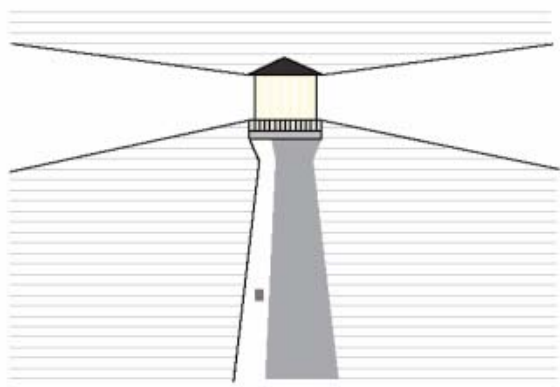


Waterfront Vision Framework Plan and Action Plan

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WFG Mission

The Waterfront Futures Group will lead a cooperative process that takes a fresh look at our waterfront and recognizes the diverse perspectives of our community. Our mission is to create a compelling vision for current and future generations and identify the steps to get us there.



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Process

JANUARY — MAY 2003

Project Launch

MAY — SEPTEMBER 2003

Education and Analysis

SEPTEMBER 2003 — JANUARY 2004

Applying it to Bellingham

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Creating the Plan

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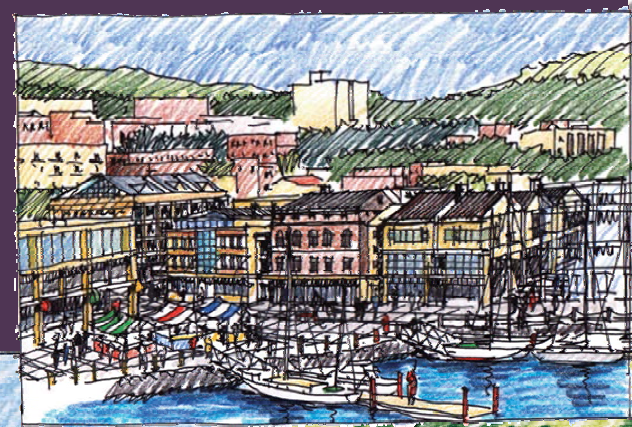
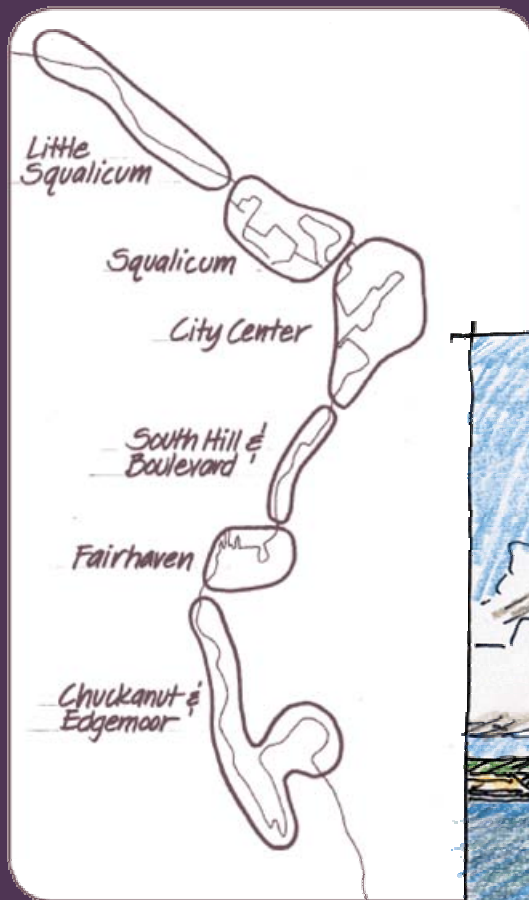
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WATERFRONT VISION

Guiding Principles

- Reinforce the Inherent Qualities of Each Place on the Waterfront
- Restore the Health of Land & Water
- Improve Waterfront Access
- Promote a Healthy & Dynamic Waterfront Economy

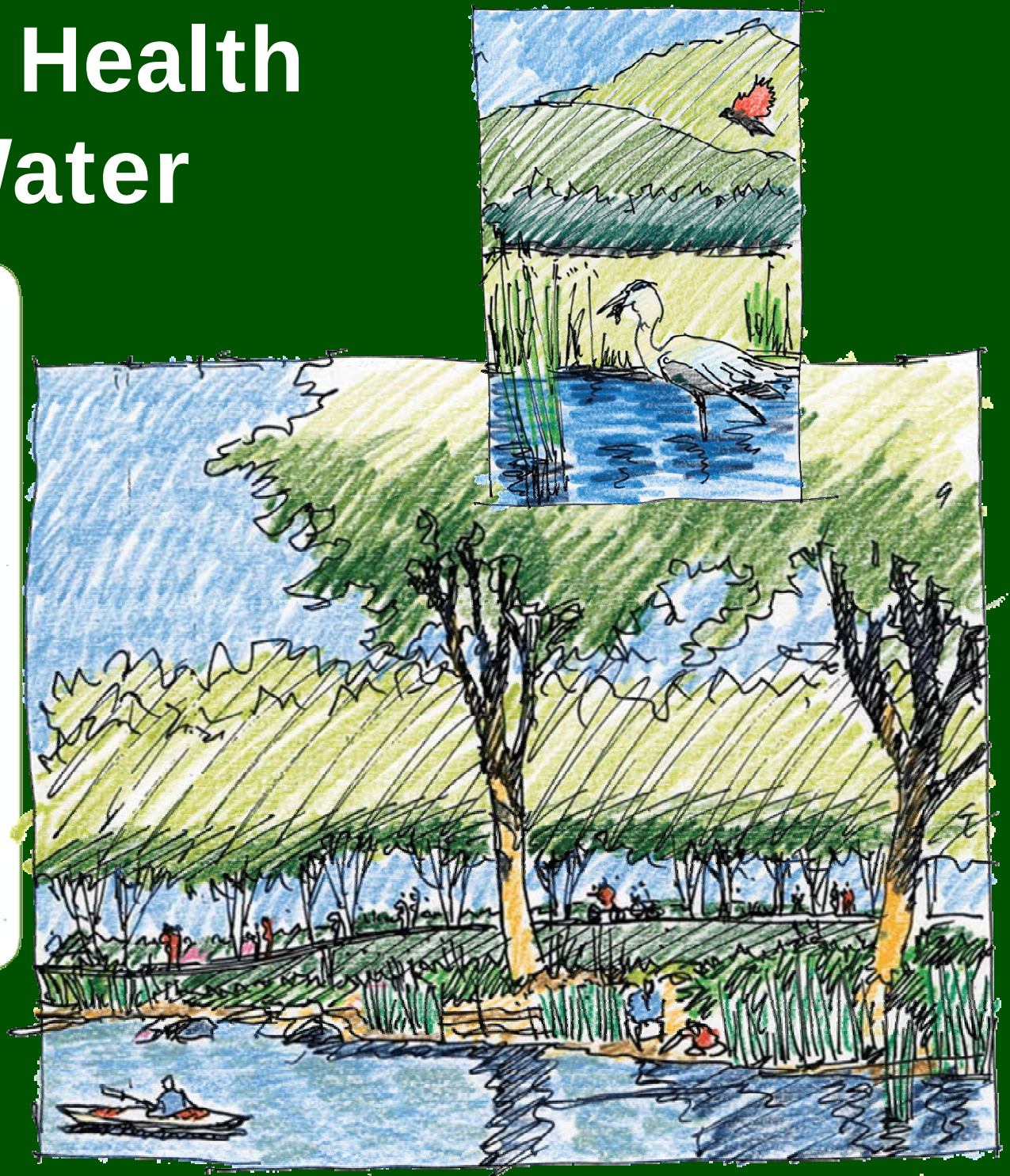
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- Make the waterfront a regular part of the lives of more people
- Respect history, cultures and the arts
- Make the waterfront inviting to people on foot
- Reinforce a unique “sense of place” at different waterfront locations
- Complement adjacent uses

Restore the Health of Land & Water



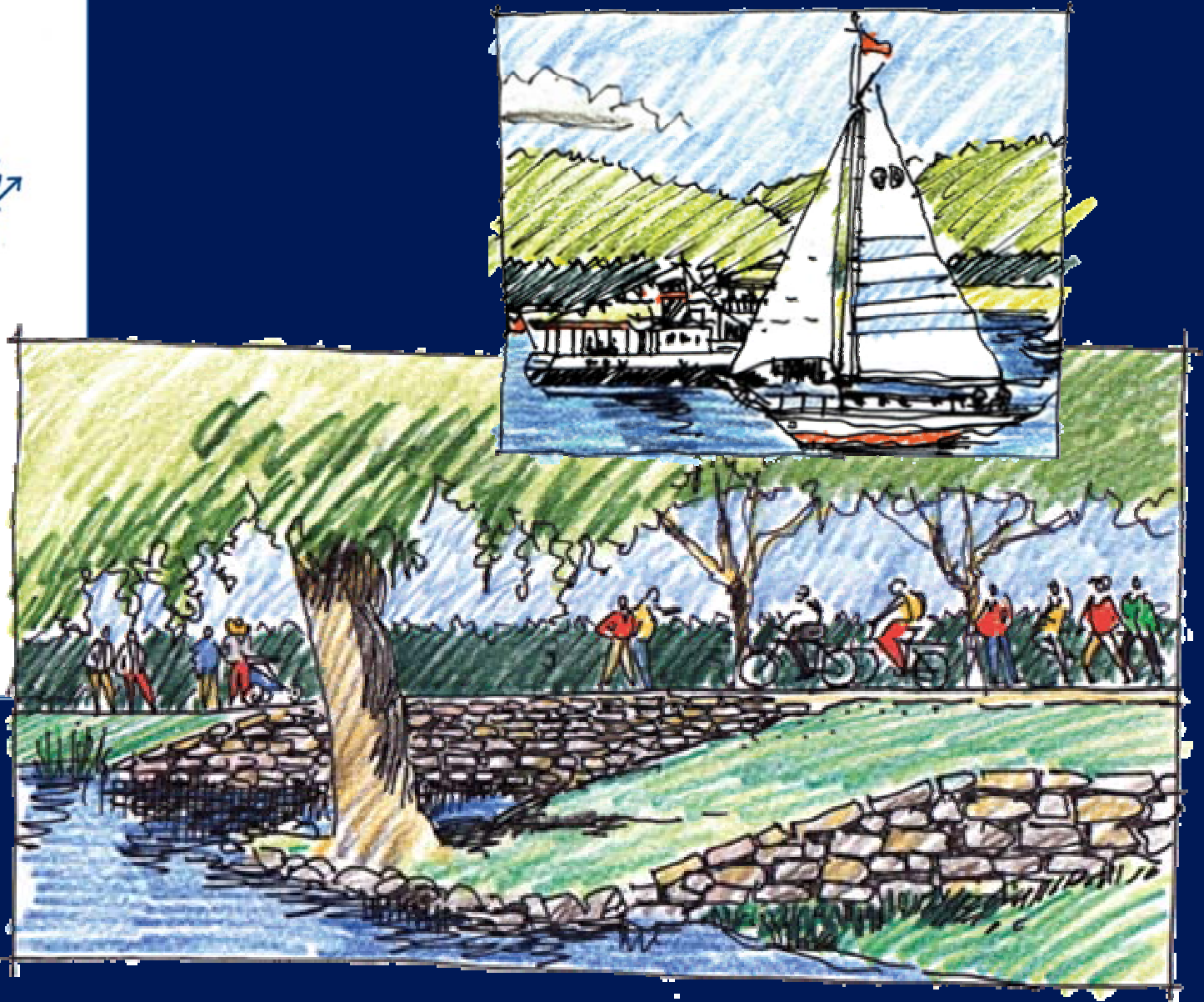
Restore the Health of Land & Water

- Enhance or reintroduce natural systems
- Create and restore habitat wherever possible
- Remediate upland and in water contamination
- Protect existing natural shorelines
- Seek opportunities to soften existing hardened shorelines
- Tailor environmental cleanup strategies and remediation to planned use

Restore the Health of Land & Water

- Manage storm water to enhance estuarine habitats
- Require sustainable practices in all development
- Restore, enhance and expand beaches wherever possible
- Connect proposed open space and natural areas to regional open space network and wildlife corridors
- Explore mitigation banking and incentives (such as environmental credits) for environmental resource protection and enhancement prior to redevelopment

Improve Waterfront Access



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- Develop strong connections between uplands and water
- Provide links to regional trail systems
- Provide multiple modes of access to each area of the waterfront
- Provide convenient connections among modes of transportation
- Create and connect large and small parks and open spaces with a “braided” system of pedestrian trails
- Enhance opportunities for visual access to waterfront areas

Improve Waterfront Access

- Provide the opportunity to walk the waterfront while respecting natural habitat
- Help people find their way
- Provide way finding regarding Coast Millennium Trail as a route that follows existing and proposed trails
- Explore the concept of public access “banking” and other financing incentives for improving public access.
- Protect and enhance shoreline environmental resources when designing for shoreline access and upland development

Promote a Healthy & Dynamic Waterfront Economy



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- Create new mixed-use areas on the waterfront for commercial, industrial, educational, recreational and residential uses
- Support water-dependent activities and uses
- Create conditions attractive to jobs of the future
- Strengthen the tie between local jobs and resources

Promote a Healthy & Dynamic Waterfront Economy

- Provide public amenities and infrastructure to support redevelopment
- Improve permitting processes to achieve the goals and principles of the Waterfront Vision
- Explore economic spin-off related to Bellingham Bay Pilot cleanup strategies
- Provide incentives and credits for “green” buildings