

Friends of the Waterfront

Outline of presentation to Olympia City Council on September 25, 2012



1. Purpose Statement, Friends of the Waterfront [Handout]

2. Historical Context

Global movement of industrial operations away from shorelines (except water-oriented ones)

[Handout -- Color pictures of waterfront redevelopment projects]

Local history

- Peninsula -- about 50-60 years ago, leaving only Marine Terminal
- West bay -- about 10-35 years ago, leaving only Dunlap Towing

People-oriented uses replace industrial uses

- Parks
- Trails
- Restaurants
- Small retail
- Offices

3. 1971/2 – SMA – Balance

- Water oriented uses
- Public access
- Environmental protection
- Navigation

4. FOW Policy Recommendations – Balance

Mention several major issues from our Executive Summary

- Setbacks
- Stair-stepping
- Sea level rise
- Earthquake-induced liquefaction
- other

[Handout -- Executive Summary]

[Mention the idea of agreeing on general vision first, then details]



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**Purpose:**

Friends of the Waterfront is a group of Olympia area residents and businesspeople who see the waterfront as a treasure – a central feature that is vital to the health of the whole community. We advocate managing the shoreline and adjacent lands wisely and developing them for the community's greatest net benefit over the long term, as determined through an inclusive visioning process.



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**RENAISSANCE WATERFRONT LANDING VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**



Renaissance Waterfront Landing will be a new public park under the proposed I-5 bridge in Vancouver, Washington. The concept plan creates an iconic public esplanade on the Columbia River, restores connections to the waterfront from downtown Vancouver, and allows for a variety of activities that complement the use of other nearby open spaces. The park's design is closely coordinated with the Bridge, 35 acres of mixed-use redevelopment to the north, the nearby Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, and various constraints and ecological conditions along the Columbia River; successfully integrating new program and publicly accessible spaces into a complex urban site. Renaissance Waterfront Landing is expected to contribute to the ongoing revitalization of downtown Vancouver, and includes a wide esplanade for casual strolling as well as gathering space for events such as the Christmas Ships Parade, a family play and recreation area, interactive fountains, iconic lighting and public art under the bridge, as well as storm water gardens and new riparian habitat.

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**SINGAPORE MARINA BAY** SINGAPORE



'Waterfront Park at Downtown Marina Bay' envisions a future for Singapore where residents and tourists can walk a continuous loop around the downtown waterfront edge, from the soaring towers of Raffles Place to the Marina Center and the Parade Ground, across a dramatic new pedestrian bridge to the Waterfront Park at the Downtown at Marina Bay with terraces, gardens, elevated parks, and wetlands ringed with new housing and development. In this vision the city connects around the waterfront and the city connects to the water, pulling people to the water's edge with new parks, gardens, and activities, completing the loop around the waterfront with a rich mix of new program and development.

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**MONONGAHELA WHARF** PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



The Monongahela Wharf riverfront project in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is a project that developed from the 2001 Three Rivers Master Plan, by Chan Kreiger and Hargreaves Associates. This redevelopment of one of the last remaining open spaces along the downtown riverfront creates an innovative and connective promenade destined to become a landmark for the City of Pittsburgh. The project engages the river's edge and transforms an existing municipal parking lot into the missing open space link between the Eliza Furnace Trail, an important regional trail system, to Point State Park, the city's most historic and prominent park.

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**BAYFRONT PARK** SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



Bayfront Park will be the waterfront centerpiece for the Mission Bay development and open space system on San Francisco's central waterfront. The 7.4 acre park will serve the region as part of the continuous Blue Greenway and Regional Baytrail around the Bay and will serve the blossoming population on San Francisco's central waterfront comprised of new corporate headquarters, the University of California San Francisco's Mission Bay campus, Hospital, and mixed uses. The park's budget of \$9 million includes shoreline restoration with a formal promenade and informal trail, overlooks and natural areas, a café and park facility including bike rental, urban plaza, open fields for play, and picnic areas. The park's strong, simple design amplifies the setting and creates a place for flexible programming - from games, to performances and events. A major sculptural piece will animate the park's south end and the terminus of 16th Street.

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**CRISSY FIELD** SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



The conversion of the U.S. Sixth Army's military installation at the Presidio into a national park encompasses the restoration and rehabilitation of the natural landscape of wetlands and dune fields along the San Francisco Bay waterfront. Hargreaves Associates has reintroduced and amplified the convoluted landforms generated by bracing wind and wave attacks on an otherwise relentlessly flat site. Crissy Field integrates a diversity of recreational uses with a vigorous and dynamic environment, all within the context of an enduring historical landmark.





**Friends of the Waterfront Comments with respect to the  
June 2009 Final Proposed Shoreline Master Program**

*Executive Summary*  
*Revised June 15, 2010*

Friends of the Waterfront (FOW), a non-profit corporation, is a group of Olympia area residents and businesspeople who see the waterfront as a treasure -- a central feature that is vital to the health of the whole community. FOW counts over 4,000 Olympia households as part of our network. We advocate managing the area within 600 feet of the water wisely and developing it for the benefit of the entire community, not just limited interests.

The focus of our organization is the portions of Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet that lie within the boundaries of the City of Olympia.

## **OPPORTUNITY**

Olympia is now in the process of updating its local Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for the first time since 1990. This updated SMP will contain policies, goals, and specific land use regulations. The SMP will need to ensure a balance in the uses of shorelines, providing for reasonable development and economic activity, while preserving the public's access to and enjoyment of shorelines and water-related activities. We strongly urge that the Final 2010 Shoreline Master Program (SMP) reflect "Best Science" where applicable, and that areas most critical to natural processes are designated as open space that can be enjoyed by our residents as well as by future residents and guests.

For this reason, FOW strongly recommends that the following areas of concern be examined and the following proposals be included in the Final 2010 Shoreline Master Program.

## **AREAS OF CONCERN AND PROPOSALS**

- **SHORELINE AREA.** A larger area than the current Shoreline Management Act's 200-foot zone should be considered for special treatment as a "shoreline area" or "area of shoreline influence". The Comprehensive Plan and other planning, zoning, regulatory and non-regulatory programs governing lands "adjacent to" the shoreline jurisdiction must be consistent with SMA policies and regulations and the provisions of this SMP (reference RCW 90.58.340).



- **STAIR STEPPED TRANSITION.** The shoreline area should provide a transition from the openness and brightness of the water to the dense development of the inland developed areas.
- **PUBLIC WALKING PATHS.** There should be public walking paths as close to the shoreline as possible from Priest Point Park to West Bay Marina, with at least occasional water overview structures along this “Big W Trail”.
- **OVER THE WATER CONSTRUCTION.** There should be no new over the water buildings or boat sheds, and a long term goal of eliminating all such existing over the water structures.
- **NATIVE HABITAT.** Native habitat conditions should be maintained, and restoration of presently degraded areas pursued, when practical.
- **CAPITOL LAKE.** The wooded slopes around Capitol Lake, on both east and west sides, should be permanently protected from development and deforestation.
- **VIEWS:** The SMP should provide an overall vision that defines where views must remain open, both looking out from the city and looking into the city from Budd Inlet. Views from the Temple of Justice need to be added to the city’s scenic views map, which has not been amended since it was first created. View protection benefits both the public and developers.
- **SHORELINES OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE.** The shorelines of the Isthmus should be declared “shorelines of statewide significance.”
- **SEA LEVEL RISE.** Sea level rise should be a primary consideration for any significant shoreline development and should be addressed in the SMP.
- **EARTHQUAKE INDUCED LIQUEFACTION.** The issue of earthquake induced liquefaction is not addressed in the 2009 Final Proposed Shoreline Master Program, yet the Isthmus, Northpoint, lower Capital Lake, East Bay development area, West Bay and much of downtown Olympia are high liquefaction susceptibility areas. This means that a large earthquake of extended duration will more than likely cause significant earth movement in these areas. The new SMP should address this issue.
- **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANDS.** The city should be included in all lease negotiations regarding these areas to ensure that the interests of Olympia residents are protected.
- **PUBLIC ACQUISITION OF LAND.** The public should endeavor to acquire all land at least one block back from the shoreline, when possible, so that the public can determine its use and facilitate restoration of natural vegetation. This long term goal should be included in the SMP.

- **PORT OF OLYMPIA LAND.** Port of Olympia lands should be regulated in the same manner as other lands in the downtown area.
- **ARTESIAN WELLS.** The number of functioning artesian wells is dwindling. The SMP should address this cherished Olympia resource.
- **IMPERVIOUS SURFACES.** The city should have a long-term goal of reducing impervious surfaces in the shoreline zone.

For further information, clarification or questions, please contact us at [waterfrontoly@aol.com](mailto:waterfrontoly@aol.com).

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