

Connor Creek Flooding

Community Meeting

Ocean Shores Outdoor Recreation Club

March 21, 2024 -- 6:00 PM



← 12-05-2023



NB 109 MP 17.63
CONNER CREEK

2-13-2024 →

Thank you WSDOT!



SBGH-Partners

Today's Presentation

- A. Provide update on activities since last meeting (1-18-2024).
- B. Discuss Connor Creek Implementation Group perspective on formation of a drainage district.
- C. Discuss schedule and next steps.

Link to this presentation:

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A. Activities Since Last Meeting

Updated Problem statement . . .

“Connor Creek presents a chronic, complex, and historically unaddressed flooding problem adversely affecting North Beach residents, visitors, businesses, and emergency responders alike that has steadily gotten worse since about 1987.”



A1. Flood Signs



Thank you WSDOT!

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A2. Drainage Through The Dunes

1-24-2024:

1. Walked old, high-flow drainage course south of OCORC with several community members.
2. Walked Dunes Estate mitigation site.
3. Observed drainage pipe between OCORC and mitigation site
4. Collected mitigation plans and documents.
 - Mitigation Plan, [here](#).
 - Mitigation Design, [here](#).
 - Monitoring Report, [here](#).



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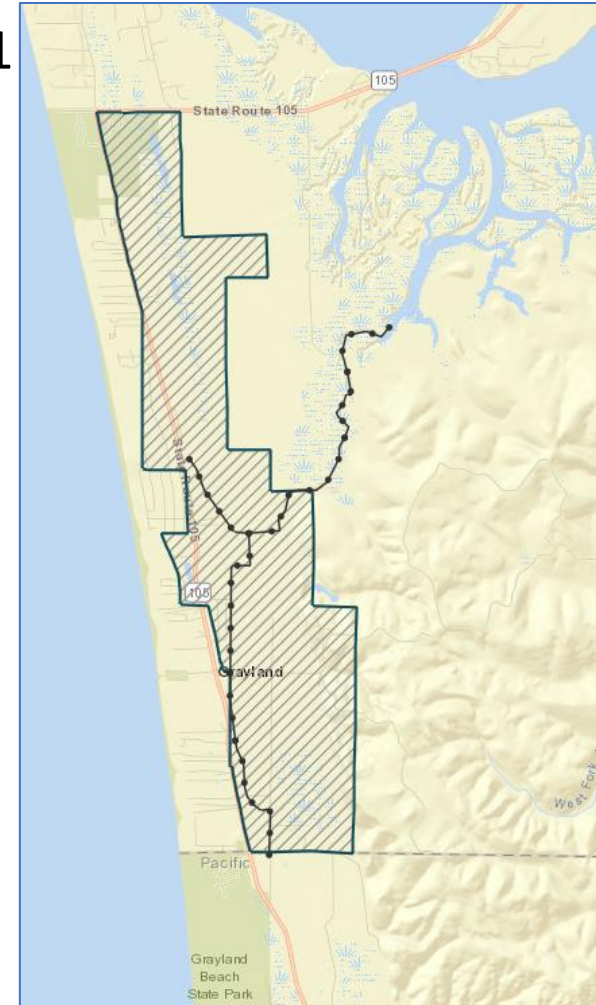
A3. Connor Creek Implementation Group

Meeting #1 -- 2/15/2024: Met at OSORC with Matthew Reichenberger (DD No. 1 Commissioner) to learn ins/outs, pros/cons of operating/maintaining DD No. 1.

Meeting #2 – 3/16/2024: Made site visit of DD No. 1 (Grayland) and walked maintained ditch out to tide gates at Elk river estuary.

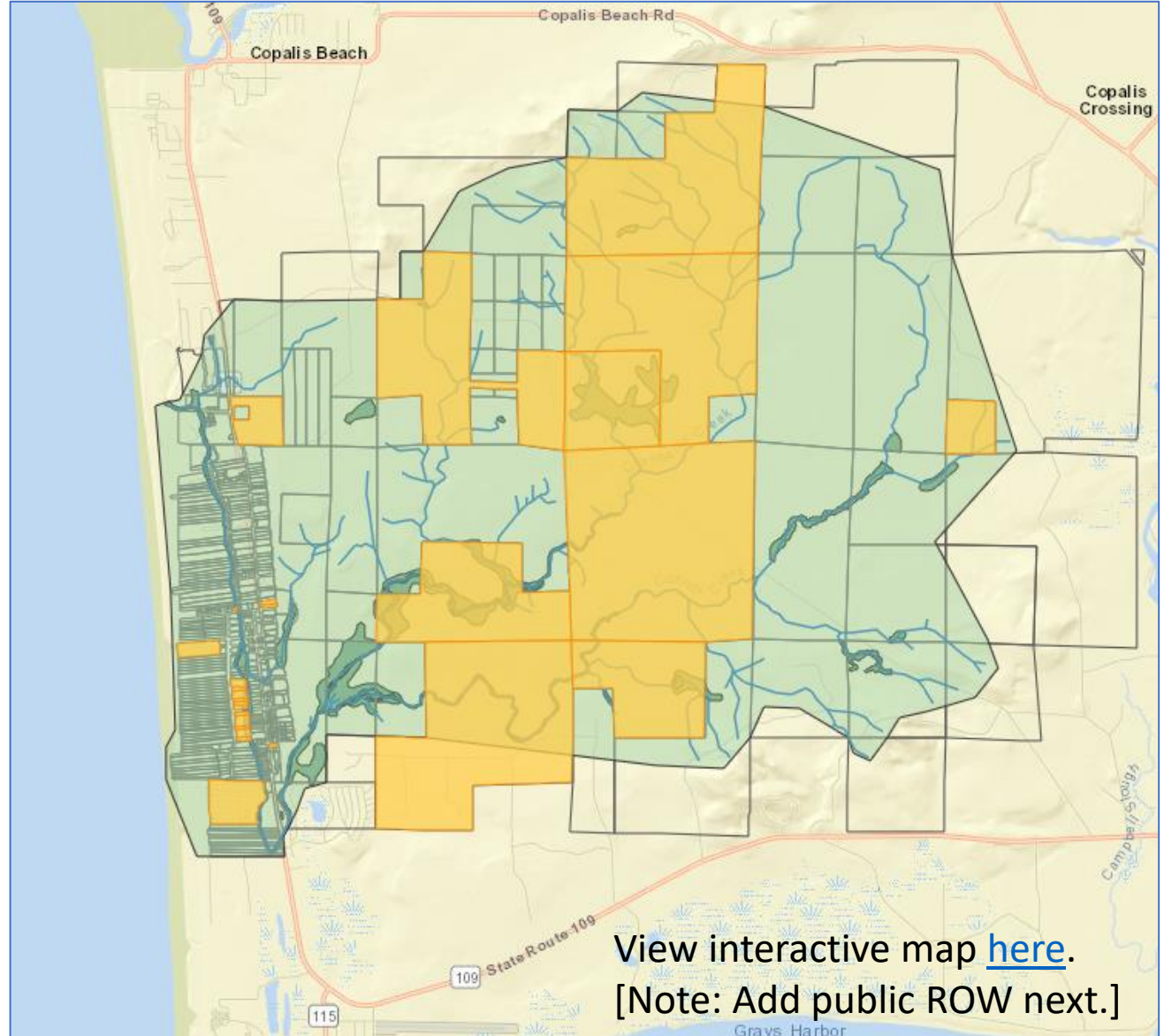
Meeting #3 – 3/19/2024: Held virtual follow-up meeting with team.

Thank you, Stan & Vicki Hutton, Michelle Wiley, Stan Sturgeon, Matthew Reichenberger!



A4. Public Parcels, Connor Creek Watershed

PARCEL #	OWNER
788000100000	FIRE DISTRICT #7
788000200001	FIRE DISTRICT #7
181201000000	G H COUNTY
181202310000	G H COUNTY
181211100000	G H COUNTY
181212120000	G H COUNTY
191132330000	G H COUNTY
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B. Perspective on Formation of a Drainage District

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ It's a legal, public "entity" (eligible to apply for public funding, empowered to implement its charge, etc.).✓ It works (DD No. 1 has operated since 1930s).✓ Assessments are low (or at least can be).✓ DD No. 1 is a good analog (low lying coastal environment).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">× There's an administrative burden (for Commissioners).× There's a personal responsibility burden (for Commissioners).× Assessments are always unpopular.× It takes time to set-up and efficiently operate/maintain.



B. Perspective on Formation of a Drainage District

**Which type
drainage/flood
district?**

Diking, Drainage, and Flood Control Districts

District Type	Enabling Statute	Year Created	Purpose
Diking District	Ch. 85.05 RCW	1895	Straighten, widen, deepen and improve all rivers, watercourses or streams and construct diking system to protect land from overflow.
Diking, Drainage, and Irrigation Improvement District (or Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District)	Ch. 85.22 RCW	1933	Provide irrigation, in addition to normal powers of diking or drainage district.
Diking, Drainage, and Sewerage Improvement District	Ch. 85.08 RCW; Ch. 85.15 RCW	1913	Improve dikes, ditches, sewers, and related facilities.
Diking or Drainage Improvement District	Ch. 85.20 RCW	1917	Establish diking or drainage system.
Drainage District	Ch. 85.06 RCW	1895	Establish drainage system.
Flood Control by Counties Jointly - 1913 Act (Intercounty)	Ch. 86.13 RCW	1913	Help control flooding on a river or its tributaries that border two counties.
Flood Control District	Ch. 86.09 RCW	1937	Protect life and property, preserve public health, and conserve and develop natural resources.
Flood Control Zone District	Ch. 86.15 RCW	1961	Undertake, operate, or maintain flood control projects/storm water control projects for areas of the county.
Intercounty Diking and Drainage District	Ch. 85.24 RCW	1909	Establish diking and drainage systems or erect flood dams to prevent inundations on land located in two or more counties.

[RCW 85.05](#)

[RCW 85.06](#)

[RCW 85.08](#)

[RCW 85.15](#)

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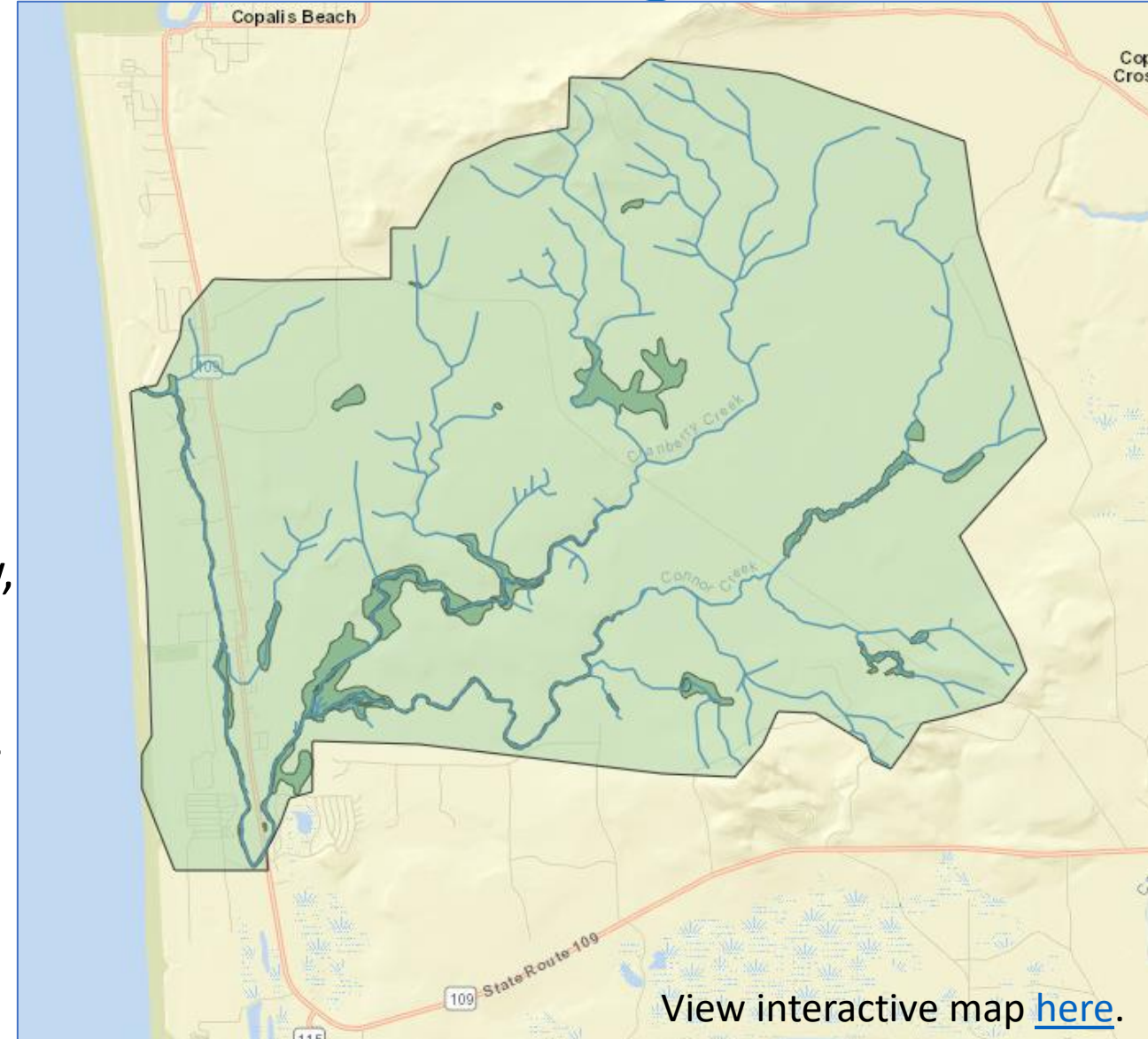
Source: MSRC [here](#)



B. Perspective on Formation of a Drainage District

Possible Goals by Solution Area

- a. **Uplands:** Slow, moderate, and/or reduce/redirect flow.
- b. **SR109 Corridor:** Improve conveyance, evacuation (via public parcels, ROW).
- c. **Through the Dunes:** Reinststate high-flow, overflow.
- d. **Mitigation Site:** Enhance wetland water storage (hotter summers).
- e. **King Tides:** Evacuate high-flows at historic overflow points.



C. Schedule and Next Steps

- **5/16/2024 (Community meeting):** Recommend preferred district type and service area.
- **7/18/2024 (Community meeting):** Present outreach and partnership building materials.
- **Aug-Dec 2024:** Formation of district.
- **Aug-Dec 2024:** Outreach and partnership building.
- **Aug-Dec 2024:** Formation and submittal of legislative and grant funding requests.
- **Jan-May 2025:** Legislative session.
- **July-Dec 2025:** Hire expertise; Develop flood/drainage plan; Secure permits/funding for Phase I projects.

1. Confirm public ROW.
2. Secure rain gages and stream gage.
3. Confirm status of 1997 Flood Control Zone District ([reference here](#)).
4. With Implementation Group, evaluate preferred drainage/flood district type and service area/boundary.
5. Refine schedule.
6. Identify funding opportunities (e.g., 3/20/2024 Public Works Board announcement, [here](#)).

