



Sinclair Inlet – Gorst to Missouri Gate

Development Concept Plan

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Background and History

- Project of Kitsap Trees and Shoreline Association (KiTSA)
- KiTSA formed in 2002 with two primary purposes:
 1. Save Pacific Northwest heritage trees
 2. Plant trees to help clean up local Puget Sound waters

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KiTSA has matured into a non-profit organization with the following mission:

To improve Kitsap County communities by cultivating public awareness and appreciation of trees, and promoting partnerships in the preservation and management of urban trees and forests.



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KiTSA organizes shoreline cleanup events and regularly partners with the Kitsap Diving Association to help promote marine protected areas and underwater parks.

"Think Globally, Act Locally"



Two Meeting Sites:

- **Annapolis Ferry Dock Area**
Port Orchard Cleanup meets 11am
 - **Downtown Bremerton Boardwalk**
Bremerton Cleanup meets 11 am
near Boardwalk/Harborside Pump House
- Clean up areas include:**
- Bremerton Waterfront
 - Port Washington Narrows/Lebo/Tracyton Beach Rd.
 - Port Orchard Shoreline, SR-166
 - Navy Yard Hwy, SR-3 & SR-304

Dumpster services provided as a community service by Brem-Air Disposal, Inc. Waste Management (WM), Kitsap County Dept. of Community Development and Public Works Solid Waste Division helps as a cleanup sponsor. Diamond Parking provides parking fees in Bremerton for cleanup volunteers. Blue Sky Printing and PADI Project A.W.A.R.E. Foundation are longtime Sinclair Inlet Cleanup sponsors. 1990 to 2007 Earth Day (April) and Coastweeks (September) has collected 592 cubic yards of trash. WSDOT donates cleanup bags and orange vests for volunteers.

Kitsap Trees & Shoreline Association (KITSA) Mission Statement:
Our urban and community trees and forests are vital parts of Kitsap County's infrastructure and are essential to the long term health of both the county's environment and its residents. Thus, non-profit Kitsap Trees, in co-operation with Kitsap Diving Association, shall work to improve Kitsap County communities by cultivating a public awareness and appreciation of trees, fostering community forestry programs, emphasizing development of educational programs for schools and training for the public, stimulating increased funding for acquisition and maintenance of new and existing trees and forests, and promoting partnerships with private enterprise and residents in the preservation and management of urban trees and forests.

Save Sinclair
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday
April 19, 2008

"Save Your Local Environment"

Teach your children
what we have taught our children—
that the earth is our mother.
Whatever befalls the earth
befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.
If men spit upon the ground,
they spit upon themselves.
This we know.
The earth does not belong to us,
we belong to the earth.
This we know.
All things are connected
like the blood which unites one family.
All things are connected.
Whatever befalls the earth
befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.
We did not weave the web of life,
we are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web,
we do to ourselves.

Chad Seattle 1976 - 1996



Bremerton Clean-Up: Donald Larson, KDA, (360) 373-7593

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The KiTSA Board is particularly interested in the water quality problems associated with the Sinclair Inlet shoreline from Gorst to Bremerton.



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Application for National Park Service Planning Assistance

In the summer of 2007, KITSA submitted a grant application to the 'Rivers and Trails' program of the National Park Service for technical planning assistance to help prepare a 'Development Concept Plan' for the Sinclair Inlet shoreline from Gorst to the Missouri Gate.

The grant application was successful and planning began in January of 2008.

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Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

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U.S. Department of the Interior



Application Guidelines



About the Program

The National Park Service (NPS) manages some of our nation's most historic sites, scenic resources, and critical natural areas. NPS also provides assistance to locally-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects through the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program. RTCA staff work in urban, rural, and suburban communities to help applicants conserve rivers, preserve natural areas, and develop trails and greenways. Our staff help on a variety of natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects including multi-use trails, single-purpose trails, greenways, water trails (also called blueways), river corridor conservation, land protection, and park planning.

RTCA staff help with partnership-building to achieve community-set goals, organizational development, assessing resources, developing concept plans, public education and participation, and identifying potential sources of funding. The project applicant may be a state or local agency, tribe, non-profit organization, or citizens' group. Federal agencies, including the National Park Service, may apply only in collaboration with a non-federal partner. RTCA does not provide financial assistance to support project implementation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their project with RTCA staff before sending in an application. It can be helpful to schedule an advance field visit by our staff to best understand how RTCA can be of assistance.

Please return your completed application to the Program Leader for the region in which your project is located. Contact information is available under "Contact Us" on our website. You may also contact Charlie Shockman, NPS RTCA Program Manager at 202-354-6900.

For further information about RTCA and the work we are doing around the country with nearly 300 communities, please visit our national web site at <http://www.nps.gov/rtca>.

Project Selection Criteria

Please make applications brief (generally no more than 3 pages, see attached application form). Applications are evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. The project has specific, partner-defined goals and tangible conservation or outdoor recreation results expected in the near future.
2. The project protects or improves important natural resources or enhances outdoor recreation opportunities.
3. Roles and contributions of project partners are substantive and well-defined.
4. There is evidence of broad community support for the project.
5. The anticipated role for RTCA is clearly stated and is appropriate.

In evaluating applications, preference will be given to projects that:

- provide physical connections among resources;
- include both natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation;
- partner with an NPS area;
- partner with a health organization;
- connect communities to NPS areas;
- engage youth.

Projects should include significant community involvement and outreach, and should also include the commitment, cooperation, and cost-sharing of all partners. Because partnerships are key to the success of community-based projects, we strongly encourage the inclusion of support letters with your application.

Applications are due by **August 1st** for assistance beginning the following fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th). Assistance is for one year, and may be renewed for a second year upon request. Project selection is generally announced in early November after passage of the federal budget.

The 'Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance' program of the National Park Service provides non-financial grants of technical planning assistance to communities working on local conservation and recreation projects.

Assisting local communities achieve their conservation and recreation goals allows the National Park Service to achieve its mission of extending the benefits of conservation and recreation to the nation and world.



Project Organization

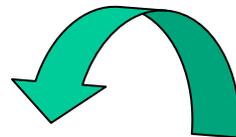
A project timeline was developed that provided for the planning process to be integrated with a public involvement component.

Planning Process

- Vision & Goal Setting
- Base Maps/Information Gathering
- Plan/Organize 'Design Charette'
- Draft & Final Plan

Public Involvement

- Citizen Advisory Committee
- Newsletters
- Media Advisories
- Public Meetings



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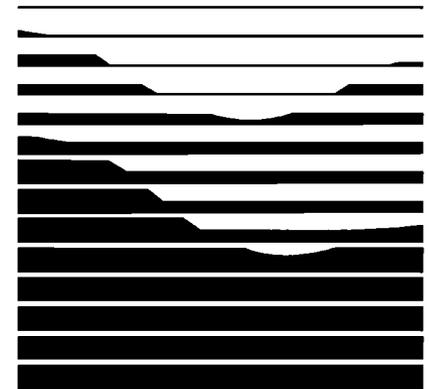


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Cornerstone Event

A design charrette will be held in early spring 2009

- Conducted in partnership with the Washington Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA)
- Community members teamed up with Landscape Architects to produce design concepts for Sinclair Inlet that include:
 1. Bicycle/pedestrian trail (rail-with-trail)
 2. Shoreline restoration/enhancement
 3. Underwater marine sanctuary
- Public meeting to present/discuss results



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Advisory Committee Members

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Jeff Adams	Marine Water Quality Specialist, University of Washington
Kathleen Byrne-Barrantes	KitSA Board Member/Grant-Solutions
Jayna Ericson	Kitsap County Public Works, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Robert Johnston	Environmental Marine Scientist, U.S. Navy
Matthew Keough	Parks Planning Project Manager, Kitsap County Parks & Recreation
John Hayes Larson	Architect, Rice Fergus Miller Architecture and Planning
Marcie Mathis	West Sound Cycling Club
Clif Olin	PSNS Bicycle Commuter Program
Betsy Peabody	Executive Director, Puget Sound Restoration Fund
Geoff Pentz	Sound Dive Center
Philip Talarico	West Sound Cycling Club
Dr. Victoria S. Whitney	Environmental Specialist, U.S. Navy
Bill Zupanzic	Kitsap County Department of Public Works
Tom Knuckey	Engineer, City of Bremerton (Bremerton boardwalk project manager)

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End Product

Production & Publication of a 'Development Concept Plan' to include:

- Project Background and History
- Planning Process/Public Involvement
- Vision and Goals
- Characterization of Natural/Cultural Resources
- Opportunities and Constraints
- Design Ideas/Concepts (including maps and graphics)
- Recommendations – Next Steps and Implementation
- Funding Sources



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Thank You!

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