

BELLINGHAM BAY STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE

Mission

- Perpetuating, expanding and realizing the vision of the Waterfront Futures Group
- Initiating one or two near-term projects for each area of the shoreline
- Initiating and/or monitoring longer-term projects for the entire shoreline
- Creating and being represented on the boards of entities aimed at specific areas
- Involving all sectors of the community centrally in shoreline stewardship
- Combining simultaneous strategic and tactical planning efforts
- Initiating frequent celebrations of proposed and completed projects
- Obtaining funding from public and private sources nationwide
- Observing what other communities are doing in the area of shoreline stewardship
- Monitoring its own management style, energy level, efficiency and effectiveness

Areas

Existing

- Little Squalicum
- Squalicum
- Central Business District
- South Hill & Boulevard Park
- Fairhaven
- Chuckanut & Edgemoor

New

- West Bay
(Lummi Peninsula and Lummi Island)
- Watershed
(Nooksack River, Lake Whatcom and major creeks)

Sponsors/Underwriters

- City of Bellingham
- Port of Bellingham
- Whatcom County
- Whatcom Transportation Authority
- Whatcom Council of Governments
- Lummi Nation
- Nooksack Tribe
- Western Washington University
- Bellingham Technical College
- Whatcom Community College
- Association of Bellingham Neighborhoods
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Whatcom Foundation
- Whatcom Land Trust
- Kulshan Community Land Trust

Structure

- A board representing sponsoring organizations plus Waterfront Futures Group members and retired academicians, professionals and entrepreneurs
- A dedicated citizen/stakeholder taskforce for each of the bay's eight sectors
- Conciliar management (No Executive Director)
- A staff member assigned to support each taskforce
- A field office in each sector (No central office)