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Please preserve area for biodiversity above all. Keep current stand of trees; fungi along their roots help them to clean the soil around them. They sequester more carbon than will new plantings. Do not indiscriminately excavate and cap. Use raingardens with Willows, Ninebark, Red Ocher Dogwood, Mock Orange, Nootka Rose, Currants , etc...to recharge polluted soils and waters. Yes, plant natives (will Camas grow there?) and reestablish Eelgrass if 3 acres of toxic Eelgrass must be removed. Create a refuge for shore birds, not a parking lot or concession stand. Recreate beach front with foraging fish in mind, mimicking nature.

The current parking at Glass Beach and along Cornwall is adequate. Connect park to Bayview Trail for pedestrians, wheelchairs and bikes. By keeping area as natural and clean as possible you will truly be helping future humans as well as Salish flora and fauna. Encourage WTA to provide bus and shuttle service for folks to get to the park.

Consider the impacts of rising waters and King Tides. Remember Boulevard Park last December? Likewise, King Tides at Deception Pass State Park, West Beach Parking Lot, created rubble of the parking lot misplaced there. In Harper Estuary at Southworth, Kitsap County, huge logs (\$500 each) held down with metal cables are still going out to sea. Such is the power of nature. Thus this shoreline, too, will require planning for dynamic storms and waters.