



Washington State Parks &  
Recreation Commission

# Blake Island Master Plan Update

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## 2024 Commission Priority 6.d

*Develop critical path schedules for the following major new potential park development sites: Nisqually, Miller Peninsula, Westport Light, **Blake Island**, and Lake Sammamish state parks.*





# Agenda

Project Background

Master Planning Effort

Scoping and Site Studies

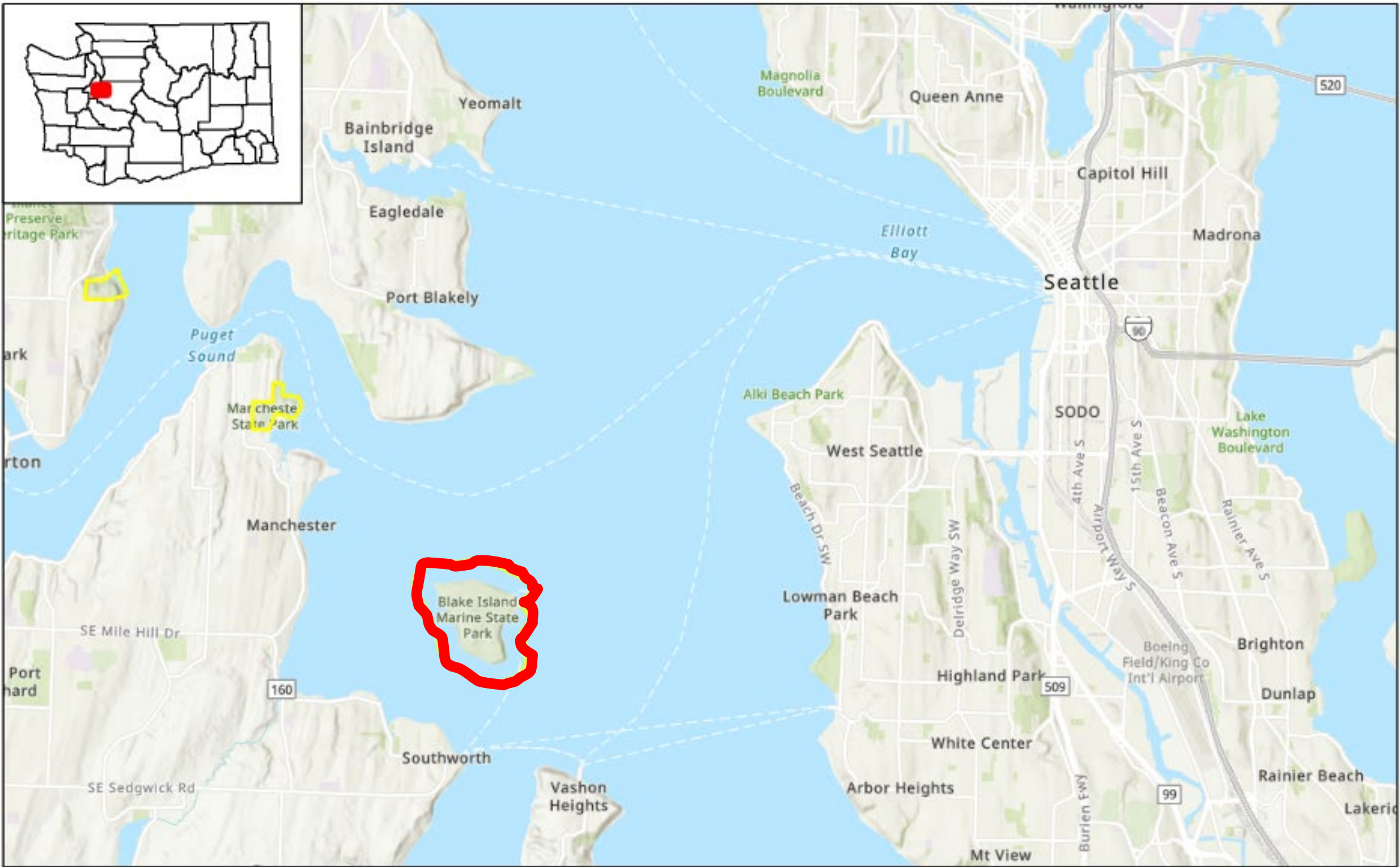
Public Outreach

Timeline





# Blake Island Marine State Park





# Tillicum Village

- Early 1960s: Parks acquires land and structures in Tillicum Village built
- 1962: Tillicum Village founded and operated by Bill Hewitt to coincide with Seattle World Fair
- 2009: Argosy acquires concession, remodeled and updated programming in 2011
- 2021: Argosy ends concession











# Marina Project

- Design and Permit not funded in 2023-25 Capital Request
- Requested for 2025-27 for \$2.8 million
- Master Plan can inform Marina





# Planning Approach

## Previous Approach:

- Replace Concessionaire
- Ask for interested parties to reach out

## Updated Approach:

- Become Aware of Building Deficiencies
- Understand what is Appropriate at Site
- Undergo Master Planning Process





# Blake Island Master Plan







# Main Concession Building

- “Purpose-Built”
- Designed for Seasonal Use
- Roof
- Flooding
- Kitchen
- Siding/Exterior
- Access and Circulation





# Utilities

- Sewage System
- Water
- Fire Suppression
- Drainage
- Electric
- Waste





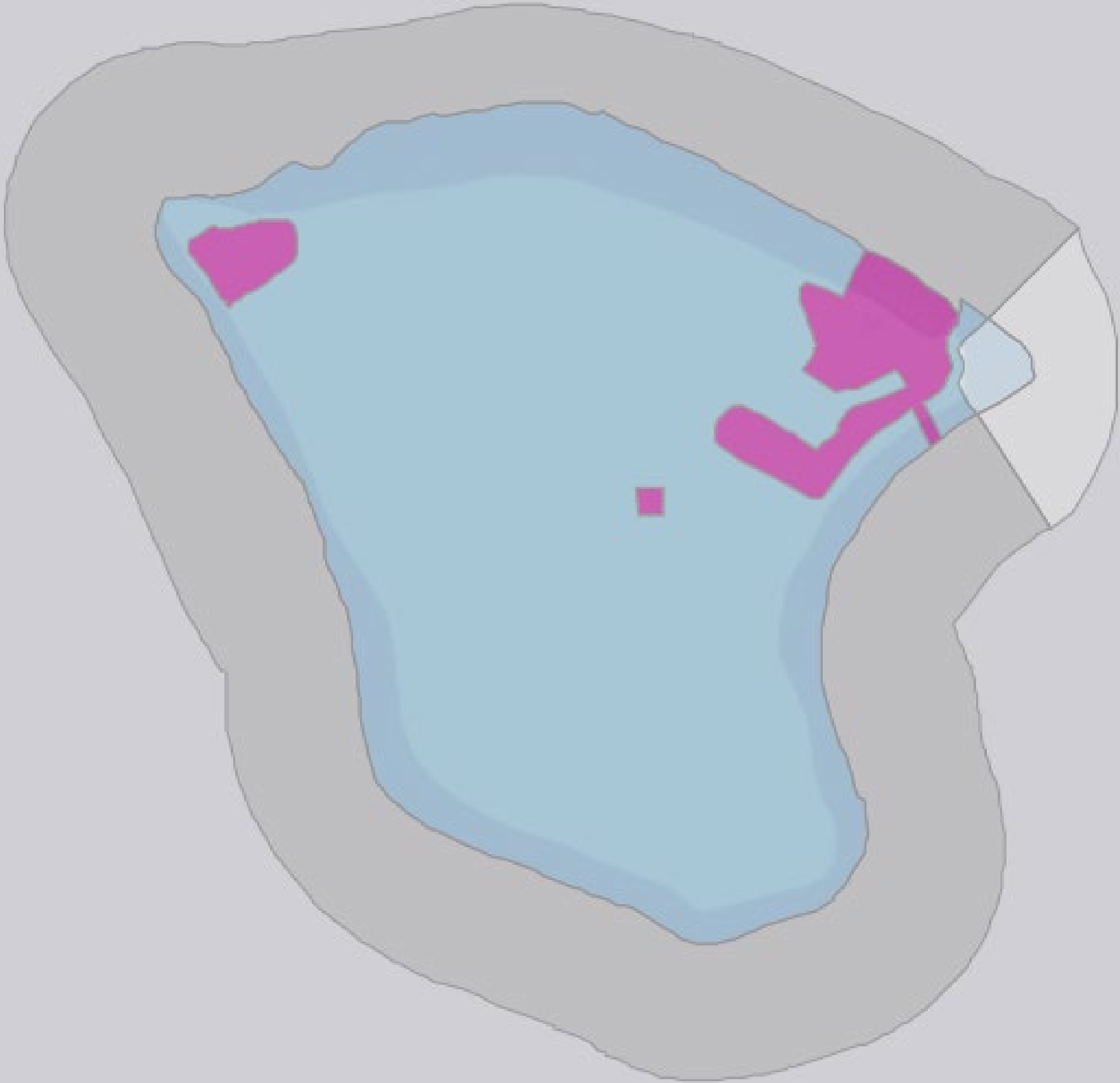
# Master Plan Products

- Existing Conditions
- Opportunities and Constraints Analysis
- Alternatives
- Interpretive Plan
- SEPA
- Preferred Alternative
- Final Concept Designs





# CAMP Land Classifications





# Recommended Study Area



## Facilities

- Tillicum Village Complex
- Recreational Facilities (campsites, restroom, day use)
- Administrative Facilities (ranger station)
- Infrastructure

## Circulation

- Road Realignment
- Circulation from marina to buildings/day use/camping (ADA)







# Considerations

- ADA Access/Facilities
- Interpretation
- Site Suitability
- Public Access to Island
- Concession
- Agency Values





# Cultural Resource Survey

- Site Visit August 14-23
- 201 shovel probes
- Report and Mapping of Culturally Sensitive Areas





# Environmental Survey

- Wetland Reconnaissance
- Ordinary High-Water Mark
- Site Visit Completed
- Report





# Building and Utility Assessment

- Scope of Work
- Contracting
- Completion before Public Process Commences





# Tribal Outreach

- Letters went out to Suquamish and Muckleshoot October 2023
- Meeting with Suquamish in February 2024
- In May 2024, additional Tribes identified for outreach
- Change in Tribal Letter Format
- Updated Letters Sent to 10 Tribes





# Historical Preservation and NAGPRA







# Public Meeting

## Date & Location

- After Site Studies Complete
- January or February 2025
- Seattle







# Online Outreach

- Website
- Video Presentation about Master Plan
- Survey
- Comment Form





# BLAKE ISLAND MASTER PLAN TIMELINE





# Questions?

