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### **Mount Vernon receives State funding of \$1,851,000 for the Downtown Mount Vernon Flood Protection and Revitalization Project, Phase II.**

MOUNT VERNON – The City of Mount Vernon will receive \$1,500,000 from the State Building Construction Account as set forth in Engrossed Senate Bill 5127 and \$351,000 from the Department of Ecology Statewide Stormwater Grant Program as set forth in ESB 6074, 62<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session. These funds will be used to help finance the \$12.9 million dollar second phase of the Downtown Mount Vernon Flood Protection and Revitalization Project.

The Phase II project includes a permanent floodwall, a 24-foot wide pedestrian riverwalk and a 30,000 square foot River Park Plaza. The project will begin where the first phase ended, at the Division Street Bridge and terminate just south of Kincaid Street. This phase will protect the lowest segment in the existing levee system and essentially eliminate the need for massive flood fight efforts every 3-5 years in our historic downtown while providing our public with a revitalized riverfront.

Mayor Boudreau said “We are now closer than ever to actually completing this much needed flood control project that will help save property and revitalize our historic downtown area. I want to especially thank Governor Gregoire, our local legislators and especially Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, Chair of the Senate Transportation Commission, for all the hard work to secure this much needed funding.”

You can view pictures of the project at [http://www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us/downtown\\_and\\_waterfront\\_area\\_master\\_plan](http://www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us/downtown_and_waterfront_area_master_plan)

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