

NORTH SHORE LEVEE PROJECT UPDATE

What is the North Shore Levee project?

The North Shore Levee project includes 5.7 miles of new levee between the Wishkah and Hoquiam Rivers to protect against coastal flood events, plus significant upgrades to and expansion of stormwater pumps to improve drainage. From a regulatory standpoint, the project will remove over 3,100 properties in Aberdeen and Hoquiam, including Downtown Aberdeen, from the area that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has mapped as Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) due to coastal flood risk. Properties removed from the SFHA will no longer be subject to National Flood Insurance Program building code and flood insurance regulations, financial burdens that cost the community millions each year and hinder local investment.

What's the status of the project?

FEMA issued a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for the proposed levee in October 2017. A CLOMR is a statement by FEMA saying that if the levee is constructed as proposed, the floodplain map will be changed, removing homes and businesses from the SFHA Zone AE 100-year coastal floodplain.

The Levee is now in the final stages of design and permitting work is beginning. The Cities have received a total of \$4.6 million in State grant funding for this phase of work. Design is scheduled to be complete in June of 2019 and the Cities are requesting construction funding in the State's 2019-2021 Capital Budget.

As the project moves forward, the Cities are committed to informing the community through community meetings, stakeholder interviews, personal meetings, surveys, website updates, council meeting updates, and media releases. See the section below for ways to find more information or ask questions.

Map of North Shore Levee Alignment (generalized)



How do I ask questions, submit comments, or find more information?

At any time you may submit questions or comments about the project at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/levee> and at your request, a project team member will get back to you via your preferred communication method. Questions and comments may also be submitted in-person at the second floor of Aberdeen City Hall or at Hoquiam City Hall.

More information is available by going to ezview.wa.gov/aberdeenfloodrelief and clicking on "North Shore Levee."

NORTH SHORE LEVEE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

STEP		STATUS
1	Surveying, Modeling, & Analysis <i>(Aerial photos & photogrammetry, on-ground topographic surveying, bathymetric surveying, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, geotechnical investigation)</i>	Complete
2	First Phase of Public Outreach, Government & Agency Coordination	Complete
3	Develop Preliminary Design & Science Package, Submit to FEMA	Complete
4	Receive Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)	Complete
5	Second Phase of Public Outreach, Government & Agency Coordination	Fully Funded, In Progress
6	Final Design, Permitting, & Right of Way Plan	Fully Funded, In Progress
7	Construction	2019-2021 State Budget Request
8	Levee Certification & Letter of Map Revision (LOMR); Remapping Protected Areas from SFHA to Zone X	Contingent Upon Construction

TIMBERWORKS: TURNING THE MASTER PLAN INTO ACTION

The North Shore Levee is one element of the TimberWorks Master Plan. TimberWorks was developed through a community planning process in 2016 and includes 34 recommended actions to reduce flood risk while achieving other benefits including water quality improvements, habitat enhancement, and community and economic development. Progress is being made on several of the priority recommendations of the Master Plan: Fry Creek, Increasing Capacity of the Storm Drain and Pump System, and the North Shore Levee.

