

Port of Allyn Community Survey

1. Every Port's main function is economic development. How do you think the Port of Allyn should accomplish this?

- Recreational Facilities Development
- Industrial/Commercial Facilities Development
- Levy Lid Lift
- Other (please specify)

2. The Port of Allyn updates its Comprehensive Plan periodically as projects are completed. In the plan updates, the Port prioritizes its new projects and reports on existing projects that are still in various stages of completion. The Port is proposing 11 projects for the period between 2022 and 2026, and has prioritized them as follows:

1. Construction of a New Well for the Port's Water System – HIGHEST PRIORITY PROJECT
2. Complete the Sargent Oyster House Restoration Project
3. Develop a Commercial and/or Light Industrial Park
4. Develop a Commercial Indoor Shooting Range.
5. Install EV Charging Stations at the Allyn Waterfront Park
6. Build a Competitive-Level Skateboard Park Somewhere in Belfair
7. Develop Sweetwater Park in Conjunction With the Salmon Center
8. Develop a First-Class Destination Soccer and Baseball Combination Sports Complex.
9. Construct a Restaurant/Lounge Building at the North Shore Marina to be Leased
10. Repaint the Murals on the Highway 3 Overpass on the North Side of Belfair
11. Create a Veteran's and First Responders Memorial at the Kayak Park

Except for the Oyster House, several of the previous projects from 2018 through 2021 plans are now complete. Specifically, the Transient Moorage Facility, which brought power and water to the dock at the end of the Allyn Pier was completed. It also included an unanticipated complete rebuild of the floating dock, which was damaged beyond repair in a storm. That facility is now open for business. It has been an unqualified success with the Port hosting more visiting boaters – who have also patronized our local businesses - than at any time in the past. This is what economic development looks like.

The Sargent Oyster House project made significant progress since the last plan update, gaining both a \$218,000 and another \$344,000 Capital Budget appropriation and a \$160,000 Heritage Grant. The old launch ramp has been removed, and engineering is complete for the design of the pilings and platform the building will sit on when it is moved to the waterfront. The stabilization of the building itself is complete as well. All that is holding this project up is a necessary permit from the Army Corp of Engineers. We have waited more than a year and half for this permit, but the Army Corp is holding up permits nationwide in a jurisdictional dispute with the National Marine Fisheries Service. This project will be forced to remain on hold until that dispute is resolved.

The Staging Area for the Allyn Boat Launch, which included acquisition of the only remaining property adjoining the Allyn Waterfront Park and demolition of the structure on that property, has been completed as well and is operating daily.

The Port is under a Department of Ecology mandate to drill a new primary well for the Water System. This project must be completed by March 1, 2024, so it is the Port's absolute highest priority project. We have identified several potential funding sources and are diligently working to secure funding for this.

As Mason County grows, there will be a demand for more first-class, high-tech business space. With the Highway 3 Freight Mobility Corridor finally moving forward, this project is a natural for economic development. It may also be possible to incorporate the proposed shooting range - which has the support of local and regional law enforcement - into the construction of this project.

As the nation moves towards the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), charging infrastructure is a critical component of this paradigm shift. While some people may disagree with this massive change in American mobility, it is simply a case of "when" - not "if" - it will happen. The Port has a strong electrical infrastructure already in place for the marina, and it believes it's prudent to get ahead of the curve while there are grant funding opportunities available for the installation of this equipment, which could also create a new revenue stream for the Port as well.

The Kayak Park has long been an underused facility that often attracts vandals, and homeless people on a semi-regular basis. Maintenance and repairs to the facility are a constant expense due to the vandalism and other problems this unauthorized use creates. Creating a memorial park that honors military veterans of all wars and first responders has been suggested as a compliment to the annual Memorial Day celebration held at the Allyn Gazebo. What is envisioned is a large display of American Flags – which are required to be illuminated at night – along with a single - or multiple – sculpture(s) and/or artwork that could be created for each group being honored. The illumination from the flags keep the park lit up at night and discourage vandalism as well as unauthorized campers. Meanwhile, we create something that honors vets and first responders – a win/win project..

Projects 7 and 8 are carryovers from previous plans. The Port owns the Sweetwater Park property and intends to purchase the parcel next to it, which is necessary for the project as envisioned to move forward. The Destination Sports Complex was the public's Number One choice for a project in the last two surveys, but the unavailability of the amount of land necessary - at an affordable price - has forced it to be reprioritized.

During the last update to the plan, some residents expressed an interest in building an indoor public pool. Research found that this was not a cost-effective project for the Port to attempt. However, the pool at Lynch Cove is in need of some significant repairs. This could possibly be funded by an RCO grant the Port is eligible to apply for. Conditions for securing such a grant would require the pool be open to the public - not just the residents of Lynch Cove. The Port will continue to explore the possibilities for this project

Please put these projects in your personal priority order

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3. Funding for projects is often the key to which projects get done and which ones don't. The Port has limited resources other than what is budgeted in its Capital Budget. While it can apply for various grants, and has been successful in the past five years doing so, there is no guarantee that will be the case in the future. Knowing this, how should the Port fund each of your priority projects?

- Levy Lift (Current Levy is 18 cents per thousand of assessed value. The maximum allowable levy is 45 cents per thousand.
- Apply for grants only
- Some combination of the above

4. Other than the projects identified above, the Port is considering becoming involved with the Salmon Center on a trail project from Belfair State Park to connect with the trails at the Theler Center. Do you support this project?

- Yes
- No

5. What other projects would you like to see the Port pursue?

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