



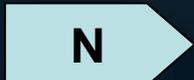
Lily Point Marine Reserve



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Project Summary



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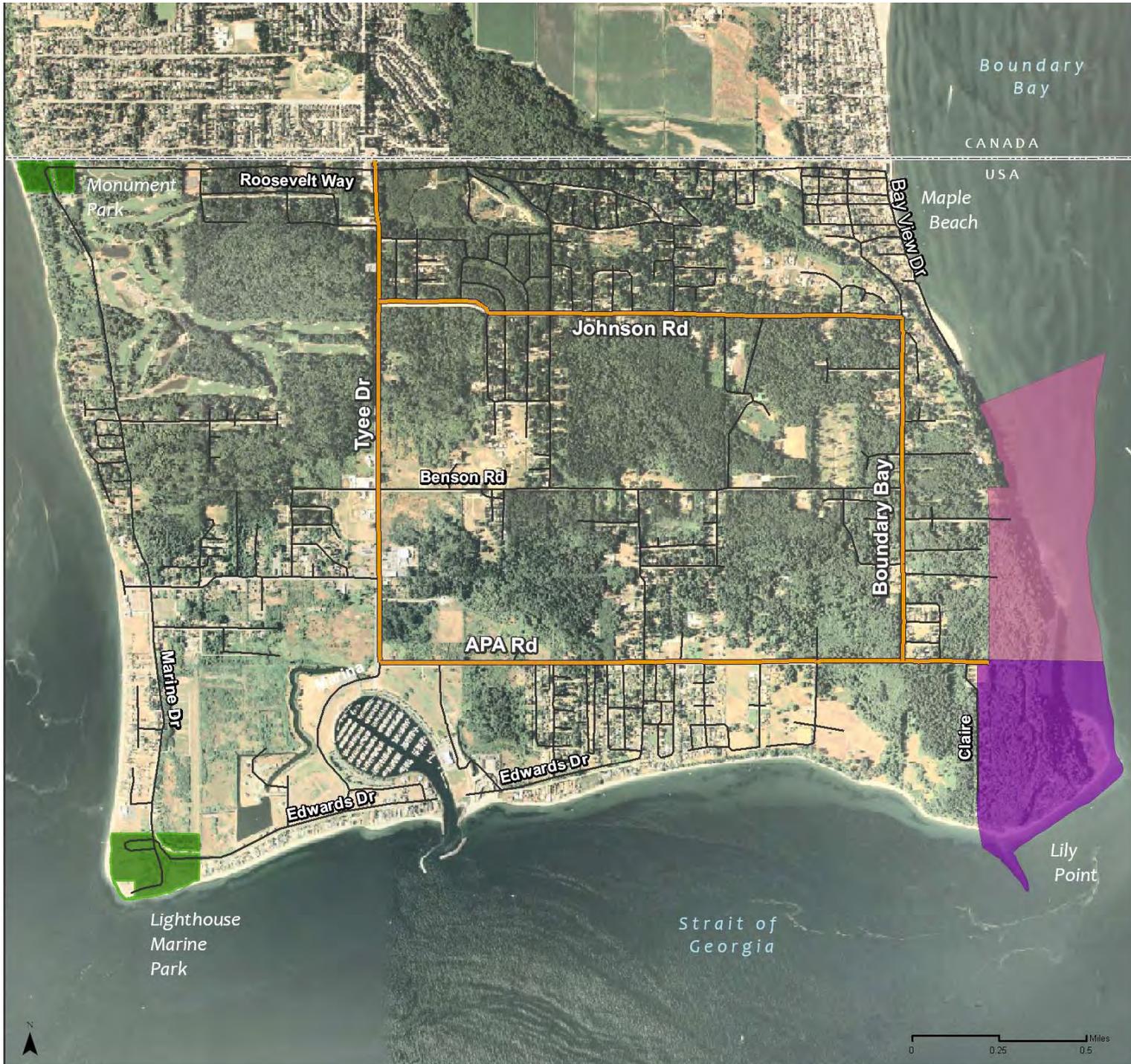
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Lily Point Marine Reserve

- Destination park in Whatcom County
- 1.5 miles of natural shoreline
- High quality habitat & abundant wildlife
- Pedestrian-oriented recreation





Lily Point Point Roberts Site Map

Whatcom County, WA

Proposed Acquisitions

- Lily Point (North)
- Lily Point (South)

Other Features

- International Boundary
- County Lands



Map Extent



Criteria #1

Fit with ALEA Program Goals

Protection & Enhancement and
Public Access Program Goals



Criteria #1

Protection &
Enhancement Program Goals

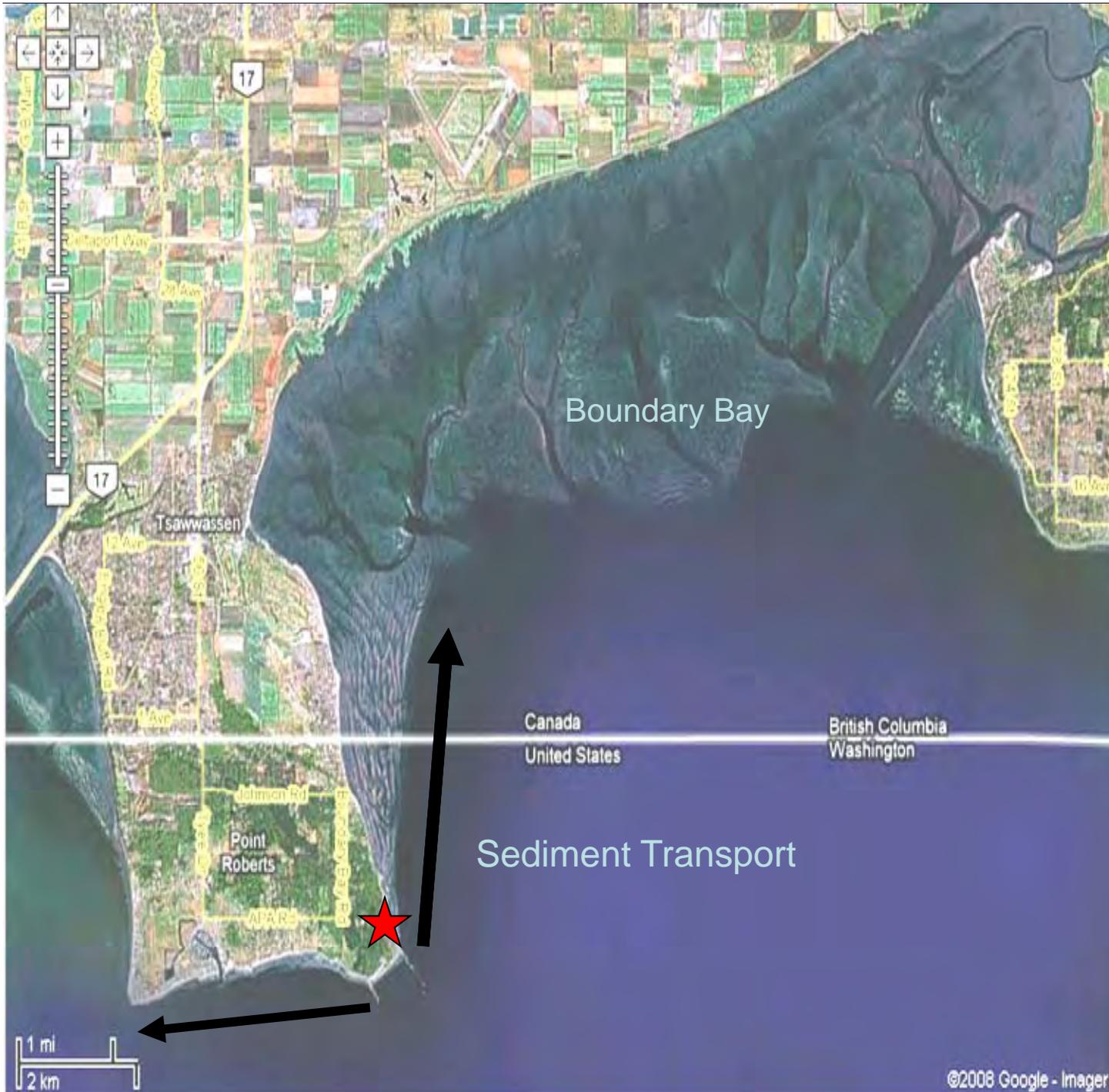
Criteria #1 – Protection & Enhancement Program Goals

Key habitat features:

- 1.5 miles of natural shoreline
- 2 exceptional feeder bluffs
- 7-acre accretion beach
- 132 acres of tidelands
- Eelgrass beds
- 144 acres of mature upland forest and riparian vegetation



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Criteria #1

Feeder bluffs at Lily Point provide sediment inputs that support the greater Boundary Bay ecosystem.

Criteria #1 – Protection & Enhancement Program Goals

Landscape Context:

- Migratory shorebirds & waterfowl
- Salmonids
- Forage fish
- Eelgrass beds
- Puget Sound food web

Criteria #1 - Public Access Program Goals

- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Swimming
- Wading
- Bird watching
- Wildlife viewing
- Beachcombing
- Shellfish harvesting
- Fishing
- Boating
- Education
- Interpretive trails



Criteria #1 – Public Access Program Goals



Criteria #2

Project Need

Protection & Enhancement
and Public Access

Protection & Enhancement Criteria #2 – Project Need

Protection of Lily Point is specifically identified as a priority in the following plans and studies:

- *Regional Nearshore and Marine Aspects of Salmon Recovery in Puget Sound* (Puget Sound Action Team 2005)
- *Whatcom County Draft Shoreline Management Plan* (2006)
- *Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan* (Draft 2008)
- *Whatcom County Enhanced Nearshore Assessment* (August 2006)
- *Willamette Valley-Puget Trough-Georgia Basin Ecoregional Assessment* (The Nature Conservancy 2004)
- *Whatcom County Feeder Bluff Mapping And Drift Cell Ranking Analysis* (Johannessen 2006)

Protection & Enhancement Criteria #2 – Project Need

- 132 acres of tidelands
- Forage fish spawning
- Eelgrass beds and rocky kelp intertidal habitat
- Threatened and endangered species
- Shorebirds & waterfowl
- Bald eagle concentrations
- Harlequin duck molt site



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Protection & Enhancement Criteria #2 – Project Need

Protection of the ecological processes and habitat features found at Lily Point are priorities in the following plans:

- *WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan (2005)*
- Multiple shorebird & waterfowl conservation plans
- Bull trout, Southern Resident Killer Whale and Steller Sea Lion Recovery Plans
- *WDFW's Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Species (2004)*

Public Access Criteria #2 – Project Need



Public Access

Criteria #2 – Project Need

- Only 6% of the 130 miles of saltwater shoreline in Whatcom Co. are accessible
- Lily Point will be a destination day-use park and is specifically identified in the following plans:
 - *Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan*
 - *Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan*
 - *Natural Heritage Plan for Whatcom County*

Public Access

Criteria #2 – Project Need



- Need for rural day-use parks
- Pedestrian & non-motorized boat access
- Interpretive & educational elements
 - Ecology, cultural and historic values

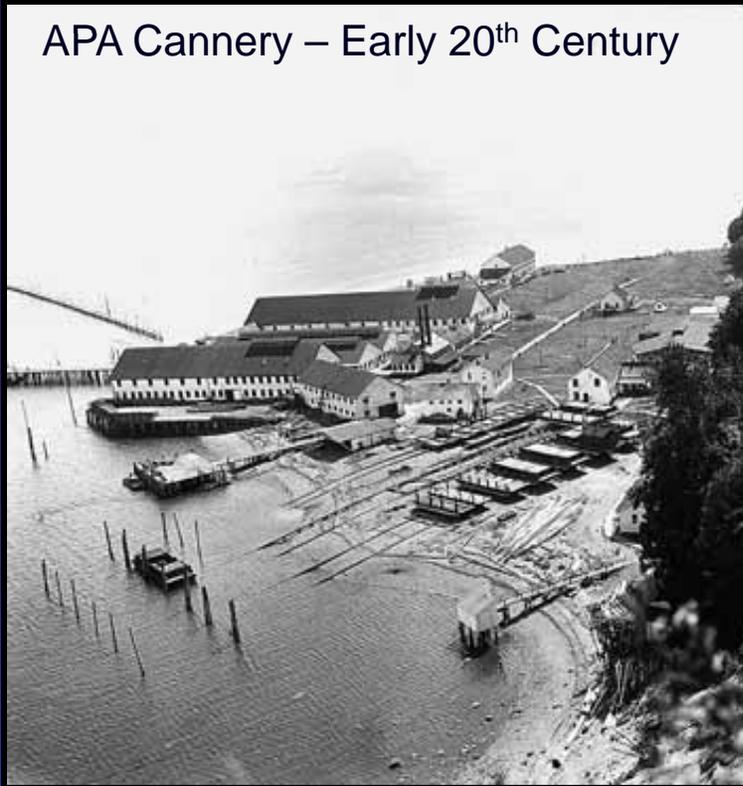
Criteria #3

Site Suitability

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Criteria #3 – Site Suitability

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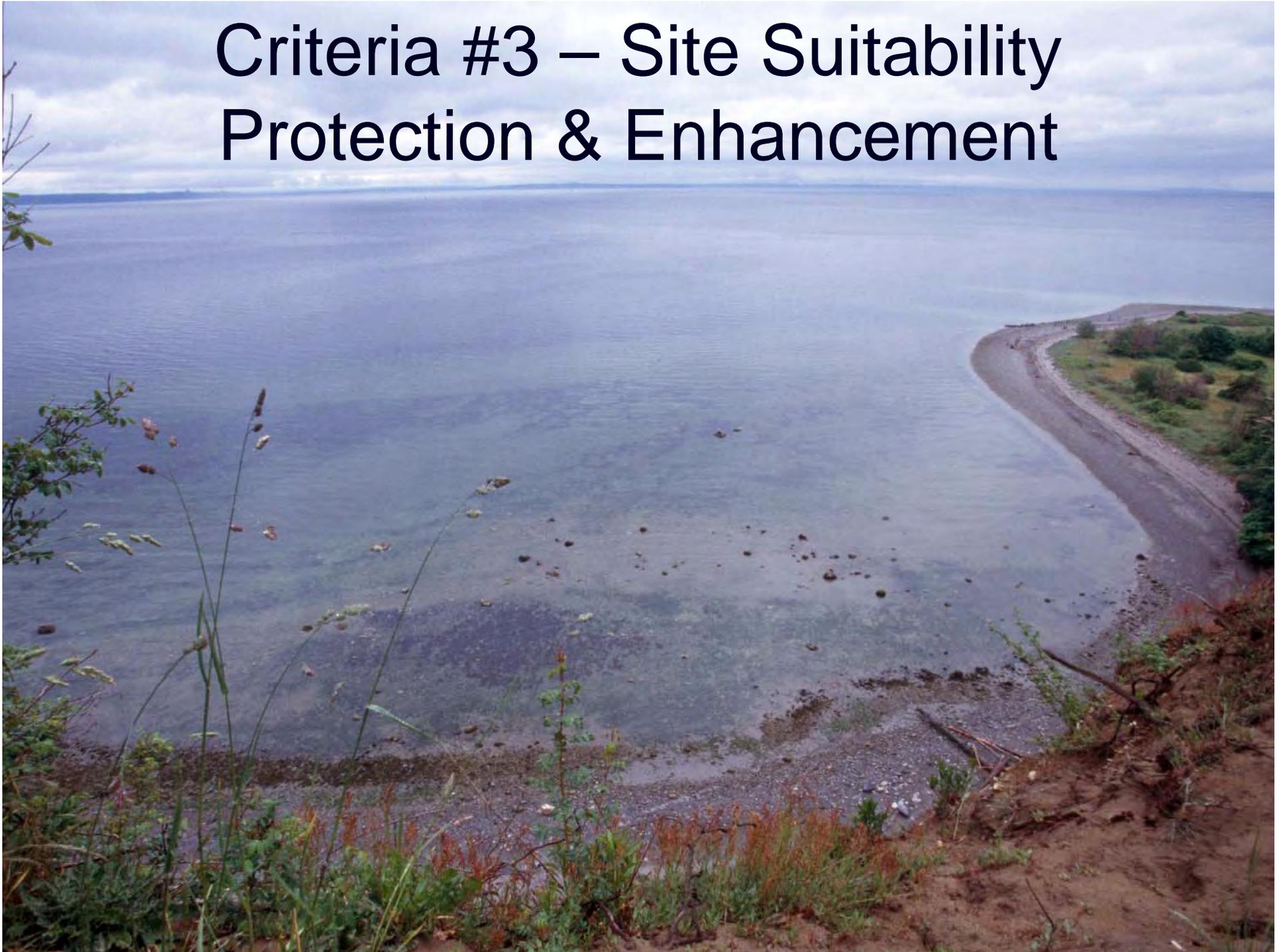


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Cultural & Historical Significance

- 9,000 years of Native American use and history
- Important reef net fishery site for Coast Salish
- Former Alaska Packers Association cannery site

Criteria #3 – Site Suitability Protection & Enhancement



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- Highly functioning habitat
- Self-sustaining ecological processes
- Prevent future impacts
- Unique opportunity to protect natural shoreline & bluffs



Criteria #3 – Site Suitability

Public Access

Low-impact Development:

- ADA-accessible trail
- ~5 miles of trails
- Interpretive signs
- Parking, restrooms & trailhead
- Cascade Marine Trail
- Development will focus use in areas most suitable for public access, while protecting habitat



Criteria #4a
Urgency and Viability

Criteria #4a – Urgency & Viability

- Site was permitted as a 76-unit residential development with golf course until 2004
- Adjacent property has a planned 103-unit gated community
- Zoning allows 1 house per 5 acres and permits clustering
- Continued private ownership does not guarantee access or habitat protection



Criteria #4a – Urgency & Viability



- Willing landowner
- Site will be immediately available for public use
- Park improvements will begin when funding is secured
- Whatcom Co. Parks & Recreation will manage the property – staff are already available at Point Roberts

Criteria #5

Community Involvement & Support

Criteria #5 – Community Involvement & Support

- Public acquisition priority for 30+ years
- >130 private donors
- Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan process
- 70+ Volunteers have contributed more than 1,200 hours to date



- Local, State and Federal agencies and non-profit partners

Criteria #5 – Community Involvement & Support



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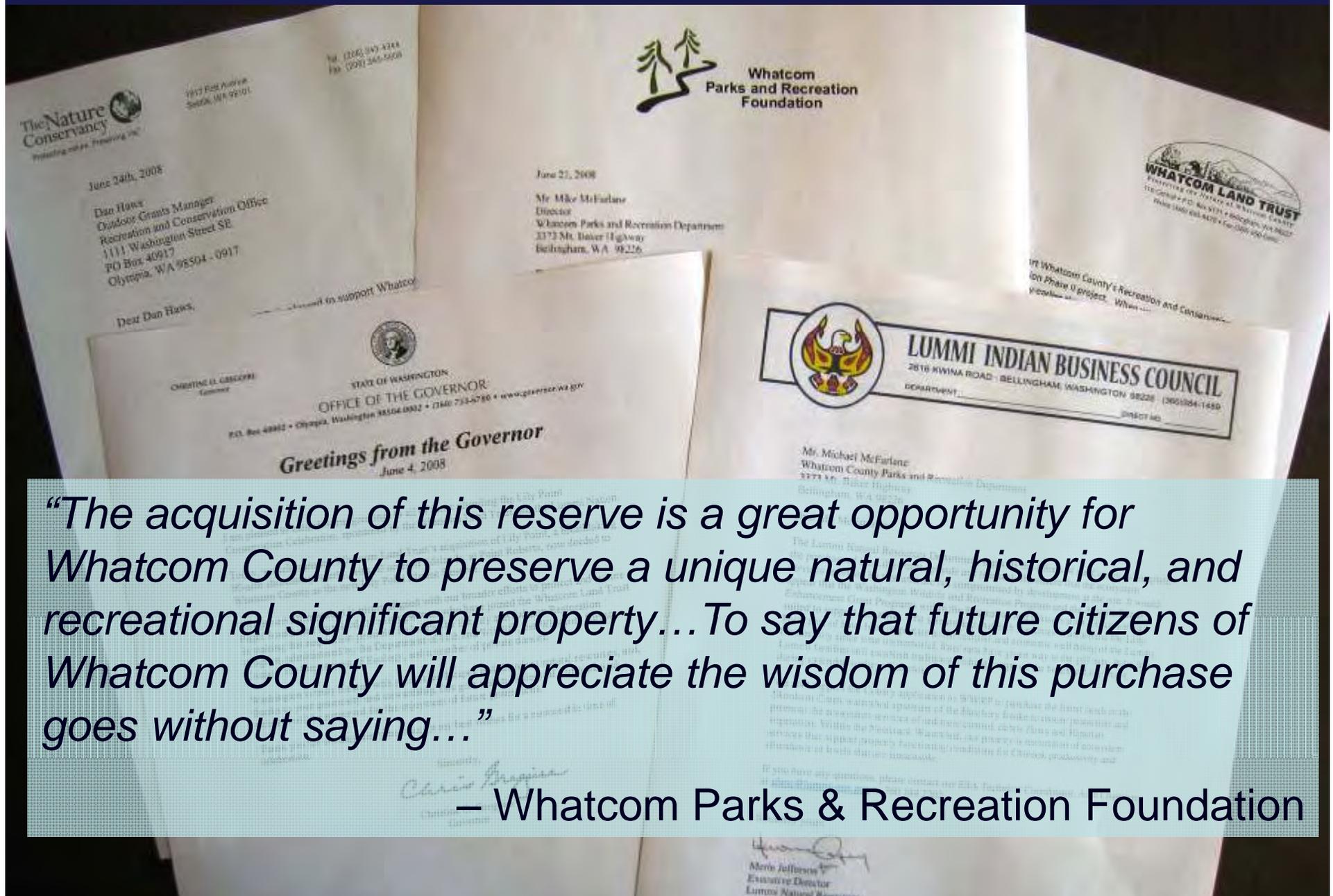
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“ [Lily Point is] probably one of the very few remaining properties in all of Puget Sound that possesses so many largely undisturbed environmental qualities,’ said Richard Grout, manager of the Bellingham field office of the state Department of Ecology... ‘This is a jewel.’ ”

*-The Bellingham Herald
April 20, 2008*

Criteria #5 – Community Involvement & Support



“The acquisition of this reserve is a great opportunity for Whatcom County to preserve a unique natural, historical, and recreational significant property... To say that future citizens of Whatcom County will appreciate the wisdom of this purchase goes without saying...”

– Whatcom Parks & Recreation Foundation

In Conclusion...

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- Abundant birds, fish & wildlife
- Diverse recreational options
- New destination park



Questions & Discussion

