



August 15, 2012

City Council  
City of Bainbridge Island  
280 Madison Avenue  
Bainbridge Island WA 98110

RE: August 15 work session on Recreation, Restoration Planning, and Vegetation Provisions

Members of the City Council:

The Long Range Planning Manager's Memo dated August 2, 2012 contains recommendations that would seriously and negatively impact the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District's ability to meet our commitment to provide adequate recreational opportunities and access to the waterfront in our shoreside parks. The staff's recommendations in the memo have not been properly vetted with the Park District. The District finds the recommendations, as presented, to be unworkable from both a public policy and practical standpoint.

Given that the proposals, if adopted, will seriously affect the District's ability maintain and improve the island's shoreside parks, as well as negatively impact our ability to meet our commitments to the residents of Bainbridge Island, the Park District requests that the City Council direct City Staff to work with the District to develop an agreement that provides mutually-acceptable recommendations that serve the City's and District's common goal to protect the environment as well as provide adequate saltwater access and recreational opportunities along the shoreline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ken DeWitt", is written over a light-colored background.

Ken DeWitt, Chair  
Board of Commissioners  
Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District