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APE Memorandum
Sims Way Stormwater Facility
Port of Port Townsend, Jefferson County, Washington

CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND
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Dear Garth Baldwin,

The Port of Port Townsend proposes to construct the Sims Way Stormwater Facility project located in Port Townsend, Jefferson County. This memorandum has been prepared to outline the Area of Potential Effect (APE) in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (36 CFR 800).

Project Description

The Port of Port Townsend proposes maintenance activities to repair the damaged, substandard Sims Way stormwater drainage and outfall by reconstructing the facility. This will involve installing a new outfall at the current location, adding a new bioswale meeting Ecology standards for basic treatment, and constructing a maintenance-only access road. These improvements will restore drainage patterns and provide basic treatment for stormwater generated by Sims Way and over 100 acres of City development.

Ground disturbing elements of the project include the replacement of the existing damaged, substandard 15-inch pipe outfall with a new 24-inch pipe outfall in the same footprint, new manholes and 24-inch storm drains to connect the existing 18-inch culvert by Sims Way with the replaced outfall, a 230-foot wet biofiltration swale to provide basic treatment for Sims Way and City stormwater, and a 12-foot wide access road for stormwater facility maintenance. The project will also construct a compensatory mitigation site adjacent to the coastal lagoon, Wetland A, on Port property.

Maximum Depth of Excavation

Excavation will be required to relocate the stormwater facilities and create the wetland mitigation site. The maximum depth of excavation will be approximately 4 feet bgs for the wetland mitigation site to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD 88; the maximum depth of trenching for the stormwater facilities will be 6 feet bgs to an approximate elevation of 0 feet NAVD 88 within Wetland A. Stormwater trenching in upland areas outside of Wetland A will only require excavation to 4 feet bgs. The results of the Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Evaluation performed by Associated Earth Science, Inc. (AESI), report dated March 4, 2025, indicate that fill is present at depths of 5-7 feet bgs throughout the Port properties. This fill comprises dredge spoils from historic USACE operations that created the recreational basin at the Boat Haven Marina in the 1960s. The Holocene beach deposit layer is directly beneath the fill layer, anticipated to begin approximately 5-7 feet bgs at elevation 4.5 NAVD 88.

During ongoing consultations, Allie R. Taylor, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, has indicated that the Holocene beach deposit layer may contain culturally significant materials for the tribe. Excavation below the dredge spoil fill layer will only be required within the previously disturbed extent of the existing stormwater main footprint through Wetland A, which can be identified from the surface by the hump in the depressional landform running toward the outfall. During site investigations by the Port, the potential for cultural resources to be present was identified by Wetland C; however, no excavation in this area is proposed, only fill. Based on the results of subsurface investigations and the presence of existing infrastructure, the project anticipates that all ground disturbing activities will take place within the demonstrated vertical and horizontal limits of previous disturbance.

Project Location and Proposed Area of Potential Effect

The project is located at the Boat Haven at 2740 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, Jefferson County, Washington. It lies within Section 1 of Township 30N, Range 1W at (48.107394, -122.778068). The Port of Port Townsend proposes the APE be defined as the footprint of construction and staging within Port parcels 948301003, 001104010, 001104011, and 001104017 to a maximum depth of 4 feet bgs for the wetland mitigation site and upland trenching, and 6 feet bgs for the stormwater main trench through Wetland A (Figure 1).

Cultural Resources Inventory

An inventory of any historic and archeological resources over 50 years of age within the defined APE was conducted in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (36 CFR 800). A review of the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (dahp) WISAARD database on March 19, 2025, indicates that there are no properties within the APE included in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The closest property inventoried in the WISAARD database is adjacent to the APE, the DAR - Courage and Patriotism Marvin Glen Sheilds Monument (Property ID: 716535), for which no determination of eligibility has been made by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). This potential resource is located within the City of Port Townsend right-of-way (ROW) at a dedicated turn-off along the roadside on SR 20/Sims Way, 60 feet above the project area on the bluff. The marker is at a small turnout on the road with a flagpole, two benches, and a picnic table in a landscaped area (Appendix A). No activities are proposed that would directly or indirectly affect this potential resource.

Conclusion

Based upon our best professional judgment, the Port of Port Townsend requests your assistance in obtaining concurrence for the APE and a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for the Sims Way Stormwater Facility project. Should you have any questions about this evaluation or require additional information, please contact Ross Widener at (425) 332-3961 or ross@widener-enviro.com.

Sincerely,



Ross Widener
Widener & Associates

Figure 1. Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the Sims Way Stormwater Facility

-  APE
-  Bioswale
-  Stormwater Facility Alignment
-  Access Road
-  Grading 4:1 Slopes
-  Mitigation Site (0.20 acres)
-  Wetland A
-  Wetland C
-  Property ID: 716535

Stormwater Facilities:

Upland trenching
excavate 4 ft bgs

Wetland A trenching
excavate 6 ft bgs

Wetland C - fill only

Access Road - fill only

Mitigation Site:
excavate 4 ft bgs



Area of Potential Effect (APE)
Sims Way Stormwater Facility
 Part of Port Townsend
 Jefferson County



0 0.01 0.02 0.04
 Miles

Appendix A. Historic Property Report, Property ID: 716535



Historic Property Report

Historic Name: DAR - Courage and Patriotism Marvin Glen Shields Monument

Property ID: 716535

Location



Name: COURAGE AND PATRIOTISM MARVIN GLENN SHIELDS

Erected: February 26, 1968 by the Admiralty Inlet Chapter, NSDAR. The bronze plaque is mounted on a granite boulder which was relocated from the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Location: GPS 48.105774, -122.784632 The marker is along the main entrance to Port Townsend, Jefferson County, WA. It is at a dedicated turn-off along the roadside on WA-20 / W Sims Way.



Address: SR 20 / W Sims Way, Port Townsend, WA, 98368, USA

Geographic Areas: Port Townsend Certified Local Government, Jefferson County, T30R01W10, PORT TOWNSEND SOUTH Quadrangle

Information

Number of stories:

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1968	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Recreation and Culture	Recreation and Culture - Monument/Marker

Historic Context:

Category

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
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Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

Name	Date Listed	Notes
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Project History



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Glen Shields Monument

Property ID: 716535

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
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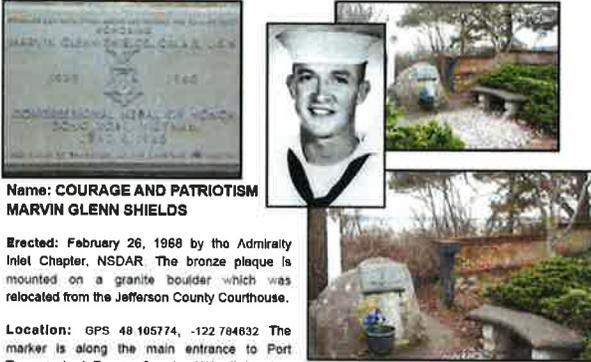


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DAR_ShieldsMonument_PortTownsend1.jpg



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Inventory Details - 8/7/2018

Common name:

Date recorded: 8/7/2018

Field Recorder: Michael Houser

Field Site number:

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Surveyor Opinion

Significance narrative: Erected: February 26, 1968 by the Admiralty Inlet Chapter, NSDAR. The bronze plaque is mounted on a granite boulder which was relocated from the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Comments: Marvin Glenn Shields (1939-1965) of Port Townsend was a Steel Worker 3 in the United States Navy Seabee and was posthumously awarded the Vietnamese Order of Gallantry with Palm, the Military Merit Medal, and the Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor was bestowed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 13, 1966 to his wife Joan and daughter Barbara. He is the first and only Seabee to have received the Medal of Honor. There is now an annual award made in his name, in recognition of the Seabee who has made extraordinary contributions to the mission of the Naval Construction Force and has upheld the highest traditions and legacy of the U.S. Navy Seabees over the last year. Among other recognition: a navy frigate was named in his honor, Shields Hall at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, and an annual Marvin Shields Scholarship is offered by the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association.

The marker is at a small turnout on the road with flagpole, two benches, and a picnic table in a landscaped area. The Marvin G. Shields Memorial Marker was given by Mrs. Richard McCurdy in memory of Marvin Shields. The site has a view of Puget Sound and Port Townsend. Petty Officer Shields is buried in the nearby Gardiner Cemetery, Gardiner, WA.

Physical description: Location: GPS 48.105774, -122.784632 The marker is along the main entrance to Port Townsend, Jefferson County, WA. It is at a dedicated turn-off along the roadside on WA-20 / W Sims Way.

Inscription: "Courage and Patriotism above and beyond the Call of Duty Honoring Marvin Glenn Shields, CMA3, U.S. 1939 [Medal of Honor insignia] 1965. Congressional Medal of Honor Dong Xoai Vietnam June 9, 1965. Dedicated by Daughters of the American Revolution."

