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### **City to Make Improvements to Fletcher Landing Road End**

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.**, (July, 2016) – This summer the City of Bainbridge Island will begin completing improvements to the Fletcher Landing Road End.

Fletcher Landing is a forty-foot wide road end with a deteriorating concrete sea wall. A key element of the project is the development of a 10 foot wide sand beach pathway from street level to the beach. This pathway will make it easier for neighbors to access the shoreline and launch hand-carried watercraft. The project will also include stormwater improvements, native landscape restoration, an ADA-accessible viewing bench and the placement of a historical interpretative sign. Work on Fletcher Landing is expected to begin in August and be completed by early fall. During construction there will be no public access to the road end from either the water side or the land side.

As an island community, ensuring public access to the shoreline is a priority for the City of Bainbridge Island. There are more than 60 road ends on Bainbridge Island, which provide public views of, or access to, the water. Based on the small scale and residential location of most of these sites, road ends are primarily intended for neighborhood use. Most sites do not accommodate parking and so are best suited to pedestrian or other non-motorized access.

**Visitors to the road ends are asked to be respectful of neighboring properties** and to abide by some general guidelines to govern the use of public access to City road ends:

- Hours: dawn to dusk
- Be aware of and respect public access boundaries
- Remove trash and clean up pet waste
- Animals must be leashed
- No fires
- No camping
- No overnight parking
- No alcohol or drug use

Several of the island's road ends, including Fletcher Landing, served as landings for the historic Mosquito Fleet steamers that ran between the 1870's and the 1930's. In a time when much of the island was inaccessible by land, the Mosquito Fleet served as a primary link between the Island's communities. The history of the Fletcher Landing site will be highlighted with a new historical marker that was developed as part of this project, in conjunction with the Bainbridge Island History Museum. The City hopes that other Mosquito Fleet road end sites may receive similar markers in the future.

More information, including an interactive map and a virtual tour of the City's Road Ends, can be found on the Road Ends page on the [City website](#).

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