



UPDATE – July 29 WAG MTNG RESCHEDULED!

Next week's Watershed Advisory Group meeting has been rescheduled to September 16, 2015.

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Dear Green/Duwamish Watershed Advisory Group Members:

Welcome to midsummer! The *Our Green/Duwamish* Team has been very busy during the project's *Listening Phase*. As the WAG meeting has been postponed until September, I want to provide you with a project update highlighting activities that have occurred in the last month.

- **Next Meeting Date, Time, & Location: *WAG meeting rescheduled.*** The next WAG meeting will be held on Wednesday **September 16, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm** at the ***Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S., Seattle, WA 98168.*** Meeting information, including the agenda, will be sent out as we get closer to the meeting date. The project team has been reviewing a rich assortment of plans, data and community input. Due to the vast amount of information and input, the team has decided to take additional time to analyze the data and assemble the information into a draft watershed background report. At our September meeting the team will present a watershed overview reflective of the information they have received.
- **Expert Focus Sessions:** The research team hosted four expert Focus Sessions in June & July. The sessions were an opportunity for the ROSS team to hear from individuals and organizations with Green/Duwamish expertise. The four sessions were organized around the ROSS lenses as they relate to this watershed: biodiversity, social equity and human health, climate change, and economy. The ROSS team found the sessions very valuable and heard many recommendations that will be captured in the Background Report. Thank you very much to those of you who participated.
- **Open Houses:** After the Focus Sessions, the team assembled information gleaned from these sessions and earlier research and went to the community for additional input. The research team conducted three sub-watershed open houses. 6/29: Duwamish Estuary

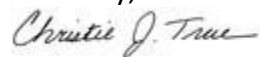
& Nearshore, held at Camp Long in West Seattle; July 8: Middle & Upper Green, held in Maple Valley; and July 14: Lower Green, held at Kent Station. These were great events where the research team heard from many community leaders and organization representatives about what they value in this watershed and what they see as the most pressing air, land and water issues. Thank you to WAG members for spreading the word about these events and special thanks to those of you who attended and shared your perspectives and knowledge.

- **On-Line Activities:** Since June we have activated several new on-line tools to support this project.
 - Hopefully by now you have all gained access to the [Basecamp](#) website. If you have questions about Basecamp, please contact Liz Larter at PRR elarter@prrbiz.com.
 - Via Basecamp you all received a request to participate in an [online survey](#). Thank you to those who have participated! If you have not, the survey is still active and we would love to get your input.
 - Lastly, our project website went live in early July. Take a look at [Our Green/Duwamish site](#). This site will be a place for the broader community to learn about this project and get news and updates as we work together to develop the watershed strategy.
 - **Summer Homework:** The research team has some preliminary findings from listening session. In August, we will likely send another “assignment” via Basecamp that would allow you to provide your insight and additions to the community recommendations we are hearing. Stay tuned!

As you can see it has been a busy month! I think we will have a lot to talk about when we get together in September. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Sarah Ogier at sarah.ogier@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-5375, or Paige Myers at paige.myers@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-4551.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,



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