Seattle’s urban landscape is dotted with bodies of water that help shape the city’s character and define its identity. Lake Washington, Lake Union, Elliott Bay, Puget Sound, and the Duwamish River offer more than 200 miles of magnificent shoreline. While much of it is private or park land, 149 public streets in Seattle end on waterfronts.

These “shoreline street ends” are precious community assets that have been designated by the City of Seattle as special rights-of-way that should be preserved and improved for public use.

**SHORELINE STREET ENDS WORK PLAN**

Though some street ends have been improved for public use, nearly two-thirds are in need of improvement, overgrown, or have private encroachments. In 2008, SDOT conducted an extensive program review and drafted the Seattle Shoreline Street Ends Work Plan to help guide future investment in and improvements of shoreline street ends.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Using the Shoreline Street Ends Work Plan, 9 shoreline street ends were selected for improvement in 2014-16. SDOT is designing and developing the following sites:

- SW Michigan St
- S River St
- 5th Avenue S
- S Willow Street
- S Warsaw Street
- E Allison Street
- 6th Avenue West
- 51st Avenue NE
- Eastlake Avenue

**PROGRAM GOALS**

- Help create great neighborhoods
- Improve public access to and enjoyment of Seattle’s shoreline
- Enhance shoreline habitat
- Encourage community stewardship of shoreline street ends
- Support maritime industry
- Responsibly manage private permits and deter non-permitted encroachments

To learn more about Seattle’s Shoreline Street Ends Program or how to adopt a street end please visit: