

Birch Bay Drive & Pedestrian Facility AKA 'The Berm'

The largest project Whatcom County Public Works has ever done!

Before



Winter rainstorms would combine with seasonal high tides and strong winds to flood Birch Bay Drive and homes east of the roadway. There were no sidewalks, and pedestrians had to walk on a narrow roadway shoulder.



After

Reduced Coastal Flood Impacts

- Protects the road.
- Protects homes and businesses east of the road.

Improved Pedestrian Safety

- 30,000 square feet of new sidewalk.

Restored Beach & Marine Habitat

- 200,000 tons of beach gravel added.
- 110,000 native plants.
- Added a mile and a half of beach frontage.
- Increased stormwater treatment.

