



Padden Creek 24th Street to 30th Street

The Environmental Resources Division of Bellingham Public Works received a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology to improve water quality and fish habitat in Padden Creek between 24th Street and 30th Street. Funding will be used to design, engineer and permit the project.

Years ago this section of Padden Creek was straightened and channelized which has caused the north bank to erode during high flows. The erosion adds excess sediment that can smother salmon eggs downstream.

The City held a public meeting on December 4th at Fairhaven Middle School to present three alternative alignments for the creek. Once the alignment is finalized, the consultants will begin actual design work. "The new alignment will provide a multifunctional corridor with improved stream habitat, flood conveyance, and trails." said project manager Renee LaCroix.

The public is invited to review the alternatives and provide comments to Renee LaCroix, Project Manager, by emailing rlacroix@cob.org. A second meeting will be held on January 10, 2009 at the project site where the preferred channel alignment will be indicated by wooden stakes.