

Tell Us What You Think: Land Stewardship and Tree Replacement Webinar
November 8, 2023

Teams Meeting Message List

Wednesday 6:05 PM Recording has started

Kaplan, Dave

Wednesday 6:05 PM

No more echo, Commissioner

McClure, AJ

Wednesday 6:18 PM

Attendees can submit questions/comments in the chat

Colleen Hinton (Guest)

Wednesday 6:19 PM

Glad to hear North SeaTac Park remains protected!

1 Like reaction.

Colleen Hinton (Guest)

Wednesday 6:21 PM

Can you explain how the tree clearing is offset?

Barbara McMichael (Guest)

Wednesday 6:21 PM

The "baseline condition" should include catastrophic global warming.

4 Like reactions.

McClure, AJ

Wednesday 6:23 PM

This will be covered later in the presentation.

Begin Reference, This will be covered later... by Colleen Hinton (Guest)

Colleen Hinton (Guest)

Wednesday 6:24 PM

Thank you.

Kate (Guest)

Wednesday 6:26 PM

Will these charts be available to the public?

"Rick (Guest)"

Wednesday 6:26 PM

Chipper mentioned "in face of development pressure" and "future development sites" as reasons for tree clearing and the need for tree replacement. What development projects are you aware of that are expected that will result in tree [clearing]?

McClure, AJ

Wednesday 6:27 PM

We will be sending a link to these documents to all attendees tomorrow.

1 Like reaction.

Kate (Guest)

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Tree cover used to go a ways blocking some of the noise pollution. Since the Port has removed thousands of trees, and apparently, lately, has been using the third runway, noise, including all the way to Gregory Heights has become most obnoxious. Will you be monitoring any noise mitigation efforts?

Barbara McMichael (Guest)

Wednesday 6:31 PM

The contiguous habitat corridors map seems to indicate the Des Moines Creek Habitat Corridor without acknowledging current plans for development of a 4th parcel of Des Moines Business "Park" - development will negatively impact current wildlife habitat, diminish critical tree canopy and totally change the character of the Des Moines/Barnes Creek Trail.

Kathe Smith (Guest)

Wednesday 6:33 PM

I have to leave, but hope that simple pollinator planting is considered, where high air speeds would allow pollinator presence. Trees and air strips are certainly not compatible but pollinator plantings are a quality mitigation measure. Thank you for consideration.

Colleen Hinton (Guest)

Wednesday 6:34 PM

To the greatest extent "Feasible" is very relative depending on one's perspective...

Annie Philips (Guest)

Wednesday 6:34 PM

3 replacement seedlings planted to replace the removal of existing mature trees is a joke. It will take 30 years for the baby trees to become carbon sinks, noise absorption, wildlife habitat, and stormwater control equal to the mature trees that were destroyed.

3 Like reactions.

Kate (Guest)

Wednesday 6:34 PM

If planes take off and land along parallel approaches, fewer trees would need replacing, especially those trees which serve as carbon sinks. It seems an increasing number of planes are cutting corners on take off - Is that why (I presume the FAA calls this shot) so many larger trees get removed?

1 Like reaction.

Annie Philips (Guest)

Wednesday 6:34 PM

If they survive 30 years.

2 Like reactions.

Kate (Guest)

Wednesday 6:40 PM

What percentage of tree removal would be for non-flight purposes?

Sybil Davis (Guest)

Wednesday 6:42 PM

Can we also see all the comments posted, please?

Kate (Guest)

Wednesday 6:42 PM

What role does FAA play in determining where trees must be removed?

Barbara McMichael (Guest)

Wednesday 6:43 PM

Comment: this single presentation and the limited feedback period are not sufficient for public understanding or feedback. You need to reconsider this timeline!

4 Like reactions.

Roger (Guest)

Wednesday 6:46 PM

The off-site mitigation should be beneficial to the impacted residents!! The Auburn mitigation area, while beneficial to the environment, has done virtually nothing for the impacted residents of the adjacent cities. Going forward, are off-site areas to be required to be within the adjacent impacted cities?

1 Like reaction.

Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis (Guest)

Wednesday 6:46 PM

If removal of ivy and other invasive weeds is done in fragmented areas without a comprehensive plan to maintain a contiguous area for the long term - including restoring proper canopy and understory - the weeds will just grow back. How do you ensure that the tree replacement actions will have adequate follow up. And that the public is able to verify that.

1 Like reaction.

JC Harris (SeaTacNoise.Info) (Guest)

Wednesday 6:48 PM

I have to leave, but frankly this is underwhelming. I would refer viewers to the south maps of the Sea-Tac Communities plan (1976) <https://seatacnoise.info/sea-tac-communities-plan-chapter-6-maps-south-reinforcement-area-program-application/> The intent was to provide mitigation along the -entire- flight path. Residents signed an avigation easement providing unfettered access to the airlines. Any mitigation efforts must be along that flight path, not simply Port-owned property, and certainly not in cities many miles away from directly impacted communities.

2 Like reactions.

Curt (Guest)

Wednesday 6:48 PM

Will this presentation be available to rewatch in the near future?

1 Like reaction.

Roger (Guest)

Wednesday 6:49 PM

Dittto for Mr. Harris' comment!!

Carolyn Kintner (Guest)

Wednesday 6:52 PM

I agree with Barbara that the feedback period is not enough time for quality understanding and feedback. The area that is used by park goers in North Seatac park that is South of the BMX track area, is it part of the City of Seatac Lease, like the Mtn bike area and Rugby field, bog. Is this area part of the Stewardship Plan? Or is it part of an area that is going to be considered for Port development.

Barbara McMichael (Guest)

Wednesday 6:52 PM

"Improved" means lighting the trail - which is not conducive to the overall ecology. (re Des Moines Business Park)

Barbara McMichael (Guest)

Wednesday 6:56 PM

Chipper - is 5 years adequate for monitoring, given the dynamics of climate change?

Gina (Guest)

Wednesday 6:56 PM

Assigning tree credits per tree for an existing tree over 6" diameter should account for the total tree diameter - in other words, not ALL trees over 6" dia are equal. Removing a tree with 48" dia has greater negative impact than removing a 6" dia tree. Larger trees should be assigned a greater number of tree credits and thus require more protection or more replacement trees

2 Like reactions.

Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis (Guest)

Wednesday 6:58 PM

Flight Safety Corridor removal of thousands of trees was 'mitigated' by planting of replacement trees. I thought there was performance monitoring for this as well. But, as far as I know, there's no way that the public can verify that this monitoring occurred to ensure that these replanted trees are thriving. How can the Port's monitoring for its future mitigation be more transparent?

1 Like reaction.

Gina (Guest)

Wednesday 6:58 PM

Would the team consider revising the plan to account for and acknowledge large exceptional trees??

Roger (Guest)

Wednesday 6:59 PM

Tree species is also important. your opening slide showed a Madrona - a once common but now rarer native tree. Is there any policy concerning the specific species?

2 Like reactions.

Annie Philips (Guest)

Wednesday 6:59 PM

Did you see my comment about large existing trees?

Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis (Guest)

Wednesday 6:59 PM

I agree the timeline for public comment is way too short.

Carolyn Kintner (Guest)

Wednesday 6:59 PM

Dow Constantine has indicated that more green space is needed in King County due to increased housing density. The entire part that is being used for sporting activities including Mountain bike area and rugby field should be included in the North Seatac Park protected area. We need more park area, not less. This also is needed for keeping forest for heat problem is parking lots and warehouses are built. Contiguous park is what is needed. Not broken up tree replacement areas surrounding concrete and paved areas.

Carolyn Kintner (Guest)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Would like to see bigger maps.

1 Like reaction.

Annie Philips (Guest)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

It was at 6:34.

Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis (Guest)

Wednesday 7:01 PM

It would be helpful to know how the public can verify the claims of tree replanting and monitoring being done. Thanks

Carolyn Kintner (Guest)

Wednesday 7:01 PM

So are you saying the Mtn bike race area and Rugby field are part of city of Seatac Lease?

Diana Law (Guest)

Wednesday 7:01 PM

I can't tell from the map where the trees were replanted, is there a resource>

Carolyn Kintner (Guest)

Wednesday 7:01 PM

Thank you.

Kaplan, Dave

Wednesday 7:02 PM

The Rugby Field is the only part under lease to the Port, the rest under lease to the City of SeaTac.

Kate (Guest)

Wednesday 7:03 PM

Thank you.

Carolyn Kintner (Guest)

Wednesday 7:03 PM

Is the baseball area for Little League protected from port [development]?

Wednesday 7:20 PM Recording has stopped. Saving recording...