

Project Summary 2002

FHWA National Scenic Byways Program

All sections must be completed on an electronic form at <http://www.byways.org>
Applications must be submitted online and on paper.

State Submission Date <i>not submitted yet</i>	Division Submission Date <i>not submitted yet</i>
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Project Info

Project Name Edison Creek Scenic Walkway	Project No.
	Applicant's Reference No. 3
Project Year 2002	
Counties and/or Regions Involved Skagit County, Washington	
Location of Project along Byway(s) Samish Farmlands, Town of Edison	
Federal Lands Crossed by Involved Byway(s)	

Associated Byways

State	Byway Name	Details	
WA	WA-Chuckanut Drive	Designation Date 01 Jan 1993	Intrinsic Qualities* H,N,R,S
		Byway Organization Chuckanut Corridor Community 314 East Champion Street Bellingham, WA 98225 Phone: (360) 676-6974 Fax: (360) 738-6232 E-mail: ellen@wcog.org	

*IQ codes: A - Archaeological, C - Cultural, H - Historical, N - Natural, R - Recreational, S - Scenic

Project Category

Project Type

Project along a State-designated scenic byway that is carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as an All-American Road or a National Scenic Byway.

Is the project consistent with the Corridor Management Plan for the byway(s)?

Yes

Project Category (Continued)

Eligibility Category

Interpretive Information

Is this application a copy of a previously submitted application or a revision of a prior non-funded application?

No

Ready-to-Go

Prior Projects

FHWA Proj No.	Year	Project Name	Amount	Status
SB-1998-WA-11	1998	Corridor Management Plan	\$27,360	Completed
	Project Coordinator: Ellen Barton			

Project Abstract

Edison Creek Scenic Walkway builds on the on-going cooperative work of the Edison Elementary School Booster Club, the science program and the Artist-in-Residence community program. The result will be a comprehensive plan for the construction of a streamside walkway connecting Chuckanut Drive's most popular restaurant and antique shopping sites to one of Samish Farmlands first fully-implemented salmon restoration areas at Edison Elementary School. In addition, in conjunction with the state's Safe Routes to School program, it will provide a safe, enjoyable and educational path for hundreds of elementary school children to travel to and from their homes.

Project Narrative

Edison Creek connects the historic center of the little rural village to the Edison Elementary School and the Edison visitor center on Chuckanut Drive. The Creek has an eminent history and continues to be the focal point for community activity in the present. The salmon restoration work carried out by the school students has won awards and built community pride among not just the children but an entire generation. As the trees mature that the young people planted to shade the streams and provide cool water for the returning salmon, it is now time to provide a cool place for the older people to walk and watch and appreciate this re-emerging stream.

Restoring streams for the natural processes is only half of the story, the other half is increasing appreciation for and education about this precious resource among the returning human population. As thousands of visitors enjoy the beauty of Chuckanut Drive and the Skagit Valley Tulip festival each year, they have no opportunities to enjoy a nature walk along a welcoming stream anywhere along the drive through the farmlands. Strong partnerships formed by active volunteers working with the Edison Elementary School science and art departments have begun the process of planning for this first-ever stream-side walkway for visitors, residents, children and the salmon.

As demonstrated by the recent groundswell of public sentiment against a proposed widening of the roadway along the stream, parents and residents are conscious of the need to slow cars down and make safe and enjoyable spaces for children and visitors to walk. The state's landmark program, in line with the national Centers for Disease Control priority, "Safe and Active Routes to School" supports the

Project Narrative (Continued)

creation of walkways to discourage driving children to school. Edison Creek Walkway does just that -- and more.

Edison Creek Walkway project will result in a comprehensive plan for the construction of a streamside walkway connecting one of Chuckanut Drive's most popular restaurant and antique shopping sites to one of the first fully-implemented salmon restoration areas in Samish Farmlands.

Work Plan

Line Item	Task/Milestone Description	Start Date/ Duration	Work Category
001	Edison Community Task Force	01 Feb 2002 10 months	Resource Protection
	Responsible Party: Chris Kinney, Edison Booster Club		
	Justification: Task 1: Work with the Edison Community Task Force to refine the existing draft landscape plan for the greenway trail. Consult with landscape architect and stream biologist.		
002	Stream/Science Class	01 Mar 2002 5 months	Interpretive Information
	Responsible Party: Rob Matthews, Edison Elementary School		
	Justification: Task 2: Work with the Edison Elementary School science department to identify key stream enhancement sites and future work projects in conjunction with the trail.		
003	Walkway Routing	01 Mar 2002 4 months	Safety Improvements
	Responsible Party: John Leander, Edison Fire Cheif		
	Justification: Task 3: Partner with neighboring farm and property owners to identify locations and easement potential options for the greenway between Chuckanut Drive and the school. Integrate plans for stream-side pathways with planned stream-side buffers to ensure appropriate use.		
004	Artist in Residence	01 Feb 2002 10 months	Interpretive Information
	Responsible Party: Chris Wardenburg-Skinner, Artist-in-Res. Program		
	Justification: Work with students and area families and artists to create a plan for art works to be integrated with the walkway experience. Art works will be representative of cultural values and stream-side ecosystems, and other topics related to the community and school. Part of this plan process will be the production by students of prototype art pieces.		
005	Plan production and report	01 Sep 2002 3 months	Resource Protection
	Responsible Party: Rob Matthews, Edison Elementary School		

Work Plan (Continued)

005	Justification: Task 4: Develop a detailed preliminary design plan and report encompassing all steps preparatory to engineering and construction, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conceptual design · Cost estimate · Environmental analysis · Permit requirements
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Budget

Line Item	Description	Total Cost	Request Amt.
001	Edison Community Task Force	\$20,000	\$6,000
002	Stream/science plan	\$5,000	\$4,000
003	Walkway Routing	\$3,000	\$1,000
004	Artist in Residence	\$10,000	\$5,000
005	Plan, design and report	\$9,000	\$1,300
Totals		\$47,000	\$17,300

Match amount (total cost - requested amount) is \$29,700 or 63.2% of total.
 Match accounted for in Match Breakdown is \$29,700 or 63.2% of total.
 These two amounts must be equal for the Budget and Match sections to be complete.

For your information, 80% of Total Cost is \$37,600, and 20% of Total Cost is \$9,400.
 Your match amount cannot be less than 20% of Total Cost.

Match Breakdown

Source	Description	Type	Value
Edison Community Task Force	28 two-hour meetings for approx 20 volunteers @ \$12.50 per hour	Non-Govt. Services	\$14,000
Stream restoration science training	4 one-hour classes for 20 students and adults @ 12.50 per hour	Non-Govt. Services	\$1,000
Walkway routing/work with neighboring property	5 two-hour meetings for approx 15 volunteers @ 12.50 per hour	Non-Govt. Services	\$2,000
Artist in Residence	11 two-hour classes for approx. 18 volunteers and students @ 12.50 per hour	Non-Govt. Services	\$5,000

Match Breakdown (Continued)

Source	Description	Type	Value
Plan Design	Engineering/architectural services donated @ approx \$50/hr value	Non-Govt. Services	\$5,700
Report Production	5 two-hour meetings for approx. 15 volunteers @ 12.50 per hour	Non-Govt. Services	\$2,000
Total			\$29,700

Total from items above: \$29,700 or 63.2% of total.
 Match amount from Budget: \$29,700 or 63.2% of total.
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Project Coordinator

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State Program

State WA	Byway Program Start Date 01 Jan 1967	
Scenic Byway Agency Washington State Department of Transportation, Heritage Corridors Program		
State Scenic Byways Coordinator Judy Lorenzo		
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Signatures

State Scenic Byways Agency

Judy Lorenzo
Heritage Corridors Program

Date

Matching Funds Certification

Judy Lorenzo
Heritage Corridors Program

Date

Congressional Members

Associated States

State	Senators
WA	Cantwell, Maria Murray, Patty

State Representatives

State	District	Representative
WA	2	Larsen, Rick

Attachments

- Map of project area
- Letter of support: Representative Rick Larsen
- Letter of support: Senator Patty Murray
- Letter of support: Senator Maria Cantwell
- Letter of support: Edison Elementary School
- Letter of support: Edison Booster Club
- Letter of support: Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Assoc.
- Letter of support: Artist in Residence Program
- Letter of support: Chuckanut Merchants' Association
- RTPO Validation Form
- Match documentation forms