

Project Title: **Barnum Point Parking Lot Expansion 2018**
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Project Location: **Barnum Point County Park**
299 S. Sunrise Blvd
Camano Island, Washington State 98282
Parcel Number: **R33105 -077-1080**
Property ID **811283**
Section 6 Township 31 Range 3 East

Owner:
Island County Parks Department

Proposed budget: **\$85,000**

\$ 65,000 for Parking Lot Development
\$ 5,000 for Signage, Kiosks
\$ 10,000 for Fencing, Gates
\$ 5,000 for Native Plantings Area Enhancement

Project Description:

This project is a design build for a larger parking area on Island County owned property known as Barnum Point and will be constructed in Phases. Currently there is a small 6 car parking area at the end of Sunrise Blvd. adjacent to and, part of the East Tract that was constructed to accommodate the beach access that was acquired in 2012. Since then, the Core Tract, East Tract and West Tract Parcel 1 at Barnum Point have been acquired, expanding the park from 27 acres to 129 acres, a 5 fold increase in area. Current parking is limited and will not accommodate the expected public use, expansion of this lot is essential.

This proposed expansion would enable parking for approximately 20-25 cars and would allow for more users. Minimum logging, clearing and grubbing would be a primary objective in its construction. It will make access easier for users of the park whether it is hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, or beach walkers. The expansion of the parking lot will mean that the park can be safely accessed, and utilized by more park patrons. This project will require the redesign, and the development of the parking area along with informational kiosks, signage, gates and fencing.

There is a network of trails that runs throughout the property at present. The public frequently uses this forest and adjoining beach and it has a strong community following. The addition of a larger parking area will allow more users park access.

ATTACHMENT B
ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET
 ISLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES FUND
 PROPOSED PROJECT APPLICATION

PROJECT NAME= BARNUM PT PARKING AREA YEAR 2018

	Category	CFF	Other Funding Sources	Total Funding
Planning		\$	\$	\$
	Salaries and Benefits	-	-	-
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting/ Permits	\$ 5,000	\$	\$
		-	-	-
	Goods and Services*	\$	\$	\$
		-	-	-
	Travel & Per Diem	\$	\$	\$
		-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-
	Total Planning	\$ - 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance and Operations		\$	\$	\$
	Salaries and Benefits	-	-	-
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$	\$	\$
		-	-	-
	Goods and Services*	\$ 65,000	\$	\$
		-	-	-
	Travel & Per Diem	\$ 10,000	\$	\$
		-	-	-
	Other	\$	\$	\$
		-	-	-
	Total Maintenance / Operations	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -

Management & Administration

	\$	\$	\$
Salaries and Benefits	-	-	-
Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$	\$	\$
Goods and Services*	\$ 5,000	\$	\$
Travel & Per Diem	\$	\$	\$
Other	-	-	-
Total Management & Admin	\$ 5,000	\$	\$

Equipment

Technology Capital Items*	\$	\$	\$
Technology Supplies*	\$	\$	\$
Equipment*	\$	\$	\$
Other	-	-	-
Total Equipment	\$	\$	\$

Property Acquisition

Fee Simple Acquisition Costs**	\$	\$	\$
Conservation Easements Costs	\$	\$	\$
Other Acquisition Costs	\$	\$	\$
Total Acquisition Costs	\$	\$	\$
Total Budget	\$ 85,000	\$	\$

* For all line items listed with "**", please provided attached detailed list of items and costs

**Does not include appraisal costs, survey, engineering or other technical services costs are "other acquisition costs"

The goal of this project is to expand the public parking area to allow more access to Barnum Point County Park. Current parking for 6 vehicles is way too small for a 129 acre park. The project has 3 major objectives:

- Design and construction of a public parking area.
- Install additional signage, a kiosk, gates and fencing.
- Add native plantings to enhance the parking lot and retain storm water.

Design and Construction - \$65,000

The parking lot for Barnum Point County Park is located on what is known as the East Tract portion of the property, with access gained from Sunrise Blvd. The lot design will be large enough to allow for cars and trucks with horse trailers to park and have enough space to maneuver. The lot will be based upon similar lots already constructed within the County's park system.

Prior to any construction, permits will have to be acquired. These may consist of Site Plan Review and a Clearing and Grading Permit. Other permits may be necessary based on the Site Plan Review. Island County Parks will look to Island County Public Works for the design and construction phases of this project.

The parking lot surface will be constructed with gravel, to allow water to be absorbed into the ground and to avoid runoff. Drainage will be provided, and culverts placed where necessary. Concrete wheel stops will be used to delineate the spaces. Best Management Practices will be followed during the lots construction.

Install signage, kiosk, gates and fencing - \$10,000

There will be designated parking for ADA, Cars, Trucks and towed horse trailers. Fencing and gates will be installed as necessary to allow for safe ingress, egress and the ability to close the parking lot for maintenance. Examples of signage follow: No Parking, Dogs on Leash, ADA, Pack It In – Pack it Out, and one sign listing additional park rules. An information kiosk will also be placed at the parking lot with a map of the trail system.

Add Native plantings – \$5,000

Planting with native vegetation will improve the biodiversity and ecological integrity of the property. By planting native species this will provide habitat for wildlife and it will keep down invasives and reduce maintenance needs in the future.

All three of these objectives are important in keeping the welcoming and productive forest for the entire community to enjoy. Each of the activities will be leveraged with community volunteer support and Island County Parks Staff, which is essential for the continued stewardship of the property.

MAINTAINANCE AND OPERATION PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERA

A. ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY:

Degree to which the project reduces or eliminates a serious threat to ecological integrity, a developing ecological threat or invasive species threat.

The Forested part of the property currently provides habitat, for several species of wild plant life both terrestrial and aquatic. The feeder bluffs provide for fish development and growth, and the tidelands are an integral part of bird migration. The preservation of Barnum Point has eliminated the threat of housing, and its associated infrastructure thus guaranteeing the ecological integrity for years to come.

B. HAZARD OR LIABILITY:

Degree to which the project removes or eliminates a significant hazard or liability.

The construction of a larger parking lot will help eliminate parking on Sunrise Blvd. shoulders and will decrease vehicular congestion at the entrance to the parking lot. The addition of fencing, gates signage and an informational kiosk will give parks users useful information, directions, and what is expected of them during their stay. The expansion of this park preserves 129 acres of forested lands and beach access from further development.

C. SPECIAL STATUS:

Degree to which the project protects, restores, or enhances a species with special status.

This project will include planting of native vegetation in and around the parking area. The native plants will create an improved appearance to the parking area as a whole, and will reduce the chance of invasive species gaining a foothold. All species whether transient or local will benefit from the preservation and protection afforded by Barnum Point.

D. HABITAT VALUES NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED:

This project will minimize the cutting of trees by expanding at the current location. The objective is to keep vehicles from entering deep into the property, and keeping them located at the very NE entrance to the park land.

E. PUBLIC ACCESS:

Degree to which the project increases or enhances public access to the property.

With the expansion of the park and the development of an increase in size of a designated parking area, and associated infrastructure, park usage will most certainly increase. The parking area provides a safe environment in which to stage a hike, bike or horseback ride. The property has already become a place for all members of the community to get out and enjoy nature. Equestrians, hikers, and bikers are using the property, and the site is increasing in popularity as time goes on. It will continue to draw locals and visitors on the island due to its proximity to the shoreline, and the variety of trail opportunities including

access to over a mile of beach. By the construction of parking area, this becomes the gateway to the property and welcoming point to the public.

F. MANAGEMENT PLAN:

A Barnum Management Plan was developed in 2018 by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust and is being reviewed by Island County. This plan is site specific, and entails current and future stewardship of the park. The Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan has an overall outline for parks management of accepting new properties, and strategies for management. Both plans complement each other and support the following:

- Parking areas are vital in creating a welcoming and safe access for the public. Signage is a major component to ensure the safety of visitors and ensuring pleasant experience.
- This project will have significant community involvement through volunteer work and is an example of using the Conservation Futures Program as a way of funding successful stewardship.
- A Kiosk with appropriate visitor information will be installed and maintained.

G. SUPPORTED BY COMMUNITY PLANS:

Degree to which the project is supported by one or more federal, state, regional, or local plans.

This project is supported by the Island County Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, the Island County Trails Plan, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) National Coastal Wetlands Conservation program (NCWC). Funding sources have been received from all the agencies listed above. Friends of Camano Island Parks, Island County Public Works and Island County Parks are also involved in current development, and continued stewardship by maintaining the parking area and enhancing forest conditions on the property. This project is in line with the primary objectives of Passive Recreation and Shoreline Access and, it encourages the development of non-motorized facilities.

H. EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE:

Degree to which the project protects existing infrastructure vital to the property within the context of the CFF program.

The use of gates, fencing and signage will help protect the existing trails and road that are vital for the continued public use of the property by containing vehicles in one general location and prohibiting them from driving within the park property.

I. DEVELOPS INFRASTRUCTURE:

Degree to which the project provides new infrastructure vital to the property within the context of the CFF Program.

A larger parking area will enhance park and beach access by allowing more daily visitors.

Signs will also include ADA parking, no parking, and visitor information signs and those related to pet rules and regulations.

A New kiosk with a map will be placed along with appropriate fencing and gates.

J. LONG TERM VIABILITY:

Degree to which, in the long term, the result of this project can be reasonably managed, and will remain viable.

The long-term manageability of this project is very high. The parking infrastructure will be long lasting as the gravel and concrete curbs have a very long life. The planting project will be maintained by volunteers and will continue to grow over the future years; signage, fencing and kiosks also have a long life expectancy. Once the initial work is accomplished, the maintenance required will be done by Island County Parks and volunteers. They will be able to ensure Barnum Point County Park will continue to serve the public. There is also \$10,000 in M&O funds available for the long term management of the park that was a grant from Whidbey Camano Land Trust, \$100,000 of those funds have already been received.

K. OTHER RESOURCES:

Degree to which the program utilizes matching funds or additional resources not from the CFF Program.

There are multiple funding agencies involved in the piecing together of Barnum Point. Additionally, there are three more parcels that are targeted for acquisition and will be purchased with NCWC and RCO grants: West Tract Parcels 2, 3, 4.

Volunteer labor and Island County Parks Staff will be utilized for the following activities:

- Native planting – including site prep and on-going maintenance.
- Removal of invasive species.
- Ongoing maintenance.
- Use of Island County Park's equipment.

L. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP:

Barnum Point County Park is owned in FEE SIMPLE public ownership with Island County Parks as owner.