# Timberworks: Reducing Flood Risk for Community Vitality in Grays Harbor

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# The problem: Chronic flooding in Aberdeen & Hoquiam





#### - Impacts of chronic flooding:

- Decreased property value
- Low real estate sales volume
- Decreased likelihood of investment in homes & businesses
- High flood insurance rates
- Degraded water quality
- Damage to property and infrastructure
- Risk to public safety



### Identifying the solution(s):

Putting a plan in place













#### Community benefits:

- Increased property value
- Reduced flood insurance rates

#### Economic benefits:

- Uptick in real estate market
- Business investment

#### Environmental benefits:

- Restored salmon habitat
- Public open space



## Moving forward:

Putting a plan in motion

#### Next Steps

- Initial stakeholder interviews completed in early March
- Research initiated in February; will be completed by end of May
- Walking tours and open house



