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Kevin Brown, King County Parks Director

- ◉ Welcome

Polly Davis, King County Facilitator

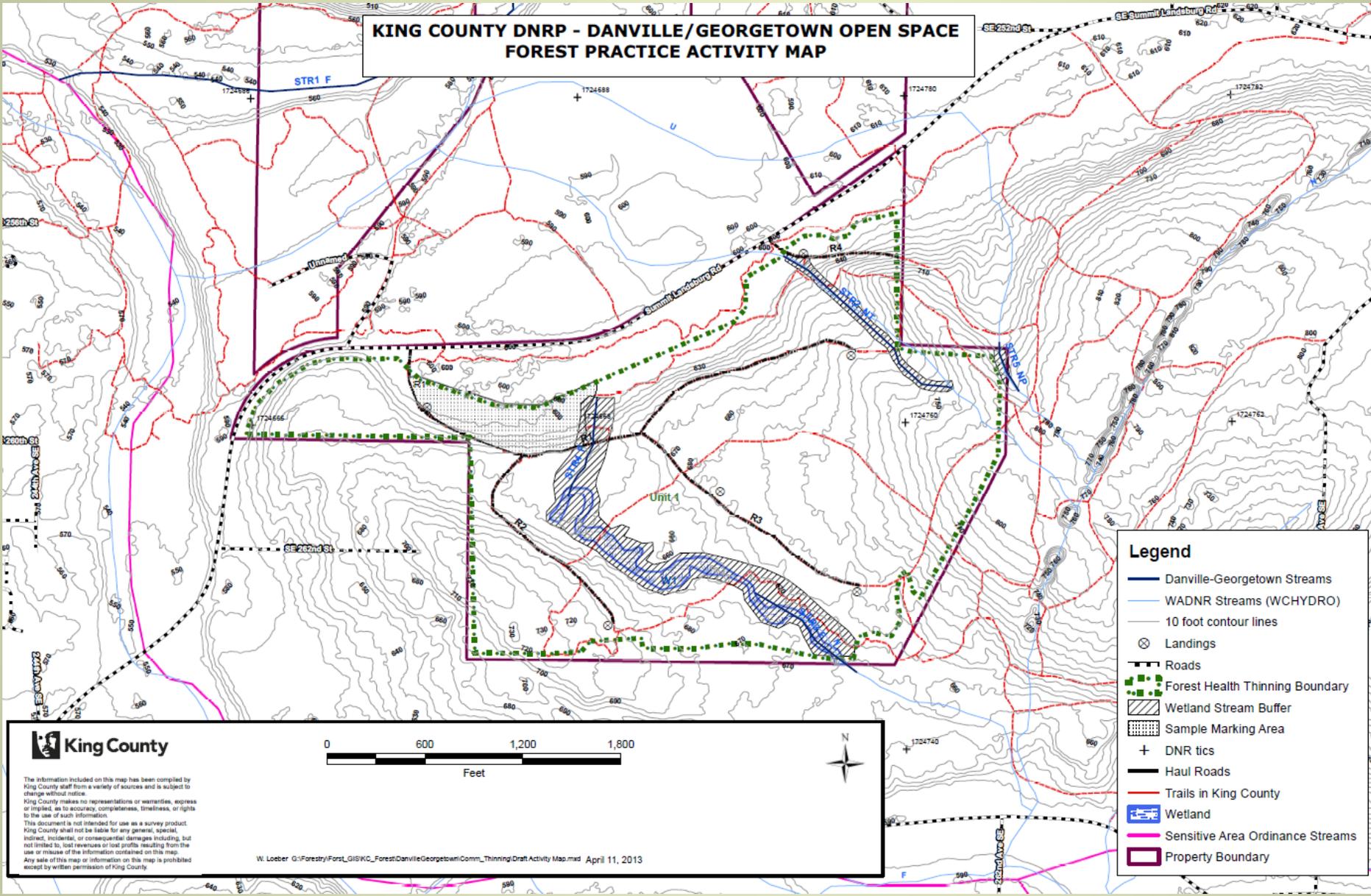
- ◉ Meeting logistics
- ◉ Review of agenda

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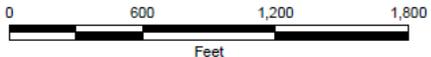
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- ◉ Meeting overview
- ◉ Forest stewardship updates
- ◉ Backcountry trails program
- ◉ Trails projects – Duane and Xavier
- ◉ Equestrian Ordinance – Connie Blumen
 - ◉ Black Diamond YSFG Proposal
 - ◉ Trail use proposals

KING COUNTY DNRP - DANVILLE/GEORGETOWN OPEN SPACE FOREST PRACTICE ACTIVITY MAP



- Legend**
- Danville-Georgetown Streams
 - WADNR Streams (WCHYDRO)
 - 10 foot contour lines
 - ⊗ Landings
 - Roads
 - - - Forest Health Thinning Boundary
 - ▨ Wetland Stream Buffer
 - ▨ Sample Marking Area
 - ⊕ DNR tics
 - Haul Roads
 - Trails in King County
 - ▭ Wetland
 - Sensitive Area Ordinance Streams
 - Property Boundary



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King County Parks' Backcountry Trails

Over 180 miles of shared use trails at 25 sites

Ongoing partnership with many trail groups

- ❖ WTA
- ❖ BCH
- ❖ EMBA
- ❖ MTSG
- ❖ EFFRA

King County Parks staff work jointly on trail improvement projects

Danville Georgetown

The Stewards



Danville Georgetown

Lone Wolf Reroute



Danville Georgetown Obstacle Course



Danville Georgetown Eagle Scout Kiosk & Hitching Rail



Henry's Ridge

The Stewards

ATTENTION TRAIL USERS

All trail construction is prohibited
without approval.

King County Parks is working
with volunteers from the Evergreen
Mountain Biking Alliance to develop
trails for hiking and biking here at
Maple Ridge Highlands Open Space park,
also known as "Henry's Ridge".

If you wish to volunteer to work on
the trails, please contact
Evergreen Mountain Biking Alliance
at trails@evergreenmtb.org and
King County Parks at 206-205-0601.
Thank you.

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Henry's Ridge

Beaver Tracks



Henry's Ridge Stinger Bridge



Henry's Ridge

Eagle Scout Projects



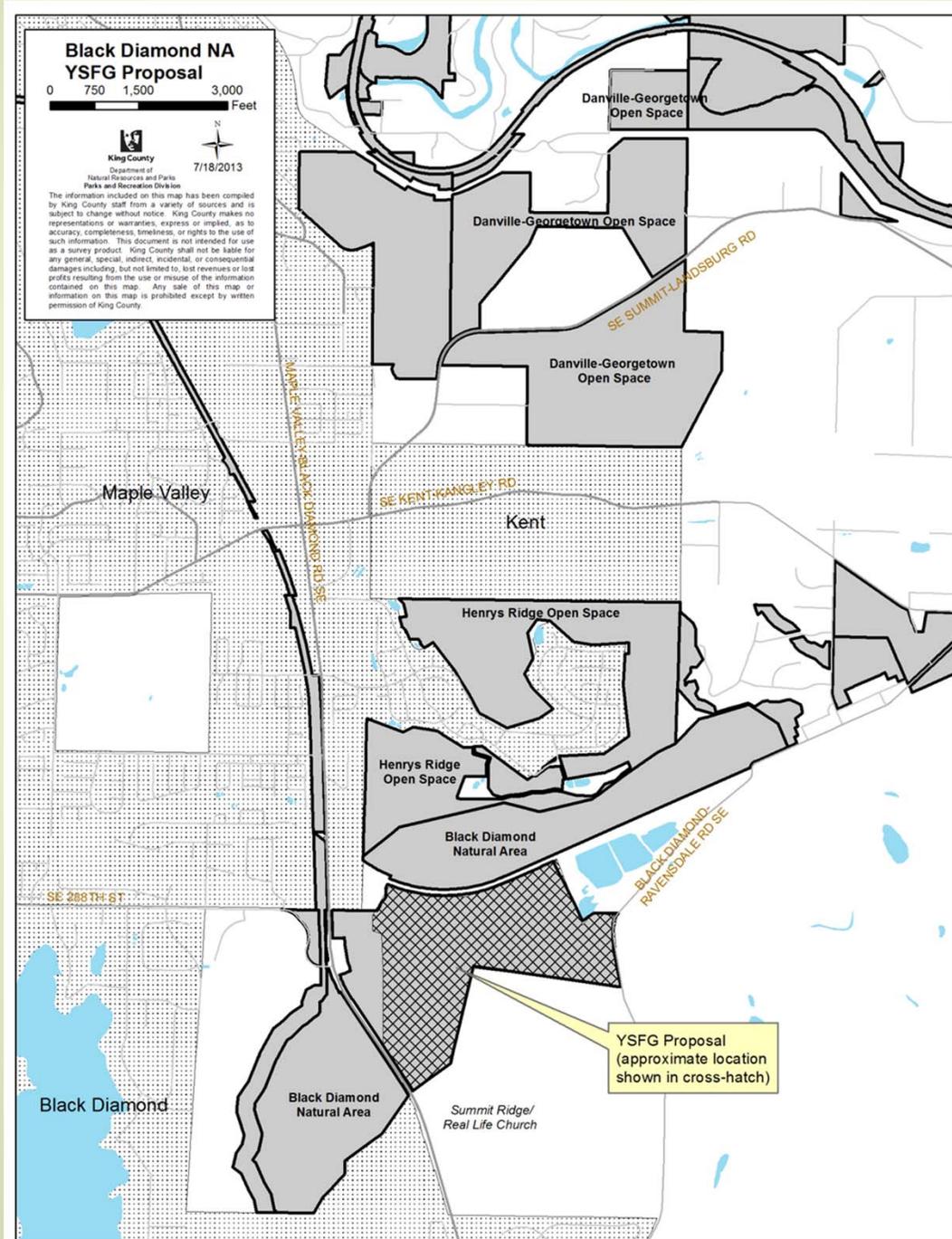
Equestrian Community Trails

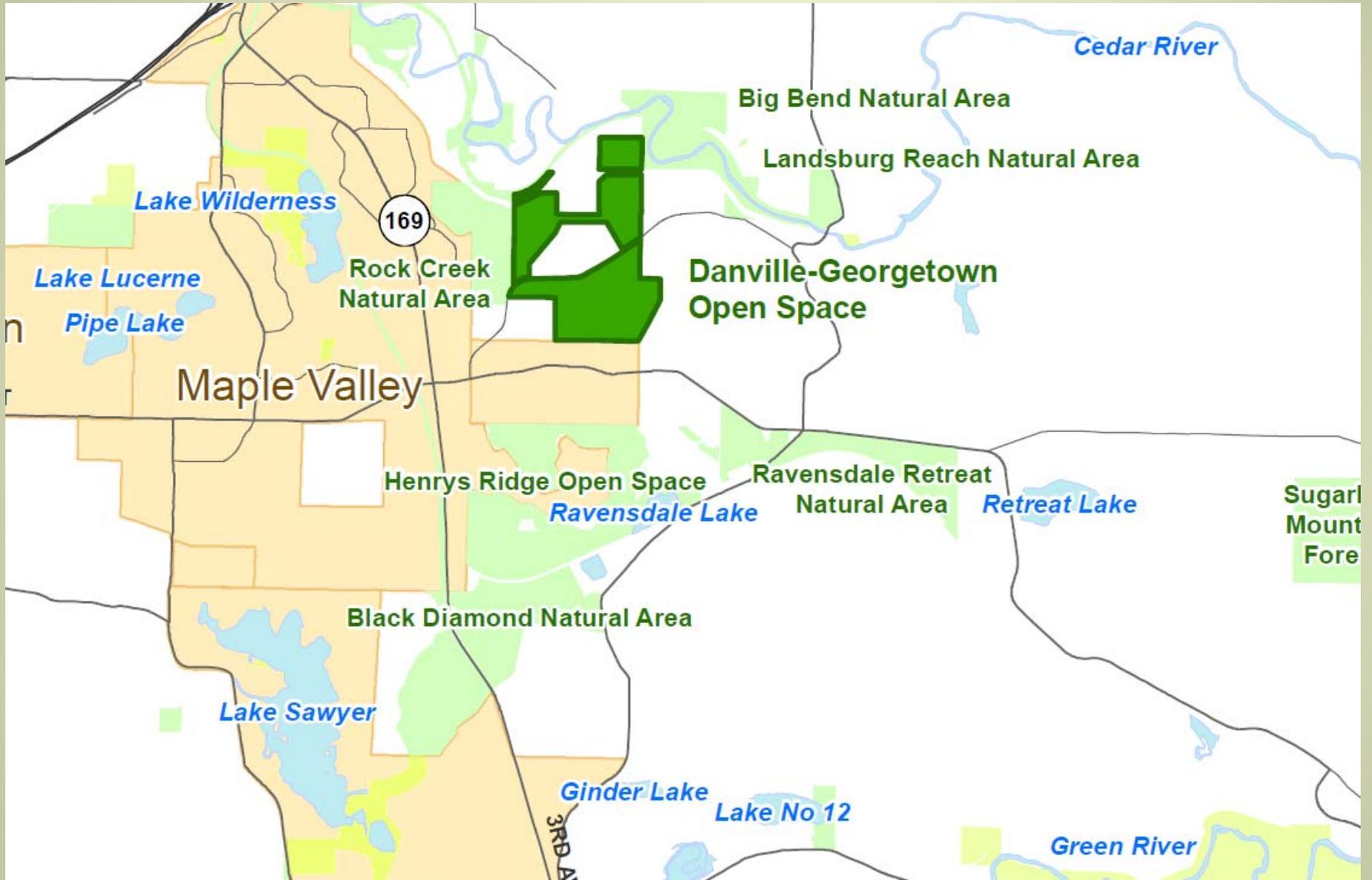
- ❖ First identified in November 2001
- ❖ Are defined as existing trails:
 - within the rural and resource areas
 - historically been used by the public for non-motorized use
- ❖ Trails provisions (in zoning code) outline ways to voluntarily donate easements
- ❖ King County Parks approves donations and monitors easements
- ❖ To date, about 3 miles have been conserved countywide.
- ❖ King County Parks working with equestrian groups to create better trail maps
- ❖ Goal is to preserve existing trails that provide connectivity

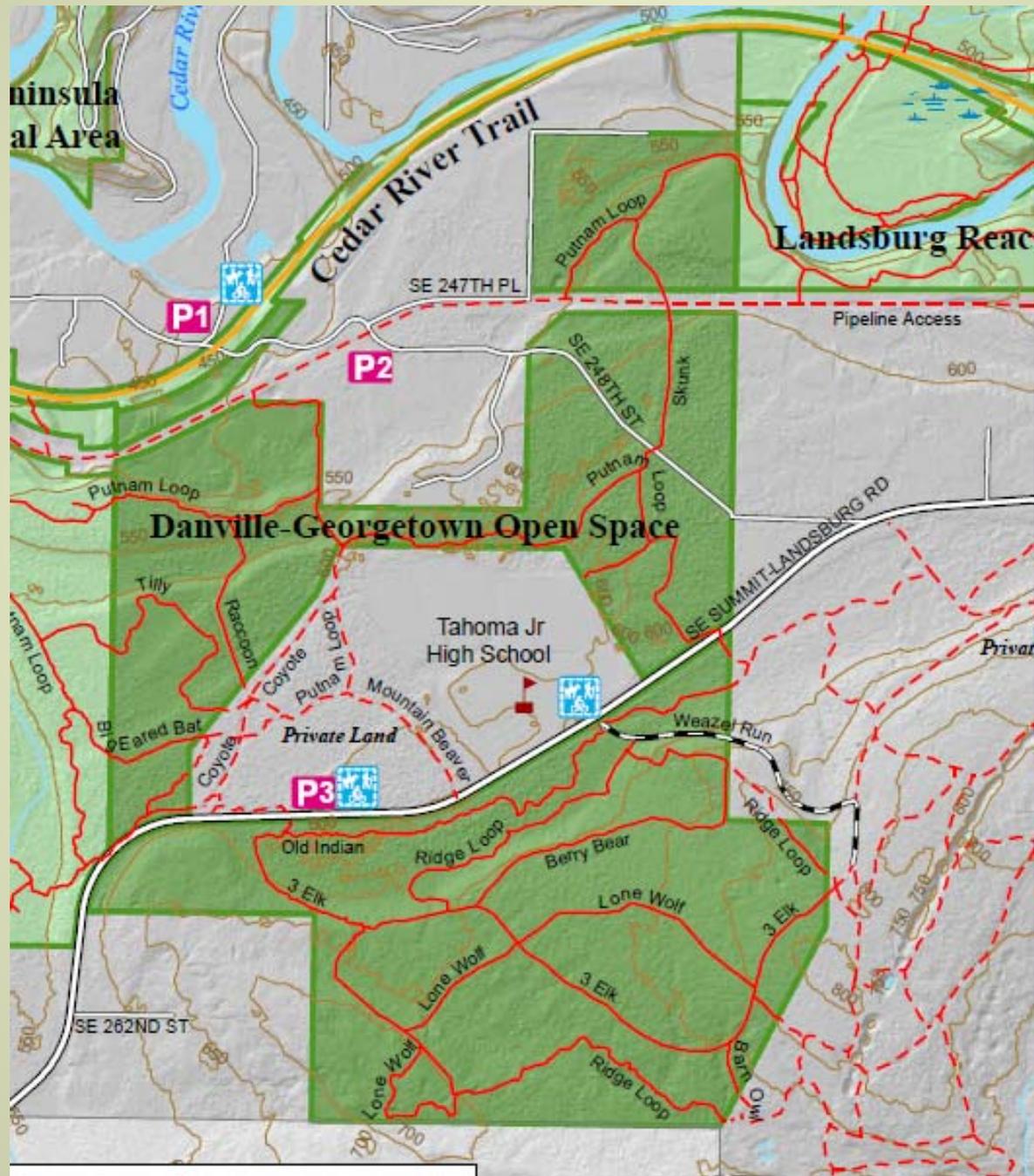
Black Diamond Natural Area

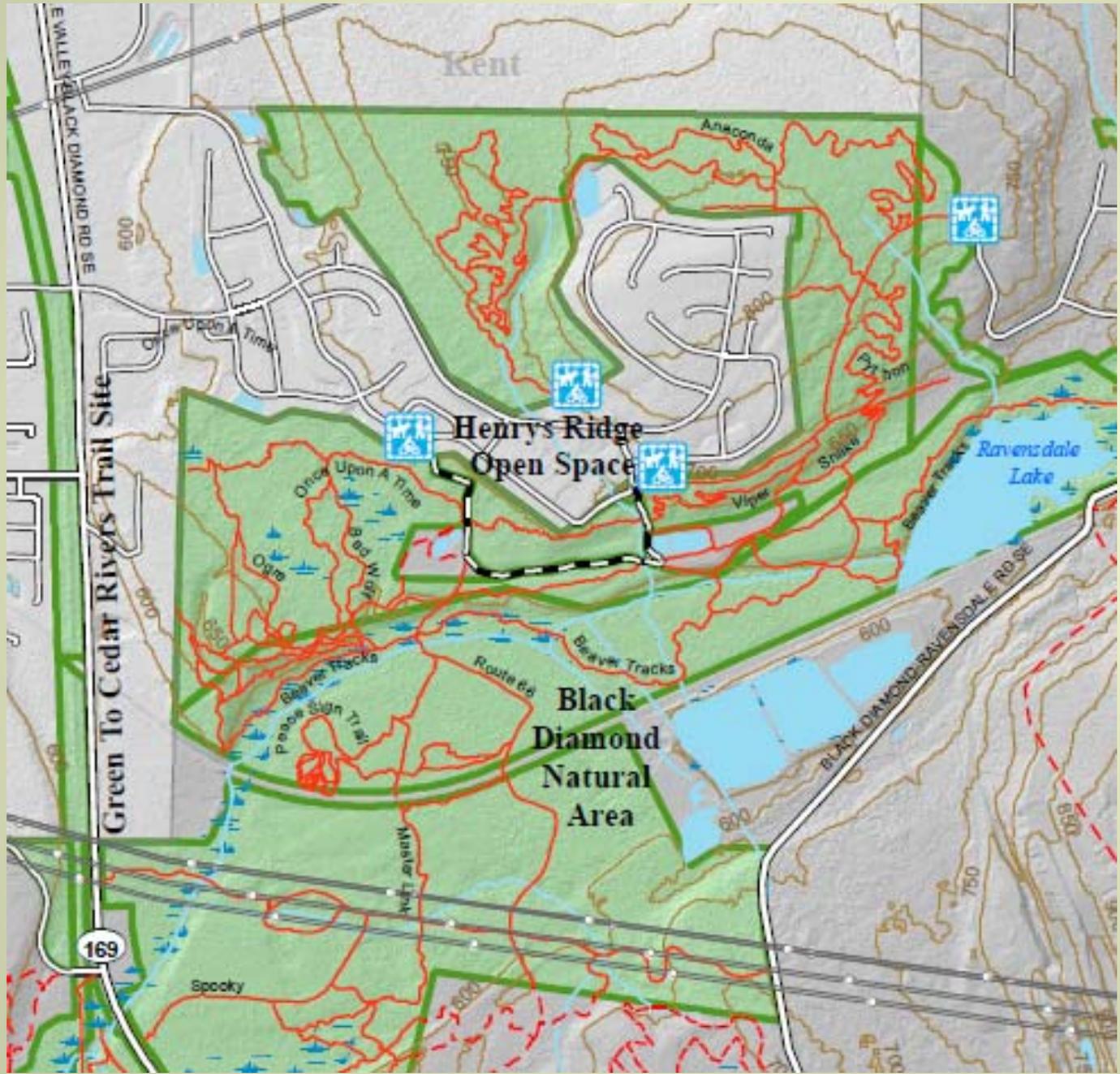
Youth Sports Facilities Grant (YSFG) Proposal from EMBA

“Develop beginner-friendly, youth and family oriented mountain bike trails in Black Diamond Natural Area that will complement the existing trails on adjoining properties.”









The respective forest stewardship plans for both Danville-Georgetown and Henry's Ridge will include trail use and stewardship recommendations.

King County would like public input on the following proposals regarding use of the trails by non-motorized users:

- ❖ hikers (including runners)
- ❖ mountain bikers
- ❖ equestrians

1. Trails at both sites will be open to all trail users with no restrictions.



2. Trails at both sites will be open to all users with no restrictions and with the following conditions:

Signage at trailheads would identify which trail group predominantly uses the site and performs the majority of stewardship for that site.

For example, signage would alert trail users that Danville-Georgetown is used and stewarded by the Backcountry Horsemen, and Henry's Ridge is used and stewarded by the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance.

The respective groups would work together to communicate to their respective members that any separation of use is voluntary.

3. Trails at both sites would be restricted to hiking and equestrian use only at Danville-Georgetown, and hiking and mountain bike use only at Henry's Ridge, with the following conditions:

At Danville-Georgetown, the area south of the Seattle pipeline would be dedicated as a horse trail training area.

The Tahoma Junior High School mountain bike club would be allowed to use the Danville-Georgetown trails on a weekly basis and under a King County special use permit.

A trail link between the pipeline and the school via the Skunk and Putnam trails would be open to mountain bikers.

4. Trails at both sites would be formally dedicated for specific uses with no exceptions.

Danville-Georgetown would be used exclusively by equestrians and hikers.

Henry's Ridge would be used exclusively by mountain bikers and hikers.

We are now ready to hear public comment and input.