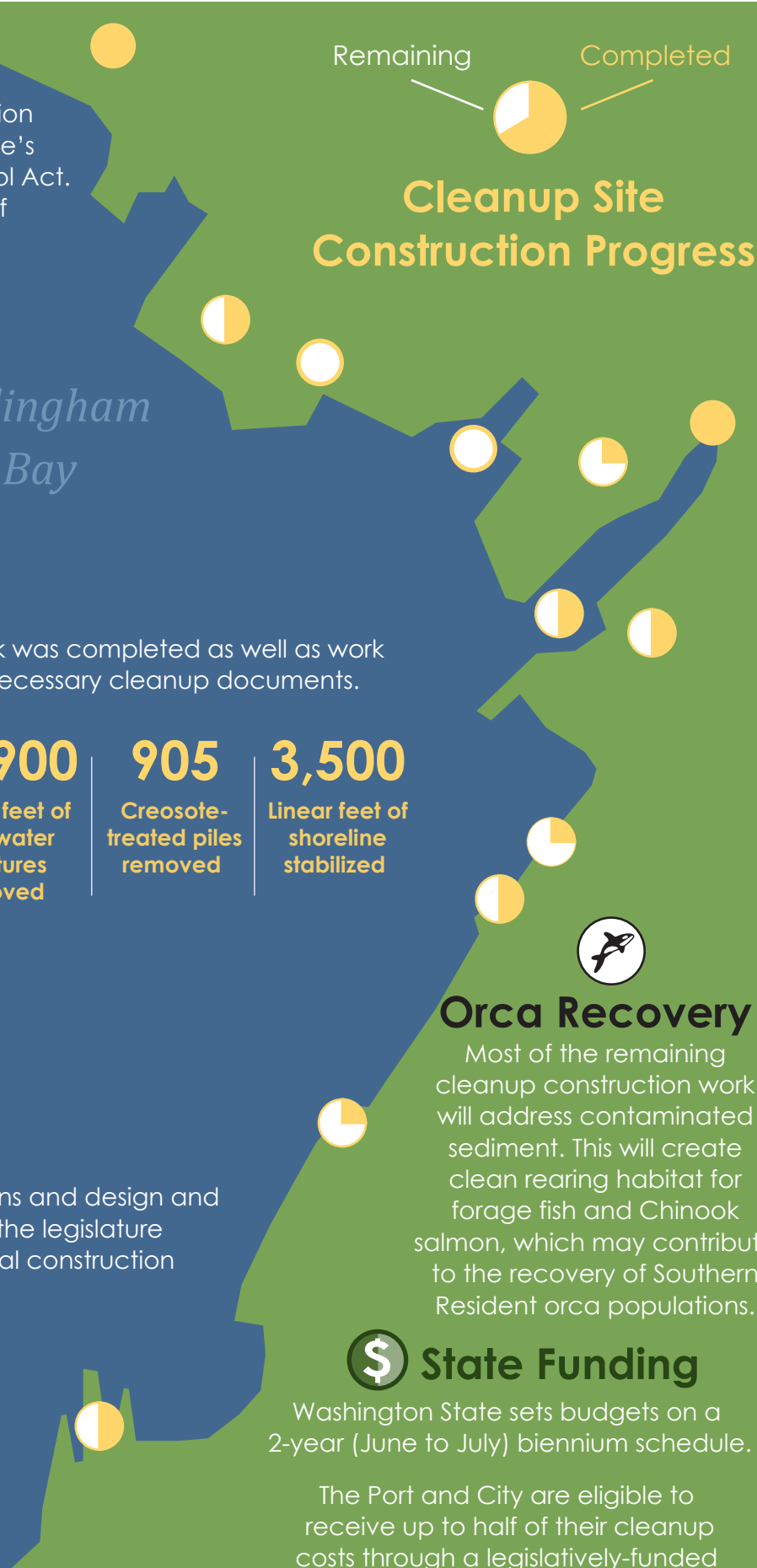


Bellingham Bay Cleanup: Biennium Update

Cleanup work on the Bellingham waterfront is happening at the direction of Ecology under authority of the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act. The Port of Bellingham and the City of Bellingham are the main agencies responsible for completing the work.



Cleanup Site Construction Progress

2017 - 2019 Progress

Significant cleanup construction work was completed as well as work on various studies, plans, and other necessary cleanup documents.

14,500

Cubic yards of contaminated sediment removed

3,200

Cubic yards of contaminated soil removed

36,900

Square feet of over-water structures removed

905

Creosote-treated piles removed

3,500

Linear feet of shoreline stabilized

2019 - 2021 Planned Work

We expect to complete cleanup plans and design and construction documents for 8 sites. If the legislature provides additional grant funding, final construction would begin on 7 of these 8 sites.

Orca Recovery

Most of the remaining cleanup construction work will address contaminated sediment. This will create clean rearing habitat for forage fish and Chinook salmon, which may contribute to the recovery of Southern Resident orca populations.

\$ State Funding

Washington State sets budgets on a 2-year (June to July) biennium schedule.

The Port and City are eligible to receive up to half of their cleanup costs through a legislatively-funded remedial action grant program.