



# KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**LOCATION:** This is a Zoom meeting only due to a lack of functioning air conditioning in the Eagle’s Nest.

Zoom link will be posted on the [home page](#) of Kitsap County Parks website on the day of the meeting.  
The link is the bottom right-hand side under the heading: **Upcoming Parks Advisory Board Meeting.**

Pre-Meeting: Virtual meeting format, information, and instructions

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Adoption of the May 17, 2023 meeting minutes
- III. Public Comment (3-minute limit/person)
- IV. Special Presentations/Reports
  - a. Hawk’s Pond Connection – Property Acquisition *Alex Wisniewski*
- V. Parks Report
  - a. Director’s Report *Alex Wisniewski*
- VI. Sub Committee Reports
  - a. None
- VII. District Representative Reports
  - a. Old Business
  - b. New Business
- VIII. Adjournment

Sub Committee	Type	Focus Area	PAB Members	Parks Staff (may vary by topic)
Finance & Budget	Standing (per by laws)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating Budget</li> <li>• Funding Opportunities</li> </ul>	Linda Berry-Maraist Grady Martin Jon Pearson	Parks Director
Capital Projects & Parks	Standing (per by laws)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Projects Program</li> <li>• M&amp;O Program</li> </ul>	Larry Walker Nancy Whitaker Grady Martin Jon Pearson	Capital Projects Planner M&O Supervisor
Community Outreach & Visitor Services	Ad Hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events and Rentals Program</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Volunteer Program</li> <li>• Youth Engagement</li> </ul>	Nancy Whitaker Amy Lawrence Amy Smalley Lisa Hurt	Marketing & Events Supervisor Natural Resources Supervisor
Planning & Property	Ad Hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Program</li> <li>• Natural Resources Program</li> <li>• Land Acquisition &amp; Divestiture</li> <li>• Park Code</li> </ul>	Linda Berry-Maraist Amy Lawrence Joanne Clark Lisa Hurt	Parks Planner Natural Resources Supervisor

# KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

July 19, 2023

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by the Parks Advisory Board Chair, Joanne Clark. Guidelines of the hybrid Advisory Board Meeting were read.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES | ACTION:** *Larry Walker motioned to adopt May 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Jon Pearson second motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joseph Lubischer – Propose to define a percentage of Heritage Parks as wildlife refuge areas and include in the PROS Plan
- Marion Allen – Comments regarding Evergreen Mountain Bike usage of PGFHP. Email dated June 21, 2023 was included in the PAB Packet.
- John Willet – Proposed to support a Fire Station in Port Gamble.
- Carol Price - Supports previous comment to define a percentage of Heritage Parks as wildlife refuge areas. Ask if Parks staff positions have been advertised.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS-

- PROS Plan | Chris Overdoff from SCJ Alliance, presented an explanation of the process to update the PROS Plan. Also provided a review of the Public Engagement – Initial ‘Needs and Assessment’ survey and responses. Opened to PAB questions and discussion.
- Department Structure and Staffing | Alex Wisniewski presented information regarding proposed adjustments to the current staffing structure.

### DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Point No Point Park Beach Rehabilitation project update- Provided an overview of the process and project evolution. Parks is seeking permits for two maintenance projects to be completed in 2023 and improvement projects in 2024.
- Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park - Ride Park and Parking Lots | SDAP permit for the Stottlemeyer parking lot and trailhead was approved by DCD. Staff are working on the procurement process.
- Acknowledgement of the Maintenance and Operations staff hard work to prepare the Fairgrounds and facilities for the Kitsap County Fair in August.
- Shared photographs from the Day of Caring event, Parks All Staff meeting and Arno’s retirement celebration, Banix Dog Park signage and clean-up, and a new wheel ADA accessible trail at SKRP and more.

**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS** – No reports provided.

### DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

South Kitsap – no report

North Kitsap – PG Stewardship work party. Volunteer participation drops off during summer. 2024 proposed work projects due during summer. Concerns about vehicles driving into the PGFHP.

Central Kitsap – Newberry hill meeting on 7/20 and work party on 7/22

### OLD BUSINESS

- Hansville Greenway Land Trade – Cora Road parcel. Challenges due to zoning and land requirements.
- Tiny Homes at Clavinwood –Local non-profit’s interest in placing tiny homes at this location was redirected due to the remoteness. No other discussion.
- Olalla Boat Launch Kiosk approved. Parks staff and other involved parties are communicating for

future installation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Nancy Whitaker proposed that the PAB open discussion regarding the request for a Letter of Support for Port Gamble Fire Station. Linda Berry-Maraist provided information pertaining to the Environmental Impact Statement for Port Gamble re-development process which determined a fire station was not required.
- Nancy shared concerns regarding the proposed nature preservation requirements.

**ADJOURNMENT | ACTION:** *Jon Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Whitaker seconded the motion. Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM.*

**PARKS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE**

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC – In Person
Joanne Clark, Chair	Alex Wisniewski	Marion Allen
Lisa Hurt, Vice-Chair	Aaron Nix	Joseph Lubischer
Larry Walker	Alex Hardy	Suzanne Arkless
<b>Jon Pearson</b>	Sierra Kross	Barbara Banks
Nancy Whitaker	Chuck Cuzzetto	Ri Arkless
Linda Berry-Maraist	Aaron Bartleson	Allen Banks
Amy Smally	Brian Hauschel	
Amy Lawrence		

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Alex Wisniewski, Director

# Director's Report

**Date:** 8/16/2023  
**To:** Parks Advisory Board  
**From:** Alex Wisniewski, Parks Director

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## Administration Program

### **Conservation Futures Funding Request: Hawk's Ponds Connection**

In 2022 a 10-acre parcel adjacent to Hansville Greenway became available for sale. The parcel, referred to as Hawk's Ponds Connection, is undeveloped and contains woodlands, wetlands, and portions of streams and ponds. Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) has been leading a fundraising campaign to acquire the parcel with the purpose of donating it to Kitsap County Parks (GPC's campaign flyer is *Attachment C*). GPC has successfully raised \$116,250 toward the total project cost of \$232,500. To complete the purchase, GPC and the Hansville Greenway Association has requested the County to consider use of Conservation Futures funding.

## Capital Projects Program

### **Point No Point Park Beach Rehabilitation**

Parks has been working with the US Coast Guard to gain their review and agency's approval for the proposed repair and replenishment work at the park due to the winter storm damage from 2022. The US Coast Guard retains ownership over the park parcel that contains the lighthouse and other buildings, so their approval is paramount to submitting the required permits as they are a landowner to where the work will take place. It is anticipated that their review and approval will be had shortly, permit submission will follow.

### **Eagle's Nest Perimeter Deck Replacement**

The initial bid process for the deck replacement had an error, so a new public bid is needed. Parks is working with the County's procurement office to re-bid the project.

### **Island Lake Pier Rehabilitation**

Tikar Construction began mobilizing to Island Lake this week to rebuild the fishing pier, damaged by arson activity. Reconstruction of the pier is anticipated to be completed in early September.

### **Building Demolitions**

Past park acquisitions have included structures in various state of repair/disrepair. Currently, there are five structures that have been identified for demolition throughout the Kitsap County Parks system. In advance of publicly bidding the demolitions, staff is

seeking community interest to remove one of the buildings, the cabin at the fairgrounds (at no cost to the County) and, additionally, is exploring the viability of repurposing the building at Nick’s Lagoon. Parks has received some community interest about the fairgrounds cabin and will be communicating with these parties in the near future. While the department is entertaining these options, both may prove challenging as the fairgrounds cabin is structurally unsound and the Nick’s Lagoon parcels contain heavy development restrictions in their deed of right documentation. Nonetheless, Parks is doing its due diligence prior to moving forward with demolition.

**Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Ride Park and Parking Lots**

*Stottlemeyer Parking Lot and Trailhead (south end of park)*

- The SDAP permit for the Stottlemeyer parking lot and trailhead was approved by DCD. Parks is currently working to prepare the bid documents for the formal bid process to construct the parking lot. Public Works has graciously offered construction management assistance for this project, it is projected to be completed in 2023.

*Ride Park Parking Lot and Trailhead (north end of park)*

- Parks and Public Works are working together to ensure the designs for the parking lot, entrance road, and Sound To Olympics trail are all in alignment with each other. Parks and Public Works staff recently met to resurrect finalizing this engineering and design work; it had been delayed to unforeseen staff departures in both departments.

**Marketing and Events Program**

**RecDesk**

Parks Staff are actively processing event reservations for community buildings, picnic shelters, athletic fields, park events, and fairground events. Data on the number of reservations at each of the Parks Facilities is attached, *please see Attachment A.*

- Outward-facing events calendar: [Kitsap County Parks Event Calendar \(kitsapgov.com\)](https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks-events)
- Online reservations and payment portal: [Kitsap County Parks > Home \(recdesk.com\)](https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks)

**Kitsap Fair**

Parks Staff are actively supporting the Kitsap Fair and Stampede association with preparations for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kitsap Fair and Rodeo. The event runs August 23-27, and more information can be found at [Kitsap Fair | Kitsap Fair and Rodeo | United States.](https://www.kitsapfair.com)

**BoCC-Sponsored Events**

Resolution 065-2021, regarding the sponsorship of Martin Luther King Jr Day, Veterans Day, United Way Day of Caring, FARM Days, Toys for Tots, and Greater Kitsap Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Day at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and Events Center is set to expire at the end of 2023. Parks Staff are evaluating ways this current practice may be updated; Staff anticipates bringing these to the BoCC in October of 2023 for consideration.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Status</b>
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	Completed. The event was held on January 16, 2023
<i>Military Appreciation Day</i>	Completed. Event was held on March 11, 2023
<i>FARM Days</i>	Completed. Event was held on May 22-23, 2023



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<i>United Way Day of Caring</i>	This event has indicated they will not use the Fairgrounds facilities in 2023 as they have in past years.
<i>Veterans Day Ceremony</i>	Confirmed for November 11, 2023
<i>Toys for Tots</i>	Confirmed for December 4-19, 2023

## Maintenance & Operations Program

### Fairgrounds and Events Center

Staff have been working to complete tasks lists to prepare the grounds and facilities for the upcoming 100-year anniversary of the Kitsap County Fair. Work has included striping parking lots, power washing fencing, removal of hazard trees, reseeding of lawns, formalizing a gravel driveway to a storage building, fencing repairs, hedge trimming shrubs and pruning trees, plumbing repairs to barns, vegetation removal, spreading beauty bark woodchips, and general cleanup. Additionally, Kitsap Fair and Stampede Association acquired donated work to freshen up the barns with new paint, replace the barn doors on the sheep barn, and pour new concrete in front of the swine barn.

### Norwegian Point Park

Improvements to the boat house have been completed and staff have begun to use this for equipment storage.

### Square Lake Park

The pump at the well is no longer functioning, staff is seeking bids to replace it. The well is non-potable and supports irrigation in the day use area of the park only.

### Other County Properties

Parking lots have received new paint at the following parks: Veteran’s Memorial Park, Howe Farm, and South Kitsap Regional Park.

## Natural Resources Program

### Forest Stewardship Program

#### *Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park*

- Restorative thinning on the current 190-acre section of the park has been on-hold since July, the contractor is schedule to be back on-site mid-September. Completion of this area is projected to be completed in October. Trails are closed as required and generally open where and when possible, over the weekends to accommodate scheduled events and increased use. This unit is part of the 756 acres of timber rights the County acquired in 2022.

### Volunteer Program

#### *Work Parties*

- July Activity: 22 work parties (188 YTD)

Location	Work performed by volunteers and staff
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Anderson Landing Preserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail work/Brushing, sign installation</li> <li>• Hazardous trees removed</li> <li>• Damaged Boardwalk repair initiated</li> </ul>
Bandix Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail system mapping finalized</li> <li>• Native vegetation maintenance</li> <li>• Additional signs installed</li> </ul>
Banner Forest Heritage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetland trail decommissioning review</li> <li>• Trail work</li> </ul>
Buck Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General maintenance of Native plants garden (2 work parties)</li> </ul>
Calvinwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasive vegetation removal</li> <li>• Spruce up area around Lodge</li> </ul>
Chico Salmon Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasive vegetation removal</li> <li>• Repair fencing</li> <li>• Prep for Salmon Tours</li> </ul>
Coulter Creek Heritage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasive vegetation removal</li> </ul>
Erlands Point Preserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasive vegetation removal</li> <li>• Maintain Garry Oak Grove</li> </ul>
Fairgrounds & Events Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disc Golf- fairway maintenance</li> </ul>
Guillemot Cove Preserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mow meadow</li> <li>• Brush trails</li> <li>• Discover Kitsap Parks- Walk-n-Talk</li> </ul>
Hansville Greenway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair Boardwalk</li> <li>• Remove Invasive vegetation</li> </ul>
Harper Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail brushing</li> <li>• Trail maintenance</li> </ul>
Howe Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Garden work</li> </ul>
Illahee Forest Preserve Heritage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail work</li> <li>• Sign prep for installation</li> <li>• Homeless camp clean-up</li> </ul>
Newberry Hill Heritage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boardwalk repair- Beaver loop</li> <li>• Mowing, weed eating</li> </ul>
Nick's Lagoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage work</li> <li>• Mowing</li> <li>• Clean-up vandalism</li> <li>• Clean-up homeless camp</li> </ul>
North Kitsap Heritage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing meadow</li> <li>• Bridge construction at Norman Crk</li> <li>• Invasive vegetation removal</li> </ul>
Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotch broom removal</li> <li>• Trail camera study</li> <li>• Remove fence from Exclosure study</li> </ul>
Silverdale Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing, weed eating</li> </ul>
Square Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail brushing</li> </ul>
Wynn Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasives removal, Trail work</li> <li>• Turnpike repair</li> <li>• Mapping of trail system</li> </ul>
Discover Kitsap Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guillemot Cove tour with Shoreline Friendly staff</li> </ul>



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<b>Partners worked with this period</b>	<b>Work performed</b>
Mountain Vikes (youth mountain biking club) + D&D mountain Bike Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Trail building at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park</li></ul>
Mountaineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Trail work at Banner Forest</li></ul>
Kitsap Live Steamers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saturday train rides</li></ul>
Olympic College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chico Salmon Park trail work</li></ul>
West Sound Disc Golf Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grounds maintenance</li></ul>
Our Forest Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Invasive vegetation removal Port Gamble</li></ul>
KPTOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean-up Arness after 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks</li></ul>

## Planning Program

### Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan

On July 7, 2023, the first survey for the PROS plan went public; its purpose is focused on gathering data from community members focused primarily on gathering demographic data of park users, finding out which parks they visit, and what types of activities they enjoy doing. The survey was open for 5 weeks and closed on August 11, 2023 with 2,055 responses. Focus group-style interviews are currently getting prepared, stakeholders have received notifications for the upcoming activity; invitations will go out soon. A second survey is scheduled to go out in October that will be more future-focused and will target data collection pertaining to what the community would like to see from Kitsap County Parks. Engagement with the community is paramount to ensure the PROS plan is formulated with as much public input as possible; Parks is tracking the public outreach activity which can be found in *Attachment B*.

### **Attachments:**

- A. Events Facility Utilization
- B. PROS Plan Public Outreach Tracking
- C. Great Peninsula Conservancy Hawk's Ponds Connection Campaign
- D. Hansville Greenway Association Request for Conservation Futures Funding

**Reservations**  
**January - August 2023 (243 Days)**

<b>Athletic Fields</b>	
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Reservations</b>
Anderson Hill Athletic Field #1	88
Anderson Hill Athletic Field #2	50
Bill Bloomquist Rotary Field #1	67
Bill Bloomquist Rotary Field #2	68
Gordon Field #1	219
Gordon Field #2	100
Lobe Field #1	43
Lobe Field #4	83
South Kitsap Regional Athletic Field #1	17
South Kitsap Regional Athletic Field #2	25
South Kitsap Regional Athletic Field #3	30
Veterans Memorial Park: Field #1	111
Veterans Memorial Park: Field #2	8
Veterans Memorial Park: Field #3	0
Veterans Memorial Park: Field #4	0
Veterans Memorial Park: Field #5	0
Veterans Memorial Park: Field #6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>

<b>Community Buildings</b>	
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Reservations</b>
Eagles Nest Community Building	153
Island Lake Community Building	154
Long Lake Community Building	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>379</b>

<b>Picnic Shelters</b>	
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Reservations</b>
Buck Lake Picnic Shelter	23
Fairgrounds Log Picnic Shelter	3
Fairgrounds Picnic Shelter	4
Kitsap Kids Playground Picnic Shelter	12
Island Lake Park Picnic Shelter	25
Salsbury Point Picnic Shelter	29
Silverdale Waterfront Gazebo	31
Silverdale Waterfront Picnic Shelter	64
South Kitsap Regional Picnic Shelter	35
Wild Cat Lake Picnic Shelter	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

<b>Fairgrounds and Events Center</b>	
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Reservations</b>
Boand Arena	47
Cat Barn	129
Concert Park Field	22
Dog Barn	17
Eagles Nest Field	1
Fairgrounds Disc Golf Course	12
Goat Barn	5
Gordon Field Parking Lot	40
L Barn	4
Lower Bowl	26
North Campgrounds	15
Pavilion	57
Pavilion Conference Room	19
President's Hall	69
President's Hall Field	21
Rabbit Barn	1
Sheep Barn	62
Swine Barn	2
Thunderbird Stadium	14
Van Zee	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>584</b>

<b>Special Park Events</b>	
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Reservations</b>
Buck Lake Park	7
Guillemot Cove Nature Reserve	1
Illahee Preserve Heritage Park	1
Island Lake Park	3
Kola Kole Park	1
Long Lake Park	2
Newberry Hill Heritage Park	2
Norwegian Point	2
Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	23
Salsbury Point Park	1
Silverdale Rotary Gateway Park	3
Silverdale Waterfront Park	21
South Kitsap Regional Park	7
Square Lake Park	2
Wild Cat Lake Park	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>

<b>Total Reservations for All Facilities</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2195</b>



**PROS Public Outreach Tracking**

Topic	Recipient	Delivery Method	Message Date(s)	Notes
Survey 1: Current Use of Parks <i>(Survey open for 5 weeks: 7/7-8/11)</i>	County residents (all; includes Parks subscribers)	GovDelivery	07/08/2023 07/13/2023 07/21/2023 08/03/2023 8/08/2023	
	Volunteers and Stewards contacts	Volgistics database	07/14/2023	Flyers also handed out at work parties
	Events and Facility Rental contacts	RecDesk database	07/14/2023	
	Stakeholders	Email	8/02/2023	
	Other Parks and Recreation jurisdictions	Email	7/21/2023	
	Parks Advisory Board	Meeting	7/19/2023	
	County residents (all, with broader reach)	Parks Facebook	07/13/2023 07/21/2023 08/01/2023	
	County residents (all, with broader reach)	County Facebook	7/21/2023 8/11/2023	
	County residents (all, with broader reach)	Website	07/08/2023 07/21/2023 (updated)	
	County residents (all, with broader reach)	Flyers/Posters	7/24/2023	Placed in parks, community centers, libraries
Stakeholder Interviews	Athletics Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	
	Events/Tourism Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	
	Environmental Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	
	Recreation Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	
	Stewards/Volunteers Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	
	Cultural Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	
	Safety Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	
	School Districts Group	Email	Meeting date: TBD	



BoCC Interviews	Commissioner Garrido and Rolfes	Email	Meeting on 7/24	
	Commissioner Walters	Email	Meeting on 8/7	
Survey 2: Visioning Parks	County residents (all; includes Parks subscribers)	GovDelivery	TBD (September-October)	
	Volunteers and Stewards contacts	Volgistics database	TBD (September-October)	
	Events and Facility Rental contacts	RecDesk database	TBD (September-October)	
	Stakeholders (see stakeholder list)	Email	TBD (September-October)	
	Other Parks and Recreation jurisdictions	Email	TBD (September-October)	
	Parks Advisory Board	Email	TBD (September-October)	
	County residents (all, with broader reach)	Facebook	TBD (September-October)	
	County residents (all, with broader reach)	Website	TBD (September-October)	
Open Houses	South Kitsap Location: TBD	TBD	Date: TBD (October)	
	Central Kitsap Location: TBD	TBD	Date: TBD (October)	
	North Kitsap Location: TBD	TBD	Date: TBD (October)	



## Hansville Greenway Campaign Connecting Hawk's Ponds

Great Peninsula Conservancy, the Hansville Greenway Association, and Kitsap County Parks Department have an exciting opportunity to acquire a beautiful 10-acre parcel on the shores of two ponds and expand the Hansville Greenway. The Hawk's Ponds property is an undeveloped piece of land that spans the upland forest between Upper Hawk's Pond and Lower Hawk's Pond. Both northern and southern boundaries connect to existing Hansville Greenway property. The wetland and forest habitats support black bears, beavers, river otter, eagles, ospreys, fish, and amphibians.



*Eagle perched above the water on the Hawk's Ponds property.*

### Project objectives

- ✓ Add permanent, varied wildlife habitat to the Greenway.
- ✓ Provide an unobstructed wildlife corridor from Upper to Lower Hawk's Pond.
- ✓ Prevent development on the property.
- ✓ Preserve three acres of mature forest.

### Partners

**Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC):** the accredited nonprofit land trust operating in Kitsap, north Mason, and west Pierce counties; **Hansville Greenway Association:** the organization that provides stewardship services for the Greenway in cooperation with **Kitsap County Parks Department.**

### Administration

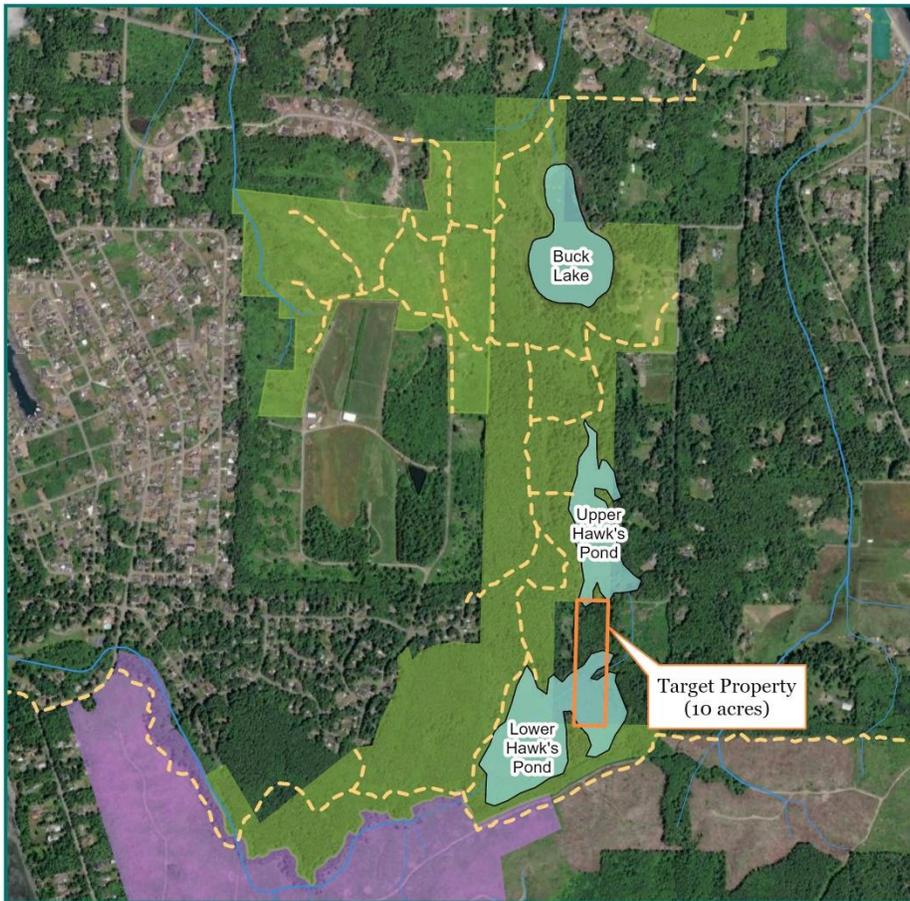
The property will be owned by Kitsap County, as is most of the Hansville Greenway. Great Peninsula Conservancy is assisting with fundraising and closing on the acquisition. GPC will continue to monitor and enforce a conservation easement that it holds on the property. This easement provides extra protection of the shoreline but does not prohibit logging on the forested acres, hence the urgency to purchase the property. Upon ownership, public access to the property will be limited but wildlife will be able to roam freely.

**Project Costs**

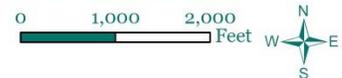
The Hawk's Ponds project campaign seeks to raise \$232,500. The purchase price is \$213,000. Administrative and closing costs are \$19,500.

To succeed in this campaign, please make your donation today. A handful of generous donors have launched the campaign with pledges totaling \$71,000.

# Hawk's Ponds Connection Property



-  Hawk's Ponds Connection Property
-  Hansville Greenway
-  Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Land
-  Norwegian Point Park
-  Hansville Greenway Trails





## Hansville Greenway Association

*Preserving natural areas and wildlife on the northern Kitsap Peninsula*

April 16, 2023

Kitsap County Commissioners, the Hansville Greenway Association requests that Kitsap County grant \$115,000 in Conservation Futures funds to Great Peninsula Conservancy to assist in the purchase of a 10-acre parcel of open space land adjacent to the Kitsap County-owned Hansville Greenway, in Hansville, Washington.

Kitsap County Parks, Great Peninsula Conservancy, and the sellers, Bruce & Tonya Knutson, have signed a purchase and sale agreement for a price of \$213,000, with closing set on December 15, 2023, or sooner. Great Peninsula Conservancy estimates that administrative and closing costs will be \$17,000.

Great Peninsula Conservancy is managing the fundraising effort to raise a total of \$230,000 to cover the purchase, administrative, and closing costs. Conservation Futures funds of \$115,000 would be 50 % of the total funds needed. As of April 12, 2023, donations and pledges total \$84,309.49.

This 10-acre parcel has been considered for many years by the County to meet state requirements as designated "open space". It is unique in that it includes portions of two large freshwater emergent semi permanently/seasonally flooded wetlands and a 3-acre upland forest between the wetlands. Two sides of the property are abutting the existing Hansville Greenway, enhancing and increasing habitat in the Greenway. The upland forest provides an important wildlife corridor between wetlands and uplands. Joining the existing Greenway also allows the potential for connection to its extensive trail system.

Hansville Greenway Association volunteers have built and maintained trails and viewing structures in the Greenway for more than 25 years and will continue to work closely with Kitsap County Parks to integrate this parcel into the Greenway for the enjoyment of the people, and the wildlife, of Kitsap County.

If the capital campaign is not successful, the property would likely be sold for development of a home site or logged for timber.

We believe that this acquisition is completely appropriate for the use of Conservation Futures funds, and we hope that you agree.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Szerlog, President  
Hansville Greenway Association