

Puget Sound Initiative

Fidalgo & Padilla Bays

Making the Anacortes waterfront a safer and healthier place to live, work, and play.



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Together, we are making great progress toward meeting cleanup and restoration goals by 2020. The Puget Sound Initiative uses focused energy and funding to clean up some of our most contaminated waterfront sites. In Anacortes, local tribes, businesses, property owners, and local, state and federal agencies work together to restore the waterfront. This unique baywide collaboration means more cleanups and restoration efforts happen faster. Already this effort has cleaned six old industrial sites and restored several waterfront areas, with further cleanup underway at five sites. With each site cleanup, we are one step closer to creating a waterfront where people, shipbuilding, marinas, parks, recreation, housing, fishing, cultural practices, fish and wildlife can thrive.

See the action in Fidalgo and Padilla Bays! View the map to see highlights of ongoing activities, all aimed at making our bays and the Puget Sound healthier. Read on to learn how you can be part of renewing the Anacortes waterfront!

Cleanups Support Other Waterfront Opportunities



Waterfront industry plays a major role in Anacortes history, and today anchors the local economy. As waterfront sites are cleaned up and restored, marine industries can prosper.



Historically, fish, birds and other wildlife thrived in Fidalgo and Padilla Bays. By cleaning up pollution and improving habitat in the water and on the shorelines, healthy fish and wildlife populations are benefiting – on the Anacortes waterfront and across the Sound.

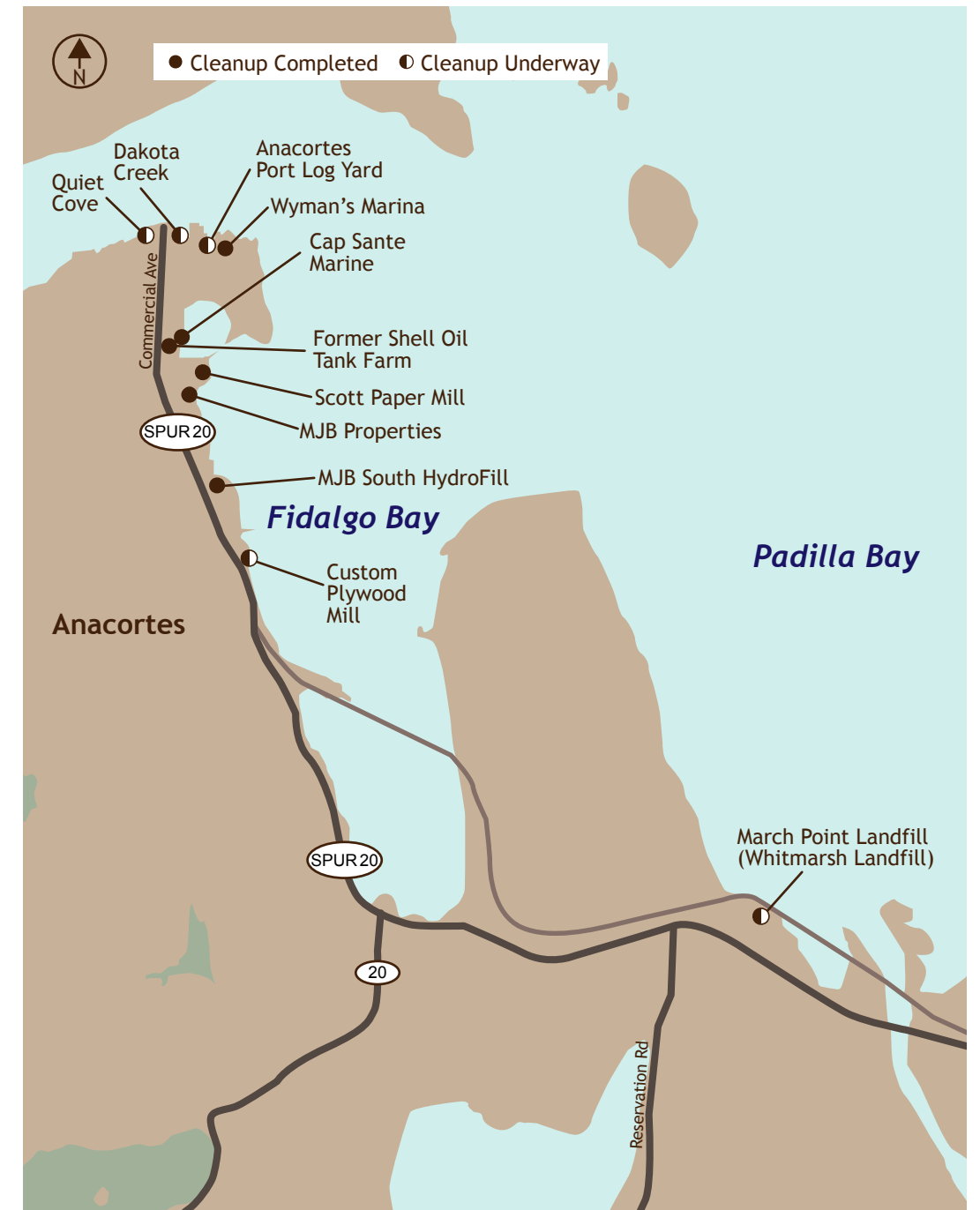


People who use the waterfront, fish or forage in the bays and interact with the waterfront environment are benefiting as toxics, debris and sources of contamination are removed from the waterfront. Protecting human health is a major goal of the Puget Sound Initiative.



Regionally, people are increasingly drawn to the gorgeous natural resources of the Anacortes area to live, work and play. Waterfront cleanups and restoration are opening up opportunities for housing, recreation and an overall quality of life.

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Site By Site

See The Waterfront Get Better



Dakota Creek

The Port's Dakota Creek Shipyard underwent a major redevelopment in 2008. Historical contamination resulting from use of the site for bulk fuel storage, shipbuilding and other industrial uses was cleaned up as part of the redevelopment. Removal of contaminated sediments allowed for a deeper basin in the shipyard. Additionally, contaminated soil will be removed from the upland areas of the site.



Anacortes Port Log Yard

Part of the Port's Pier 2 was used historically for log exporting. Hauling and sorting of the logs resulted in deposition of wood debris in the tidal areas adjacent to the pier. As it has decomposed over time, the wood debris has degraded marine habitat. The Port is collecting data to determine the level of cleanup needed.



Cap Sante Marine

Interim action cleanup at the former Cap Sante Marine site was completed in May 2008 as part of the Port's redevelopment of Cap Sante Boat Haven. Remediation removed about 10,000 cubic yards of soil that had been contaminated by leaking gasoline and diesel tanks. As part of the cleanup, shoreline restoration enhanced marine habitat and public access within the marina. The remediated site area currently is home to Anthony's restaurant and summer noontime concerts.



Former Shell Oil Tank Farm

The former Shell Oil Tank Farm operated for many years near the historical shoreline of Fidalgo Bay. As a result, site soils and groundwater were impacted by petroleum-related contaminants. An interim cleanup action was completed in winter 2007 to allow for a city storm drain to be rerouted through the site. The rerouted drain line helps reduce the potential for



stormwater to contaminate Fidalgo Bay. Site cleanup was completed in February 2015 with over 8,400 tons of contaminated soil removed.

Scott Paper Mill

Seafarers Memorial Park and the land immediately south and west were the location of the former Scott Paper Mill and other industrial operations. These industrial uses contaminated soils, groundwater and offshore sediment. A cleanup study of the site was completed in 2008 to define upland and offshore contamination and evaluate remediation alternatives. Shoreline habitat restoration and public access enhancements were integrated into the cleanup. Cleanup was completed in August 2011.



Custom Plywood Mill

Cleanup is underway on another old mill, the Custom Plywood Mill site in the central part of Fidalgo Bay. Upland cleanup at the site was completed in 2011, and an interim action for the in-water portion was completed in December 2013. Post-construction monitoring continues.



March Point Landfill

The March Point Landfill, formerly known as the Whitmarsh Landfill, is located on the southern part of Padilla Bay, next to Swinomish tribal lands. Investigation to determine whether contamination in the old landfill materials is a risk to the uplands and the bay is complete. A Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Report was released in February 2017, outlining the extent of contamination and alternatives for cleanup.



Quiet Cove

The Port of Anacortes is embarking on a new redevelopment venture. Investigation is underway to determine the best way to clean up the old bulk fuel terminal currently known as Quiet Cove.



Wyman's Marina

The Port of Anacortes restored habitat, improved the neighboring boat ramp and cleaned up dilapidated structures on land and in the water. Cleanup efforts removed over 400 tons of contaminated soil and created approximately 17,800 square feet of intertidal habitat and 8,500 square feet of riparian/salt marsh habitat between 2008 and 2014.



Baywide Sediment Study

Ecology conducted a baywide study of sediment contamination in 2007 to help focus on the areas that needed cleanup the most. Results of the study are available on Ecology's web site.



The Enchantress

The Enchantress was an abandoned tugboat that had sunk and deteriorated in Fidalgo Bay. The remains of the tug and the sunken debris surrounding the wreck suppressed marine habitat. The tug was removed in September 2008 to promote a healthier marine environment, prevent release of other contaminants and provide access to contaminated sediments for cleanup in the area near the Tommy Thompson Trail.

Anacortes is your community, and you can help with this waterfront initiative. We invite you to:

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Visit the Ecology web site

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/psi/overview/psi_baywide.html