

# **MEETING WITH CSB REGARDING 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BRIDGE EXPERIENCE AND RECREATION**

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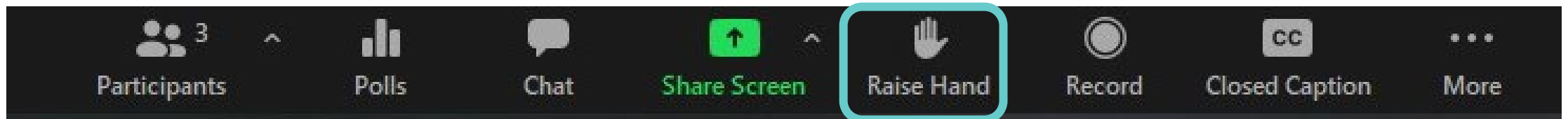
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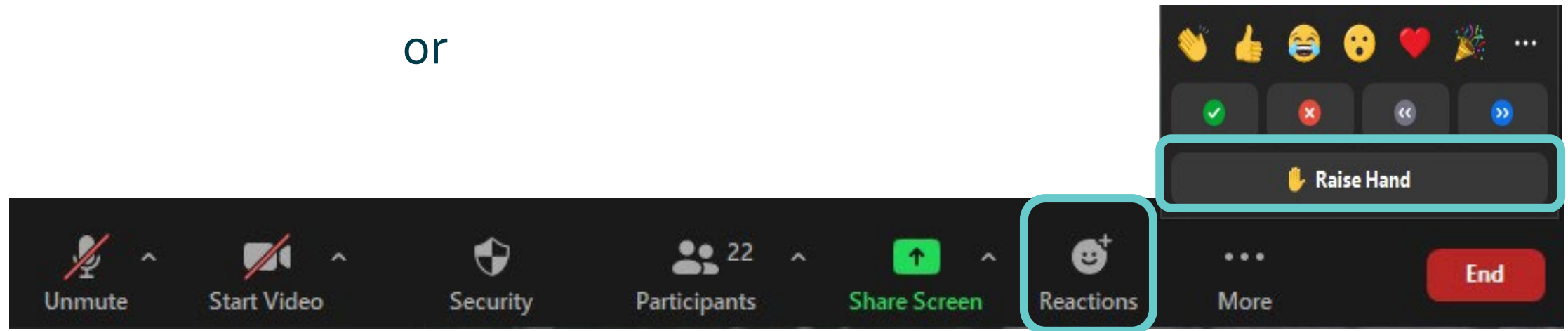
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# Logistics

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# Meeting Objectives

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## ✦ Meeting objectives:

- Provide a project history as a basis for how DES arrived at this restoration project.
- Learn about the fishing, bridge experience, and recreation design topics and provide feedback that will help inform conceptual design.

# Agenda

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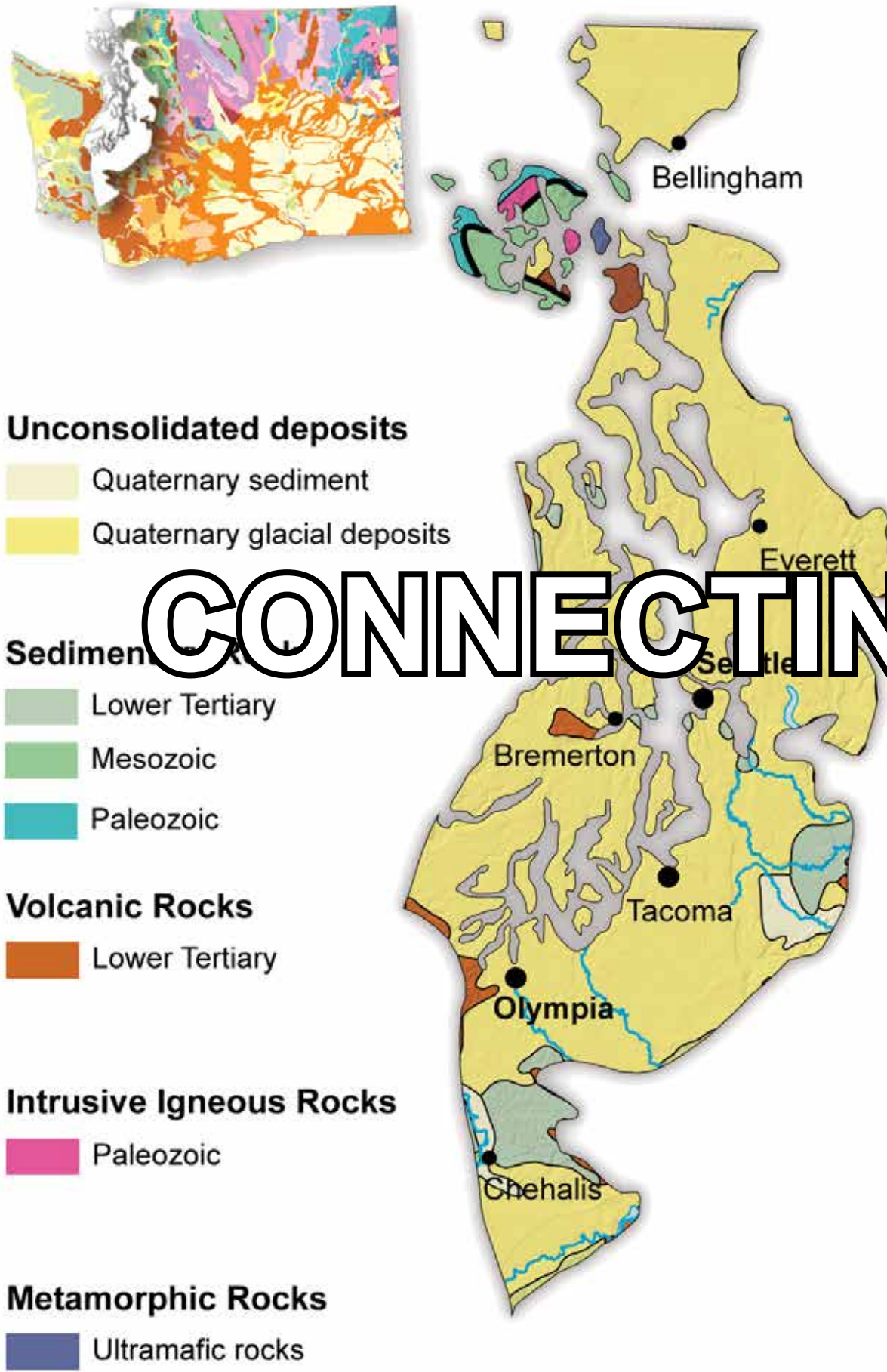
- ✦ 5:30 PM Welcome & Introductions
- ✦ 5:50 PM Project Overview and History
- ✦ 6:20 PM Large Group Discussion
- ✦ 6:40 PM Small Group Discussions #1
- ✦ 7:20 PM Break
- ✦ 7:30 PM Small Group Discussions #2
- ✦ 8:10 PM Recap of Small Group Discussions
- ✦ 8:20 PM Opportunity for Public Comment
- ✦ 8:25 PM Overview of Next Meetings and Closing Remarks
- ✦ 8:30 PM Adjourn

# Project Area History



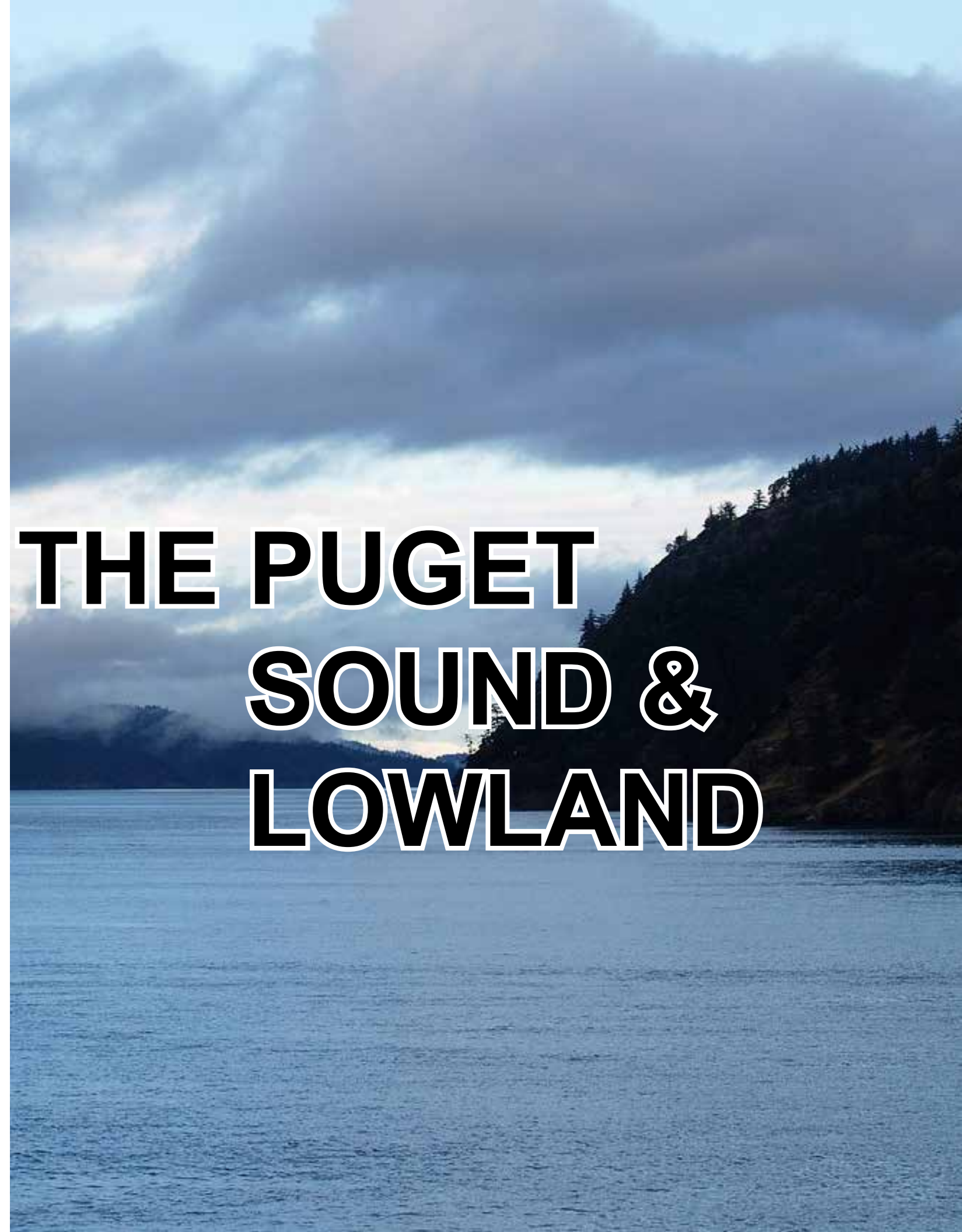
# **RESTORING THE DESCHUTES ESTUARY**





# CONNECTING

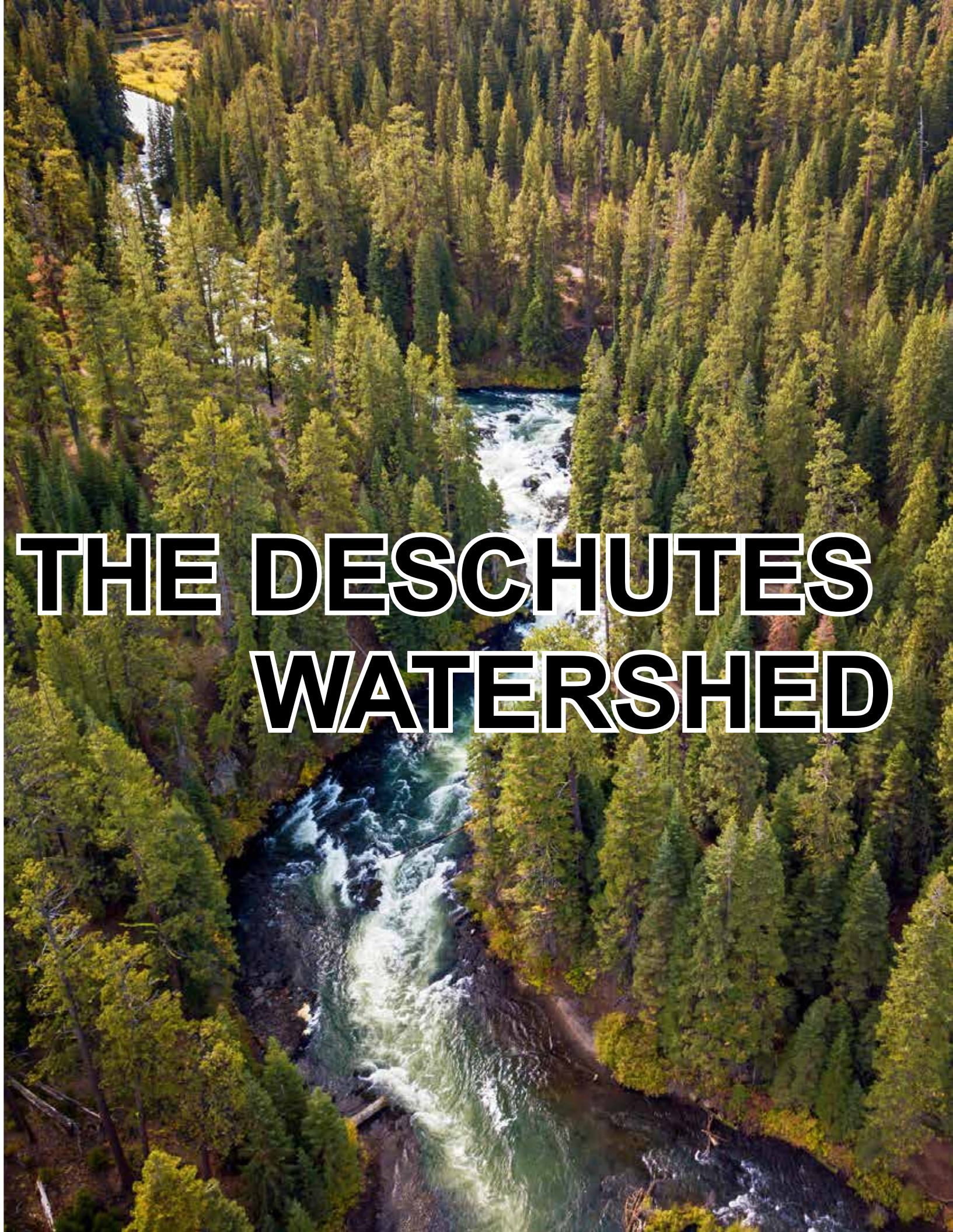
# THE PUGET SOUND & LOWLAND







# ENHANCING THE DESCHUTES WATERSHED





**PARTNERING**



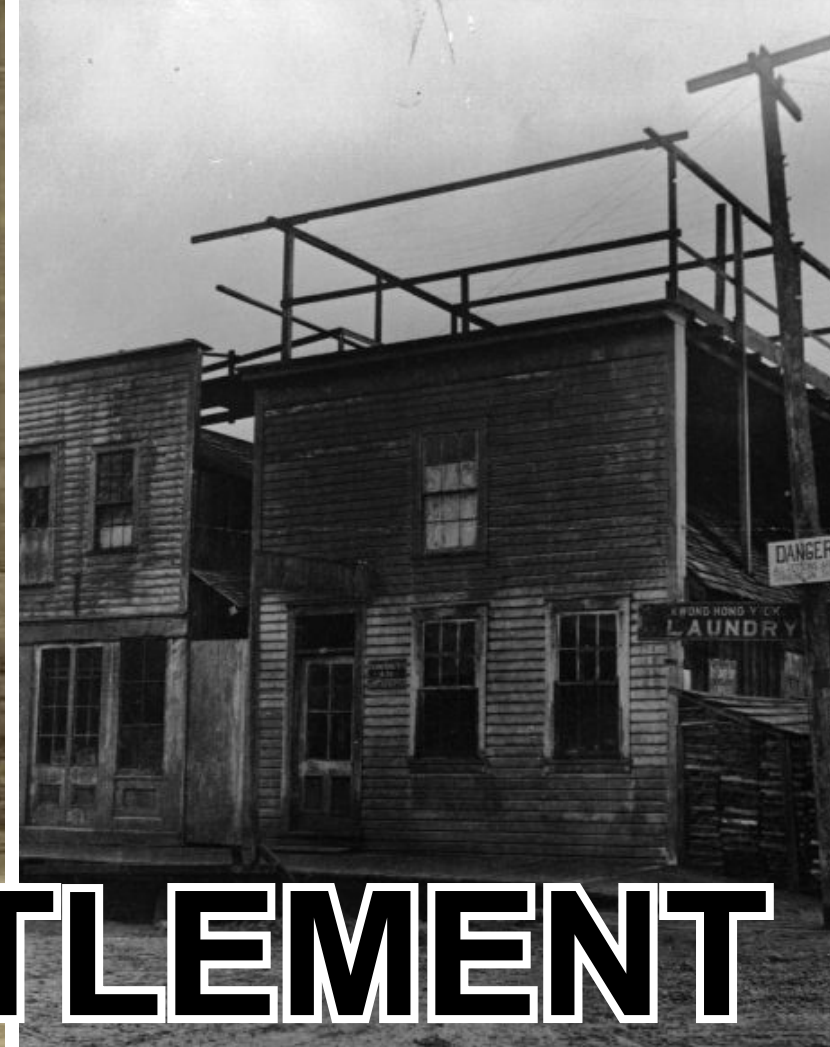
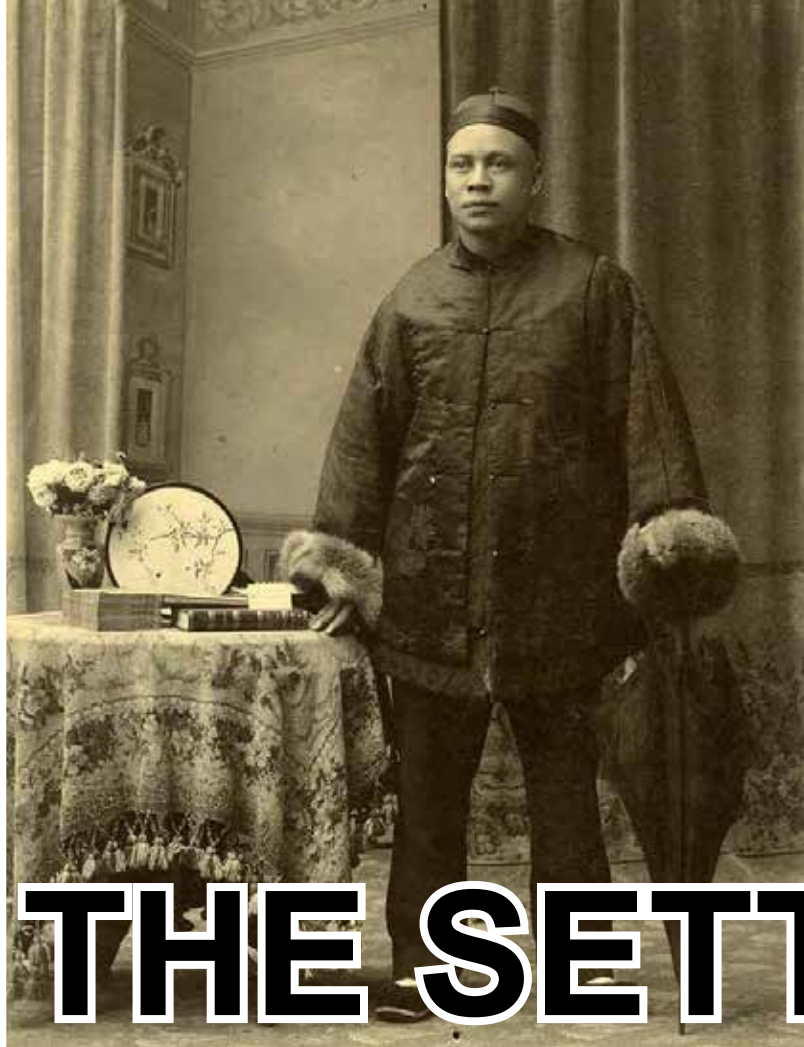
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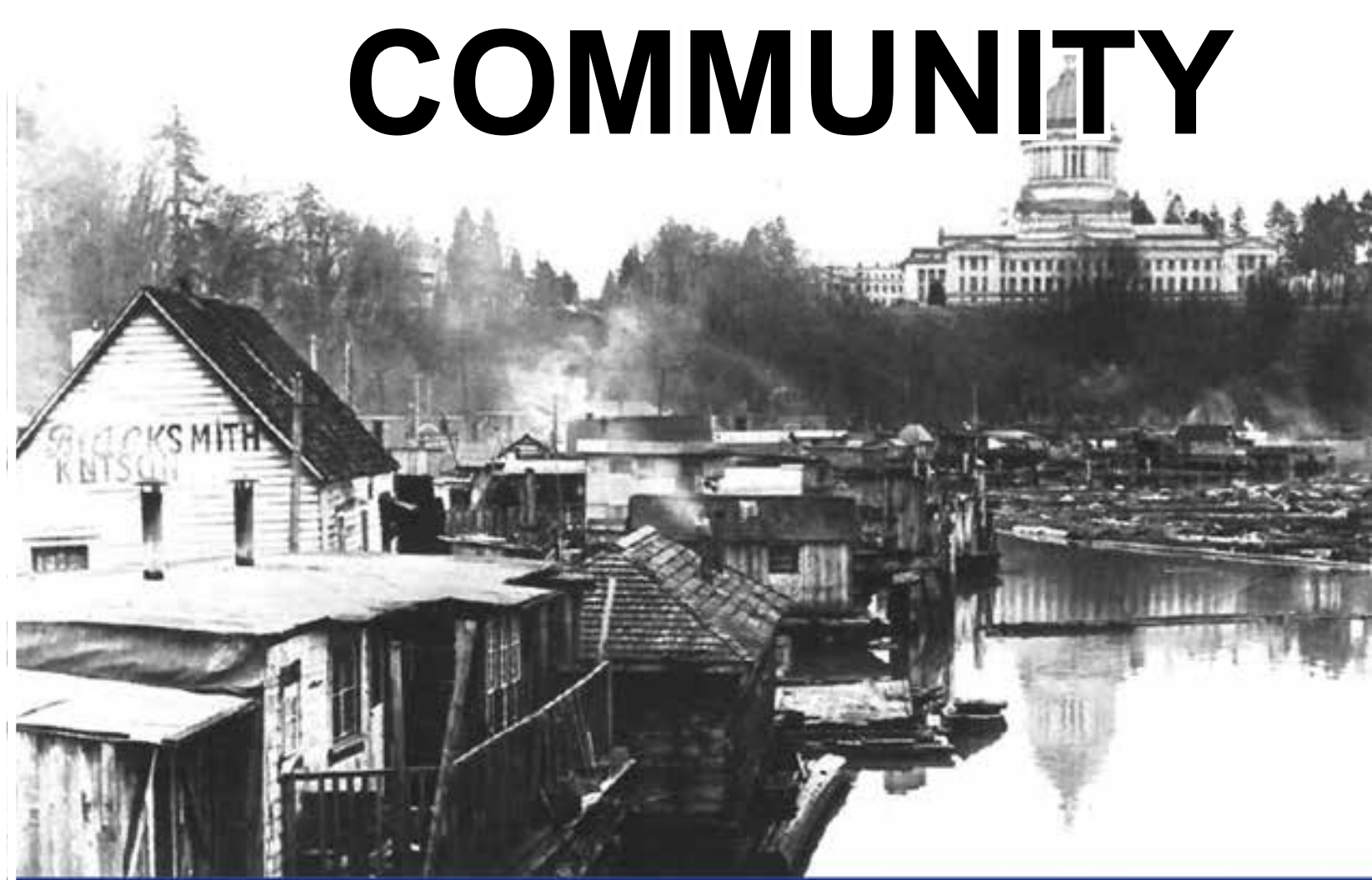
**SQUAXIN  
ISLAND TRIBE**



Smith  
520 MAIN STREET  
OLYMPIA WASH



# RECOGNIZING THE SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY





1937



1941-07-10



1948

**PRESERVING**



**THE MARITIME**

**HISTORY**





# ENGAGING THE CIVIC



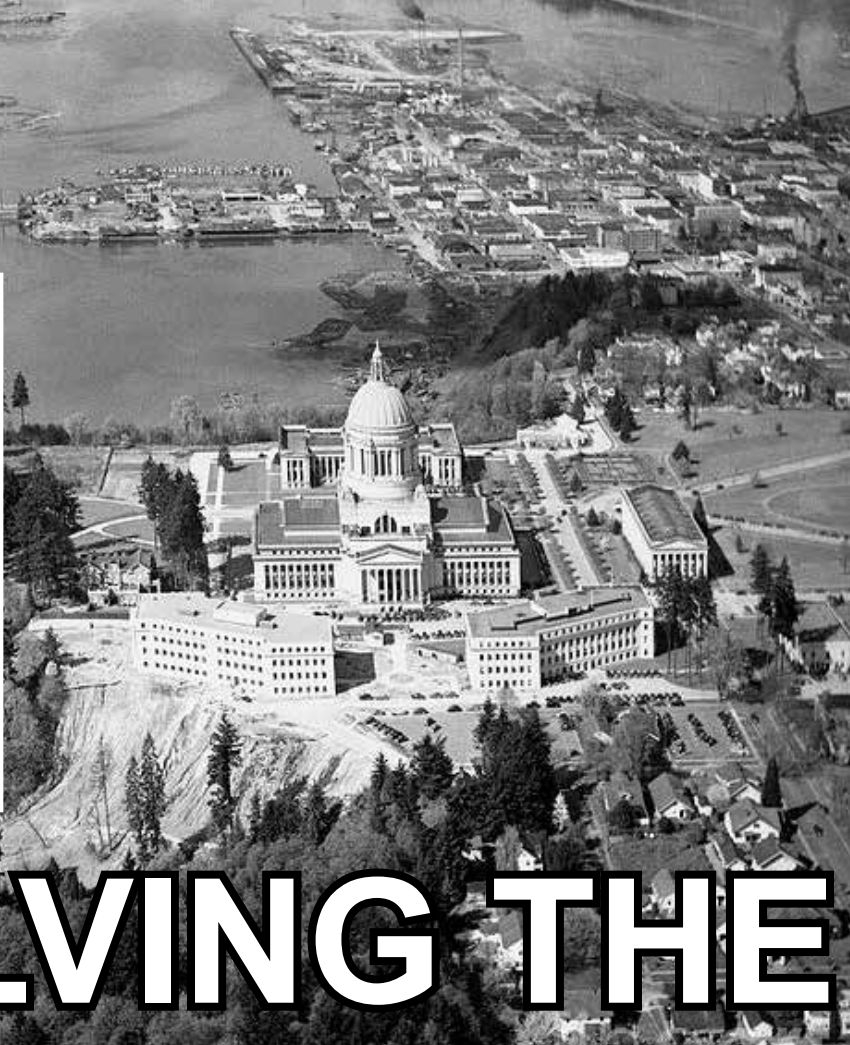
# COMMUNITY

**1893**

**1911**

**1912**

**EVOLVING THE**



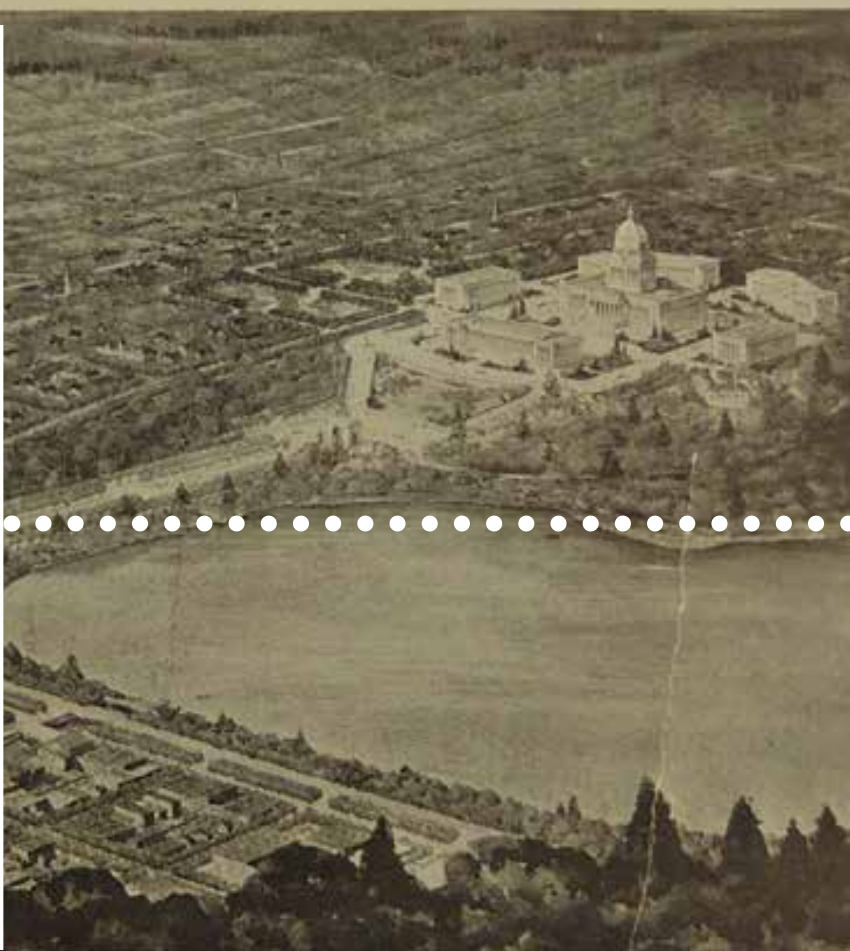
**1967**

**1976**

**1986**

**1991**

**1994**



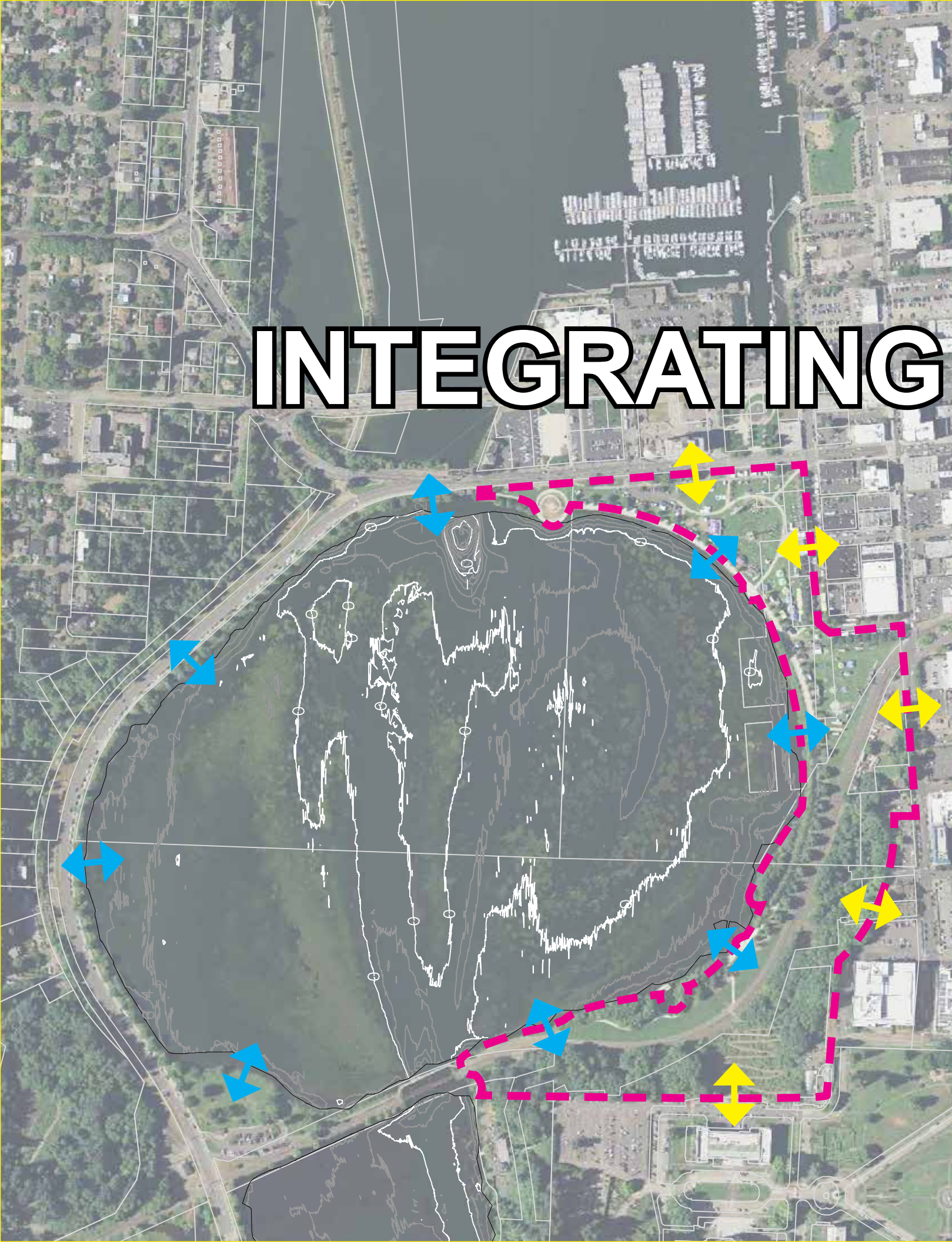
BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

STATE CAPITOL BUILDINGS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON



**CAPITOL CAMPUS  
MASTER PLAN**

**2024**

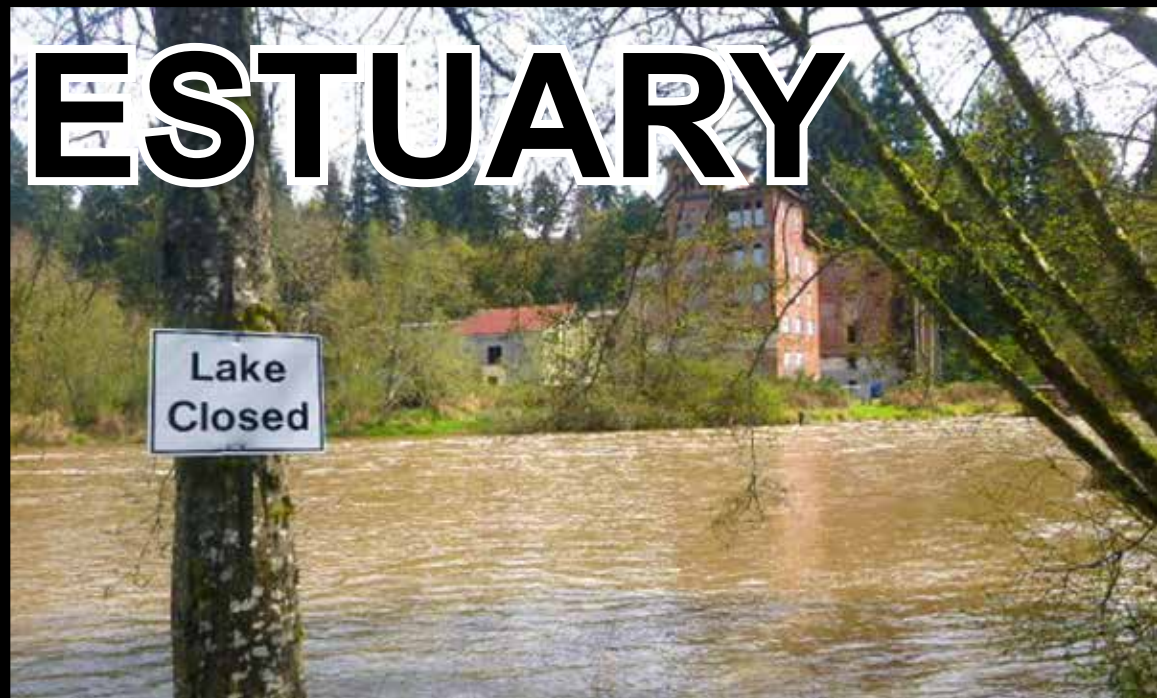


**INTEGRATING**



**HERITAGE PARK**





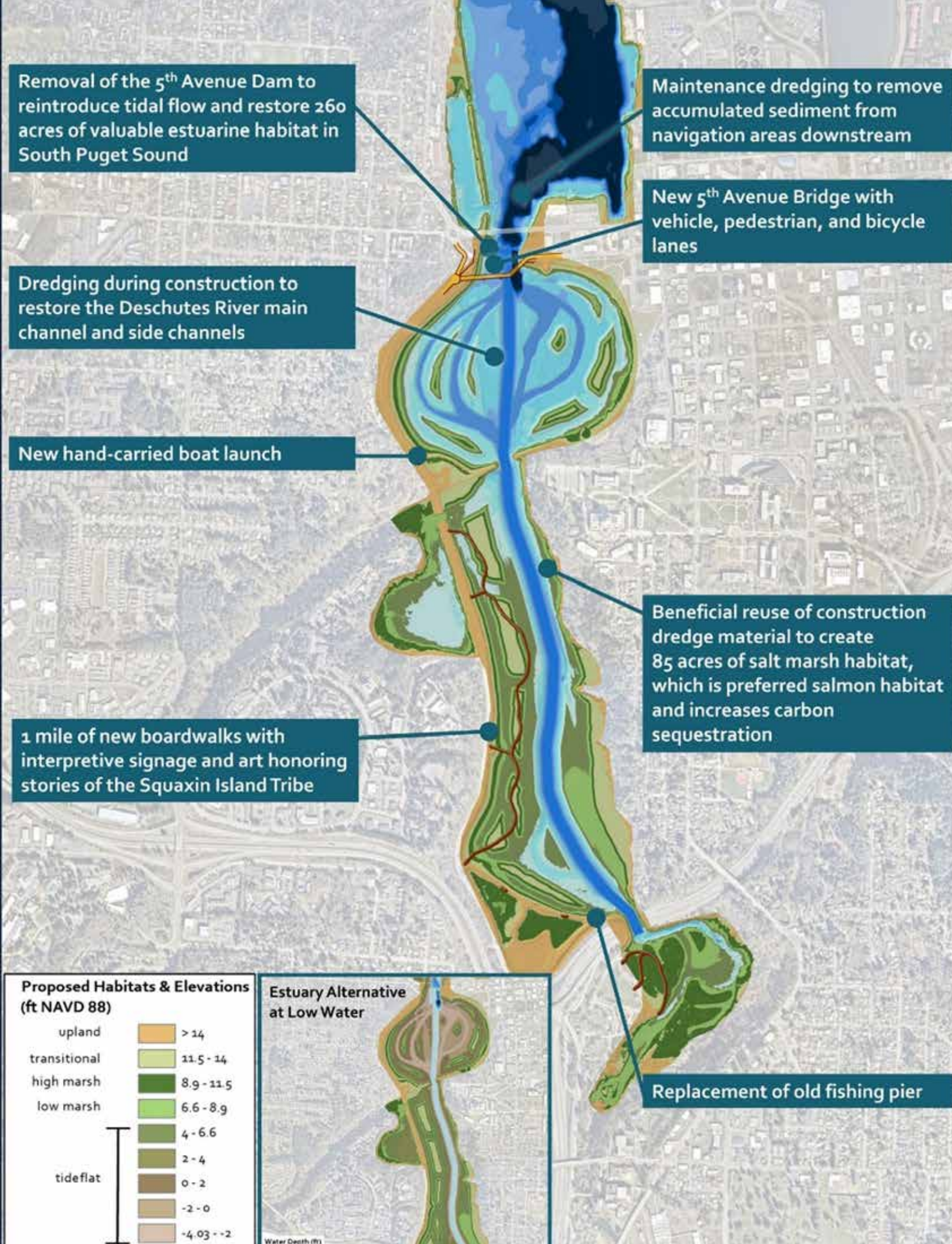
# RESTORING THE ESTUARY





# UNIFIED THROUGH WATER





# EARLY PROJECT CONCEPT



# Fishing

# FISHING

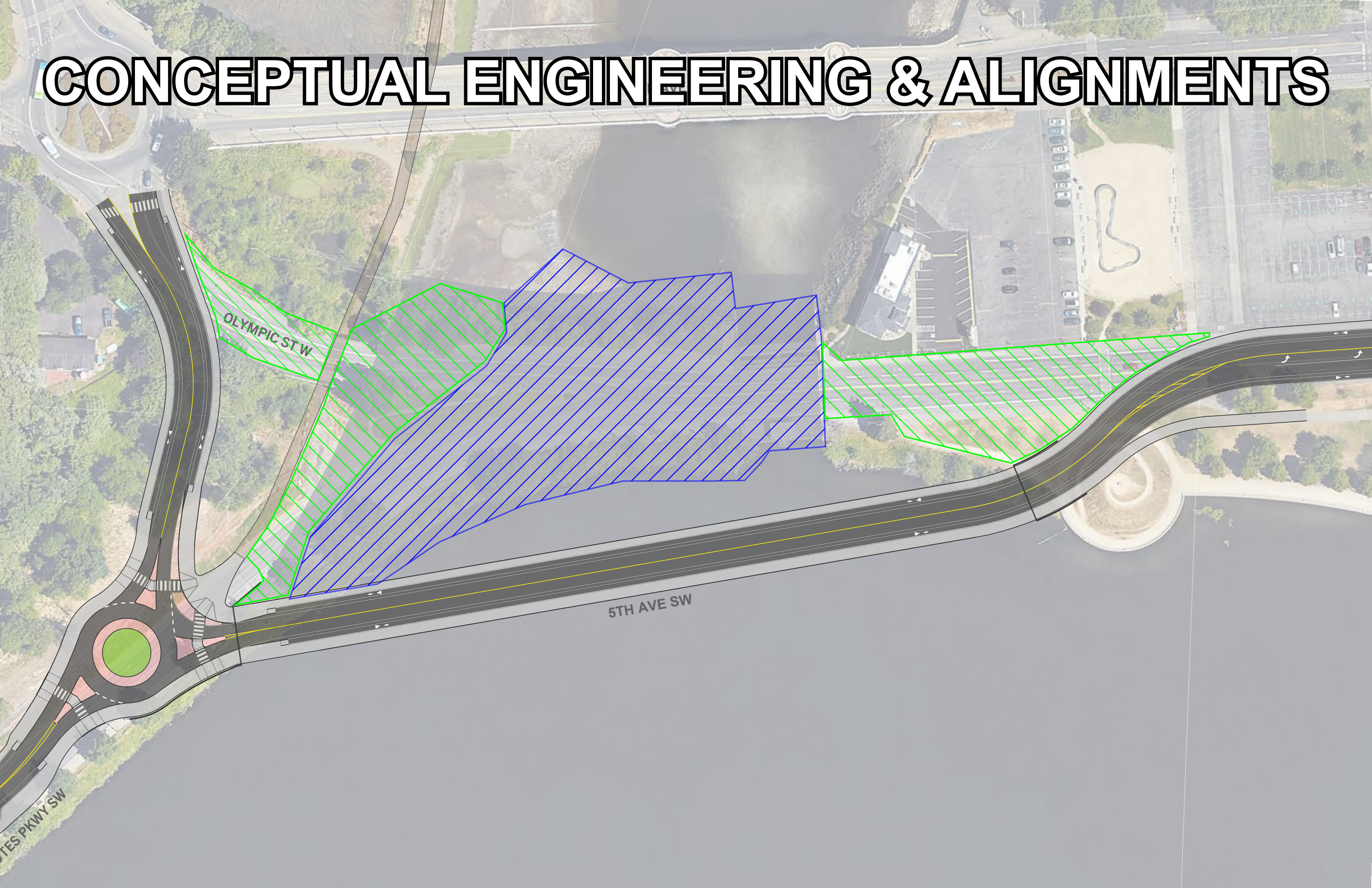
Would you fish in the restored estuary? We are currently assuming a pier for fishing. Are there considerations for that structure that would help it to be most effective in supporting this use?



# Small Group Sessions

# 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Experience

# CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING & ALIGNMENTS



OLYMPIC ST W

5TH AVE SW

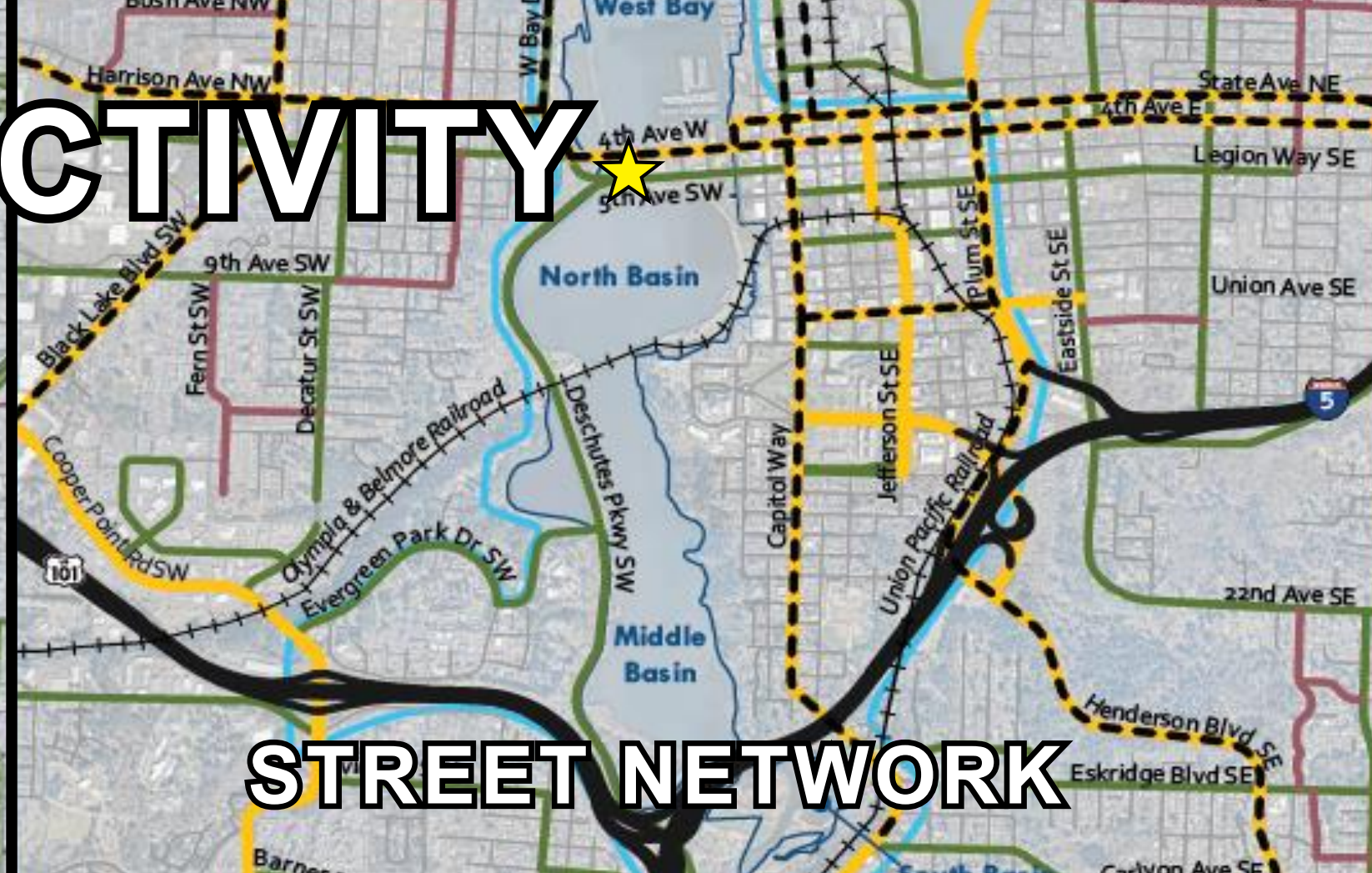
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# CONNECTIVITY



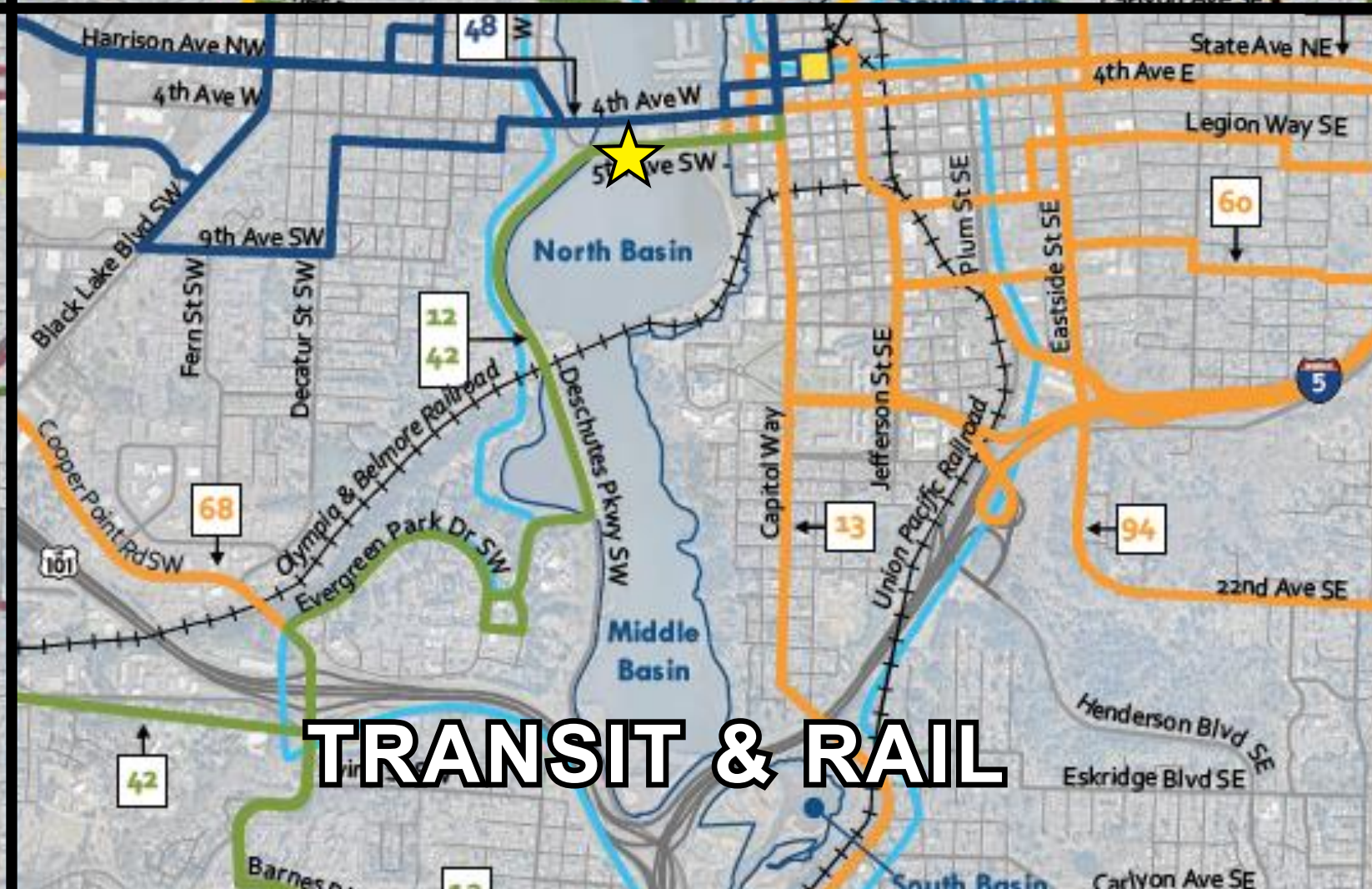
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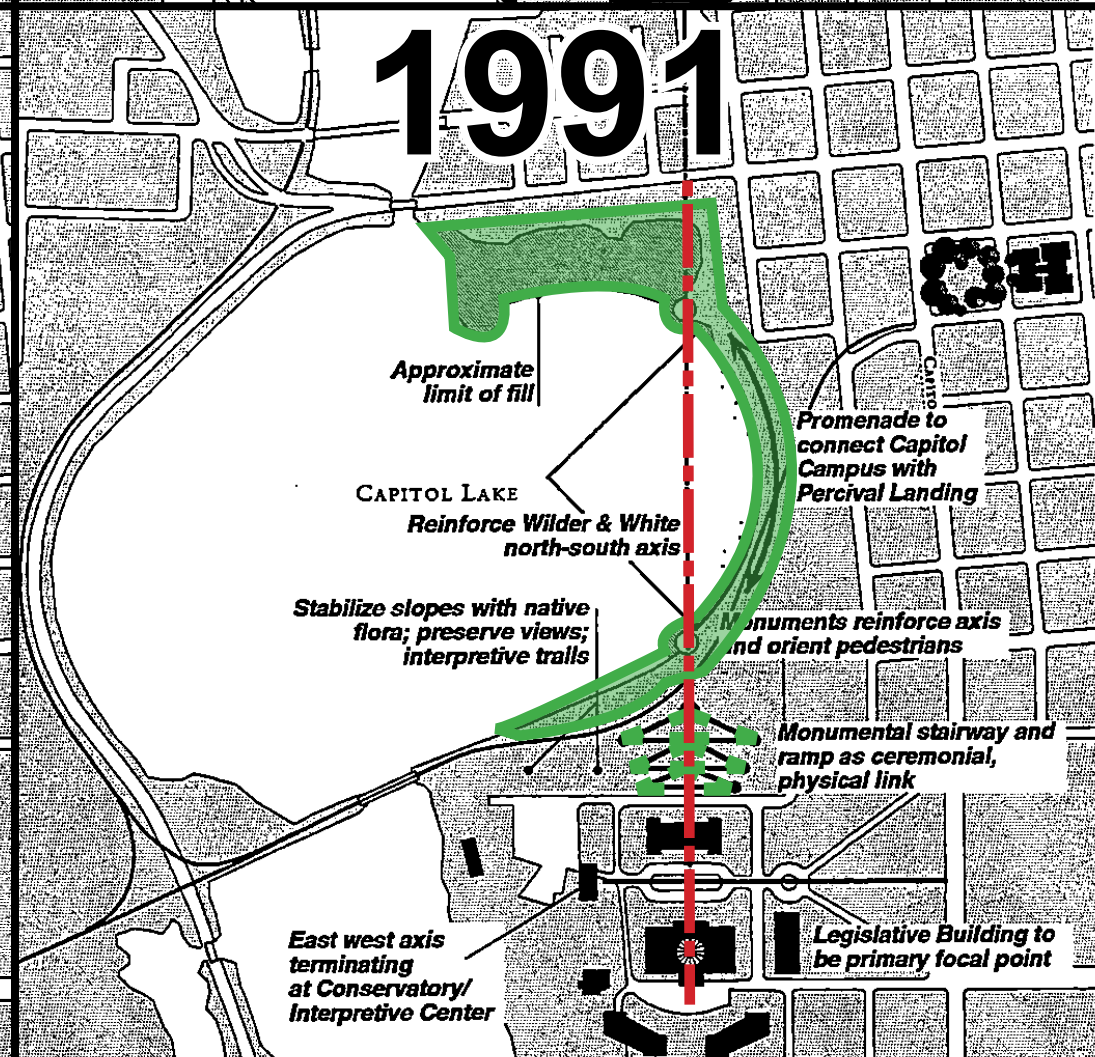
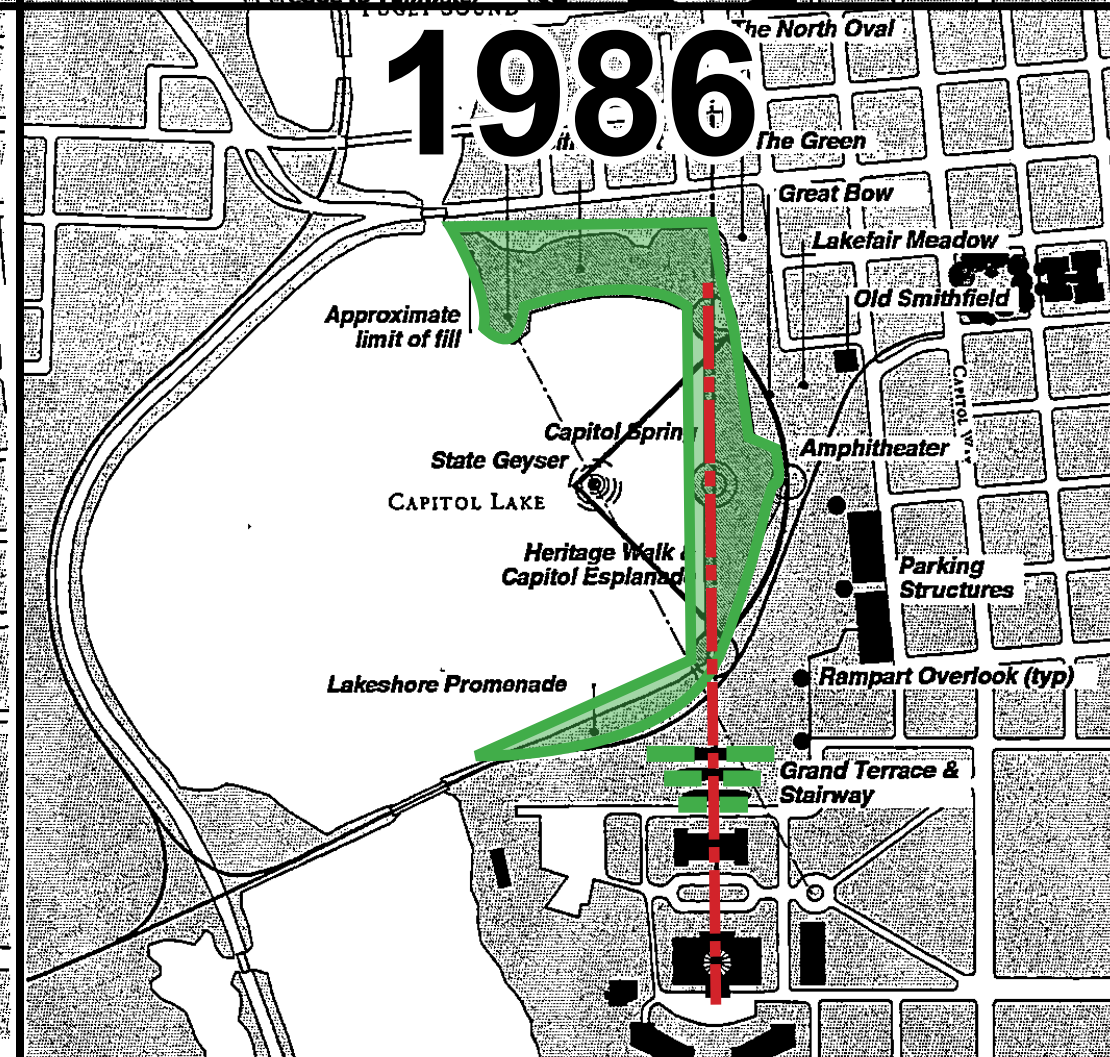
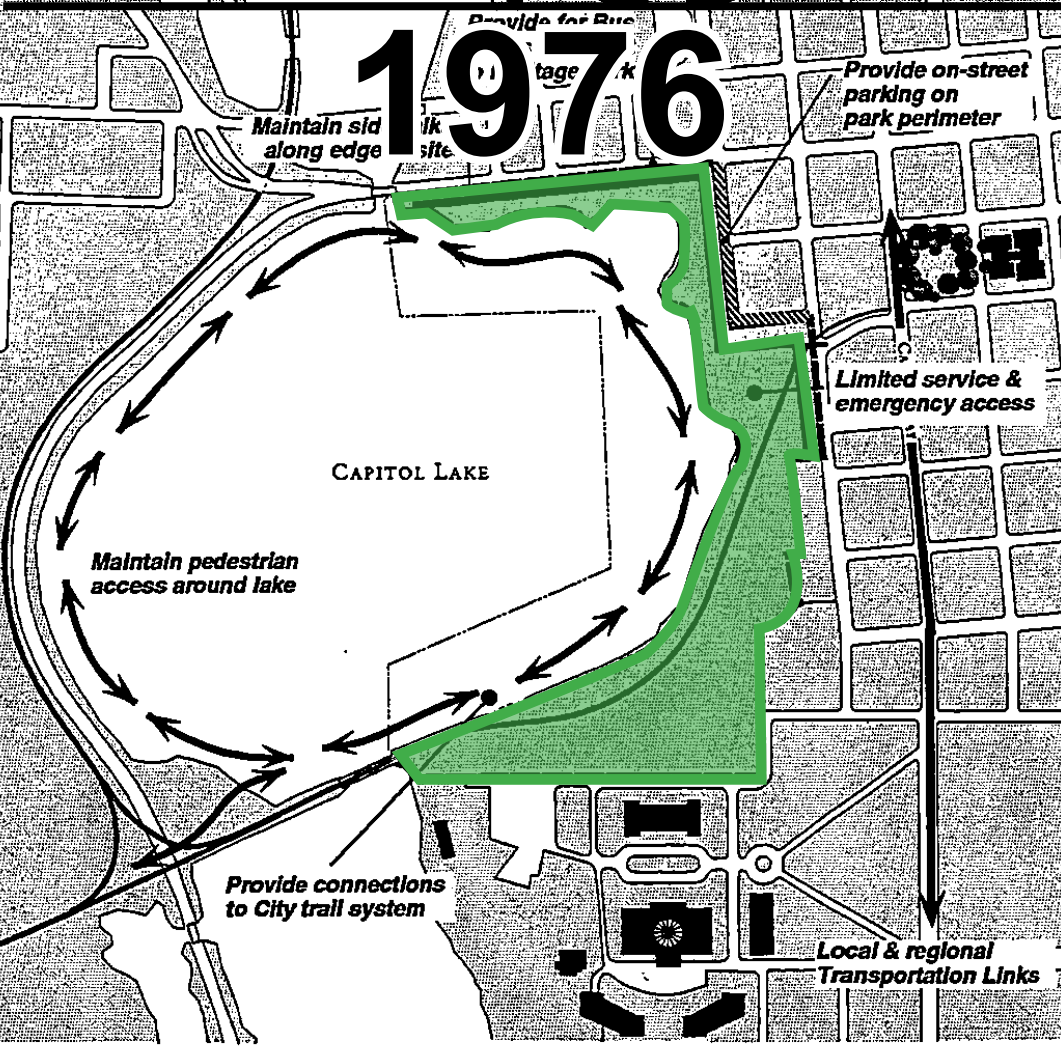
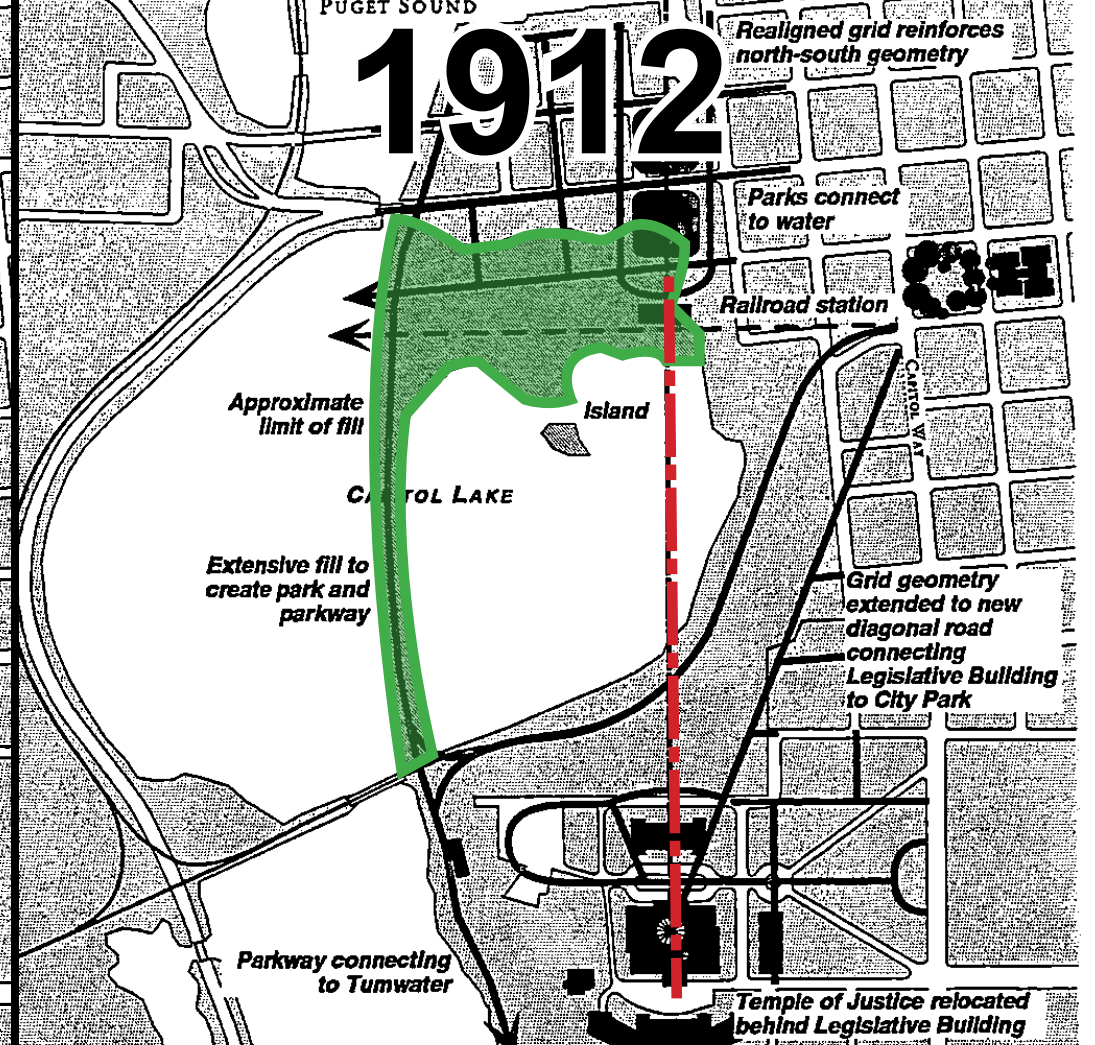
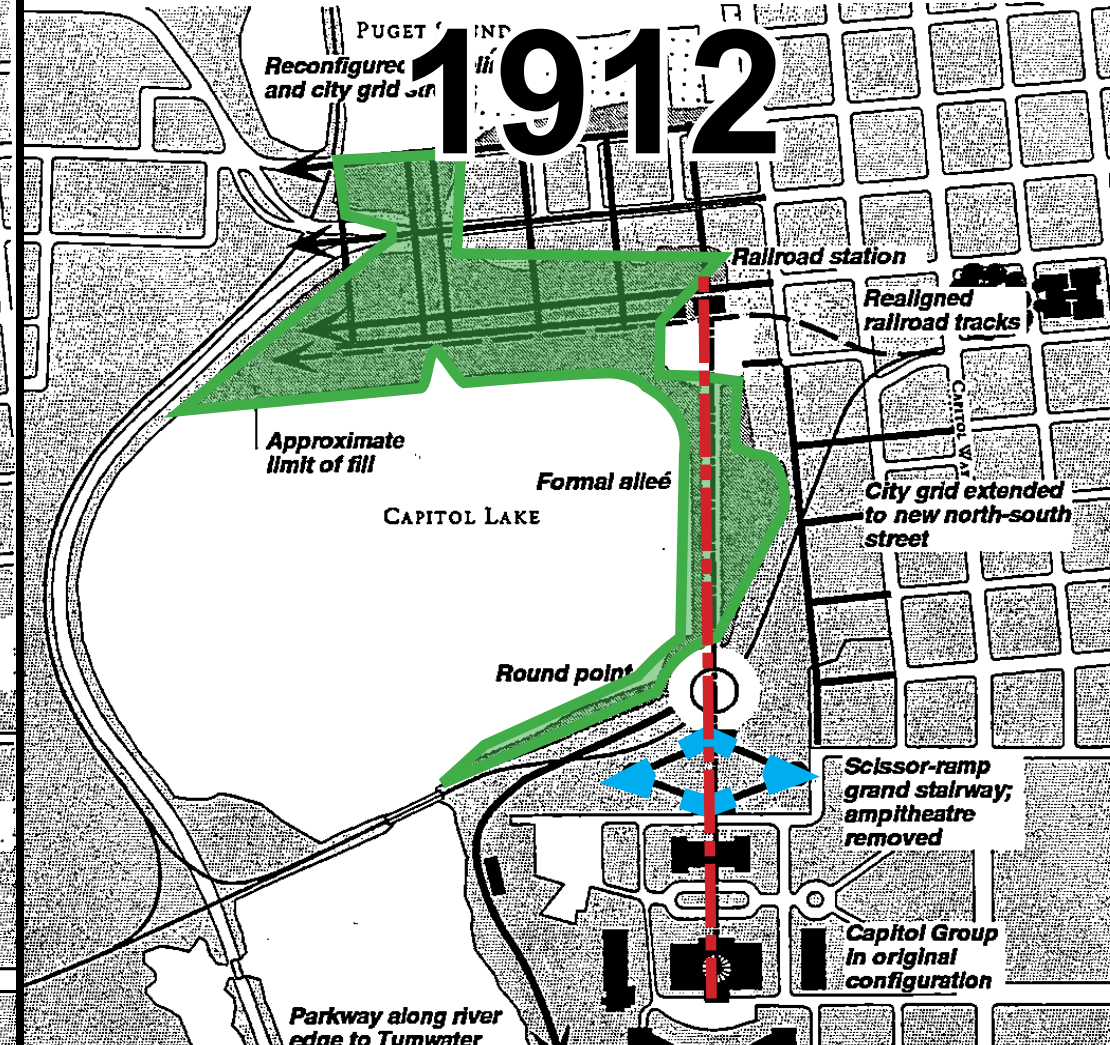
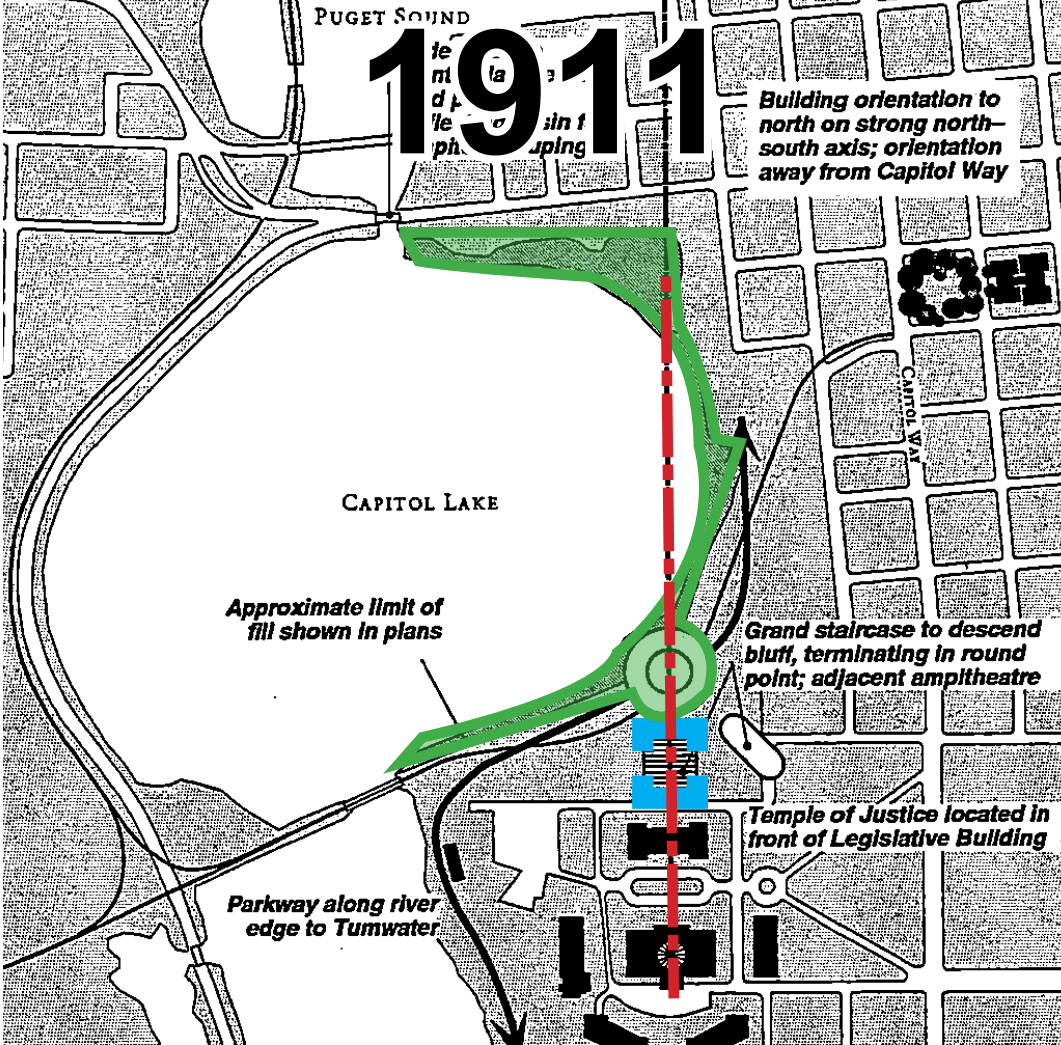
**STREET NETWORK**



**BICYCLES**



**TRANSIT & RAIL**





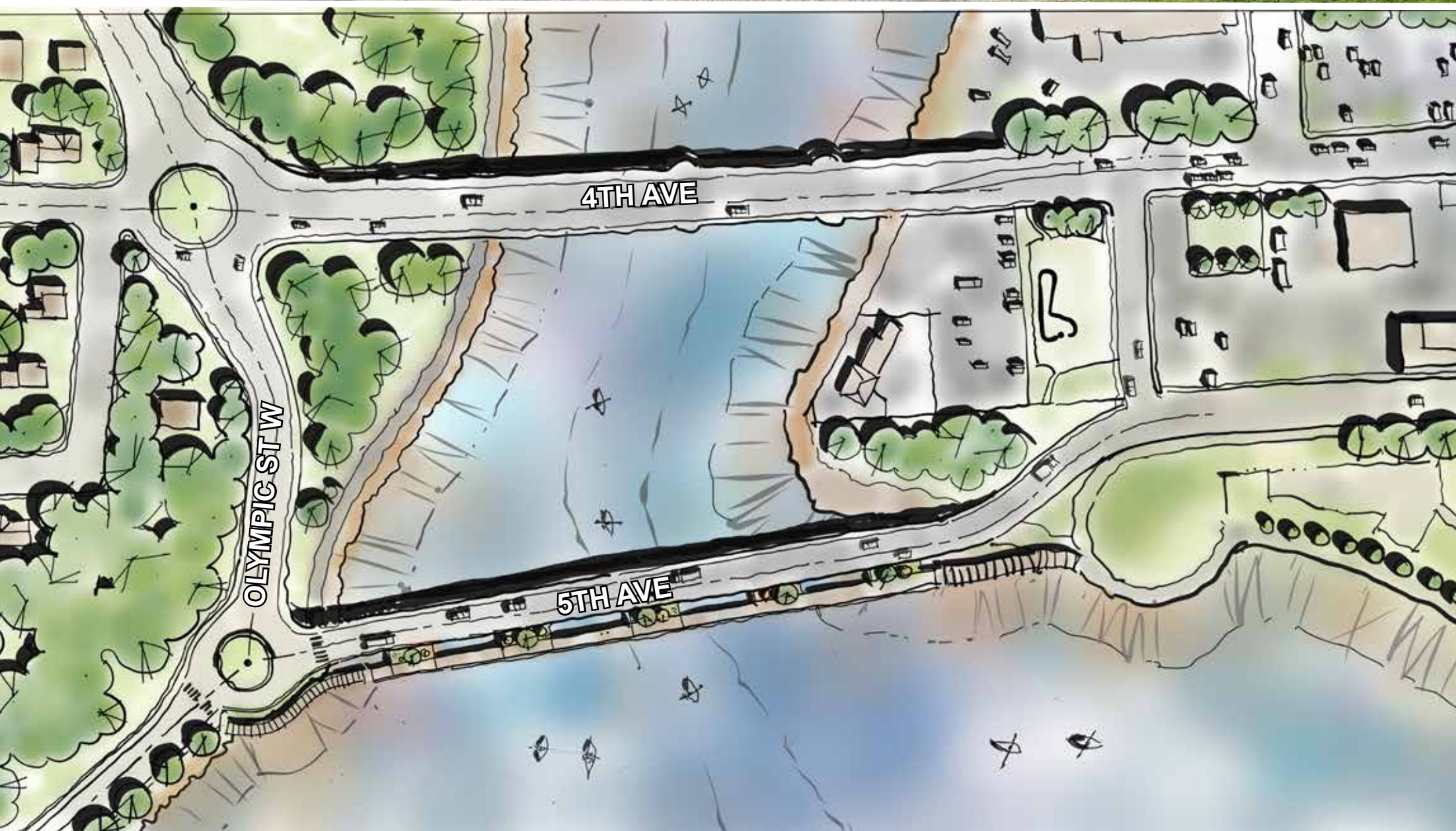
# EXPERIENCE THE ESTUARY



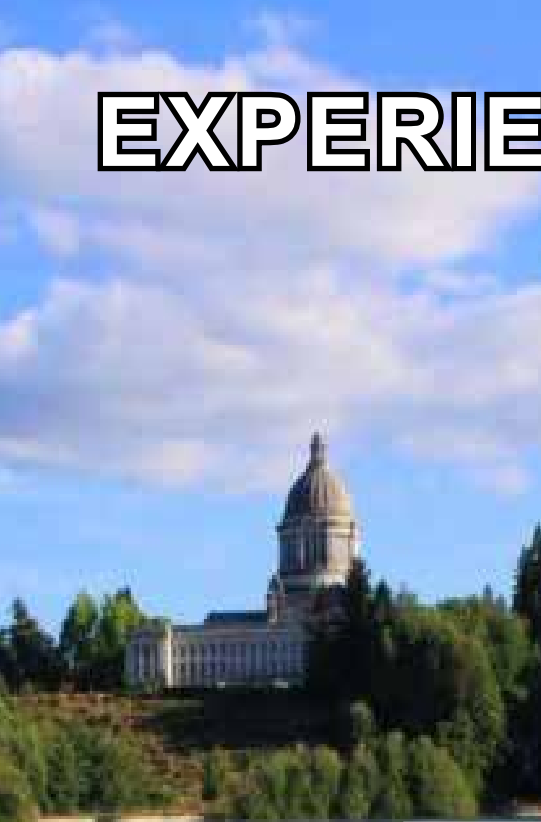
# EXPERIENCE



The replacement of the dam with a new bridge will create a new over water crossing in Olympia. What are your top priorities for this new 5th Avenue estuary crossing?



# EXPERIENCE



When you think of the bridge aesthetics, are there sources of inspiration that the design might consider? For example, the existing 4th Avenue bridge, iconic structures, natural elements of the estuary, the Capitol Campus, or other? We will be asking this question of the community and the City as well.



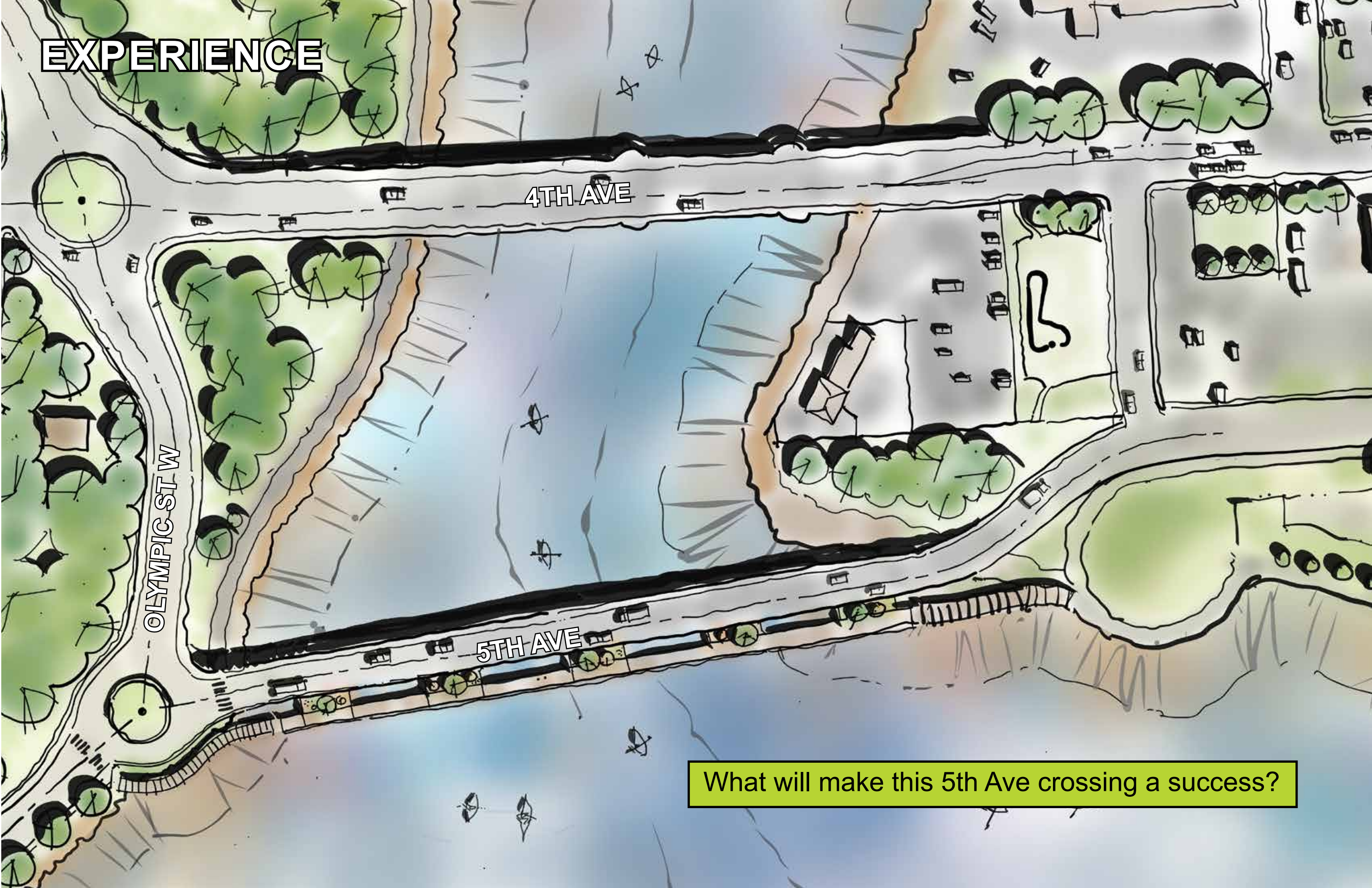
# EXPERIENCE



Are there important stories, histories, or elements of Olympia that should be incorporated into the experience of this place?



# EXPERIENCE



4TH AVE

OLYMPIC ST W

5TH AVE

What will make this 5th Ave crossing a success?

# EXPERIENCE



How can we best support a positive pedestrian experience across the bridge?





# EXPERIENCE



What aspects of the current 5th Avenue Bridge and connecting parkway are working well?

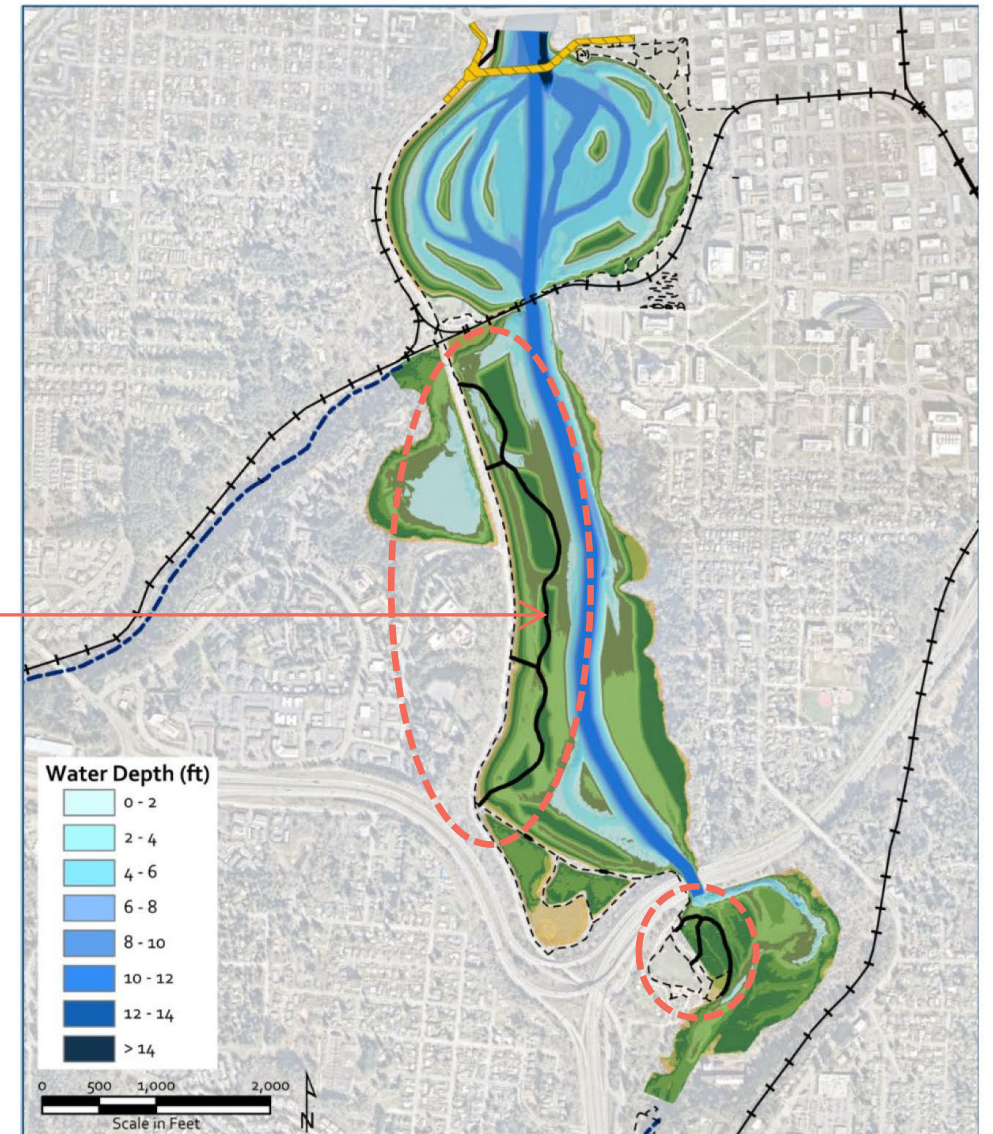


# Boardwalks

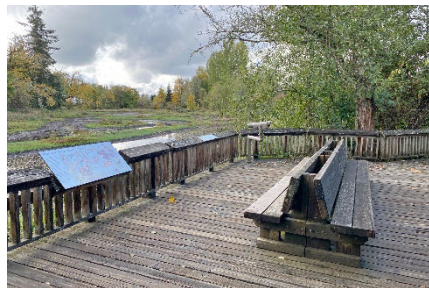
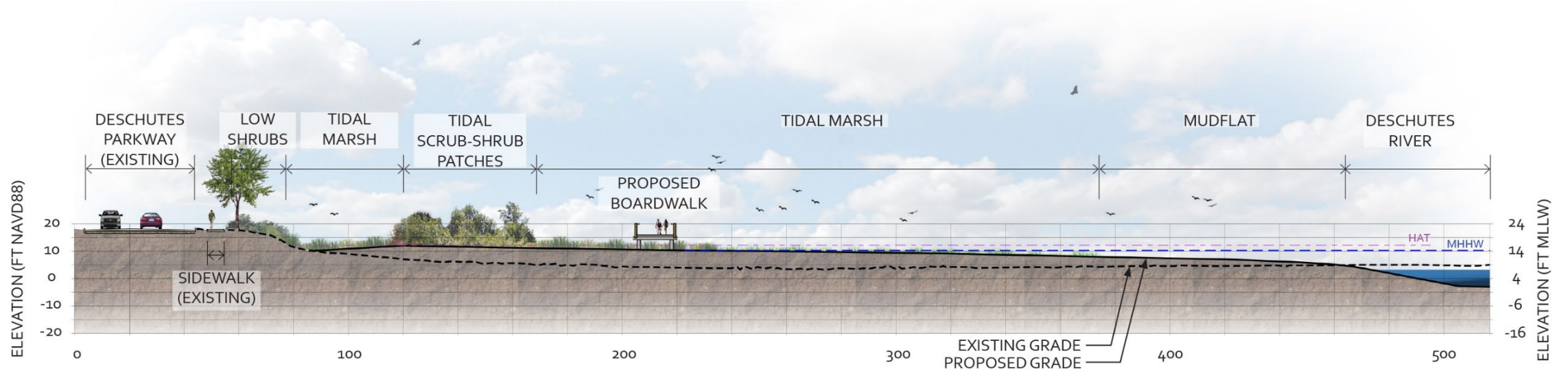
# Boardwalks

- Proposed boardwalks in Middle Basin and South Basin

Boardwalk locations as shown in the EIS



# Boardwalks



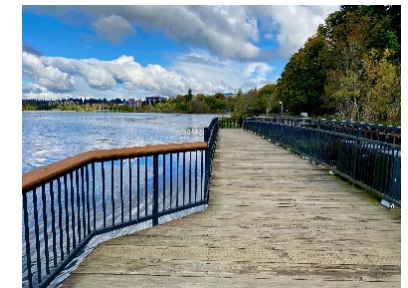
Interpretation and seating



Boardwalk width of 10–12 feet



Boardwalk width of 8–10 feet



Existing decking and railings

## Design Consideration:

The proposed boardwalks will be experienced (most often) as passing through tidal marsh habitat. Only under high water conditions will the boardwalks pass over open water.

# Questions

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- **QUESTION:** We have been assuming programming for boardwalks for passive use only. Should we be considering other programming, such as active uses like fishing?



# Questions

- ✦ **QUESTION:** How can we design the boardwalks in such a way that recreationalists feel safe? (lighting, emergency response, active uses like fishing, etc.)



# Questions

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- 🦋 **QUESTION:** Are there specific amenities for the boardwalks that would best support wildlife viewing, the experience over the water, etc.?



# Boat Launch





# Boat Launch – Hand Carry

## ✦ Marathon Park

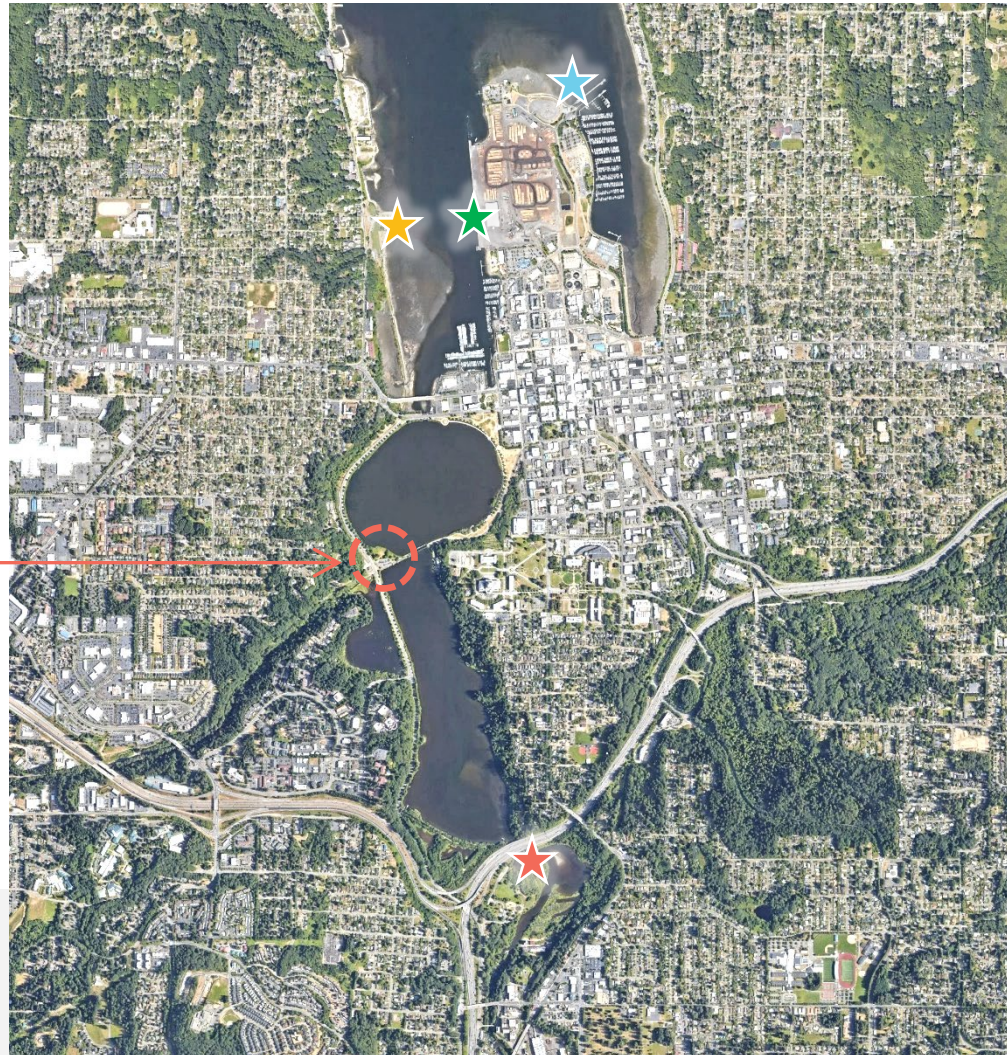
- It is estimated that the channels in the North and Middle Basins would be inundated at depths that would support shallow-draft boating, such as kayaking, for approximately 70% of the daylight hours during the months of May through September
- In the summer, low tides occur most often during daylight hours

Marathon Park



Source: EIS Land Use, Shorelines, and Recreation Discipline Report (July 2022)

# Boat Launch – Nearby Existing Launches



Marathon Park

- ★ Swantown Marina
- ★ Percival Landing potential future additional boat launch opportunity
- ★ West Bay Park
- ★ Historical Park (closed)

# Boat Launch – Hand Carry

Potential launch location  
at Marathon Park



# Boat Launch Types and Facilities

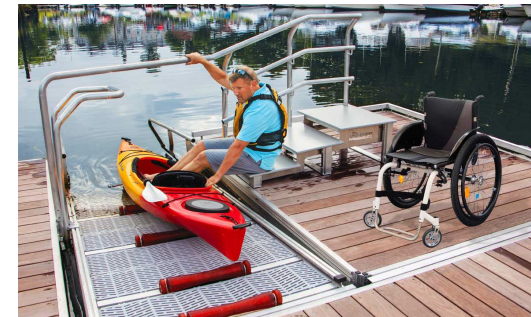
Natural Beach



Floating Dock



ADA Platform with Transfer Station



Other Facilities: Picnic, Parking, etc.



# Questions

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- ✦ **QUESTION:** Is a hand-carried boat launch a valuable addition to the project and if so, what should the design team consider in terms of location, water levels, currents, and tides?

# Questions

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- ✦ **QUESTION:** Would you use a boat launch in Marathon Park, and if so, when and what type of hand-carried vessel?

# Questions

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- ✦ **QUESTION:** If a boat launch is programmed in Marathon Park, are there specific features that would make it more useable for a range of abilities?

# Other Recreational Considerations



# Questions

- ✦ **QUESTION:** What kinds of design features would improve the use of recreational features for people with ranging abilities?



**Welcome back!**

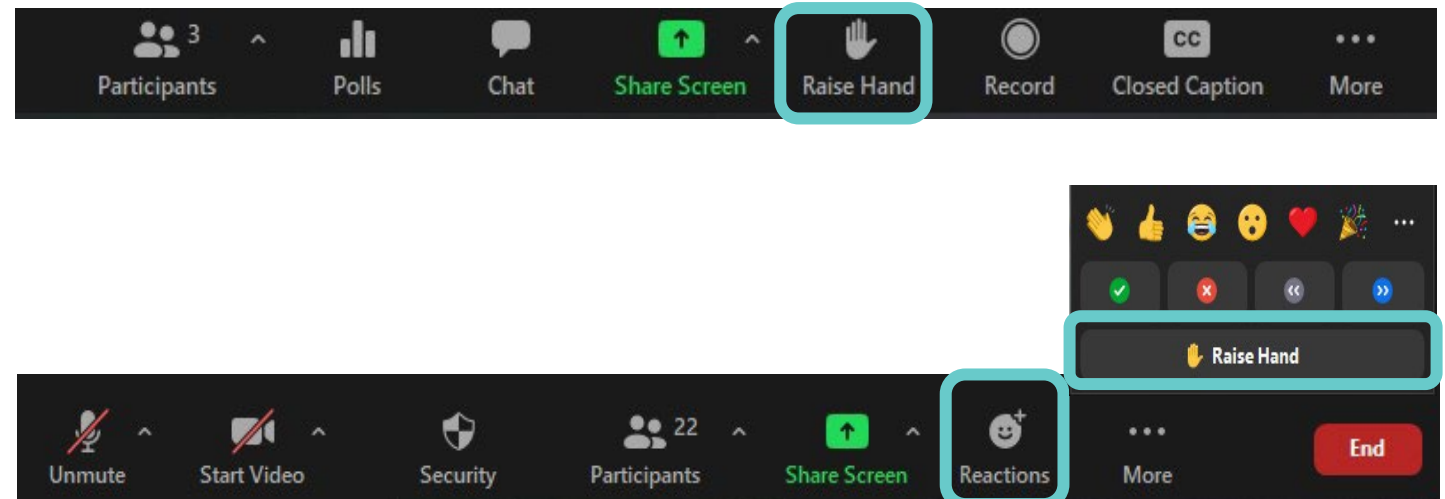
# Recap of Small Group Sessions

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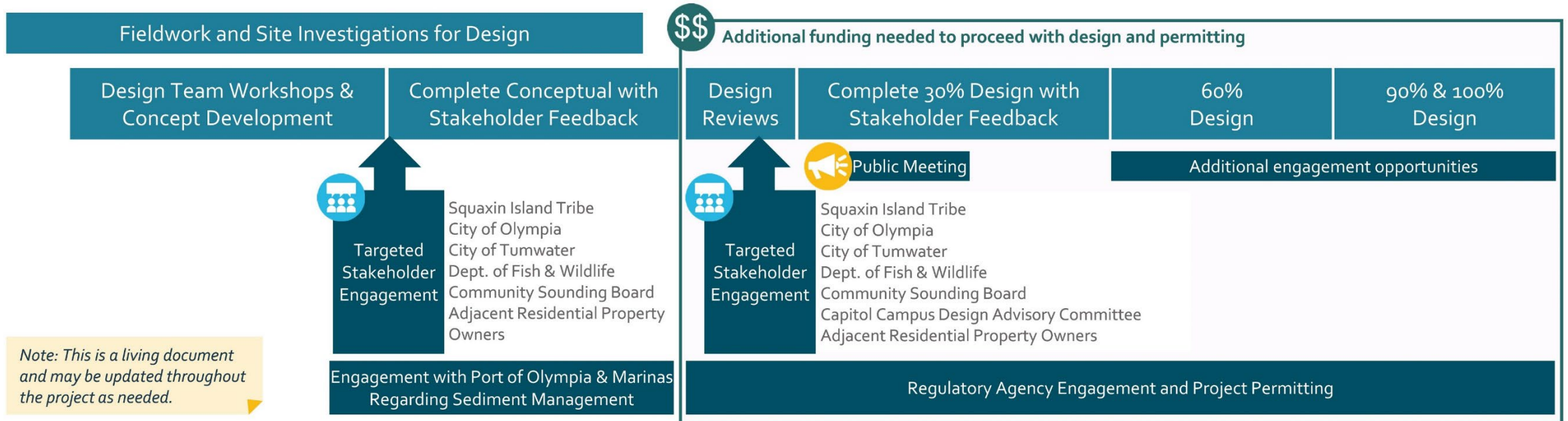
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## Opportunity for Public Comment

# Current Design Schedule & Key Milestones

2023	2024				2025	2026
Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Estimated Design & Permitting Schedule if Funding is Received without Delays	



*Note: This is a living document and may be updated throughout the project as needed.*

Pursuit of Federal and State Grants for Design/Permitting & Construction. Coordination with Local Governments for Maintenance Funding after Construction.



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**DESCHUTES ESTUARY**  
Restoration Project

