

Former Wayne Golf Course



- 45 Acres (conservation since 1996)
- 4 acres of Active Use
(not part of easement, deed restricted when sold to City)

- 5 acre easement (2018)
- 30 acre easement (2019)
- Long-term salmon, wetland and habitat restoration



When townhomes and single family homes were proposed on the former Wayne Golf Course in 2014, many in our community opted to preserve the green space.



Acknowledging the community desire for connectivity to nature and preservation of open space, the City worked with Forterra, King County and OneBothell to acquire all 89 acres.



Eight-five of the total 89 acres are conservation easements or environmentally sensitive areas that must remain “passive use” only. Many areas will be restored, preserved or protected.



During negotiations, the City paid full market value for the four acres (active use area) excluded from the 1996 conservation easement, allowing future City Councils to thoughtfully develop a public amenity there to generate revenue.



- City of Bothell paid \$3.8 million for the 89 acres
- King County paid \$7.7 million for two of the conservation easements

Project Timeline

1996

- Conservation easement established for 45 acres on Front 9 (west side)

2014

- Community learns of potential development
- OneBothell community group forms

2016

- City of Bothell, OneBothell, Forterra, and King County work together on acquisition
- Forterra NW purchases all 89 acres

2017-2018

- City of Bothell and King County enter into Conservation Easements
- City of Bothell purchases all 89 acres

2019

- Studying ways to develop four acres active use area

What's Happening Now?

- **Passive Areas:** Open space users are enjoying activities such as walking, running, picnicking, bird-watching, legal fishing, and biking. No organized events are allowed in the open space.
- Grants applications are in progress to begin to study various alternatives for the salmon restoration plan (east side).
- From now through mid-2020, this area may be used for construction and construction staging to complete a seismic retrofit of the bridge on 96th Ave NE/Waynita Way.

What's Next?

- **Active Area:** Financial feasibility study completed to determine what is financially viable or sustainable for development of the four acres.
- Apply for grants to develop a Request for Proposal document to solicit proposals for public-private partnerships.
- Pending grants, we could start eastside Salmon Restoration in 2020 or 2021.

Operation & Maintenance Costs

- Ensuring the property is safe and free from hazards. This includes many years of deferred maintenance by the previous owners such as tree removal and care, maintenance and repair of pathways
- Removing litter and debris
- Volunteer administration costs



What else needs to be done?

9 structures to be evaluated and demolished

- Assess drainage issues particularly in the winter and the pump system

4 bridges to be structurally evaluated and potentially rebuilt for safety and ADA issues

- Future Master Planning and trailhead amenity construction

2 structures are local historical landmarks and require special care and consideration

- Extensive salmon and habitat restoration

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