

**Minter Creek Watershed Strategies
Meeting Summary
October 30 and November 7, 2013**

Attendees on October 30: Rollo K. Van Slyke; Roger Gay; Helen Jones, Kitsap Conservation District; Dave Greetham, Kitsap County Community Development; Mike Elston; Kent Kingman and Jeremiah Johnson, Minterbrook Oyster Company; Brittany Langdon; Brent Shown; Scott Gallacher; Nancy Hansen; Judy Austin; Patti Cummins; Deb Boulton; Dick Fenton; Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County Public Works Surface Water Management; Kathy Peters, Kitsap County, West Sound Watershed Council; Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County Commissioner.

Facilitators: Heather Ballash and Anne Fritzel, Washington State Department of Commerce

November 7 meeting: Anne Schitzer, Dean Moergeli, and Ryan Sandstrom were unable to attend the October 30 meeting. As business owners in the Minter Creek basin, their input was solicited in a follow up meeting on November 7 with Katrina Knutson, Dave Greetham and Heather Ballash. They added dots to the future land use map per the Mapping the Future Exercise described below. Their discussion of the two maps were added to the Want to Change notes.

September 25 recap

The meeting began with a review of the September 25, 2013, meeting summary.

Water Quality Data and Discussion

Barbara Ann Smolko presented information regarding water quality in Minter Creek. The data has been posted on the Minter Creek web site.

Mapping the Future Exercise

The group then did an exercise on two maps, indicating with colored dots what they liked about current land (What We Like Now) use on one map and what future land uses they would like to see on the second map (Future Land Use). Go to maps on the Minter Creek Watershed Strategies web site to view these two maps. Dots indicate as follows:

Brown – trails
Green – open space/conservation/farms
Yellow – parks
Red – industrial/commercial
Blue - residential

The group then looked at the two maps and had the following discussion, including any conflicts between the two maps. It should be noted that any proposals for trails or parks on private land would require the property owner's agreement or compensation.

Want to keep:

- Both maps show retention of the airport
- Existing zoning (uses and densities) should be retained.
- Keep the Horseshoe Lake golf course.
- Keep 360 park and the trails.
- East of 94th, keep farms working and protect them from encroachment.

- Keep Lake Katherine village (Pierce County designated Rural Activity Center at 94th and Hwy 302)
- Keep existing commercial development, but don't allow new development because other commercial areas are near.
- Retain shellfish production and the fish hatchery – tourism benefits.
- Retain active timber lands – retains open space values.

Want to change:

- West of the airport, group wants to add a park, multi-use trails, a lake at the gravel mine when it is reclaimed, and open space.
- Wicks Lake – want to develop the park with trails, and clean up the garbage.
- West of Horseshoe Lake, want to add new trails to connect with existing trails, including connecting the Horseshoe Lake and golf course trails.
- Counties should have trails that connect between the counties and within the counties.
- Need more communication between the counties regarding trails.
- Keep the commercial areas at 118th (Pierce County designated Rural Neighborhood Centers at Hwy 302, and 118th and 134th streets, respectively), but protect little Minter Creek with low impact development standards for any new development.
- Keep the commercial area at 134th and Hwy 302 (Pierce County designated Rural Neighborhood Center), but address stormwater issues.
- Support produce stands for farms.
- Consider outlets for locally produced foods.
- Need more communications regarding water quality between county departments of health, planning and stormwater, and between the counties.
- Within the existing footprint of the airport property, will continue with existing rural industrial zoning uses and will look to obtain a designation of limited area of more intense rural development (LAMIRD) over the whole property. This would include a portion of the acreage as commercial. The landowner's goal is for South Kitsap County residents to live, work and play in their neighborhoods. They want to continue expanding this employment hub, as well as provide services to the local residents. They could also look at the local farmers' business of providing a food hub for them to process their produce to prepare and sell at markets.
- Northwest of the airport, would like to be able to develop current mineral resource land for economic development uses. This would tie in with a potential east-west road corridor connecting Lake Helena to Lakeway.
- Next to Wick's Lake, would like a rezone to rural residential. Stream typing has been done to update the Department of Natural Resources map, and the updates need to be shown on our meeting maps.
- At some time in the future allow more residential in the Hunter Road area. This would ease the transition between timber property and residential, particularly where Douglas Fir is dying from various root diseases .
- At the corner of JM Dickinson Road and Lake Helena Road, would like some level of recreational development / local services allowable.

Parking lot issues

- Impacts of Hwy 302 safety improvements in short term
- DOT long term plan for realignment (Puget Sound Regional Council's Destination 2040?)

Meeting evaluation

Plus/Liked

- Commissioner Garrido's attendance
- Mutual desires for open space/trails
- Meeting space and refreshments
- Data/facts from Barbara Ann
- Dot exercise got people talking – dialogue
- Counties recognize need for good communication within and between the counties
- Input from parks is good
- Respectfulness of the group

Need to change

- Invite/have more voices (developers and realtors)
- A working plotter

Next steps:

- Commerce and the Counties will contact the airport owner to obtain her input.
- The Counties and Commerce will develop some options for strategies for the group to consider at the next meeting.
- Group is encouraged to submit strategies to be included in the options to Heather Ballash at heather.ballash@commerce.wa.gov by November 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting – November 21, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Kitsap County Administrative Building, Port Orchard

Information to be provided for next meeting:

- Pierce County's water quality data for Minter Creek posted to web site – has been posted to the web site.
- Kitsap County's water quality data for Minter Creek
- Undeveloped land/land development potential for Lake Katherine Rural Activity Center and Rural Neighborhood Centers in Pierce County.
- Undeveloped land/land development potential for Port Orchard airport.
- Stormwater runoff/water quality issues with the existing businesses in the Rural Activity and Rural Neighborhood Centers?
- Dennis Oost, Kitsap Trails Planner, and Kitsap County Health Department will be invited to attend.
- Kitsap and Pierce County existing trails and trail plans.
- Any updates from Washington Department of Transportation on Hwy 302.