

* MBR stands for the "Membrane Bioreactor," treatment process that will be used in the Belfair Water Reclamation Facility. Preselection of the brand of technology will help refine engineering designs.

Funding for the Project

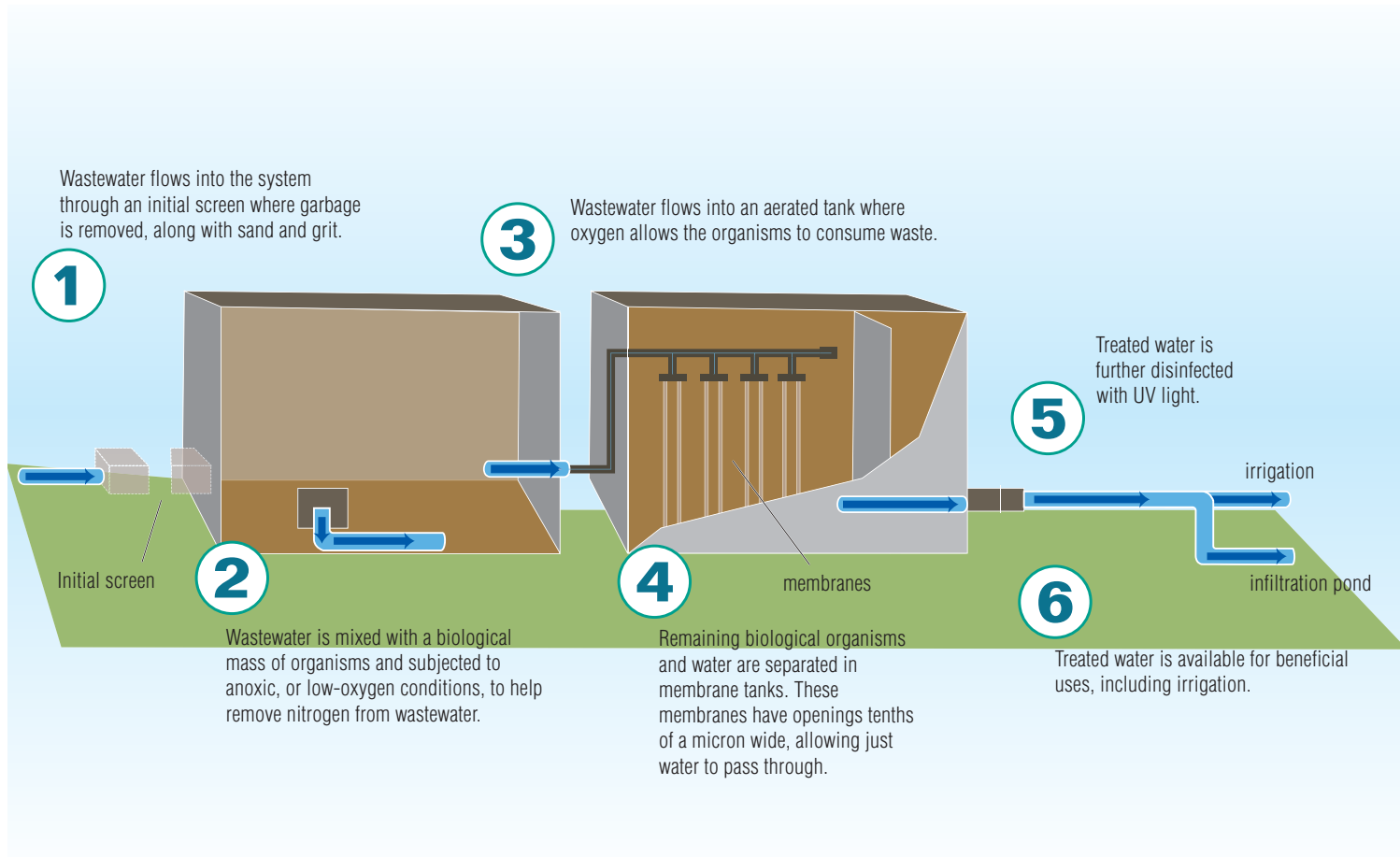
The Belfair Wastewater and Water Reclamation Facilities project is part of the Puget Sound Initiative to clean up Puget Sound. As part of this effort the following funding sources have allocated money toward the design and construction phases of the project.

Source	Current Confirmed Amount
State Revolving Fund	\$ 3.03 Million
Washington State Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) Jobs/Communities	\$ 8.0 Million
CTED Job Development	\$ 3.2 Million
CTED	\$ 10.3 Million (\$4.8 & 5.5 Million)
Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) (\$1 million additional possible)	\$ 1.0 Million
Department of Ecology	\$ 1.5 Million
Total Available Funds	\$ 27.03 Million



An MBR Treatment Plant System

The Belfair Water Reclamation Facility, or treatment plant, will use new membrane bioreactor (MBR) technology proven to treat wastewater. Here's how it will work:



Water Reuse

Water reuse is a component of responsible environmental stewardship. The Belfair Water Reclamation Facility will treat wastewater to “Class A” standards. Class A water is highly cleaned water that can be used for other purposes.



Owners of properties within 500 feet of the proposed gravity and low-pressure sewer alignment will be required to hook into the new sewer system and decommission septic tanks. There are associated costs to this infrastructure change:

Fee	Associated Cost Per Connection	Payable To
Connection fee to the public sewer	\$3,200 - \$5,000	Mason County Public Utilities
Re-plumb sewer to connect to the main system and disconnect from septic tank – “building a side sewer”	\$2,500 - \$3,000 (average) Cost is dependent upon property’s topography, distance from building to property line, and the contractor used for this construction.	Individually-chosen contractor*
Rate-payer ongoing costs, per equivalent residential unit (ERU)	\$86 - \$100 per month	Mason County Public Utilities



Property owners will need to build side sewers from their building to property lines, where the county utility will provide one stub, or pipe connection, per parcel.

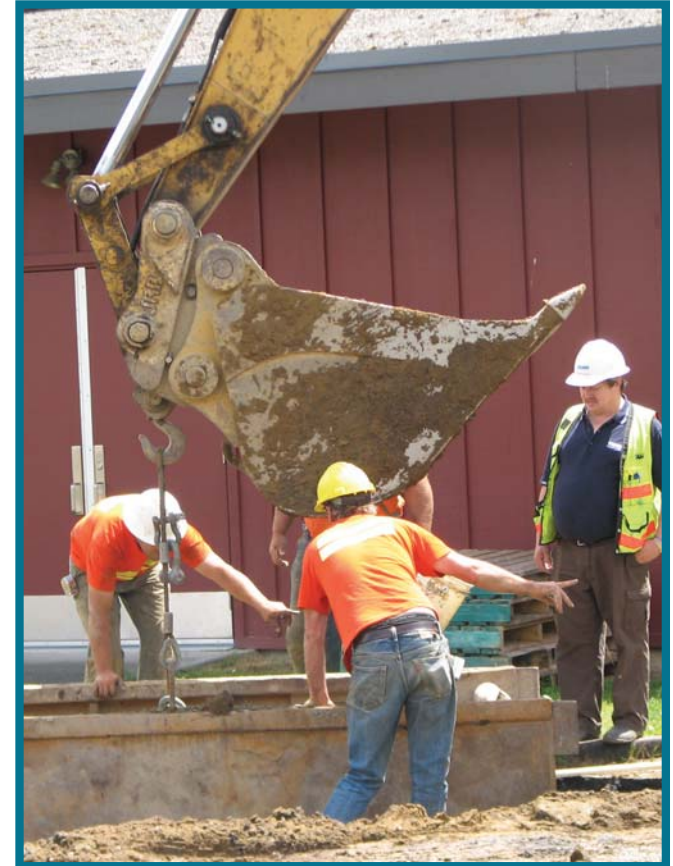
* Mason County is currently investigating low interest loans and group contracting mechanisms to help business owners and residents construct side sewers. Information is forthcoming.

The exact timeline for septic decommissioning and connecting to the system is currently in development.

Construction of portions of the Belfair sewer system is scheduled to begin late Summer/early Fall 2008. Here's what residents can anticipate:

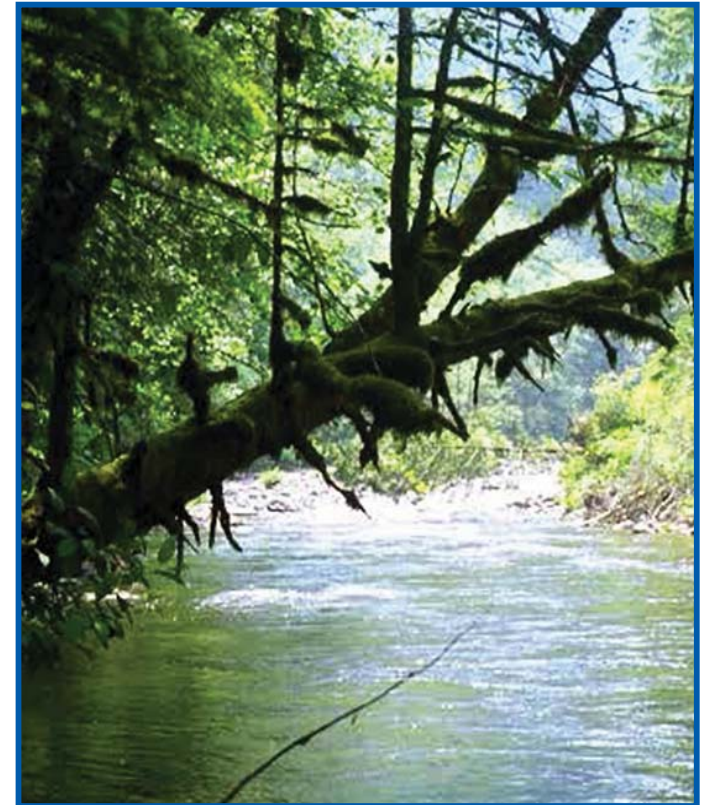
- Contractors will use both “cut and cover” and “trenchless” technologies to construct the conveyance system in the public rights-of-way around the Belfair community.
- Construction of pump stations and the treatment plant will require excavation of sites to create foundations.
- Equipment noise, traffic, dust and mud will be minimized through good construction practices.
- Possible, temporary loss of street parking or driveway entry in front of your house or place of business.
- Flaggers and construction signage to help navigate any traffic revisions.
- Established construction hours.

Our public outreach team will inform residents and business owners on an ongoing basis when construction activities will be active in their neighborhood and what to expect.

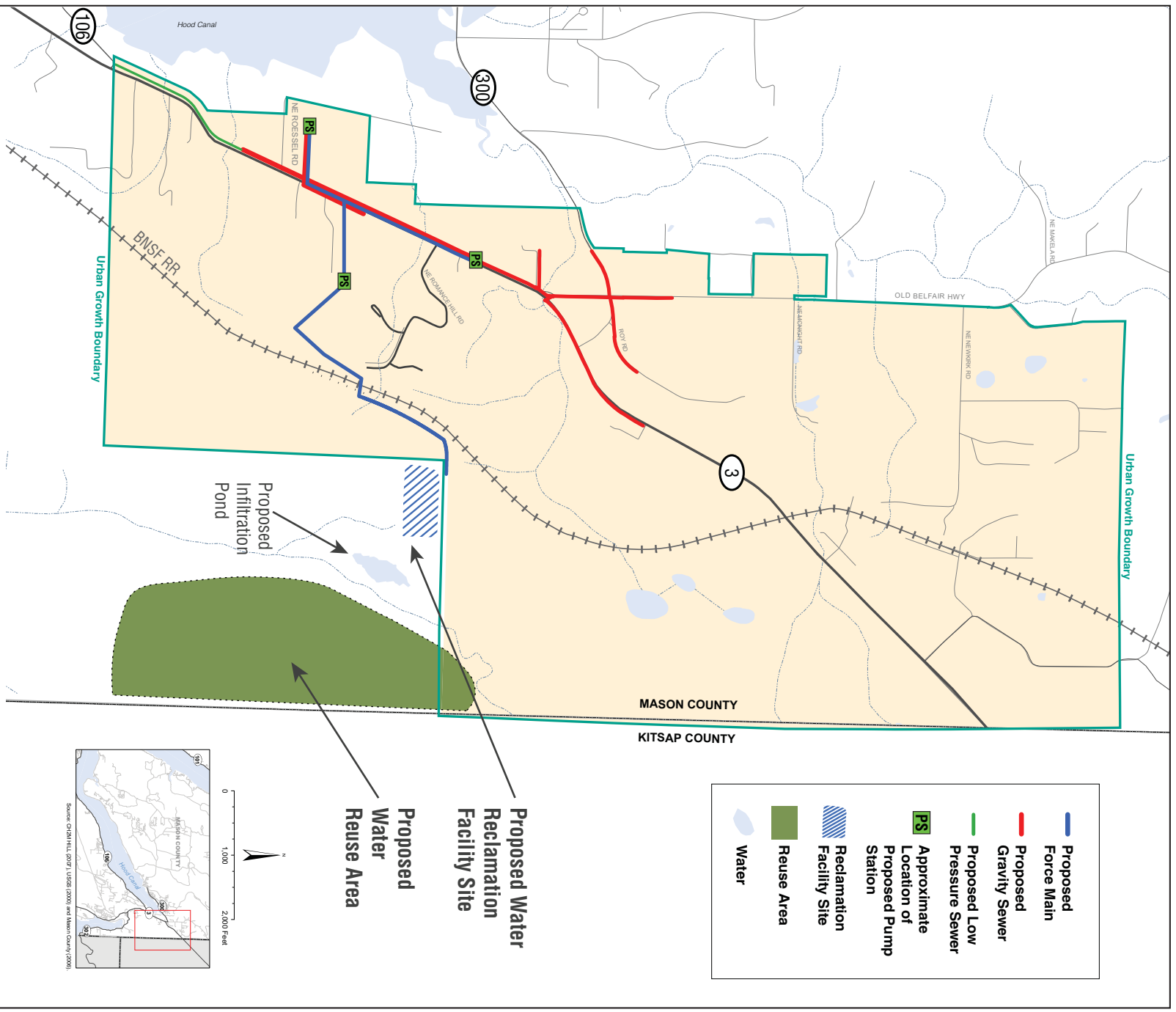


The Belfair Wastewater and Water Reclamation Facilities project will provide benefits to the Belfair community.

- Mason County will have a safe, efficient and environmentally-friendly sewer system in key areas of the Belfair Urban Growth Area, benefitting the health of Hood Canal.
- On a long-term basis, this project provides the backbone for urban infrastructure in Belfair, supporting planned population growth and economic development.
- This project will provide cleaner water for Belfair and the Hood Canal through water reuse.
- Some trees and boulders from the reclamation facility site are planned to be re-used and incorporated into the facilities.
- Belfair's Water Reclamation Facility and pump stations are being designed to fit within their natural surroundings.
- At the reclamation facility interpretive features will welcome visitors, explaining the process of the MBR system.



Belfair Project Map



This map is a representation of project facilities. More detailed designs will be developed as the project moves forward.

