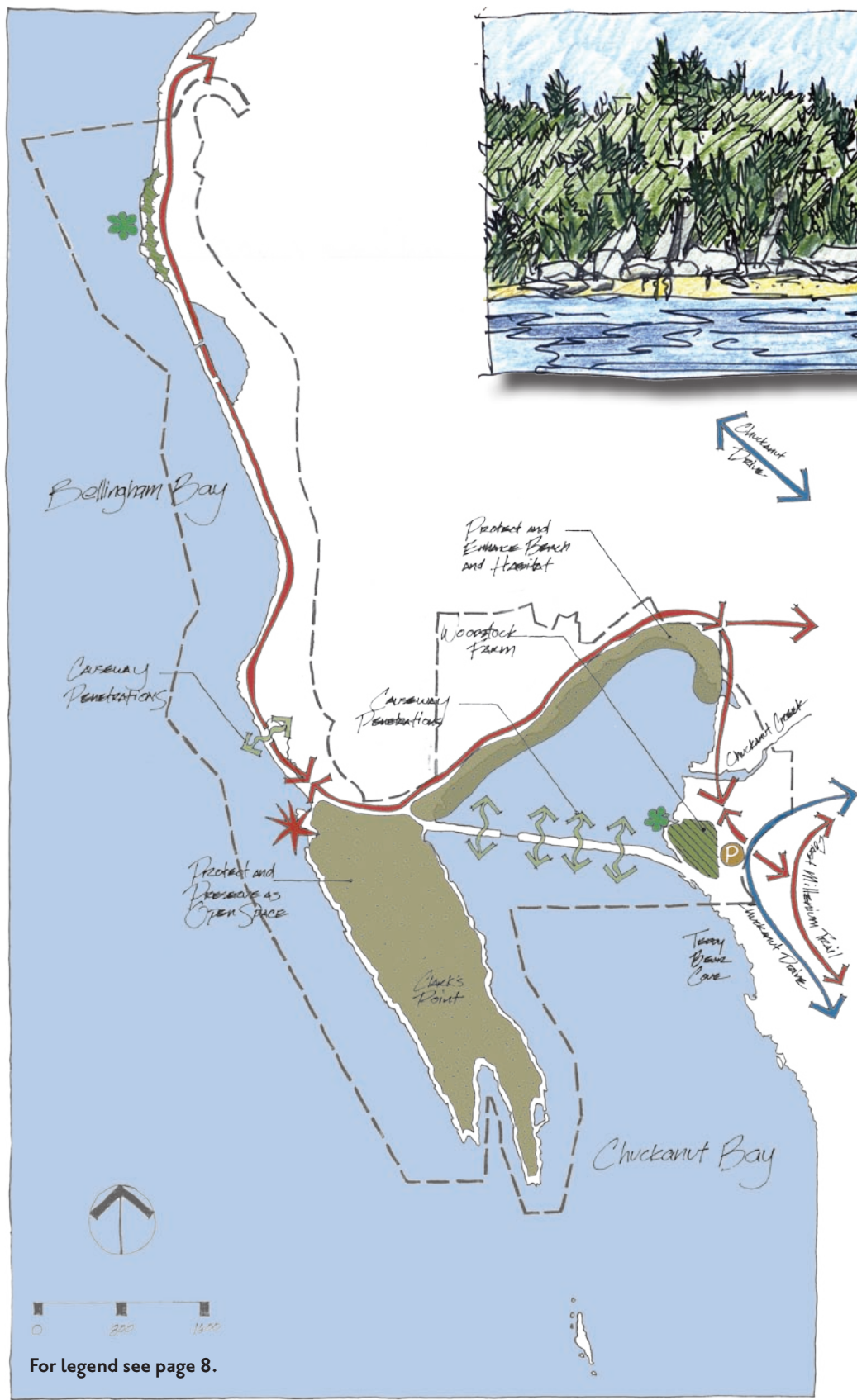


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CHUCKANUT & EDGEMOOR



Looking south across Chuckanut Bay at railroad causeway penetrations, beach enhancements & future Woodstock farm park.

THE VISION FOR CHUCKANUT AND EDGEMOOR is one that emphasizes conservation and public access. The rugged shoreline and tidelands will remain accessible only by water or on foot. Eventually a safe water-grade trail is envisioned that will connect to both Fairhaven and the Coast Millennium Trail near Woodstock Farm. Woodstock Farm will become a new city park, and the railroad causeway across Chuckanut Bay will be perforated to improve water flow and allow for marine habitat enhancement. Kayak and other hand-carry landings will give boaters access to various points along the shoreline.

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 knowledge of cultural past
3. Make the waterfront inviting to people on foot
4. Reinforce a unique “sense of place” at different waterfront locations
 - ♦ Protect the rugged shoreline and expansive tidelands, and preserve the natural features of the area
 - ♦ Preserve as a conservation area
5. Complement adjacent uses

Restore the Health of Land & Water

1. Enhance or reintroduce natural systems
2. Create and restore habitat wherever possible
3. Remediate upland contamination
4. Protect existing natural shorelines
 - ♦ Preserve and protect the natural resources while improving public access by foot or hand-carry boats
5. Seek opportunities to soften existing hardened shorelines
6. Tailor environmental cleanup strategies and remediation to planned use
7. Manage storm water to enhance estuarine habitats
8. Require sustainable practices in upland development
9. Restore, enhance and expand 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
2. Provide links to regional trail systems
3. Provide multiple modes of access to each area of the waterfront
 - ♦ Provide new and improve existing boating access points
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

6. Enhance opportunities for visual access to waterfront areas
7. Provide the opportunity to walk the waterfront while respecting natural habitat
8. Help people find their way
 - ♦ Provide pockets of open space along the shoreline trail where opportunities exist

RECOMMENDATIONS

Connections

- ♦ Develop a trail connector above the rail tunnel to a viewpoint overlooking Bellingham Bay
- ♦ Explore feasibility of constructing a safe and convenient pedestrian trail adjacent to the rail road right-of-way
- ♦ Provide hand-carry boat landings at Poe’s Point and Woodstock Farm
- ♦ Extend public access along the water from Fairhaven to Chuckanut Bay to connect to the Coast Millennium Trail near Woodstock Farm
- ♦ Improve pedestrian access from parking areas along Chuckanut Drive
- ♦ Continue to negotiate for upland trail to and from Chuckanut Bay
- ♦ Develop short term and drop off parking at Woodstock Farm

Natural Systems Protection & Open Space

- ♦ Perforate the railroad causeways across Chuckanut Bay to improve water circulation and reduce siltation
- ♦ Maintain Clark’s Point as an open space resource
- ♦ Acquire the Woodstock Farm as a new city park

Culture & History

- ♦ Conduct an inventory to identify all the historic and native sites
- ♦ Locate heritage center at Woodstock Farm

