

Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan Development

Steering Committee

October 24, 2022



Welcome



Agenda

Introductions

- A. County staff & consultant
- B. Committee members

Background Information

- A. Site history – Kristine Perry
- B. Current uses – Zane Carver
- C. WSU research – Justin O’Dea
- D. Project history & schedule – Lynde Wallick

Homework & Next Steps

- A. Documents for review
- B. Scheduling of future meetings

Tour

- A. Administration Building – Erik Harrison
- B. Farm Site – Zane Carver



Introductions

- Tell us:
 - A little about yourself
 - Why you volunteered
 - Why is your organization interested
 - What is an item from your personal bucket list?
- County staff
- Barney & Worth
- Committee members



Steering Committee Charter



Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan Steering Committee Charter

Purpose

The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations to Clark County Parks & Lands staff on the development, financial sustainability, and public access improvements for the Heritage Farm site.

Values

- Committee members will be invited to make recommendations on the development of the *Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan (Plan)*, meetings will be recorded and posted on the project website to ensure transparency of the process. Members of the public may attend meetings for observation but will not be permitted to participate.
- Recommendations made by committee members for the development of the *Plan* will focus on representation of the community organization or representative population and not focus on individual interests.
- County staff and its consultants will develop and support a culture that values high ethical awareness and standards.

Composition

The makeup of the committee has been reviewed by the Park Advisory Board and the Clark County Council. The committee will have representation from a diverse cross-section of the community, including County staff and community organizations including:

- Clark County Parks & Lands Division
- Clark County Parks Advisory Board
- Washington State University Extension Program
- Heritage Farm Advisory Team
- Vancouver School District
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- NAACP
- League of United Latin American Citizens of Southwest Washington
- Clark Conservation District
- Northeast Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
- Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association
- Visit Vancouver WA

When appropriate the Committee may also invite additional stakeholders or non-stakeholders, such as subject matter experts, to participate. All members will have the responsibility of bringing conflict of interest issues to the Committee.

Roles and Responsibilities

Facilitator

Organize, facilitate, and schedule meetings. Ensure that all members of the Committee have input and are equally valued.

Clark County Staff & Leadership

Act as a liaison for Clark County and provide an understanding of the County's vision and direction to the Committee. Develop the Plan considering recommendations made by the Committee. Present the plan to the Parks Advisory Board and Clark County Council.

Committee Members

Act as a liaison and representative of the organization or population they are a member of or were selected to represent. Committee members must put forward the interests of these groups over their own

personal interest. Attend and actively participate in meetings, review reference documents, Plan drafts and communicate information with the group they represent.

Ground Rules

- Committee members will be respectful of each other and all participants.
- Committee members will review documents prior to attending meetings where the documents will be discussed.
- Committee members will allow other members to be heard during discussions, holding comments until identified by the facilitator.
- Respond to emails and meeting invites within 48 business hours of receipt when action is required.
- Select a substitute committee member to take their place for a missed meeting and share relevant information with that person prior to attending.

Existing Assumptions

- Clark County staff will respect and *give strong consideration to* Committee recommendations. Recommendations will be used to develop alternative approaches for development of the farm. An economic analysis will be conducted of these approaches.
- Clark County Council is the approving authority for the Plan.

Meeting Schedule

- There will be up to **four** additional Steering Committee meetings planned over the next 10 months to support Plan development.
- Meetings will continue to be hybrid, as appropriate. Members are encouraged to attend in person, when possible. In person meetings will be held at the Heritage Farm administration building or alternate location.
- Meetings should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Sponsor Approval:

Rocky Houston, Division Manager, Parks & Lands Division

Committee Member Acknowledgement:

Erik Harrison, Clark County Parks & Lands

Tanika Siscoe, NAACP

Theresa Meyer, Clark County Park Advisory Board

Marcella Munoz, LULAC

Kristine Perry, WSU Extension

Zorah Oppenheimer, Clark Conservation District

Rob Freed, Heritage Farm Advisory Team

Bill Cline, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Assn.

Mark Wreath, Vancouver School District

Ila Stanek, Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Assn

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Jazlyn Faulstick, Visit Vancouver, WA





78th Street Heritage Farm

Historical Background



Farm Timeline

- Chinook tribes living along the Columbia River
- European settlers
- The Donation Land Claim Act in 1850- Anderson Farm
- Clark County took over property; poor farm founded in 1873 until 1949
- From 1949 until 2008 Washington State University operated an experimental research agriculture station
- 2008 property transferred back to Clark County
- 2010 Master Plan adopted



Current Uses

Farm Partners

- WSU Extension Services
 - 4H Youth Development
 - SNAP-Ed
 - EFNEP
 - Prevent T2
 - Small Farms & Agricultural Businesses
 - Farm & Food Systems Team
 - Watershed Stewardship
 - Master Gardener Foundation of Southwest Washington
- Partners in Careers
- Pacific Northwest Queen Bee Rearing Club
- Chrysanthemum Society
- WSU Agricultural Research



Current Uses

- Clark County Food Bank
 - 100% volunteer based
 - 13 years of operation
 - Primary crops: corn, carrots, peppers, squash & cabbage
 - Have donated 40 tons of produce from Heritage Farm this year
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
 - Main crops will be diversified organic vegetables
 - Incubator farming program to teach



WSU Research Background

WSU Extension Research & Demonstration Projects at the Clark County Heritage Farm, 2018-2021

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

78th STREET HERITAGE FARM

Shiitake mushrooms - 2019

Quinoa - 2020

Winter specialty grains - 2019

Speltz grain - 2021

Raspberries - 2020

Maltling barley and quinoa - 2020

Winter brassica cover crop - 2019

Edamame beans - 2019

Maltling barley - 2020

Specialty dry beans - 2019

Muscard cover crops - 2018

Buckwheat cover crop - 2019

One-cut lettuces - 2018

Mild habanero peppers - 2020

Specialty tomatoes - 2020

Edamame seed - 2020

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Winter specialty grain field day - 2019

Cider apples - 2018

Hops - 2018



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WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION | CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON | 78TH STREET HERITAGE FARM

Shitake mushrooms - 2019-Ongoing

Raspberries - 2020-Ongoing

Buckwheat 2022 & 2023

THE PERI-URBAN AGRICULTURE NETWORK

FARMING ON THE URBAN EDGE

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Shitake mushroom production short course - 2022

The image is a composite of various photographs and logos. At the top right are logos for Washington State University Extension, Clark County, Washington, and the 78th Street Heritage Farm. The central part of the image is an aerial photograph of the farm, with several white arrows pointing from smaller inset images to specific areas on the farm. The inset images include: 1) Shitake mushrooms growing on logs (labeled 'Shitake mushrooms - 2019-Ongoing'); 2) Rows of raspberries in a field (labeled 'Raspberries - 2020-Ongoing'); 3) A large field of buckwheat (labeled 'Buckwheat 2022 & 2023'); 4) A close-up of a raspberry plant; 5) A field with a tractor (labeled 'THE PERI-URBAN AGRICULTURE NETWORK'); 6) A field of tall green crops (labeled 'FARMING ON THE URBAN EDGE'); 7) A field with yellow flowers (labeled 'WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION' and 'SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM'); 8) A group of people in a barn setting (labeled 'Shitake mushroom production short course - 2022').



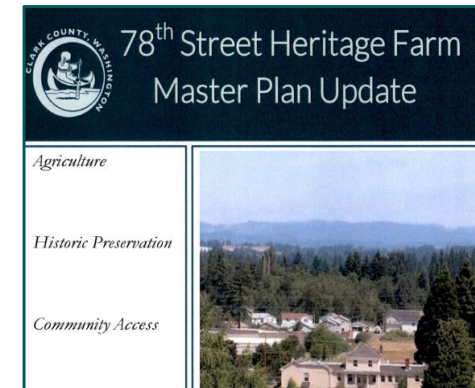
Project History and Schedule

Activity	Timeline
Master Plan update approved & Council direction received	March 2020
Reconnected with PAB & Council	Spring 2022
Onboarding of Public Engagement Consultant & Steering Committee development	Summer 2022
Steering Committee Meeting # 1	October 24, 2022
Steering Committee Meeting # 2	November 7, 2022
Public Open House # 1	Mid-December 2022
Steering Committee Meeting # 3	January 2023
Steering Committee Meeting # 4 – Review draft plan	March 2023
Public Open House # 2 – Draft plan public review	April 2023
Steering Committee Meeting # 5 – Recommended plan	June 2023
Staff seeks recommendation from PAB	Late Summer 2023
Staff seeks approval from Council	Fall 2023



Homework

- 2010 Master Plan
- 2013 NRHP Application
- 2018 Preservation Plan
- 2020 Master Plan Update
- 2020 Master Plan Approval, Council Approval & Direction Video
- 2020 Project Update to County Manager
- 2021 WSU Metro Preliminary Findings
- 2022 WSU Metro Report
- 2022 Council Time – Direction



Future Meetings

Steering Committee Meeting # 2 – November 7, 2022

Public Open House # 1 – December 2022



Thank you!

Comments and questions

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