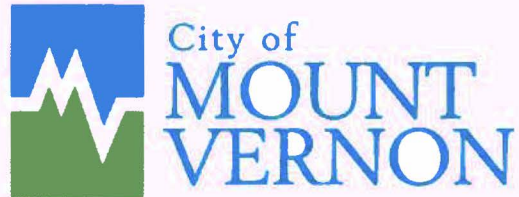


City of Mount Vernon 2013 Legislative Priorities



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City of Mount Vernon 2013 Top Legislative Priorities

1. **City of Mount Vernon's Downtown Flood Protection Project and Riverfront Trail – Phase III (\$5 million capital budget request)**
2. Restore diverted liquor revenue and retain existing State-shared revenues (*HB 1368*)
3. The City of Mount Vernon supports the continued funding request of \$90 million for the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP)
4. Continue Capacity Grant funding to jurisdictions for the unfunded mandates related to NPDES implementation
5. Preserve funding for Critical Infrastructure Programs under the Public Works Trust Fund and don't divert capital investment dollars to the general fund (*Do not support HB 1089*)
6. Support legislation that would extend the expiration date of LIFT awards (*HB 1306 and SB 5293*)
7. **Public Records Act Reform (*HB 1128*)**
In conjunction with the Association of Washington Cities, the City of Mount Vernon encourages the legislature to address public records abuses that drive up local costs but do not enhance the public's right to know.

City of Mount Vernon Downtown Flood Protection Project and Riverfront Trail, Phase III



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Downtown Mount Vernon Flood Protection and Revitalization Project will protect Mount Vernon's historic downtown from flooding with FEMA certified flood protection and serve to revitalize the historic downtown area. The project will remove the downtown from the FEMA 100-year base flood elevation and will release pent up economic opportunities that are so important to our region. The project is the key component of the comprehensive downtown redevelopment plan that is being used to guide public and private investments over the next 20 years.

The Project, which features a river promenade, trail system and public riverfront park, is being done in three phases:

- **Phase I COMPLETED October 2010**
 - 1300 lineal feet of floodwall & river trail between Division Street Bridge north to Lions Park
- **Phase II construction WILL COMMENCE IN 2013 and WILL BE COMPLETED IN 12-18 months**
 - All necessary funding has been secured
 - 1,650 linear feet of floodwall, 24-ft. wide river walk and trail connection to regional trail system
 - 30,000 square foot Public Riverfront Park
- **Phase III: Funding is being sought to enable the City to complete the Project**
 - With secured funding, project will begin construction in 2014
 - 1.2 miles of floodwall and earthen levee
 - .9 miles of river walk and trail connection to regional trail system
 - **Completion of Phase III will result in FEMA certified flood protection for the historic downtown**

READINESS TO PROCEED—WE ARE SHOVEL READY!

- ***Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) approved by FEMA***
- ***All permits complete and in hand***
- Engineering design completed
- Environmental studies (NEPA, SEPA) completed
- Estimated Construction Period 12 -18 months

City of Mount Vernon Downtown Flood Protection Project and Riverfront Trail, Phase III



Funding Need for Phase III (Final Phase) and Summary of Secured Funding

Project Cost and Funding Need for Phase III - \$10 million

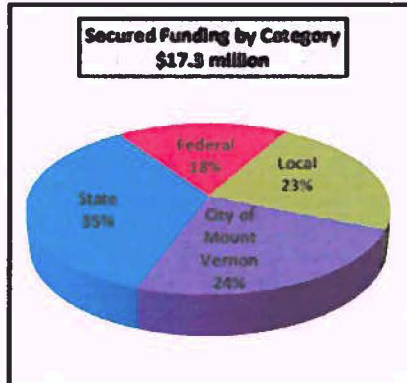
Funding Requests and Strategies:

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| State Capital Budget Request | 5,000,000 | 2013 Community Project Request |
| PWTF Loan | 5,000,000 | Submitted to PWTF Board |
| Skagit County Economic Dev Grant | 500,000 | Waiting for next funding cycle |
| Skagit Dike District #3 | | DD 3 - \$2.25 million received for Ph I & II |
| Federal Funding | | Looking at all funding possibilities |
| City of Mount Vernon funding | | Real estate excise tax, other |
| Other grant opportunities | | will apply as opportunities become available |

Project Cost Summary

| | Amount | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Phase I | 2,200,000 | completed Nov 2010 |
| Phase II | 12,900,000 | begin construction April 2013 |
| Phase III | 10,000,000 | working on securing funding |
| Total for all Construction Phases | 25,100,000 | |
| Master planning, engineering, other | 2,200,000 | began in 2007, completed in 2009 |
| Total Project Cost Summary | 27,300,000 | |

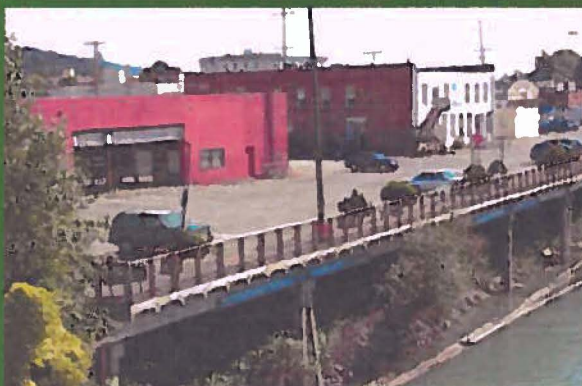
**Secured Funding by Category
\$17.3 million**



Funding Secured to date:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| State | 6,054,295 |
| Federal | 3,035,855 |
| Local | 4,000,000 |
| City of Mount Vernon | 4,209,850 |
| Total Funding Secured | 17,300,000 |

Phase II Demolition — Before and After



City of Mount Vernon Downtown Flood Protection Project and Riverfront Trail, Phase III



BENEFITS OF COMPLETING THE PROJECT

Federal, State & Local Interests:

- **Completion of Phase III will result in FEMA certified flood protection for the historic downtown**
- Will protect sections of Interstate 5 and State Route 536
- Will secure major freight, passenger and commuter corridors through the protection of sections of I-5 and the BNSF rail line
- Will protect County and City essential public facilities
- Will protect the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility located within 200 feet of the Skagit River
- Eliminates the need to deploy state and federal emergency services during flood event (over 2000 volunteers and 150,000 sandbags)
- Eliminates need for disaster relief support and funding for flood damage
- Will enable redevelopment and economic revitalization of the historic downtown
- Will stabilize and protect both local and state property tax base and tax revenue
- Critical backbone of a regional shoreline trail system and link to community parks

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Job Creation:

- **100+ immediate construction jobs** for flood control project during construction of flood control project
- **+ 1800 construction jobs over next 5-15 years due to redevelopment activity**

New Development with Completion of Phase III:

- New Development in downtown over next 5-10 years:
 - ◊ **626 new jobs in 5 years and 1,338 within 15 years**
 - ◊ 125,000 square feet of new retail commercial
 - ◊ 55,000 square feet of new office
 - ◊ 200 units of high-density residential
- Over next 30 yrs:
 - ◊ Cumulative State sales tax will increase \$156 million
 - ◊ Property tax will increase \$9 million
 - ◊ **2,548 new jobs within 30 years**

PARTNERS

Funding Partnerships:

Dike District #3, Skagit County, Puget Sound Energy, State of Washington

Community Partners in Support:

Skagit Valley Hospital, Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon School District, Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, Mount Vernon Downtown Association, Mount Vernon Farmers Market, Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC), Port of Skagit, Housing Authority of Skagit County



Skagit Riverwalk Park

Property

The Skagit Riverwalk Park is located in the area commonly referred to as the Downtown Mount Vernon Revetment. Bordered to the north by Lions Park, Kincaid Street to the south, Skagit River to the west and I-5 and Downtown to the east. Skagit Riverwalk Park will not only showcase the Skagit River, but will also create the critical backbone of a regional shoreline trail system that will link trails north and south of Downtown, as well as, connect to the City wide trail system. This project will be the foundation for future festivals, events and public enjoyment.

***City of Mount Vernon supports funding of \$90 million for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.**

Secured Funding:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| City appropriations: | \$160,500 |
| DOE Grant: | \$351,000 |
| TOTAL: | \$511,500 |

RCO Funding Request:

WWRP Local Parks: \$500,000
Ranked #7 in 2013 Funding Cycle

Total Project Cost: \$1,011,500



Support

This project has strong community involvement and support among citizens, public officials and key City leaders. The Governor's office has financially supported The Waterfront Development project.

This park is associated with the Skagit Riverwalk, an urban riverfront trail which broke ground in April of 2010. The park project is the last component of the overall Skagit Riverwalk Development and significantly increases access to the shoreline and opportunity for public recreation.

Future Scope of Project

Park Use:

- Addition of first public restrooms in area
- Connectivity to the Skagit Riverwalk
- Community gathering place for festivals and events
- Stunning views of the Skagit River
- Viewing Areas
- Largest open space in downtown core

Environmental Benefits:

- Pervious pavers in park for storm water retention

