



MANIFEST

*"Working cooperatively,
towards a better community."*

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Welcome!

To the inaugural issue of the *Manifest*—a community newsletter written by Port staff for residents of the Port of Longview district.

Each issue of the *Manifest* will feature the latest news about Port projects, events and people.

Manifest issues are available in the "News" section of the Port's new website.

New Website Launched

The Port has launched a new website! It is the best place to go for comprehensive information about the Port of Longview. A variety of often requested information such as ship schedules, staff information and project updates is available. Be sure to bookmark it and check back often.

***Bookmark the Port's new
website address...
www.portoflongview.com***

Port Commissioners will get their first look at the new website on April 15, 2003 when it is officially presented to them at their regular Commission Meeting.

More information about the Commissioners can be found in the "About the Port" section of the website.

Your Port Commission

The Port of Longview is governed by three locally elected Commissioners, directly responsible to the voters for Port operations.



Larry Larson J. Walter Barham Daniel J. Buell

They are Larry Larson, Daniel J. Buell and J. Walter Barham. If you live in Longview, Kelso, Castle Rock or Toutle Washington, they represent you!

Your Port

The Port of Longview is a municipal corporation of the state classified as a special purpose district. Its function is to build and operate facilities to foster trade and economic development.

The Port was officially established in 1921 when local citizens voted to create a port to serve the local timber industry. The first dock was a 1,000 foot wooden structure built to serve ocean going freighters carrying logs and lumber from the Long-Bell Lumber Company.

Today the Port constructs docks, roads, rail lines and

buildings designed to increase marine activity and encourage new family-wage employers to locate their business on Port property.

Industrial Rail Corridor

The single largest project ever undertaken by the Port is due to be completed in 2003.

The Industrial Rail Corridor is the Port's new rail line that branches off from the main Burlington Northern/Santa Fe and Union Pacific rail lines. It will serve the Port's marine facilities and industrial property, providing for efficient movement of 100-car unit trains, improving safety and reducing congestion.

The first phase of the project was construction of a grade separation at Fibre way, which was completed and dedicated in March 2002. The grade separation consists of a vehicular overpass at Fibre Way that separates rail traffic from vehicular traffic traveling to and from the Longview Fibre Company.



Industrial Rail Corridor

Why is the Rail Corridor Important?

The rail corridor is a valuable transportation asset that is expected to enhance the marketability of the Port's 300 acres of industrial property purchased in the 1990's from International Paper Company. The property purchase is part of an ongoing Port strategy to diversify operations from the traditional timber industry into new types of cargos and industrial customers.



Filling in a log pond for the Industrial Rail Corridor.

With completion of the rail corridor this property will be "shovel ready" for new industrial customers. The property has access to the deep-draft Columbia River shipping channel and the Port's marine facilities, creating an efficient cargo import/export system that can benefit many types of new business.

The Port has incorporated a bit of local history into the project as well.

Chunks of concrete that once



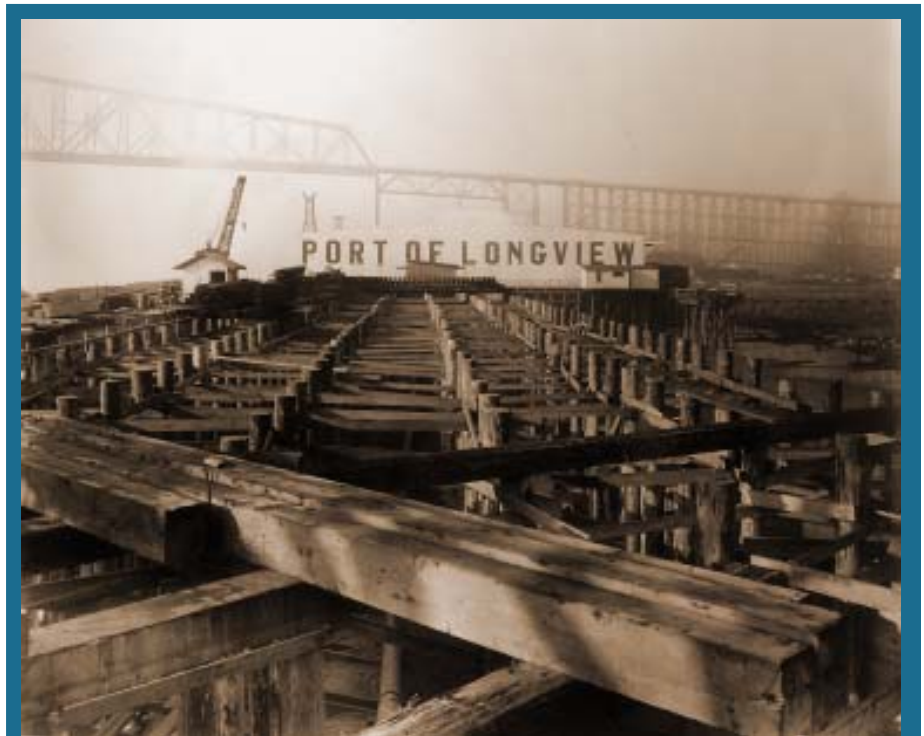
Concrete chunks from International Paper Company's building foundations

formed the foundation under International Paper Company's log drying sheds are being crushed and used as subgrade under the rail lines. International Paper Company acquired the Long-Bell Lumber Company in the 1950's.

Use of the existing concrete is economical and removing it from the industrial property helps clean up the site for future customers.

Some History

The timber industry has been a part of life and lifestyle in Southwest Washington since Longview was founded.



The timber industry played a vital role at the Port of Longview in its earliest days.

In the 1920's millionaire lumberman Robert A. Long saw promise in the abundant timber of this area. He built the world's largest sawmill, the Long-Bell Lumber Company, on Columbia River front property now owned by

the Port of Longview.

Mr. Long's builders and planners established the City of Longview and named it after him as a tribute to his vision. Today, the groundwork laid by these business leaders has become the foundation for economic growth and diversification.

In the 1950's International Paper Company acquired Long-Bell Lumber Company and continued the tradition of timber related growth. Today, many street names remind us of this era such as International Way, Paper Way and Panel Way.

In the 1990's the Port acquired the International Paper Company property and began developing it for

the future, carrying on the tradition of economic diversification begun by Longview's founder, Robert A. Long.

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