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To: Waterfront Futures Group

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Sirs! I would like to see Whatcom Creek water way opened up and cleaned up so that small boats can enter the creek.

Presently the entrance is blocked by a large sewer pipe under the Roeder Avenue.

Also, the remains of old piling left from the Citizen Dock southwest of Roeder Avenue bridge are a danger to small boats.

In the waterway, beyond the Holly Street bridge, there are many obstacles such as old piling, old cement and lumber which needs to be removed.

On the south east side the old piling holding back the dirt, is falling in and likely to obstruct the channel.

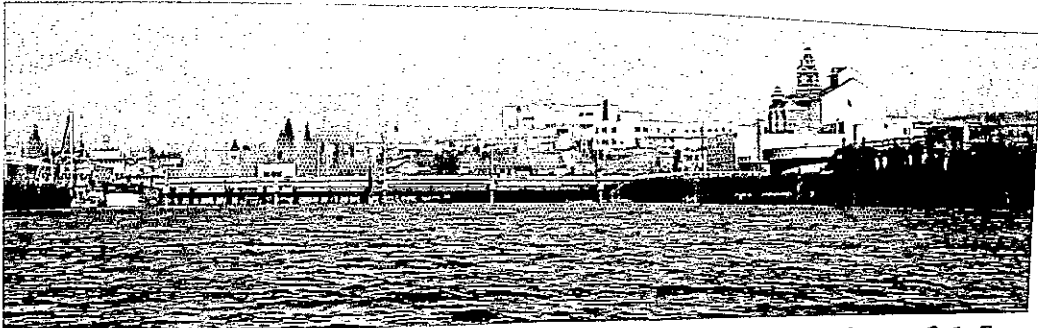
The city has done a nice job with Maritime Heritage Park, but now it is time to clean up the waterway.

Although it is possible to take a small boat under the sewer pipe at low tide and enter the waterway, you should plan on lowering the pipe at some future date.

I would also like to see the small boat dock that was along Central Avenue, southwest of Roeder Avenue, re-installed. This dock made the water front area assessable by boats in the 20' - 40' range. This dock was removed about 15 years ago. This area is not presently being used.

Thank you.

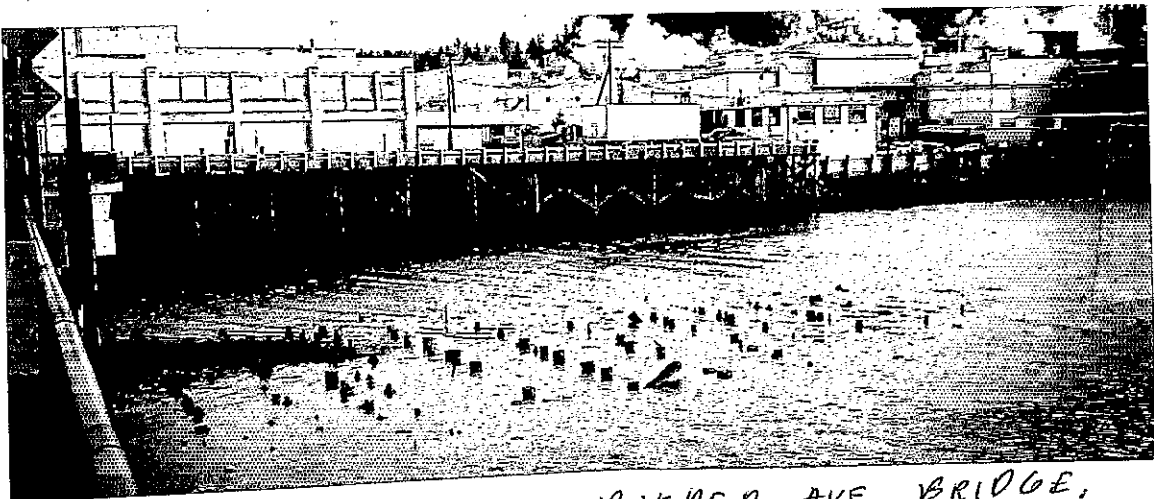
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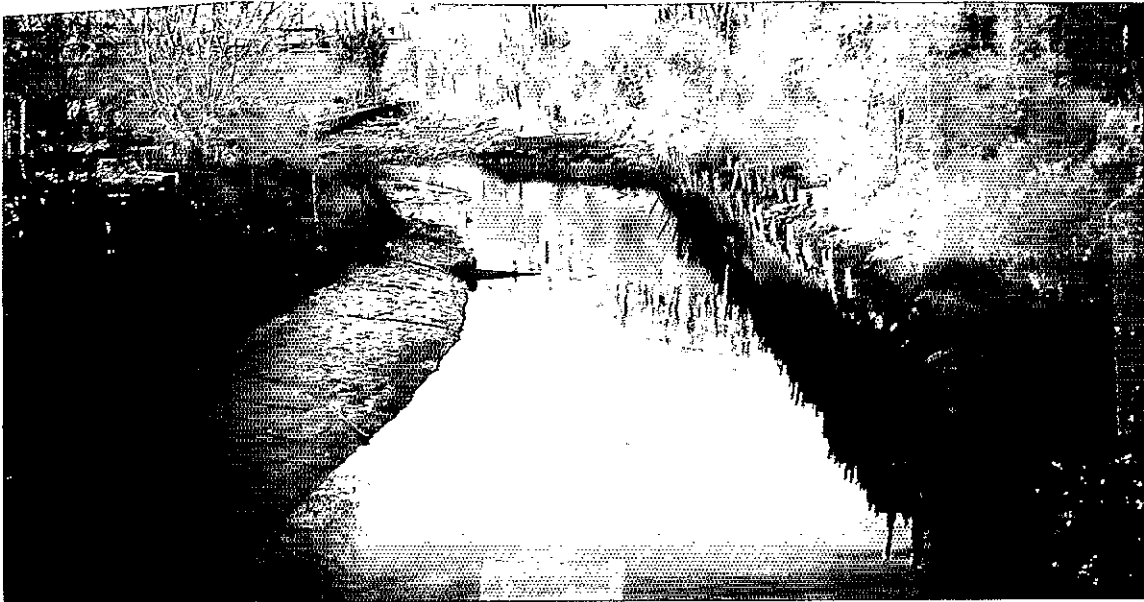
LOOKING N.E. AT ROEDER AVE BRIDGE,
SEWER PIPE CAN BE SEEN,
ON RIGHT IS PILING FOR CENTRAL AVE
WHERE SMALL BOAT DOCK USED TO BE



LOOKING S.W. AT ROEDER AVE BRIDGE, SEWER
PIPE CAN BE CLEARLY SEEN. TIDE IS LOW
AT +2 FT.



LOOKING S.E. ALONG ROEDER AVE BRIDGE,
OLD PILING FROM CITIZEN DOCK CAN BE SEEN,
IN BACK IS CENTRAL AVE, WHERE SMALL BOAT
DOCK USED TO BE.



LOOKING N.E. FROM HOLLY ST BRIDGE AT LOW TIDE,
 OLD CON CRTE/ PILING OBSTRUCTION, OLD PILING ON
 RIGHT IS BARELY HOLDING BACK THE BANK,
 WATER DEPTH AT THIS TIDE ABOUT 3-4 FT.



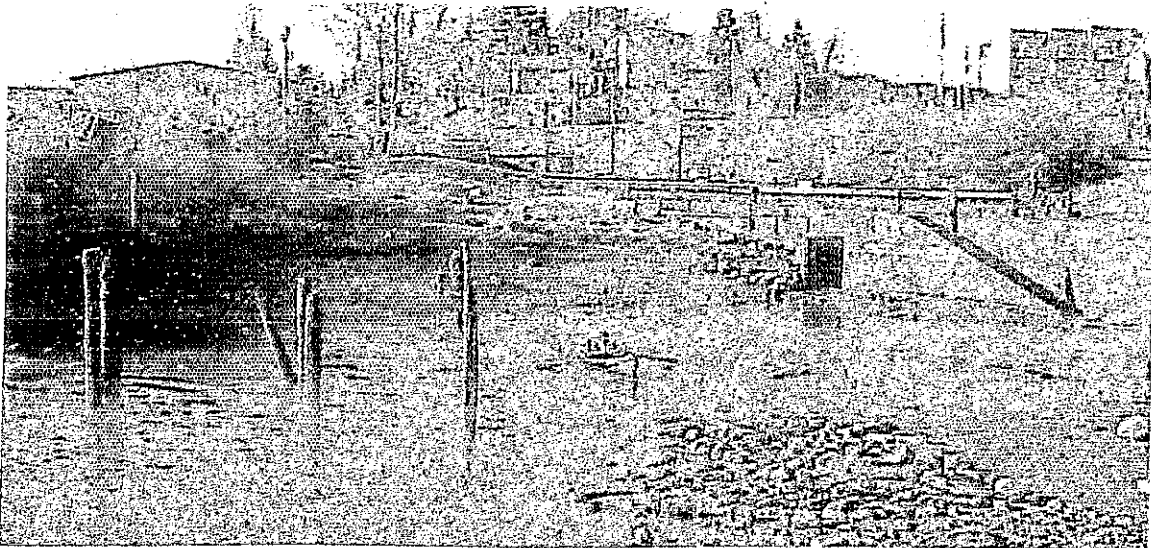
LOOKING S.E. AT OLD PILING HOLDING BACK BANK,



LOOKING NORTH AT OLD PILING,

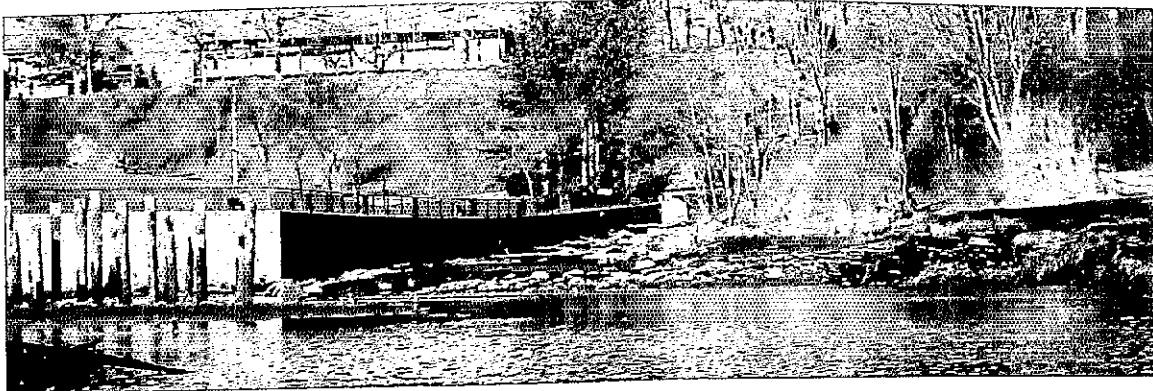


LOOKING S.E. OLD GARBAGE WOOD.



LOOKING NORTH, NOTE OLD PILING, CONCRETE,
THIS SLOPING BEACH COULD BE USED TO
HAND LAUNCH SMALL BOATS, FISH LADDER
ON RIGHT.

THIS IS WHERE BELLINGHAM STARTED,



POST OFFICE ABOVE. WHATCOM CREEK ENTERING
SALT WATER