

## SEA LEVEL RISE RESPONSE PLANING - COMMUNITY MEETING

June 27, 2017

### Community Input

Attendees at the June 27, 2017 Community Meeting were asked to provide written input on “project success” and “project outcomes”. Verbatim responses received, in no particular order, follow.

#### What Does Project Success Look Like to You?

The City, the Port and LOTT propose this project is successful if it results in:

- Actionable strategy for protecting Downtown, the Port and the Budd Inlet Treatment Plan
- High level cost estimates for actions identified as part of the strategy
- Community and stakeholder involvement and feedback about the proposed plan
- Project outcomes are achieved.

#### Attendee Responses:

*Knowledge and awareness of plan throughout Oly spurs people to double their climate mitigation efforts so as to reduce ultimate SLR*

*Stake holders group needs to have representatives from environmental groups, social groups and people with economic expertise*

*Retreat from rising sea level*

*Dredging Capitol Lake. Retention of the tidelock to control flooding. Building the Big w trail at elevation for further flood protection.*

*Project success = Community has resources (\$) for other important priorities. Success = this does not consume all public available funding.*

*Success = Natural ecosystem of estuary is restored. We don't spend valuable resources on the swamp we used to call a lake.*

*Preserve/Enhance the value of available ecosystem services in this area.*

*Integrated Design Solutions*

*Keeping the community informed*

*Community referendum on multiple options of SLR plan outcome including retreat, protection and worst-case scenario*

*Be sure and ask all the people that would pay for a solution if that's what they want.*

*Retreat and selected flooding need to be considered*

*Real solutions that take precautions while they are pro-actively addressing sea level rise. Example new construction should sequester carbon not contribute carbon.*

*Success = Community has confidence in the plan including reality of implementation funding*

### **Desired Outcomes from this Planning Process – What is Missing?**

The City, the Port and LOTT proposed project outcomes include:

- Develop a comprehensive long-term response strategy in partnership with the City of Olympia, the Port of Olympia, the LOTT Clean Water Alliance and other stakeholders
- Build upon previous planning work, including the 2014 Budd Inlet Treatment Plan Vulnerability Assessment
- Gain a better understanding of impacts from increased peak flows to the treatment plant due to the combined storm/sewer system
- Identify specific actions needed to protect the combined storm/sewer system and the Budd Inlet Treatment Plant from overland flooding

### **Attendee Responses:**

*Include costs for moving some businesses elsewhere, raising streets to reach port, or not*

*Project beyond 4 feet of sea level rise by 2100 What if NOAA estimates of 3 meters by 2050-2060 are correct – can we defend? What are the costs? Who will pay?*

*Consideration of Downtown Strategy to encourage increased density (climate mitigation action)*

*Preliminary ideas about how City will operate in 2100 and beyond until SLR goes back down*

*A truly inclusive process so that it has credibility with community.*

*Dredging Capitol Lake every decade for flood control is much less expensive than removing the tide lock and returning to mud flats.*

*Re-imagining the functional aesthetic of downtown. Relinquishing the past vision of economic cultural center to future vision of ecological cultural center.*

*Selective flooding of park areas – Design parks so they can be flooded*

*Develop a scenario where the center/core activities occur in another district and we create a “new” downtown area*

*How much would each block/acre/bldg in downtown pay in a LID to pay for protection?*

*Tax payers should be asked if they are willing to pay for expensive solutions such as dams and dikes*

*What are the most essential and productive flood protection projects? What is most economically important project?*

*Taxpayer not to pay \$100 mil dollars for dams, dikes*

*Build the trail from West Bay Marina to Percival Landing around the Port Peninsula to East Bay and elevate it for sea level rise.*

*Include costs for the flooding if 5+ feet SLR happens after we protect for 4 feet*

*Why accept what you consider to be the inevitable? Solar Farms etc.*

*Recognizing the population changes/increase that will impact the planning process and the viable solutions.*

*Plausible scenarios with cost and tax burden mechanisms*

*Run a scenario of partial retreat – move some things – abandon help for some. Then cost our protection of the smaller area*

*The port operation loses money now. What is the economic return (possibly negative) if we spend \$ to raise the port area and roads*