

Maury Island Site
Planning Advisory Group Meeting Notes
September 12, 2012

Meeting was held on site, the following discussion occurred:

- **Site History/Overview**
 - **Pre-King County Ownership** (Amy Carey, Preserve our Islands)
 - Amy provided an overview of the mining proposal, community, key stakeholder efforts (Preserve our Island, Vashon Maury Island Land Trust) made to fight that proposal and an overview of the ecological and recreational value of the site that made conservation efforts so important. Note: More information is available
 - **County ownership—**(Connie Blumen King County Parks Natural Lands Manager)
 - Connie provided a brief history of purpose of acquisition, general management vision and planning process goals, including overview of Planning Advisory Group's purpose and function.

- **Current Site Management** (Scott Snyder, King County Parks District Maintenance Coordinator)
 - **Current Use of Site** (Scott and PAG members provided a summary of how they are using/seeing the site being used by the public)
 - **Feedback from site visitors/public** (Scott/Joe have heard lots of positive feedback, ORV users are not happy about park rules prohibiting that use)
 - **Trails** (Scott/Joe doing minimal but necessary maintenance due to restrictions on soil disturbance per pending Ecology Agreed Order)
 - **Rule Compliance/Use Conflicts** (Primary rule violators are dogs off leash, ORVs; experienced some illegal trail building and dumping, reports of shooting and fires on beach. Sheriff's Office (SO) does rule enforcement, these violations not a high response priority but Parks met with SO recently to provide maps of all sites on VMI to facilitate rule enforcement in priority problem areas)

- **Signage** (Scott reported vandalism of rules signs, esp. ones about no motorized vehicles, signs advising visitors about “Healthy Actions” related to limiting
- **Safety/Liability** (Scott described action his crew have taken to mow to create a fire break to address fire safety issues and grading down to resolve “drop off” slope issues>
- **Invasive Weeds** (Scott explained Parks is required to control “legally mandated to control” species and is trying to control spread of blackberries/scots broom on trails w/o disturbing soil)

- **Site Restoration/Reclamation** (Abel Eckhardt, VMI Land Trust)
 - Shoreline
 - Uplands

- **Soil Remediation/Cleanup** —(Connie)
 - Connie explained working with Ecology now on Agreed Order, legal ‘contract/agreement’ that dictates cleanup requirements; that will depend on Parks’ intended use of the site as outline in the Site Management Plan the PAG will be helping to develop.

- **Former Mining Operations Reclamation**—(Connie)
 - Connie explained general requirements that King County DDES will be requiring -these are different since vision is to manage as “park” so revegetation requirements are more flexible and resculpting/regrading will focus on controlling slides and erosion and addressing public safety issues)

- **Future Potential Recreation Amenities** (PAG members generally discussed initial ideas about the following):
 - **Trails**
 - **Parking**
 - **Picnic Shelter/Area**
 - **Restroom Facilities**
 - **Roads**
 - **Signage**

- **“Dock”**
 - Connie explained that WADNR/King County aquatic lease requires removal, State very committed to seeing creosote pilings removed. Have been some discussions about flexibility to keep some/all/portions of steel pilings per requests from some user groups (boaters/scuba divers)

- **Mining “Apparatus”:**
 - Connie explained that reclamation requires removal; DDES says some flexibility since proposed future use is park; concerns about safety issues if structures remain, however. Public comments rec’d to date indicate support from some to keep structures for historical/art purposes. very committed to seeing creosote pilings removed. Have been some discussions about flexibility to keep some/all/portions of steel pilings per requests from some user groups (boaters/scuba divers)

- **Proposed Subgroup Work--see additional handout (Connie/all)**
 - Connie shared a document that outlines the scope/content of a Site Management Guidelines (Plan) and suggested that there could be subgroups formed of the PAG to work on separate issues and bring draft recommendations back to the whole group.

- **Proposed Agenda for October 10th meeting—(Connie/whole group)**
 - PAG wants to begin focusing discussion on proposed recreation uses and amenities and restoration.