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I believe that the Harris Avenue Shipyard and the surrounding area would benefit from a major revamp. Plans were made and discussed over with the public via a tour and a consent decree. I was able to be in attendance for the event. The clean-up initiative is for contamination of the groundwater and soil that lies near and around the shipyard harming and destroying the ecosystem that thrives there—these actions previously date back many decades ago such as oil storage and ship maintenance. The City of Bellingham is trying to reverse the damage that has been caused by formulating a plan to remove bad sedimentary elements and backfill the area with cleaner, more natural materials, as well as monitoring and sampling the environment for further issues. I agree that these changes are necessary for Bellingham Bay's future success and improvement. I hope to see this implemented in the years to follow and to be a part of this widespread movement of revitalization.