

October 28, 2009



The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District will be hosting two public meetings to discuss and develop a **Concept Plan for Ted Olson Nature Preserve**. The first meeting will cover existing conditions and opportunities for change. The second meeting will confirm and prioritize with drawings and narrative the discussed opportunities.

All are invited to attend and offer their views. We hope to see neighbors, nature enthusiasts, and both long-time and recent residents.

Dates: Meeting One: November 12, 2009
Meeting Two: December 10, 2009
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Activity Center at Camp Yeomalt - 900 Park Avenue NE at Yeomalt Point Drive

The meetings will focus on natural system protection and restoration, trails, and other uses. The outcome of the planning process will be a plan for phased physical improvements to the park.

The Park District's 2008–2014 Comp Plan, recent Capital Improvement Project public meetings, and various deed restrictions will all be presented and discussed in the development of the Concept Plan.

Following the first meeting, a site visit to review suggested changes and improvements is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of November 21/22. The date will be confirmed after the first public meeting.

The Nature Preserve is comprised of three properties: 1) The original 9.55 acre parcel fronting North Madison Avenue was donated to the District in 1973; 2) A second .86 acre parcel connecting the Preserve north to Winthers Road was subsequently secured; 3) A 4.89 acre parcel was recently transferred to the District with the assistance of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. The last parcel connects the original parcel east to Kallgren Road.

The three parcels, their beautiful woodland and wetlands, are a tremendous asset for the immediate community and the Island. Existing trails provide a peaceful respite and also connect the broader neighborhood.

A Concept Plan will be presented to the Park Board of Commissioners for their review and approval after the New Year.

We hope to see all of you there. Your attendance will make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kent Scott".

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