

West Bay Trail

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Legend

- Trail, Shared Use, Planned (Yellow dashed line)
- Trail, Shared Use, Proposed (Green dashed line)
- Route, On Street, Planned (Blue solid line)
- Route, On Street, Proposed (Blue dashed line)
- Trail, Recreational, Existing (Brown dashed line)
- Featured Trail on Map (Yellow solid line)
- Existing Bike Routes**
 - Bike Lane (Green solid line)
- Commonly Used Local Roads (Purple solid line)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection (Pink solid line)
- Nature Trails (Brown solid line)
- Active Railroad (Black line with cross-ticks)
- Local Streets (Grey solid line)
- Roundabouts (Circle with cross-ticks)
- Bus Transit Centers (Blue square with bus icon)
- Public Restrooms (Blue square with toilet icon)
- Percival Landing (Brown square with boat icon)
- Parks, Preserves, and Open Space (Green cross-hatch pattern)



1 Miles

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Length: 1.5 miles

Type of Facility: Shared-Use Trail

Lead Agency: City of Olympia

Partners: Port of Olympia, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Description: The West Bay Trail will provide immediate access to the marine waterfront environment. Combined with the north-south Deschutes Parkway, the Deschutes Valley Trail and the Woodland Trail, this corridor will provide significant access to recreational and transportation opportunities. The waterfront trail will provide views of Olympia's waterfront, the Capitol Campus, the Olympic Mountains, and wintertime bird viewing opportunities previously not afforded to area birders.

Cost Estimates: A West Bay Park and Trail Master Plan has not yet been completed. Phase 1 estimate is \$1.07 million.

Connections and Destinations: Future West Bay Park, Garfield Nature Trail, Woodard Avenue Neighborhood Trail, Capitol to Capitol Trail, Heritage Park, Deschutes Parkway, Marathon Park, downtown Olympia, Percival Landing, and the Deschutes Valley Trail, Woodland Trail, west Olympia neighborhoods

Conditions and Recommendations:

(Recommendations are in bold)

The City of Olympia is presently negotiating with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway for the acquisition of ROW of this inactive railroad corridor. This corridor will develop as a shared-use trail and waterfront park.

- ① Raft Avenue to Schneider Creek - The alignment of the trail adjacent to the waterfront is the long-term vision for this trail corridor. The northern segments are undeveloped and would be constructed with redevelopment of the former Hardel's Mutual Plywood site. The City of Olympia will oversee development of a waterfront shared-use trail along this property and properties to the south. The proposed Woodard Avenue pedestrian trail would provide much needed direct access to the West Bay Trail and Park for residents in West Olympia neighborhoods.
- ② Brown-Minneapolis Tank Company Vicinity – **The West Bay Trail should align with future on-street facilities along West Bay Dr. along the property of the Brown-Minneapolis Tank Company (former Reliable Steel site). As redevelopment opportunities arise, the City of Olympia should require and oversee development of a waterfront shared-use trail.**
- ③ Brawne Avenue Vicinity - West Bay Park Phase 1: The City of Olympia received an Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account for \$708,457 for shoreline restoration and 757 feet of trail construction. The City was awarded an additional

IAC Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant for \$366,134 to complete landscaping, a small boat launch, and 950 feet of trail. A partnership with local Rotary Clubs will also contribute a developed overlook, hand held boat launch and other improvements to be included in this phase. Phase 1 improvements are scheduled to be completed by 2008 and may begin independently of railroad ROW acquisition.

- ④ Port Lagoon to 5th Avenue Bridge - The Port Lagoon is a remnant of the original marine tidelands habitat for Budd Inlet. This site serves as wildlife habitat mitigation for the Port of Olympia's development of Swantown. A West Bay Habitat Assessment study (Thurston Regional Planning Council, 2000) suggested that further development of the shoreline from the 5th Avenue Bridge to the current Minneapolis-Brown Tank Company property could contribute to further declines in the numbers of birds utilizing this habitat unless measures to restore habitat and mitigate the influence of human activities along the shoreline are taken. **The City of Olympia, the Port of Olympia, and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife should evaluate effective measures to provide a balance between wildlife management and multi-use trail activities. Additional efforts to evaluate the structural integrity and feasibility of the existing trestles for purposes of supporting shared-use trail activities should occur once the City acquires the necessary ROW.**



View of the future West Bay Trail Corridor as seen looking north from the 4th Avenue Bridge. The Port Lagoon to the left of the trestle provides winter habitat for waterbirds. Photo by Paul Brewster.