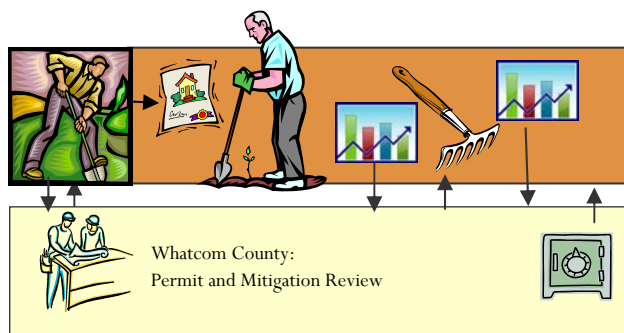


Options for Mitigating Impacts in Birch Bay

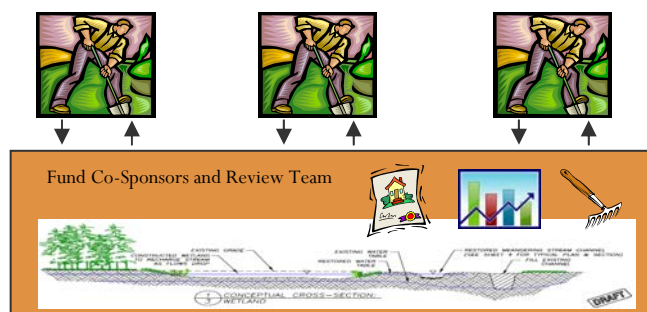
EXISTING SYSTEM OR HABITAT MITIGATION FUND

When wetland or stream buffers are impacted by development, current law requires impacts to be mitigation (functions restored) at a new location.

Existing Mitigation Process*



Proposed Habitat Mitigation Fund*



- Retain a qualified professional to delineate and rate your wetland and/or stream and buffer
- Avoid and minimize impacts to critical areas and their buffers
- For unavoidable impacts, utilize the Birch Bay LID Manual to quantify practices utilized to minimize impacts
- Submit a Critical Areas Assessment Report describing functions and values altered as a result of the proposal (WCC 16.16.255)

- Work with qualified professional to complete a Mitigation Plan (WCC 16.16.260(B))
- Submit plan with development application for review to Whatcom County Planning & Development Services (WC PDS)
- With application is approval, post "assignment of savings" for 125% of mitigation construction costs to WC PDS
- Establish deed or covenant for mitigation site
- Work with a qualified professionals to construct mitigation
- Build development Project!
- Maintain of mitigation area(s) as needed for 3 to 5 years
- Submit annual monitoring reports to WC PDS
- If mitigation is successful WC PDS returns assignment of savings after 5 years.

- Submit development application to WC PDS with an estimate of fees to be paid in Habitat Mitigation Fund
- After application is approved, pay into Habitat Mitigation Fund
- Build development Project!

* Process and requirements are simplified for illustrative purposes. Refer to Natural Resource Staff at Whatcom County PDS and Critical Areas Ordinance (WCC 16.16) for details.