
(Draft) Section 4
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Comprehensive goals and objectives were developed to provide an organized framework to guide the analysis and planning processes. The goals represent the general results and improvements desired by South Beach residents and Grays Harbor County, while the objectives are the specific "action items" that will deliver these results.

GOAL NO. 1

Develop a positive working relationship among the community and governmental agencies. Ensure that all parties are aware of the issues, processes, and implications of an FHMP. Reach public and agency consensus on solutions and funding options.

Objectives

1a: Form an advisory committee representing South Beach property owners, business owners, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Department, the City of Westport, and Grays Harbor County.

- Meet three times during the development of the FHMP.
- Discuss the need for this work, the regulatory framework, the analysis process, results, alternatives, costs, and funding.
- Discuss present and historical flooding to supplement the consultants' knowledge of local drainage issues (location, extent, duration, frequency of flooding):
- Refine the committee's understanding of drainage issues and costs.
- Identify joint project opportunities between agencies.
- Include the committee in the decisionmaking process for alternative solutions and funding sources.
- Confirm that the committee and the public are comfortable with the selected alternatives and methods of funding. Summarize the level of agreement and discuss the course of action for the future.

1b: Hold public workshops to reach a general understanding among a broader section of the community.

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GOAL NO. 2

Improve the protection of public health and safety from flooding threats in the South Beach study area drainage basin.

Objectives

2a: Document the approximate extent of the floodplain, historic overflow paths, flood-prone structures, and roadways.

2b: Identify opportunities to improve flood protection of existing structures; for example:

- Initiate or complete roadside drainage improvements.
- Provide floodproofing and elevation of structures.
- Enhance performance of existing drainage channels.

2c: Provide permanent warning signs for flood-prone sections of public roadway.

2d: Clearly define and disseminate emergency action plan and procedures (flood warning and forecasting system, evacuation emergency response routes, temporary manpower, equipment, and supplies for fighting floods).

GOAL NO. 3

Provide practical, cost-effective solutions that will result in measurable reductions in flooding frequency, duration, and frequently flooded area damages.

Objectives

3a: Improve local drainage system.

- Complete selected ditch and culvert enhancements/additions.
- Develop ditch and culvert maintenance program.
- Work cooperatively with Westport in improving and maintaining main north-south drainage channel.

GOAL NO. 4

Improve appropriate regulations to control future growth impacts to flooding.

Objectives

4a: Document and enforce County Floodplain Ordinance, Chapter 13.07 of the Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and existing floodplain designations (FEMA mapping and report) for the Grayland area.

4b: Identify frequently flooded areas; identify the need for further regulation of development in these areas by County codes and ordinances. Consider revising FEMA boundaries as appropriate to reflect changes in 100-year floodplain resulting from dynamic nature of coastal topography.

4c: Document and enforce other regulations limiting development in flood-prone and flood storage areas, including Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (wetland filling limitations) and County grading regulations.

4d: Consider the adoption of policies and regulations to allow incentives for the preservation of floodplains and flood storage areas through natural resource conservation easements or other mechanisms.

4e: Establish a formal procedure for coordination with the City of Westport on activities in the South Beach area with the potential for downstream impacts on the drainage channel running north through Westport.

GOAL NO. 5

Document solutions consistent with Ecology FCAAP requirements (WAC 173-145-040) to permit further grant funding opportunities for plan implementation.

Objectives

5a: Develop plan document to meet requirements of Ecology FCAAP program.

5b: Build Ecology consensus for plan approval and continued FCAAP/other funding support for solutions implementation.