

Howard Point

Thurston County - New Name

Township: 18N

Range: 2W

Section: 11

USGS Quad: Tumwater

Location Description: Cape; 1.2 acres; in the City of Olympia on the E side of East Bay, 1.2 mi. SE of Priest Point.

Proposal Summary: Howard Point: cape; 1.2 acres; in the City of Olympia on the E side of East Bay, 1.2 mi. SE of Priest Point; named for Alexander (1810?-1890) and Rebecca (1827-1881) Howard, African-American pioneers and business owners whose home was located near the cape in the 1860s and 1870s; Sec 11, T18N, R2W, Willamette Meridian; Thurston County, Washington; 47°03'20"N, 122°53'39"W; USGS map – Tumwater 1:24,000.

This proposal is to make official the name Howard Point for a cape on the east shore of East Bay in the City of Olympia in Thurston County. The name would commemorate Alexander (1810-1890) and Rebecca (1827-1881) Howard who, according to the proponent, lived near the cape. By 1859, the Howards had moved to Olympia from Massachusetts. By the fall of that year, they began to operate the Pacific Restaurant (formerly the Pacific House), a prominent hotel in Olympia.

The Howards were successful business owners, invested in the development of Olympia, and donated money to fund the first railroad to the city. According to a pamphlet titled "Olympia Area Black Pioneers," published in 2013, "The Howards retired to a small farm on Olympia's east side after accumulating a modest fortune from business investments." They are buried in the Masonic Cemetery about three miles south of the cape proposed to be officially named Howard Point.

The name Howard Point is used for the cape on the Whitham and Page's 1890 Map of Olympia and Surroundings and was also mentioned in a 1906 article in the Washington Standard.

Proponent:

Edward Echtele

4822 N 8th Street

Tacoma, WA 98406

Proposal Received: 2/20/2018

Initial Consideration: 6/20/2018

Final Consideration: 12/7/2018

WA Committee Decision: Approved

WA Board Decision:

US Board Decision:

Opinions:

Contacted for Opinion:

Thurston County Commissioners

City of Olympia

Olympia Historical Society

WA State Historical Society

NOAA

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Puyallup Tribe

Squaxin Island Tribe

Opinions Received IN FAVOR:

East Bay Drive Neighborhood Association

Olympia Historical Society

Olympia Tumwater Foundation

Northwest Institute for Leadership and Change

Jennifer Crooks - Local Citizen

Drew Cooks - Local Historian

Carol Thomas - Local Citizen

Harry Thomas - Local Citizen

Richard Ditlevson - Local Citizen

Esther Mumford - Local Researcher and Writer

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

PROPOSE NEW OR CHANGE NAME

Name Proposal ID:

9375

Date Created:

14-FEB-18

Date Submitted:

14-FEB-18

Proposed Name:

Howard Point

Action Requested:

Name an unnamed feature

Existing Name:

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Unnamed Evidence:

Does not appear in GNIS Database, on current USGS Maps or NOAA Charts

Locally Used:

No

Locally Used Years:

-

Local Conflict:

No

Local Conflict Detail:

-

Additional Details:

-

FEATURE INFORMATION

GNIS Feature ID:

-

Feature class:

DON'T KNOW

Descriptive information:

A small point of land on the east shore of the East Bay Channel of Budd Inlet, within the city of Olympia, Thurston County, Washington State.

Meaning or significance:

Named for the pioneer Alexander and Rebecca Howard family whose home was located here in the 1860s and 1870s. The name was in local use in the 19th century. The Howards were prominent business people and one of the earliest African American families to settle in Washington Territory.

Commemorative:

Yes

Biographical information:

Rebecca Groundage Howard (1827-1881) and Alexander Howard (1810-1890) were free Black citizens who relocated to Olympia from Massachusetts in the 1850s. The Howards conducted a restaurant and hotel in Olympia Washington in the late 1950s through the 1860s. They also invested in property in Olympia and were strong advocates for the city's development. In the 1870s they donated a significant amount of money to help fund the first railroad in Olympia.

Supporting materials:

Yes

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Filename	Comments
Mural.jpg	Mural in Olympia near the site of the Howard's Hotel.
Olympia Area Black Pioneers.pdf	City of Olympia Historical Brochure: Olympia area Black Pioneers- see section "Pacific House Hotel"
1906-2-2 WA Standard.JPG	1906 Washington Standard newspaper article showing the name "Howard Point" in local use.
Crooks - Rebecca Howard.pdf	Article by Jennifer Crooks re: the Howards.
1890 Map of Olympia - Howard Point.JPG	1890 Whitham's real estate map of Olympia, detail view.
1889-7-12 WA Standard.JPG	Washington Standard Newspaper, 12 July 1889 showing Howards lived at the site.
1861-1-17 Puget Sound Herald.JPG	1861 news article lauding Mrs Howard's hotel and restaurant.
1863-10-10 SF Pacific Appeal - Pacific House.JPG	1863 advertisement for the Howard's Pacific House Hotel and Restaurant.
1874-3-19 PS Dispatch.JPG	1874 article showing the Howards' support for a railroad to Olympia.

STATES AND COUNTIES

State Name	County Name
Washington	Thurston

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec	Long Deg	Min	Sec	Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Other	Google Maps	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.055546	-122.894300	-

ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
City	-	Olympia

MAPS AND DOCUMENTS WITH NAME

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Map	Whitham and Page's map of Olympia and surroundings, 1890. Held by the Washington State Digital Archives	1890

OTHER (VARIANT) NAMES AND THEIR SOURCE

No information entered

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DGNP Guest

Comments

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October 25, 2018

Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary
Washington Committee on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
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RE: Howard Point, Thurston County

Dear Mr. Maki:

This letter is in support of a request to name Howard Point within the City of Olympia. Rebecca Howard was a noteworthy early resident of the area, and as one of the very few African American businesspeople in Olympia in the mid-1800s, certainly deserves to serve as an eponym for the designated point of land.

Please share this letter of support with your committee members. Your approval of this proposal will honor Rebecca Howard and her contributions to our state's history.

Thank you.

Karen L. Johnson, Curator
Schmidt House

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November 26, 2018

Caleb Maki

Executive Secretary: WA Committee on Geographic Names

PO Box 47030

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Dear Mr. Maki,

I am writing in support of the proposal to officially name "Howard Point" in Olympia after the Howard family. I was very excited to hear that this was under consideration when I heard it proposed at the CONGA conference in Tacoma earlier this year.

This is a long overdue honor to Rebecca and Alexander Howard, two of Olympia's foremost African American pioneers. I wrote the chapter written about Rebecca Howard in *Olympia, Washington: A People's History* that is referenced in the proposal.

I am also pleased that the name will honor the entire Howard family, both Rebecca and Alexander. Too often Alexander has been left out of historical memory and scholarship. The Howards accomplished much despite a culture of racism and sexism and naming a geographic feature after them is a well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Crooks

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October 23, 2018

Washington Committee on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

Dear Committee:

The Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum endorses the proposal for Howard Point which is on the agenda for the December 7, 2018 Meeting of the Committee.

The documentation provided by Ed Echtle illustrates the historic connections of the name and also the importance of the Howard family to Olympia history. The name on the early maps was a tangible reminder of their role in area development and commerce. Restoring the name on maps will be another way to commemorate that heritage.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope that the Howard name for this geographic feature will provide an impetus for further interpretation of the family's history as well as bring attention to the diversity of Olympia's past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Battan".

Shirley Battan, President
Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum
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CHELAN~DOUGLAS



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August 16, 2018

Washington State Board on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
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Dear Members of the Washington State Board on Geographic Names,

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) supports the proposed name change of Squaw Saddle (Chelan County) to Saddle Rock. We refer to "Squaw Saddle" as Saddle Rock in all of our publications and urge the official name change by your board. This very prominent geographic feature is commonly known by all in the greater Wenatchee area and across North Central Washington as Saddle Rock.

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust conserves, cares for, and delivers public access to the lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington. We work with local organizations, businesses, and individuals to protect what we all hold dear: beautiful natural areas, a strong economy, clean air and water, abundant wildlife, and the freedom to enjoy it all. We started in 1985 as a volunteer organization made up of Wenatchee Valley residents with a vision of a healthy and prosperous future for Chelan and Douglas Counties. Since then we've grown to over 2,500 members committed to preserving our natural areas. CDLT's successful Foothills Campaign concluded in December, 2013, raising \$8.67 million from more than 600 donors. The funds raised by the campaign allowed for the purchase and provision of on-going stewardship of the Saddle Rock Natural Area and other key properties in the Foothills.

The City of Wenatchee acquired the 325-acre Saddle Rock Natural Area (SRNA) from the Department of Natural Resources in 2011 with a grant from the State Recreation Conservation Funding Board, and with private funds raised by CDLT. The Land Trust owns nearby lands, holds conservation easements on adjacent properties, and manages the trail system at Saddle Rock and across the Wenatchee Foothills. CDLT provided matching funds for the City's Saddle Rock Gateway Project, funded by a State Recreation Conservation Office grant to build a permanent trailhead, parking lot, covered shelters, and an outdoor classroom, completed in 2017. Colville tribal elder, Wendell George, presented a blessing during the Saddle Rock Gateway dedication celebration on June 29, 2017.

Thank you for considering this proposed name change, and for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Curt Soper, Executive Director

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MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: Steilacoom Tribe <steilacoomtribe@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 3:39 PM
To: MAKI, CALEB (DNR)
Subject: Re: Geographic Name Proposal Opinion Request

Caleb,

Your message was received and appreciated. The Steilacoom Tribe does place a level of importance in the geographic names in the State of Washington. We do not have a historical reference to this geographic location. Therefore, no opinion in favor or against is issued on behalf of the Steilacoom Tribe.

Danny Marshall, Anthropologist
Tribal Chair, Steilacoom Indian Tribal Council

From: MAKI, CALEB (DNR) <CALEB.MAKI@dnr.wa.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:16 PM
To: culture@cowlitz.org; brandon.reynon@puyalluptribe.com; steilacoomtribe@msn.com
Subject: Geographic Name Proposal Opinion Request

The Washington State Committee on Geographic Names has received a request to make an official name change for a geographic feature located in Washington State. Because Commissioner Franz recognizes that tribes have an integral and interdependent relationship with natural areas, we invite your participation in reviewing this request.

In summary, the proponent would like to name "Howard Point" in honor of Alexander (1810?-1890) and Rebecca (1827-1881) Howard, African-American pioneers and business owners whose home was located near the cape in the 1860s and 1870s

The WA State Committee on Geographic Names will be hearing this proposal on **December 7, 2018**. You may respond to this email with your official opinion, or fill out and return the attached opinion form.

For more detailed information regarding this name issue, please visit the committee's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/board-natural-resources/committee-geographic-names>

I have also attached the proposal to this email for your review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Iyall, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, mikenjoan@comcast.net, (360) 456-8720 or myself (contact information below). If your office is not the correct one to contact on this issue, I would appreciate it if you would let me know, and if possible, forward this to the appropriate office.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Caleb A. Maki
Photogrammetrist 3 – Engineering Division
Executive Secretary – Washington State Committee on Geographic Names
Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
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November 25, 2018

Caleb Maki

Executive Secretary: WA Committee on Geographic Names

PO Box 47030

Olympia, WA 98504-7030

Dear Mr. Maki,

As a local historian interested in the history of Olympia, I strongly support making "Howard Point" the official name for a small point on the eastern shore of Budd Inlet in Thurston County, Washington. Rebecca and Alexander Howard contributed much to the development of Olympia in the nineteenth century. Their achievements are even more remarkable if you consider the often racist environment they lived in. The couple deserves recognition. Because of the Howards historical connection to the point, it makes sense to name the geographical feature after them.

Sincerely,



Drew Crooks

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WASHINGTON STATE COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

P.O.Box 47030, Olympia WA 98504-7030

Fax (360) 902-1778

Please comment on the following name proposal. Attached you'll find the information regarding this proposed name that will assist you in your comments. If needed, attach additional sheets or information. *Note: The proposed name is not yet official and should not be published on any official documents.*

Proposed Name: Howard Point

County: Thurston County

I'm in favor of this proposal I oppose this proposal I have no objection to proposal

Comments, Please explain: _____

I support the proposal to officially name "Howard's Point". I have just begun to delve into the history of Olympia as it relates to the contribution of the Howard family to the growth and success of the downtown area. For quite a long time I have looked at the mural on the building next to the parking lot that served as the site of the "hotel" and wondered about it. As the downtown continues to develop, who knows how long that building will stand? If this naming proposal is successful I hope a proper display will be install in a place visible to the pedestrians who constantly walk past near the actual cape.

Please sign and return the completed comment sheet to the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names

Carol D. Thomas
Signature

Carol Ditlevson Thomas
Printed Name

11/28/2018
Date

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Email

() 206-219-7374
Telephone Number

Representing:

It is important to make copies and keep originals of referenced material, historical documentation, articles, and other information relating to the above names.

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I write in support of the proposal to name "Howard Point". I believe it is a fitting way to recognize and document the contribution made to the Olympia community by this generous family. The historical records note that both Alexander and Rebecca earned the respect and gratitude of their neighbors over a number of years despite the undercurrent of racism and bigotry they made their lives very difficult.

Please sign and return the completed comment sheet to the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names



Signature

Harry Thomas

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Comments, Please explain: _____

My wife and I live on or near the property once owned by the Howards and we support the proposal to name Howard Point.

We were totally unaware of the Howards or their significance in early Olympia history. We are fascinated by the fact that their home was located where ours now is. We think it is entirely fitting and appropriate to recognize these significant people and their significant contribution to our community by naming the point in their honor.

Please sign and return the completed comment sheet to the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names



Signature

Richard L. Ditlevson

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November 26, 2018

Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary
Washington Committee on Geographic Names
P O Box 47030
Olympia, Washington 98504-7030

Dear Chair Maki:

I am writing in support of the naming of the point of land on the east shore of the East Bay Channel of Budd Inlet after Alexander and Rebecca Groundage Howard, prominent African American pioneers. I am a researcher and writer who became familiar with the Howards more than thirty years ago. As the years have passed and I continue to acquire more information about them, I have come to appreciate their significance to the history, culture and economy of Olympia during the territorial period.

The Howards are two examples of early settlers who were well known to their contemporaries, but awareness of their presence and contributions has disappeared from common knowledge.

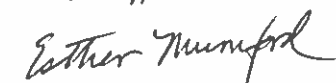
Because of their civic and business activities the location of their home site has significance both locally and statewide. During their lifetimes at the nominated site their neighbors and townspeople were readily familiar with them and their agricultural successes which ranged from bountiful crops, samples of which were exhibited at Thurston County fairs, to Mrs. Howard's sale of dried vegetables to San Francisco markets processed on a newly-invented produce drier in which she was partial investor.

Practically everyone in town knew of their hosting of territorial legislators and national officials including President Rutherford B. Hayes, the first sitting president to visit Washington Territory, at their Pacific House Hotel. Visiting clergy at the St. John's Episcopal Church found lodging with the Howards, parishioners whose generous monetary donations, and near-famous ice cream for the church's Ladies' Society fundraisers, were much appreciated.

Like other residents of similar circumstances during the Civil War, they paid a luxury tax for valuables, in their case, for Mrs. Howard's watch. She was counted among the supporters of the campaign for women's suffrage. When the proposal for a railroad to Olympia was introduced the Howards joined the effort without hesitation, donating land for a railroad right of way. They also purchased goods and services from local vendors and employed local people at the hotel.

Though a small site, formal designation of Howard Point has the potential to inspire African American children and people of all races to further their awareness of the contributions of the Howards and people of all races to the growth and development of our state. Such recognition is an important step towards a lasting connection to this couple and a more representative history of Washington State.

Yours truly,


Esther Mumford

Cc: City of Olympia Historic Preservation Office

Northwest Institute for Leadership & Change

November 26, 2018

Washington State Committee on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

RE: Howard Point Naming Project

Dear Committee Members;

On behalf of the Northwest Institute for Leadership and Change (NWILC), we enthusiastically endorse and lend our support to the efforts of Mr. Ed Echtle in the naming of Howard Point in Olympia. The NWILC is actively working and committed to researching, identifying, and documenting the Black History of the greater Thurston County area. Black pioneers who occupied the area of Olympia being sought to be named Howard Point are a significant part of this history. As an historian, I have been engaged with local historical societies and other historians in documenting and interpreting the lives and contributions of Olympia-area Black pioneers. We are currently working on the Thurston County African American Oral History Project for the years 1950-1975.

This small parcel of land on the eastern shore of Budd Inlet was the residence of the Howard Family, significant contributors to the social and economic fiber of Olympia during the mid-1800s. Formally naming this small parcel Howard Point would add significantly to the historic landmarks that represent Black pioneers and their contributions to the settlement of Olympia.

We encourage you to approve this proposal and recommend inclusion to the US Board of Geographic Names. Thank you for your serious consideration and support of this request.

Most sincerely,

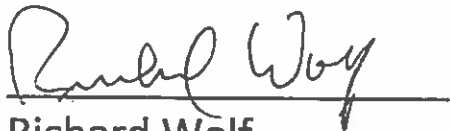
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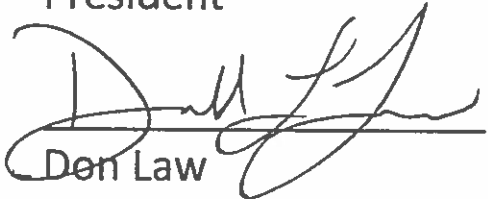
RESOLUTION

December 5, 2018

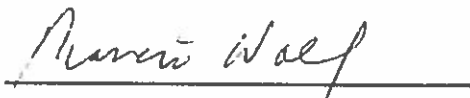
In a meeting called by President Richard Wolf, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Drive Neighborhood Association fully endorsed the proposal made by Edward Echte to make official the name Howard Point for the small cape entirely within the bounds of our neighborhood.



Richard Wolf
President



Don Law
Vice President



Marcia Wolf, Secretary



Marc Webster
Treasurer



Kelli Morgan



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November 26, 2018

Edward Echtle
4822 N 8th Street
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Dear Edward Echtle,

Your proposal to name **Howard Point** is scheduled for its final hearing before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on **12/7/2018** in Olympia.

Proposed names may receive two or more hearings before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names. Meetings are usually held twice a year. At the first meeting, the Committee decides whether or not to consider the name, and at the second, the Committee makes a decision to approve, deny, or defer the proposed name.

In the intervening months, the Committee staff solicits opinions and comments from historical societies, county officials, federal agencies, mountaineering clubs, and any other group or person who can provide information or an informed opinion on the proposal. The Committee uses this information to make a decision according to guidelines previously established by the Committee.

If there is additional pertinent information (names and addresses of longtime residents, property owners adjacent to the feature, or historical information to help us in our research) beyond what is provided in the Geographic Name Application, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

You are welcome to attend the hearing on your proposal, and will be given an opportunity to make a statement or provide information or clarification at that time. An agenda for the next Committee on Geographic Names meeting will be mailed to you prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or additional information to convey, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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December 7, 2018

Edward Echtle
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Dear Edward Echtle,

At the **December 7, 2018** meeting of the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names, the Committee voted to send your application to name **Howard Point** located in **Thurston County** to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.

All information on your proposal will be forwarded to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names for their consideration at a future meeting.

When the Board selects a date to hear your proposal, a letter will be sent to you informing you of the date and time your proposal will be heard.

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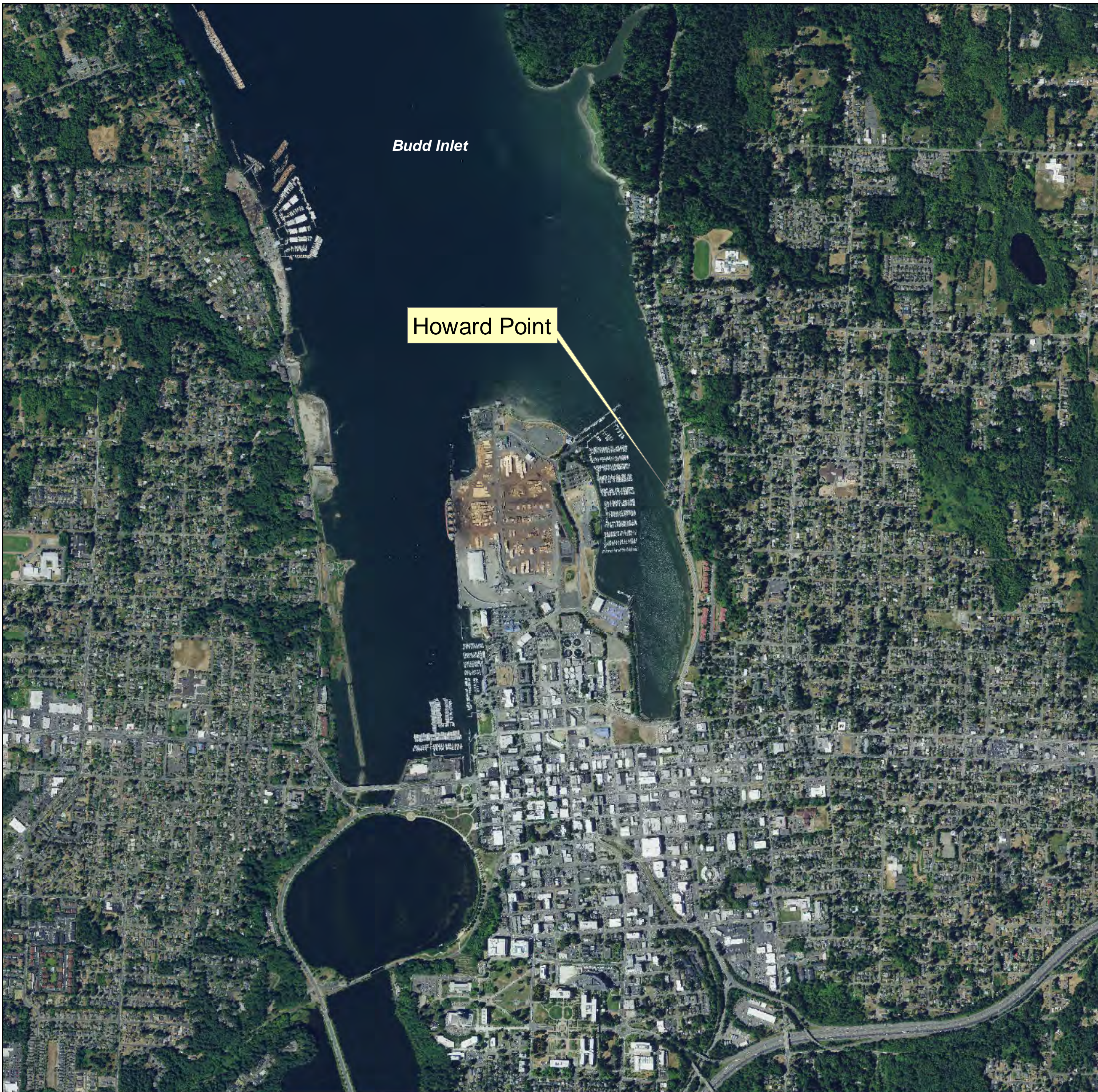
Thank you for your interest in geographic names.

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HOWARD POINT - THURSTON COUNTY



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