

2008 SRFB Review Panel

Early Application

Individual Project Comments

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Lead Entity: **Island County**

Project Location: **Ala Spit, north Whidbey Island**

Project Sponsor: **Island County Planning Dept**

Project Number: **08-1864**

Project Name: **Ala Spit Design and Restoration**

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1. Recommended improvements to make this a technically sound project according to the SRFB's criteria.
This restoration proposal (Phase II) is the result of a previously SRFB funded feasibility assessment (Phase I) (05-1491N) to address the effects of riprap and a bulkhead that "protects" a county park and pocket estuary. Herrera worked on the feasibility study which has been submitted in draft to the County but has not yet been posted to PRISM so this author hasn't had the opportunity to review it.

The project approach seems sounds in concept, however the technical review team on site asked some questions about the recommended restoration compared to the goals and objectives of the assessment which appear to be somewhat different; again access to the feasibility report could clear this up and would be important to review prior to moving any resulting restoration that it recommends forward. Please provide the report at the earliest opportunity.

The county is the landowner of the park however some private homes are located above the bulkhead and overlook the site and a parcel map showing the owners that could be affected directly and indirectly would be helpful. On site questions about public outreach and signage were asked that should be addressed to deal with the issue of community support and park users.

2. Missing Preapplication information.

The cost estimates are confusing. The early cost estimate was for just over \$79k and the current PRISM cost estimate is for over \$300,000. The cost estimate needs to be broken down in more detail (how much for construction, materials, how much for permitting, public outreach, etc).