





9th Annual Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference

Sunday, November 15, 2009 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. IslandWood

The Truth about Dirt

Caring for our Island's Soil



- 1:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits and Snacks at Welcome Center
- 1:20 p.m. Introduction/Announcements in Great Hall John Haskin, IslandWood
Presentation of ABC Environmentalist of the Year
- 1:30 p.m. Overview of the Soils on Bainbridge Island Brian Stahl
- 2:00 p.m.  Walk to Workshops Session 1
- 2:10 p.m. Workshops for Session 1 (See rooms below)
- 2:55 p.m.  Walk to Workshops Session 2
- 3:05 p.m. Workshops and Movie for Session 2 (See rooms below)
- 3:50 p.m.  Walk to Workshops Session 3
- 4:00 p.m. Workshops and Movie for Session 3 (See rooms below)
- 4:45 p.m.  Walk to Great Hall
- 4:50 p.m. Keynote Speaker: David Montgomery
- 5:30 p.m. Book signing *Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations* and reception Please visit the tables.
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner (Dinner ticket required)
- 7:30 p.m. Finish

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<u>SESSION</u>	<u>Great Hall</u>	<u>Bluebill Cove</u>	<u>LS 102</u>	<u>LS103</u>
<u>Session 1</u> ----- 2:10-2:55	<i>Working Dirt</i> Protection and working of fertile soils	<i>Enhancing Dirt</i> How and why to make better Soil	<i>Dirt on the Move</i> The bad and the good of soil erosion	<i>Dirty Dirt</i> Toxic soils on Bainbridge
<u>Session 2</u> ----- 3:05-3:50	<i>Dirt – the Movie</i> Part 1	<i>Enhancing Dirt</i>	<i>Dirt on the Move</i>	
<u>Session 3</u> ----- 4:00-4:45	<i>Dirt – the Movie</i> Part 2	<i>Working Dirt</i>		<i>Dirty Dirt</i>



Something about our speakers

JOHN HASKIN is the director of education at IslandWood. He has a particular interest in learning in the outdoors with an emphasis on teacher development. Over the last 30 years, Dr. Haskin has directed in-residence environmental education programs in North Carolina, Ohio, Wyoming, New York and now Washington. His areas of program expertise include school programming, adult education, cultural history education and inquiry science. He has coordinated national and international conferences on environmental education and the role of education in environment and development issues. John has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction, both from Minnesota State University. He completed his Ph.D. in Environmental Studies at the Antioch New England. His research areas include novice teacher development and qualitative inquiry.

BRIAN STAHL is the Bainbridge Island Resource Planner for the Kitsap Conservation District. He grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin that happened to be one of the first to take advantage of Natural Resources Conservation Service program funding to construct a manure storage lagoon. Brian has shifted gears and is now concentrating on livestock management as related to our Pacific Northwest natural resources.

DAVID MONTGOMERY is a professor in the Earth and Space Sciences department at the University of Washington. His studies include the evolution of topography and the influence of geomorphological processes on ecological systems and human societies. He received his B.S. in geology at Stanford University (1984) and his Ph.D. in geomorphology from UC Berkeley (1991). His published work includes studies of the evolution and near-extirpation of salmon, fluvial and hill slope processes in mountain drainage basins, the evolution of mountain ranges (Cascades, Andes, and Himalaya), and the analysis of digital topography. Current research includes field projects in the Philippines, eastern Tibet, and the Pacific Northwest of North America.

Dirt on the Move: The Bad and the Good of Soil Erosion -

What erosion means for critical areas: Slopes, streams and shorelines

Sessions ① and ② Connie Waddington, Moderator

MARK P. MOLINARI has 20 years experience as a Senior Project Geologist successfully performing and managing hazardous waste and hydrogeologic assessments for engineering and environmental projects throughout the western United States. Projects completed include remedial investigations and feasibility studies for aerospace and other industrial facilities, RCRA waste management unit closures, Phase II investigations for property/business transfers, UST assessments, and voluntary cleanup actions. In addition, he has performed hydrogeologic investigations of commercial and industrial sites, hazardous waste and municipal landfills, and surface impoundments for hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Most were performed under state oversight and many required negotiations and/or presentations to regulatory agency personnel. Mark is a Licensed Geologist, Engineering Geologist, and Hydrogeologist in the State of Washington, and Registered Geologist and Certified Engineering Geologist in California.

Speakers (continued)

PETER NAMTVEDT BEST graduated from the Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University with a degree in Planning and Environmental Policy. As an environmental planner, he worked for more than 8 years for the City of Bainbridge Island coordinating environmental studies and stewardship actions along 53 miles of shoreline and translating science into land use and environmental policy.

Enhancing Dirt: How and Why to Make Better Soil - Soil amendment and improvements for your backyard Bobbie Morgan Moderator Sessions ❶ and ❷

TOM FEHSENFELD grew up in the countryside of Maryland where he helped raise vegetables and chickens with his father. He attended high school at The Putney School, a farm school in Vermont. In response to the burgeoning ecological crisis, Tom has been pursuing self sufficiency with his family on a West Port Madison Road farmette and orchard for over 20 years, in addition to being an accomplished fine artist. He has studied the techniques of John Jeavons' raised bed gardening, Elliott Coleman's four-season gardening, Steve Solomon's gardening west of the cascades, Binda Colebrook's winter gardening, and Masanobu Fukuwoka's no work farming, as well as the rye wisdom of his friend, Gail Smith. Tom's own contribution to sustainable gardening has been in designing appliances for raising transplants and drip irrigation.

BOBBIE MORGAN (Bobbie's bio can be found under the list of organizers)

KATHY MORSE is a retired nurse from the US Public Health Service. She is a Master Gardener and Master Composter volunteering with the WSU Extension Office Kitsap County. She has been coordinating the very popular Organic Gardening Course for Backyard Vegetable Gardeners for the past three years. She also volunteers at the West Sound Wildlife Shelter.

Working Dirt: Protection and Working of Fertile Soils - Farming and gardening vital for food production Christy Carr, Moderator Sessions ❶ and ❸

BETSEY WITTICK is the founder and owner of Laughing Crow Farm on Bainbridge Island. A New Jersey native, Betsey first discovered the island in 1984 and began farming on her own in 1990. She specializes in a variety of crops including heirloom potatoes, onions and garlic and has success experimenting with peaches and grain. Betsey is also an integral part of Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery and is active in educational programs with local school children.

BRIAN MACWHORTER migrated to the West Coast in 1974, landing in Eugene, Oregon. Butler Green Farms has been in operation throughout Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap for over 25 years. Brian's farm business includes direct-to-customer sales through his Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and the Farmer's Market and sales to local restaurants and grocery stores. Brian currently operates at seven locations, utilizing various sites that may otherwise have remained idle. This way, he has not only helped to preserve farmland, he has also developed healthy, sustainable farm practices by rotating crops and allowing fields to rest between intensive growth cycles. Brian grows just about everything you would expect to find fresh close to home.



Speakers (continued)

GERARD BENTRYN and his wife, Jo Ann, have been producing island grown and bottled wine for over 30 years at Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery. After spending time in Germany and throughout Europe while with the Army, Gerard went on to obtain a master's degree in physical geography and work as a water resource planner with the National Park Service. Gerard continues to utilize this background in natural resources to manage his vineyard as an agricultural landscape that respects and responds to its local environment. Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery sells estate-grown, produced and bottled wine at their Day Road location.



Dirty Dirt: Toxic Soils on Bainbridge -

Status of toxic industrial sites and use of pesticides by schools, Parks and the City

Charles Schmid and Sallie Maron, Moderators Sessions ① and ③

JANET KNOX has been a research or consulting scientist since 1983. As Principal Environmental Geochemist with Pacific Groundwater Group since 1987, she manages investigations and cleanups of contaminated sites in the northwest. She has addressed wide range of contamination at dry cleaners, oil refineries, chlorinated solvent plumes, landfills, steel plants, ports, lumber mills, hazardous waste treatment, wood treatment, and other industrial facilities. She has an undergraduate degree in Geology/Geophysics/Geochemistry from Yale and a masters degree in Geology/Geochemistry from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

MELANIE KEENAN is a Washington Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist with over twenty years experience in soil and groundwater cleanup; environmental assessment in support of property transfers, mergers and acquisitions; and drinking water resource management. She has a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Colorado State University, and has conducted post-graduate studies in Hydrogeology. She has provided litigation assistance on numerous industrial sites with fuels, solvents, pesticides, and PCB contamination throughout the Western U.S. In Western Washington, her experience includes completion of groundwater management plans and related drinking water supply studies for various municipalities.

MALCOLM GANDER is a Washington Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist with thirty years experience in soil and groundwater cleanup; environmental due diligence studies; and mineral exploration geology and geochemistry. He is currently with CH2M Hill as a technical lead for environmental closure of a portion of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, the nation's largest environmental cleanup site. He holds a Double Major Bachelor of Arts in Geology and Journalism from George Washington University, a Master of Science in Geology from Colorado State University, and is currently enrolled in the Ph.D program in Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University.

TIM L. NORD has worked for the Washington State Department of Ecology for 28 years. He has a Bachelor of Science in Ecosystems Analysis from Huxley College and a Masters in Public Administration from the Evergreen State College. He currently manages the Land and Aquatics Cleanup Section in Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program. Tim's primary area of emphasis is implementing the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative. This includes conducting bay-wide cleanups in Fidalgo, Port Gamble, and Port Gardner Bays. In addition to these efforts, Tim oversees numerous other cleanups across the state that present uniquely complex challenges, including the Wyckoff Site.

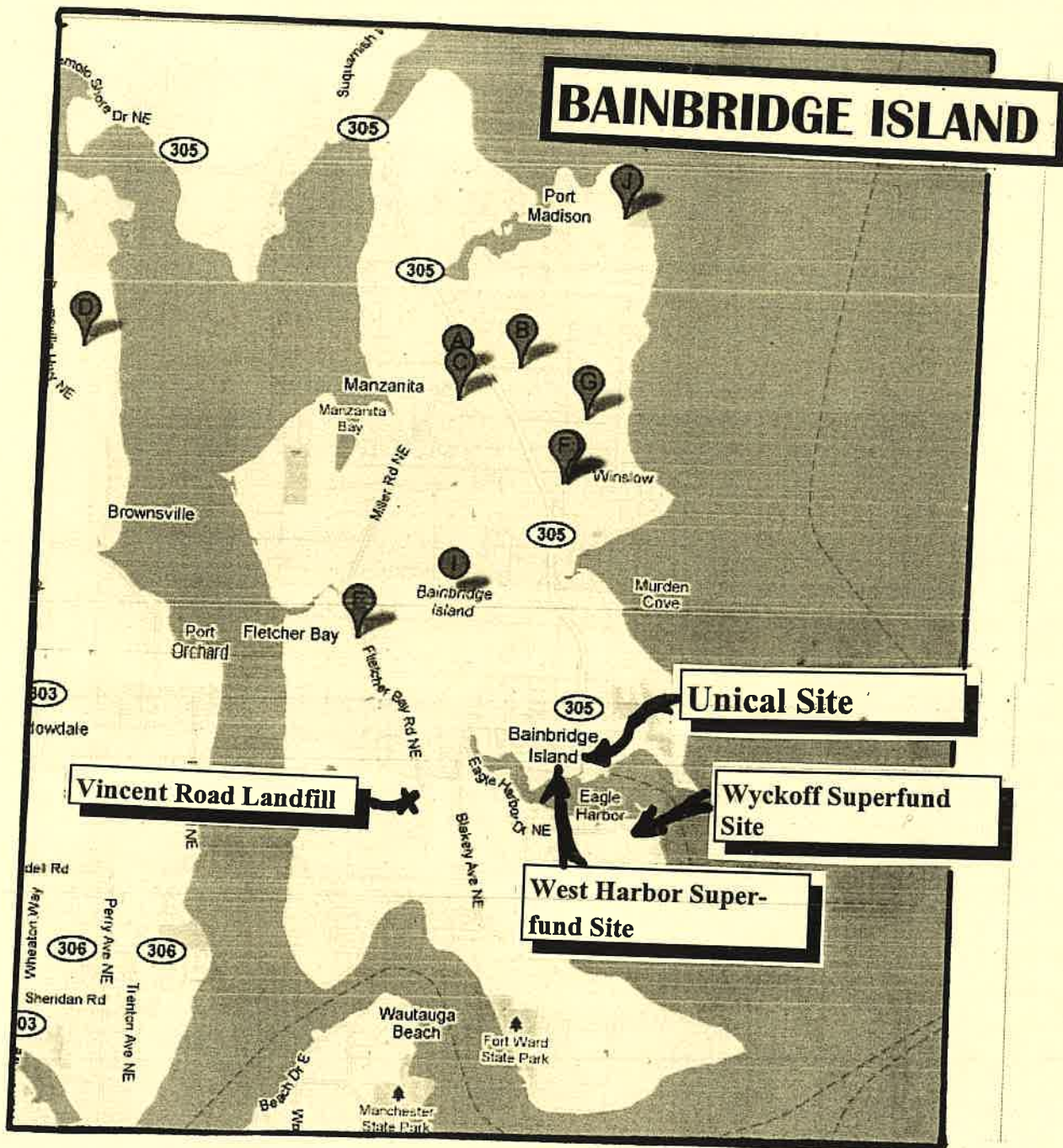
Additional Speakers

Dirt on the Move: The Bad and the Good of Soil Erosion - Sessions ① and ②

KATHY PETERS is a fourth generation Washingtonian who spent as much time as possible near and on the waters of Puget Sound as a youth. She has a B.S. in Fisheries Science from the University of Washington and did graduate study in finfish diseases and related research. She has worked for state, non-governmental and local government organizations as a fisheries biologist since 1978. She currently works to coordinate salmon recovery activities in the West Sound.

Enhancing Dirt: How and Why to Make Better Soil - Sessions ① and ②

OLAF RIBEIRO is a plant pathologist and arborist who consults around the world evaluating the health of trees. He recently has been testing soils and mulches from local suppliers.



Non Profit Sponsoring Organizations

The Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) has been working to preserve Bainbridge Island's natural environment since 1978. It consists of 12 neighborhood groups and over 500 members interested in learning about, and acting to protect and restore a clean and healthy environment here. It often speaks out on proposed legislation and developments at City Hall. ABC was instrumental in initiating the cleanup of the Wyckoff creosote site (now Pritchard Park) and the Vincent Road Landfill, and caring for the Waterfront Trail in Winslow. ABC has recently assisted in forming a new Water Resource Committee to look into our groundwater supply. It also published the book *In Praise of Island Stewards*.

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust is a private, member-supported nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and steward the diverse natural environment of Bainbridge Island for the benefit of all. To achieve this goal, the Land Trust acquires interests in land having significant or potentially significant conservation values such as scenic vistas, wetlands, open spaces, shorelines, forestlands, unique plant and animal habitats, agricultural lands and stream and wildlife corridors. It works with private landowners to protect their land using land protection agreements called conservation easements. It also works with a variety of partners to acquire land for parks, trails and public use. Since its founding 20 years ago, the Land Trust has helped to permanently protect over 1,100 acres on Bainbridge Island, more than 860 acres of which are open to the public.

Sustainable Bainbridge supports cooperation and collaboration among a broad-based network of local organizations, businesses, government and individuals to protect and strengthen our community's economic, social and environmental sustainability for current and future generations. Among its goals are increasing the awareness and understanding by individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses and local government of the need to make our community truly sustainable, and ways to do so, and by helping community members achieve a smaller ecological footprint.

The purpose of the **ABC Conservation/Education Foundation** is to conserve the environment and natural resources of Bainbridge Island by providing funds to support general education towards this goal by helping neighborhoods and other groups improve their understanding of the sensitive areas in their community, including streams, shorelines, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

Natural Landscapes is a nonprofit organization striving to protect human health, water quality and the environment by providing educational outreach to our community. We teach people about the hazards of using chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides while also promoting organic gardening methods and natural lawn care.

The **Trust for Working Landscapes** is a non-profit organization based on Bainbridge Island, WA. We work to preserve and enhance local farming. We are the current manager of 60 acres of Public Farmland on Bainbridge Island. We host Harvest Fair, farm tours, work parties and other educational experiences on the farms. We like farms! Please visit our website at and sign up for our newsletters

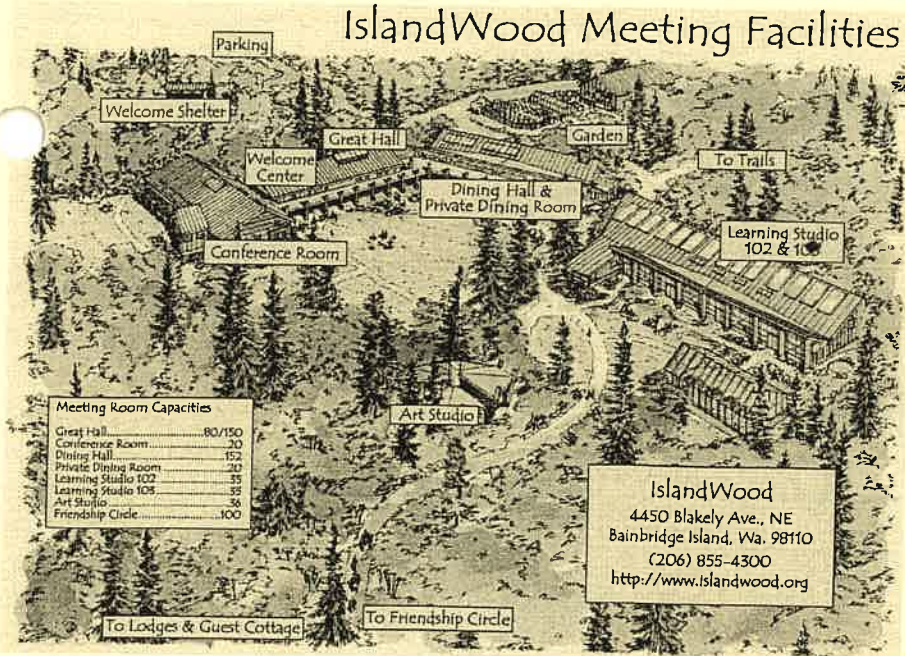
Previous Environmental Conferences

- 1st (2001) State of the Environment on Bainbridge Island
- 2nd (2002) Environmental Protection on Bainbridge Island
- 3rd (2003) Planting for a Healthy Environment
- 4th (2004) Water and Watersheds
- 5th (2005) The State of the Environment on Bainbridge Island
- 6th (2006) Wildlife and their Island Habitat
- 7th (2007) Aquatic Life and Habitat on Bainbridge Island
- 8th (2008) Positive Energy

"What's past is prologue"

William Shakespeare from his play *The Tempest*

IslandWood Meeting Facilities



IslandWood's mission is to provide exceptional learning experiences to inspire lifelong environmental and community stewardship. It envisions a future in which all people view themselves as lifelong learners, and share an extraordinary bond of stewardship for the environment, for their communities, and for each other.

ORGANIZERS

Sallie Maron has been picking blackberries on Bainbridge Island since 1978. She is a past president of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and chaired the Friends of Pritchard Park which helped raised funds for its acquisition. She is currently vice-president of Sustainable Bainbridge. Recently, she's been engaged in local food and farming issues with the group Sound Food.

Asha Rehnberg moved to Bainbridge in May 2008 and joined the staff of Bainbridge Island Land Trust as Executive Director in June. Previously, she worked on the staff of the Inland Northwest Land Trust in Spokane 2002-2006, and served on the board of the Bowen Island Conservancy in British Columbia Fall 2006-Spring of 2008. Before entering the conservation field, Asha was a senior real estate paralegal with a large law firm in Minneapolis.

Charles Schmid is secretary of the Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) and has been a co-organizer with Connie Waddington for all the environmental conferences. He and his wife Linda moved to Bainbridge Island in 1970, and he has been involved in many environmental activities ever since, including starting the first recycling program, the clean up of the Wyckoff creosote site and the old dump. He received the 2009 Phyllis Young Award by the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. For the past 19 years he has served as executive director of a scientific society in the field of acoustics.

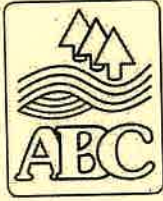
Connie Waddington has lived on Bainbridge Island since 1986 and is honored to be part of such a wonderful community. Her passion has been conserving and preserving open space. She has been a past president of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and is the current chair of the Open Space Commission. Her other interest is working with the intermediate school students on Nature Mapping.

Bobbie Morgan is co-director of the Natural Landscapes Project, providing education throughout Kitsap County about healthy alternatives to toxic lawn and garden chemicals. She has been trained through WSU programs as a Master Gardener, Master Composter and Native Plant Advisor. She has been part of the team that coordinated the Sustainable Garden Tours for the past several years.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ABC ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Silver cup originally presented to Jerry and Elaine Hellmuth in 1984.

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| 1991 Janet Knóx | 1996 Leigh Kennel | 2001 Connie Waddington |
| 1992 Vince Mattson | 1997 Dale Spoor | 2003 Van Calvez |
| 1993 Linda Schmid | 1998 Dave Davison | 2007 Jim Brennan |
| 1994 Sheila Crofut | 1999 Road Ends Advisory Committee | 2008 Lois and Lew Andrus |
| 1995 Bainbridge Island Land Trust | 2000 Frank Stowell | 2009 Jo Schaffer |



**Ninth Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference
2009
IslandWood**



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Program Organizers

Charles Schmid (Co-Chair)
Asha Rehnberg
Bobbie Morgan

Connie Waddington (Co-Chair)
Sallie Maron

Assisted by

Kathy Haskin
Jo Schaffer

Christy Carr
Gaye Lynn Galusha

NON PROFIT SPONSORS

Association of Bainbridge Communities	<i>biabc2000@yahoo.com</i>	842-5313
Bainbridge Island Land Trust	<i>www.bi-landtrust.org</i>	842-1216
Sustainable Bainbridge	<i>www.sustainablebainbridge.net</i>	842-4439
Trust for Working Landscapes	<i>www.trustforworkinglandscapes.org</i>	842-5537
Natural Landscapes Projects	<i>www.naturallandscapes.org</i>	842-4815
IslandWood	<i>www.islandwood.org</i>	855-4300

GOVERNMENTAL SPONSORS

City of Bainbridge Island	<i>www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us</i>	842-2545
B.I. Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District	<i>www.biparks.org</i>	842-2306

CONFERENCE FUNDING

ABC Conservation/Education Foundation (221 Winslow Way #305)
The Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC)
Bainbridge Island Land Trust (BILT)
Trust for Working Landscapes (TWL)
City of Bainbridge Island
Sustainable Bainbridge
IslandWood

COPYING, FOOD, SUPPORT & VIDEOTAPING

Copy of Mailers by Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks & Recreation/Metro District
Snacks and Dinner by IslandWood's Kitchen Team
Kevin Martin, Videographer to be re-broadcast on Bainbridge Island Television
IslandWood Support provided by Gaye Lynn Galusha
Registration and mailing handled by volunteers from Bainbridge Island Land Trust and ABC

FINAL REPORT
Community Services Grant
9th Annual Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference
held at IslandWood
Sunday, November 15th, 2009

Association of Bainbridge Communities
PO Box 10999
with the Bainbridge Island Land Trust
PO Box 10144
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
December 22nd, 2009

OVERVIEW

The 9th **Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference** was held on Sunday, November 15th, 2009 at IslandWood. The title for the conference was *The Truth about Dirt - Caring for our Island's Soil*. This year the conference was held on Sunday afternoon, followed by a dinner since IslandWood did not have a Saturday date open for the preferred time frame. The conference began with a presentation by Brian Stahl from the Kitsap Conservation District describing the soils on Bainbridge Island. His biography is included on page 2 of the attached Program (Attachment C) which was given to attendees. His talk was followed by three simultaneous 45 minute sessions held in smaller classrooms which provided attendees with a wide choice of subjects on different aspects of soil:

- 1) **Dirt on the Move: The Bad and the Good of Soil Erosion**
What erosions means for critical areas: Slopes, streams and shorelines
- 2) **Enhancing Dirt: How and Why to Make Better Soils.**
Soil amendment and improvements for your backyard
- 3) **Working Dirt: Protection and Working of Fertile Soils.**
Farming and gardening for food production
- 4) **Dirty Dirt: Toxic Soils on Bainbridge**
Status of toxic industrial sites and use of pesticides by schools, Parks and the City
- 5) **Dirt - The Movie**

Sessions 1 through 4 consisted of panel discussions. Each began with from 3 to 5 speakers giving short introductions to the subject of the session followed by audience participation. The list of speakers and their biographies is described in the handout (Attachment C). A quick scan of their backgrounds shows that each has extensive practical experience and professional backgrounds in their field of interest, demonstrating once again the talent which exists here on the Island. Also the conference was fortunate that Tim Nord from the Department of Ecology in Olympia was able to join panel number 4 since he was scheduled to attend a meeting with the City regarding the Wyckoff Superfund site the next day at City Hall. The movie *Dirt* has only recently been made available and was shown in the Great Hall.

The keynote speaker, David Montgomery from the University of Washington, gave the final presentation of the conference based on his book *Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations*. He described the thousand-year cycle of civilizations which he attributed to the time it takes for fertile agricultural land to lose its growing power, and turn into arid land unable to support sustainable agriculture. After his talk he had a book signing during the reception. The conference ended with a dinner featuring fresh, locally grown food. The dinner served to emphasize the importance to Bainbridge Island's environment for soil in which food can be grown and as well as habitat for the fish and wildlife which we cherish. Being locally grown also decreases the amount of energy needed for transportation. In addition, clean soil provides healthy drinking water and stable soil provides sound platforms for our homes and infrastructure.

A total of 98 citizens registered for the conference, of which 43 stayed for dinner. Two City Council members attended (Bill Knobloch and Barry Peters) and one incoming Council member (Kirsten Hytopoulos). One County Commissioner (Charlotte Garrido) and some City staff also were in the audience. Also a number of organizations had exhibits. Dale Spoor, ABC's president, presented its Environmentalist of the Year award to Jo Schaffer.

ANNOUNCEMENT/PROMOTION OF CONFERENCE

A flyer (Attachment A) was sent out to all members of the Association of Bainbridge Communities(ABC), the Bainbridge Island Land Trust (BILT), and others who had attended previous environmental conferences, with care taken to avoid duplication. This amounted to over 1,400 mailings. In addition information was e-mailed to members of co-sponsoring organizations such as Sustainable Bainbridge. Announcements were printed in the two local newspapers. An article by Tristan Baurick described the conference in the *Kitsap SUN*. (Attachment B) The announcements were copied by the Park and Recreation Metro District pro bono. IslandWood placed an announcement in their newsletter which is distributed to the entire island. IslandWood also provided assistance for most of the facility planning. The usual charge per attendee by IslandWood was considerably less than what IslandWood typically charges for an activity of this scale. The Bainbridge Island Land Trust handled registration.

ORGANIZATION/COSTS

The primary organizers for the conference were the Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) and the Bainbridge Island Land Trust (BILT). This year Sustainable Bainbridge and Natural Landscapes were co-sponsors and were heavily involved in the organization, lending their knowledge to planning the meeting. The conference would not have been possible without the many contributions by IslandWood to the planning, food preparation, and wonderful facilities. The back page of the insert for Attachment C lists the five program organizers for the conference: Charles Schmid (Co-Chair), Connie Waddington (Co-Chair), Asha Rehnberg (BILT), Sallie Maron (Sustainable Bainbridge) and Bobbie Morgan (Natural Landscapes). Volunteers assisted in mailing, layout of printed material, coordinating the program with speakers, planning the agenda, registration, and facilitating at no cost. The only labor costs were for video taping for Bainbridge Island Broadcasting and an honoraria of \$500 for the keynote speaker, David Montgomery. The summary of revenue and expenses and volunteer hours is shown on the next page.

In contrast with recent conferences, the food expenses for this year was well under-budget. This is attributed to having very few students and teachers at reduced registration fees, and providing only snacks at \$7 per person rather than the lunch which is about \$20 per person. We asked all who had dinner to pay separately to cover that food cost. Hence the final amount requested from the City is \$903.

POST CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

We plan to ask Bainbridge Island Broadcasting to air David Montgomery's keynote speech.

BUDGET/ACTUALS for the 9th ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE 2009

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budgeted Expense</u>	<u>In Kind Hours</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>
Coordination Time (Planning, Design Discussion, Meetings, etc.)	\$ 50	40/55	\$ 35
Promotional Materials/Copying	\$ 100	20/20	120
Mailing (1000)	\$ 0	20/20	214
Paid Advertisement	\$ 0		0
Honoraria/Travel Expenses	\$ 300	0/5	524
Movie		0/5	100
Registration Assistance/Supplies		10/8	75
A/V Mikes/labor	\$ 100		0
Badges/Handouts	\$ 50	10/15	85
Credit Card Costs	\$		19
Video for BIB/Library Copies	\$ 500		268
Food/Refreshments	\$ 3,000	20/3	
Snacks (\$ 7.60 x 96)			730
Reception			357
Dinner Cost (\$ 19.55 x 41)			801
Post Meeting Analysis/Copying/ Mailing/Administration	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,150</u>	<u>130/141</u> hours	<u>\$ 3,338</u>
	<u>Budgeted Income</u>		<u>Collected</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
ABC Foundation	\$ 500		\$ 50
Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$ 100		
Other Organizations	\$ 225		
Sustainable Bainbridge Parks			\$ 50 \$ 120
Registration Fee (54 x \$15 + 25 x \$25 + 4 x \$5)	\$ 1975		\$ 1,455
Dinner Charge (40 x 19)	<u>\$ 0</u>		<u>\$ 760</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,800		\$ 2,435
City of Bainbridge Island	<u>\$ 1,350</u>		<u>\$ 903</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,150</u>		<u>\$ 3,338</u>

- The Parks and Recreation Metro District contributed \$120 for copy costs which is entered above and IslandWood donated an estimated \$2,500 in-kind by providing the meeting facilities at no cost.

EVALUATION

Attachment D summarizes the responses from the 24 evaluation sheets which were returned. Direct mailings and email were the main avenues for attendees to learn about the conference. The majority of participants were volunteers in environmental organizations. As in the past, it turns out that most of people who are interested in spending the better part of the day learning about the environment are already involved in volunteering for similar activities.

Program Evaluation

The introductory talk by Brian Stahl was rated between GOOD and FAIR. Not receiving the highest ratings was undoubtedly due to the fact that his presentation relied on real time connections with the internet, and the response time was very long, and thus frustrating for both him and the audience. This can be avoided in the future by asking presenters to save web pages for a presentation on their computer rather than relying on a high speed internet connection. The four panel discussion sessions (Working Dirt, Enhancing Dirt, Dirt on the Move, and Dirty Dirt) received most of their ratings between VERY GOOD and GOOD, and the movie received mostly VERY GOOD ratings. The keynote speaker received the highest ratings of VERY GOOD, and the overall program received a majority of VERY GOOD responses. These results indicate that participants were pleased with the quality of the program.

Personal Reaction to the Program

All but one of the responses thought the topic appropriate. This was satisfying to the organizers since the members of the organizing committee were initially not sure how this topic would fare with the environmental community; however these ratings reflect that the conference showed attendees the importance that soil plays in shaping our environment. Most of those responding felt the program lived up to their expectations, and helped them to understand soil issues. Again this was reassuring to see that participants learned about the importance of soil, and how they can improve and restore it. As has been the result in the past, everyone voted to repeat another conference in 2010. It was interesting to note that half those responding preferred holding the meeting on a Sunday, while another half didn't have a preference, with only one person voted for a Saturday. As mentioned above, previous conferences have been held on a Saturday, and this result indicates that organizers will need to consider Sundays in the future.

Other Comments

Those responding had suggestions for a wide range of future subjects. One which was popular had been brought up during the conference, namely to cover the geology of Bainbridge Island. This was an extension of the subject of soil. Helpful suggestions included how speakers could improve their presentations, and how organizers could improve the meeting. One person complained about the lack of attendance of minorities at the conference, offering to help for future conferences. And there were a number of "thank you's" for the organizers, and notes of appreciation for the food and facilities at IslandWood.

Should you have further questions please feel free to contact me.



Charles Schmid, Secretary
Association of Bainbridge Communities

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 4450 Blakely NE, Bainbridge Island



Keynote Speaker: David Montgomery

UW Professor of Earth & Space Sciences, and bestselling author of
Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations

Brian Stahl - on the Soils of Bainbridge Island

Debut of **"DIRT! The Movie"**

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Dirt on the Move: The Bad and the Good of Soil Erosion
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Dirty Dirt: Toxic Soils on Bainbridge and the Use of Pesticides
 Status of toxic industrial sites; avoiding toxic weed and bug killers

Mid-afternoon light snacks included with registration

5:30 pm cash bar and 6:00 pm Supper


Early Bird Conf. Registration Fee: \$15.00	Number Attending: _____	Early Bird Reg. Fee
Conf. Registration after Nov. 6: \$25.00	Number Attending: _____	Regular Reg. Fee
K-12 Student/Teacher Conf. Reg. Fee: \$5.00	Number Attending: _____	Student/Teacher Fee
Optional Supper: \$19.00	Number Attending: _____	Supper

Registration for optional supper after Nov. 6 subject to availability. **Total Payment Enclosed: \$** _____

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*"We know more about the movements of celestial bodies than about the soil underfoot."
--Leonardo Da Vinci*

9th Annual Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference
THE TRUTH ABOUT DIRT: CARING FOR OUR ISLAND'S SOIL
Sunday, November 15, 2009

*"As odd as it may sound, civilization's survival depends on treating soil as an investment, as a valuable inheritance rather than a commodity -- as something other than dirt."
--David Montgomery, Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations*

A2 | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Dirt Gets Its Due at Island Environmental Conference

A UW professor and author will be the keynote talker Sunday afternoon.

By TRISTAN BAURICK
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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

A conference on Sunday aims to give dirt the respect it deserves.

Dirt, said Bainbridge Environmental Conference organizer Connie Waddington, "is something you don't really think about on a day-to-day basis." Yet, she said, ignoring dirt has contributed to the downfall of empires.

"Some civilizations disappeared because they didn't take soil seriously," Waddington said.

The daylong conference at the IslandWood environmental learning center will feature several workshops and speakers fo-

cused on local soil issues, including erosion, contamination and preserving the fertility of the island's farm fields.

The keynote speaker is David R. Montgomery, University of Washington earth science professor and author of "Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations."

Published in 2007, "Dirt" won the Washington State Book Award for general nonfiction. The book is a natural and cultural history of soil, exploring its use and misuse from ancient to modern times. Soil erosion and nutrient depletion helped push the Mayan, Mesopotamian and Roman civilizations into ruin, Montgomery writes in "Dirt."

Other speakers will include state Department of Ecology toxic site cleanup manager Tim Nord, island farmers Brian MacWhorter and Gerard Bentryn, Natural Landscapes

Project co-founder Bobbie Morgan and the Kitsap Conservation District's Brian Stahl.

The conference will feature a screening of "Dirt! The Movie," a documentary about how drought, climate change, war and other factors have degraded soil around the world.

Now in its ninth year, the conference has focused on energy conservation, the marine environment and water use.

Sunday's conference begins at 1 p.m. and runs until 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25. A dinner at 6 p.m. costs an additional \$19. For more information and to register, call (206) 842-9483.

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Sunday, November 15, 2009 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. IslandWood

The Truth about Dirt

Caring for our Island's Soil



- 1:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits and Snacks at Welcome Center
- 1:20 p.m. Introduction/Announcements in Great Hall John Haskin, IslandWood
Presentation of ABC Environmentalist of the Year
- 1:30 p.m. Overview of the Soils on Bainbridge Island Brian Stahl
- 2:00 p.m.  Walk to Workshops Session ①
- 2:10 p.m. Workshops for Session 1 (See rooms below)
- 2:55 p.m.  Walk to Workshops Session ②
- 3:05 p.m. Workshops and Movie for Session 2 (See rooms below)
- 3:50 p.m.  Walk to Workshops Session ③
- 4:00 p.m. Workshops and Movie for Session 3 (See rooms below)
- 4:45 p.m.  Walk to Great Hall
- 4:50 p.m. Keynote Speaker: **David Montgomery**
- 5:30 p.m. Book signing *Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations* and reception **Please visit the tables.**
- 6:15 p.m. **Dinner** (Dinner ticket required)
- 7:30 p.m. **Finish**

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>Great Hall</u>	<u>Bluebill Cove</u>	<u>LS 102</u>	<u>LS103</u>
<u>Session ①</u> ----- 2:10-2:55	<i>Working Dirt</i> Protection and working of fertile soils	<i>Enhancing Dirt</i> How and why to make better Soil	<i>Dirt on the Move</i> The bad and the good of soil erosion	<i>Dirty Dirt</i> Toxic soils on Bainbridge
<u>Session ②</u> ----- 3:05-3:50	<i>Dirt – the Movie</i> Part 1	<i>Enhancing Dirt</i>	<i>Dirt on the Move</i>	
<u>Session ③</u> ----- 4:00-4:45	<i>Dirt – the Movie</i> Part 2	<i>Working Dirt</i>		<i>Dirty Dirt</i>



Something about our speakers

JOHN HASKIN is the director of education at IslandWood. He has a particular interest in learning in the outdoors with an emphasis on teacher development. Over the last 30 years, Dr. Haskin has directed in-residence environmental education programs in North Carolina, Ohio, Wyoming, New York and now Washington. His areas of program expertise include school programming, adult education, cultural history education and inquiry science. He has coordinated national and international conferences on environmental education and the role of education in environment and development issues. John has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction, both from Minnesota State University. He completed his Ph.D. in Environmental Studies at the Antioch New England. His research areas include novice teacher development and qualitative inquiry.

BRIAN STAHL is the Bainbridge Island Resource Planner for the Kitsap Conservation District. He grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin that happened to be one of the first to take advantage of Natural Resources Conservation Service program funding to construct a manure storage lagoon. Brian has shifted gears and is now concentrating on livestock management as related to our Pacific Northwest natural resources.

DAVID MONTGOMERY is a professor in the Earth and Space Sciences department at the University of Washington. His studies include the evolution of topography and the influence of geomorphological processes on ecological systems and human societies. He received his B.S. in geology at Stanford University (1984) and his Ph.D. in geomorphology from UC Berkeley (1991). His published work includes studies of the evolution and near-extirpation of salmon, fluvial and hill slope processes in mountain drainage basins, the evolution of mountain ranges (Cascades, Andes, and Himalaya), and the analysis of digital topography. Current research includes field projects in the Philippines, eastern Tibet, and the Pacific Northwest of North America.

Dirt on the Move: The Bad and the Good of Soil Erosion - What erosion means for critical areas: Slopes, streams and shorelines Sessions ① and ② Connie Waddington, Moderator

MARK P. MOLINARI has 20 years experience as a Senior Project Geologist successfully performing and managing hazardous waste and hydrogeologic assessments for engineering and environmental projects throughout the western United States. Projects completed include remedial investigations and feasibility studies for aerospace and other industrial facilities, RCRA waste management unit closures, Phase II investigations for property/business transfers, UST assessments, and voluntary cleanup actions. In addition, he has performed hydrogeologic investigations of commercial and industrial sites, hazardous waste and municipal landfills, and surface impoundments for hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Most were performed under state oversight and many required negotiations and/or presentations to regulatory agency personnel. Mark is a Licensed Geologist, Engineering Geologist, and Hydrogeologist in the State of Washington, and Registered Geologist and Certified Engineering Geologist in California.

Speakers (continued)

PETER NAMTVEDT BEST graduated from the Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University with a degree in Planning and Environmental Policy. As an environmental planner, he worked for more than 8 years for the City of Bainbridge Island coordinating environmental studies and stewardship actions along 53 miles of shoreline and translating science into land use and environmental policy.

Enhancing Dirt: How and Why to Make Better Soil - Soil amendment and improvements for your backyard

Bobbie Morgan Moderator Sessions ① and ②

TOM FEHSENFELD grew up in the countryside of Maryland where he helped raise vegetables and chickens with his father. He attended high school at The Putney School, a farm school in Vermont. In response to the burgeoning ecological crisis, Tom has been pursuing self sufficiency with his family on a West Port Madison Road farmette and orchard for over 20 years, in addition to being an accomplished fine artist. He has studied the techniques of John Jeavons' raised bed gardening, Elliott Coleman's four-season gardening, Steve Solomon's gardening west of the cascades, Binda Colebrook's winter gardening, and Masanobu Fukuwoka's no work farming, as well as the rye wisdom of his friend, Gail Smith. Tom's own contribution to sustainable gardening has been in designing appliances for raising transplants and drip irrigation.

BOBBIE MORGAN (Bobbie's bio can be found under the list of organizers)

KATHY MORSE is a retired nurse from the US Public Health Service. She is a Master Gardener and Master Composter volunteering with the WSU Extension Office Kitsap County. She has been coordinating the very popular Organic Gardening Course for Backyard Vegetable Gardeners for the past three years. She also volunteers at the West Sound Wildlife Shelter.



Working Dirt: Protection and Working of Fertile Soils - Farming and gardening vital for food production

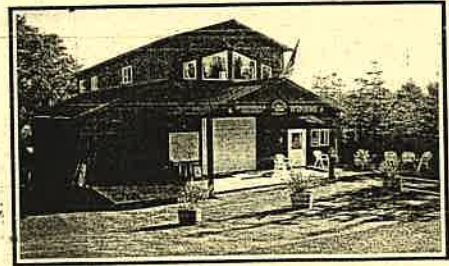
Christy Carr, Moderator Sessions ① and ③

BETSEY WITTICK is the founder and owner of Laughing Crow Farm on Bainbridge Island. A New Jersey native, Betsey first discovered the island in 1984 and began farming on her own in 1990. She specializes in a variety of crops including heirloom potatoes, onions and garlic and has success experimenting with peaches and grain. Betsey is also an integral part of Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery and is active in educational programs with local school children.

BRIAN MACWHORTER migrated to the West Coast in 1974, landing in Eugene, Oregon. Butler Green Farms has been in operation throughout Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap for over 25 years. Brian's farm business includes direct-to-customer sales through his Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and the Farmer's Market and sales to local restaurants and grocery stores. Brian currently operates at seven locations, utilizing various sites that may otherwise have remained idle. This way, he has not only helped to preserve farmland, he has also developed healthy, sustainable farm practices by rotating crops and allowing fields to rest between intensive growth cycles. Brian grows just about everything you would expect to find fresh close to home.

Speakers (continued)

GERARD BENTRYN and his wife, Jo Ann, have been producing island grown and bottled wine for over 30 years at Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery. After spending time in Germany and throughout Europe while with the Army, Gerard went on to obtain a master's degree in physical geography and work as a water resource planner with the National Park Service. Gerard continues to utilize this background in natural resources to manage his vineyard as an agricultural landscape that respects and responds to its local environment. Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery sells estate-grown, produced and bottled wine at their Day Road location.



Dirty Dirt: Toxic Soils on Bainbridge -

Status of toxic industrial sites and use of pesticides by schools, Parks and the City

Charles Schmid and Sallie Maron, Moderators Sessions ① and ③

JANET KNOX has been a research or consulting scientist since 1983. As Principal Environmental Geochemist with Pacific Groundwater Group since 1987, she manages investigations and cleanups of contaminated sites in the northwest. She has addressed wide range of contamination at dry cleaners, oil refineries, chlorinated solvent plumes, landfills, steel plants, ports, lumber mills, hazardous waste treatment, wood treatment, and other industrial facilities. She has an undergraduate degree in Geology/Geophysics/Geochemistry from Yale and a masters degree in Geology/Geochemistry from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

MELANIE KEENAN is a Washington Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist with over twenty years experience in soil and groundwater cleanup; environmental assessment in support of property transfers, mergers and acquisitions; and drinking water resource management. She has a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Colorado State University, and has conducted post-graduate studies in Hydrogeology. She has provided litigation assistance on numerous industrial sites with fuels, solvents, pesticides, and PCB contamination throughout the Western U.S. In Western Washington, her experience includes completion of groundwater management plans and related drinking water supply studies for various municipalities.

MALCOLM GANDER is a Washington Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist with thirty years experience in soil and groundwater cleanup; environmental due diligence studies; and mineral exploration geology and geochemistry. He is currently with CH2M Hill as a technical lead for environmental closure of a portion of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, the nation's largest environmental cleanup site. He holds a Double Major Bachelor of Arts in Geology and Journalism from George Washington University, a Master of Science in Geology from Colorado State University, and is currently enrolled in the Ph.D program in Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University.

TIM L. NORD has worked for the Washington State Department of Ecology for 28 years. He has a Bachelor of Science in Ecosystems Analysis from Huxley College and a Masters in Public Administration from the Evergreen State College. He currently manages the Land and Aquatics Cleanup Section in Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program. Tim's primary area of emphasis is implementing the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative. This includes conducting bay-wide cleanups in Fidalgo, Port Gamble, and Port Gardner Bays. In addition to these efforts, Tim oversees numerous other cleanups across the state that present uniquely complex challenges, including the Wyckoff Site.

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2. How do you participate in environmental issues (Pick the most appropriate one)?

Employee in an Environmental Field Volunteer for Environmental Organization Farmer
 Gardener Elected Official Student Teacher Press Other _____

3. PROGRAM EVALUATION

VERY GOOD GOOD FAIR POOR

Introductory Talk/Brian Stahl-----

SESSIONS

Working Dirt -----

Enhancing Dirt -----

Dirt on the Move -----

Dirty Dirt-----

Dirt the Movie -----

Keynote Speaker David Montgomery -----

Overall Program -----

4. PERSONAL REACTION TO PROGRAM

YES TO SOME NO
 EXTENT

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5. FUTURE SUBJECTS Recommendations for future subjects: _____

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7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE?



Please pass in this sheet after the keynote speaker, or mail to:
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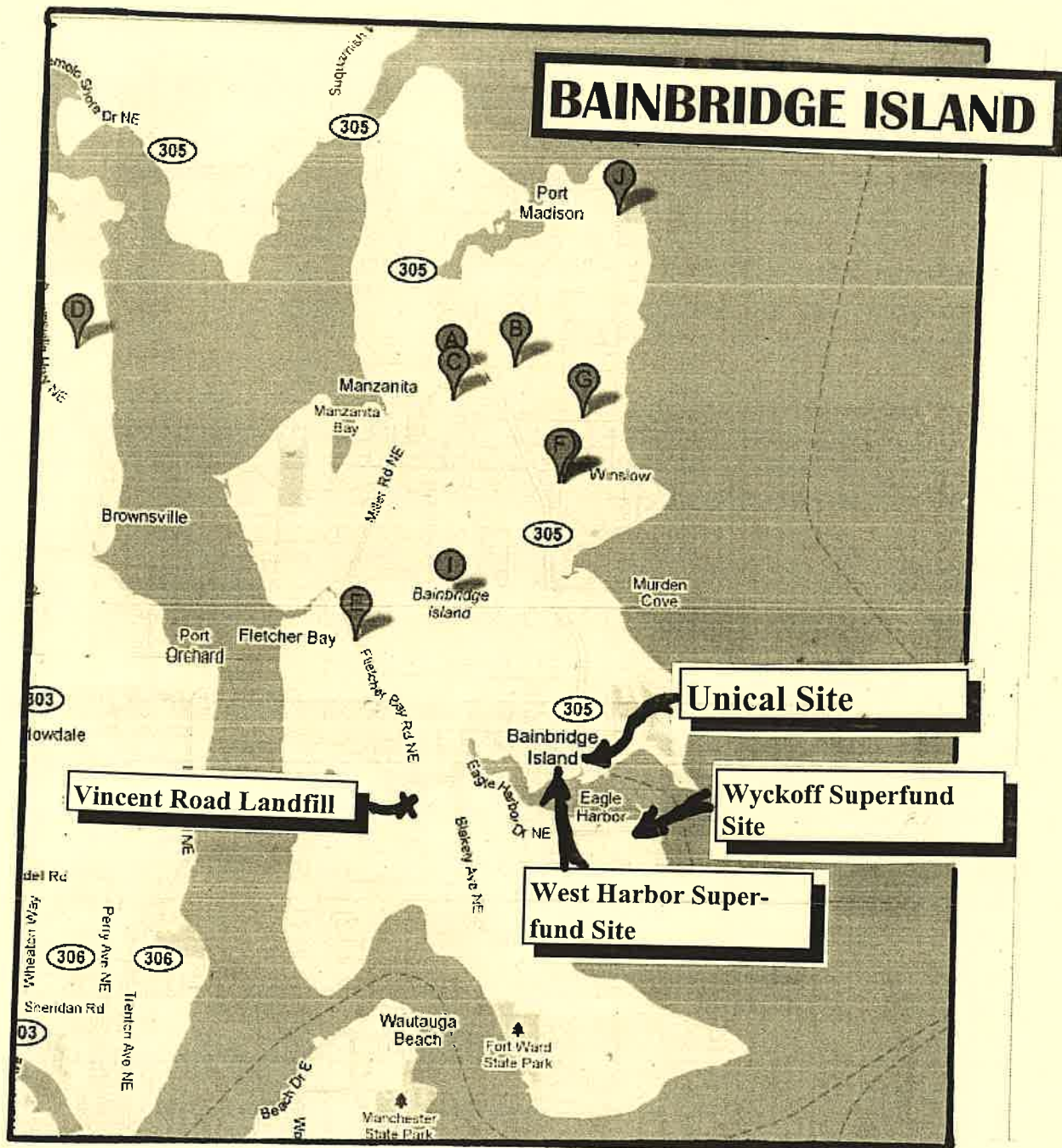
Additional Speakers

Dirt on the Move: The Bad and the Good of Soil Erosion - Sessions ① and ②

KATHY PETERS is a fourth generation Washingtonian who spent as much time as possible near and on the waters of Puget Sound as a youth. She has a B.S. in Fisheries Science from the University of Washington and did graduate study in finfish diseases and related research. She has worked for state, non-governmental and local government organizations as a fisheries biologist since 1978. She currently works to coordinate salmon recovery activities in the West Sound.

Enhancing Dirt: How and Why to Make Better Soil -Sessions ① and ②

OLAF RIBEIRO is a plant pathologist and arborist who consults around the world evaluating the health of trees. He recently has been testing soils and mulches from local suppliers.



Non Profit Sponsoring Organizations

The Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) has been working to preserve Bainbridge Island's natural environment since 1978. It consists of 12 neighborhood groups and over 500 members interested in learning about, and acting to protect and restore a clean and healthy environment here. It often speaks out on proposed legislation and developments at City Hall. ABC was instrumental in initiating the cleanup of the Wyckoff creosote site (now Pritchard Park) and the Vincent Road Landfill, and caring for the Waterfront Trail in Winslow. ABC has recently assisted in forming a new Water Resource Committee to look into our groundwater supply. It also published the book *In Praise of Island Stewards*.

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust is a private, member-supported nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and steward the diverse natural environment of Bainbridge Island for the benefit of all. To achieve this goal, the Land Trust acquires interests in land having significant or potentially significant conservation values such as scenic vistas, wetlands, open spaces, shorelines, forestlands, unique plant and animal habitats, agricultural lands and stream and wildlife corridors. It works with private landowners to protect their land using land protection agreements called conservation easements. It also works with a variety of partners to acquire land for parks, trails and public use. Since its founding 20 years ago, the Land Trust has helped to permanently protect over 1,100 acres on Bainbridge Island, more than 860 acres of which are open to the public.

Sustainable Bainbridge supports cooperation and collaboration among a broad-based network of local organizations, businesses, government and individuals to protect and strengthen our community's economic, social and environmental sustainability for current and future generations. Among its goals are increasing the awareness and understanding by individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses and local government of the need to make our community truly sustainable, and ways to do so, and by helping community members achieve a smaller ecological footprint.

The purpose of the **ABC Conservation/Education Foundation** is to conserve the environment and natural resources of Bainbridge Island by providing funds to support general education towards this goal by helping neighborhoods and other groups improve their understanding of the sensitive areas in their community, including streams, shorelines, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

Natural Landscapes is a nonprofit organization striving to protect human health, water quality and the environment by providing educational outreach to our community. We teach people about the hazards of using chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides while also promoting organic gardening methods and natural lawn care.

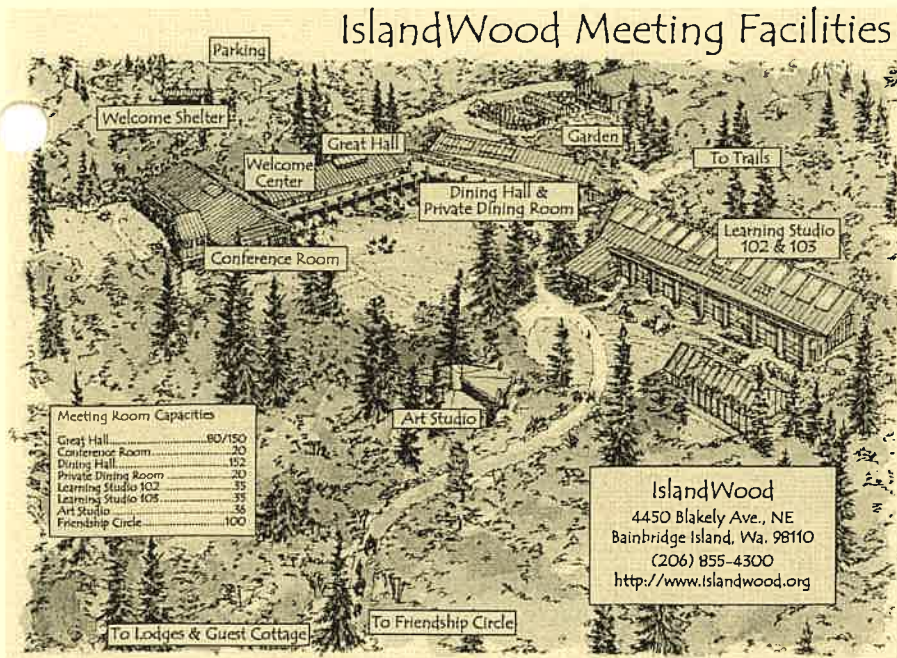
The **Trust for Working Landscapes** is a non-profit organization based on Bainbridge Island, WA. We work to preserve and enhance local farming. We are the current manager of 60 acres of Public Farmland on Bainbridge Island. We host Harvest Fair, farm tours, work parties and other educational experiences on the farms. We like farms! Please visit our website at www.workinglandscapes.org and sign up for our newsletters

Previous Environmental Conferences

- 1st (2001) State of the Environment on Bainbridge Island
- 2nd (2002) Environmental Protection on Bainbridge Island
- 3rd (2003) Planting for a Healthy Environment
- 4th (2004) Water and Watersheds
- 5th (2005) The State of the Environment on Bainbridge Island
- 6th (2006) Wildlife and their Island Habitat
- 7th (2007) Aquatic Life and Habitat on Bainbridge Island
- 8th (2008) Positive Energy

"What's past is prologue"

William Shakespeare from his
play *The Tempest*



IslandWood's mission is to provide exceptional learning experiences to inspire lifelong environmental and community stewardship. It envisions a future in which all people view themselves as lifelong learners, and share an extraordinary bond of stewardship for the environment, for their communities, and for each other.

ORGANIZERS

Sallie Maron has been picking blackberries on Bainbridge Island since 1978. She is a past president of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and chaired the Friends of Pritchard Park which helped raised funds for its acquisition. She is currently vice-president of Sustainable Bainbridge. Recently, she's been engaged in local food and farming issues with the group Sound Food.

Asha Rehnberg moved to Bainbridge in May 2008 and joined the staff of Bainbridge Island Land Trust as Executive Director in June. Previously, she worked on the staff of the Inland Northwest Land Trust in Spokane 2002-2006, and served on the board of the Bowen Island Conservancy in British Columbia Fall 2006-Spring of 2008. Before entering the conservation field, Asha was a senior real estate paralegal with a large law firm in Minneapolis.

Charles Schmid is secretary of the Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) and has been a co-organizer with Connie Waddington for all the environmental conferences. He and his wife Linda moved to Bainbridge Island in 1970, and he has been involved in many environmental activities ever since, including starting the first recycling program, the clean up of the Wyckoff creosote site and the old dump. He received the 2009 Phyllis Young Award by the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. For the past 19 years he has served as executive director of a scientific society in the field of acoustics.

Connie Waddington has lived on Bainbridge Island since 1986 and is honored to be part of such a wonderful community. Her passion has been conserving and preserving open space. She has been a past president of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and is the current chair of the Open Space Commission. Her other interest is working with the intermediate school students on Nature Mapping.

Bobbie Morgan is co-director of the Natural Landscapes Project, providing education throughout Kitsap County about healthy alternatives to toxic lawn and garden chemicals. She has been trained through WSU programs as a Master Gardener, Master Composter and Native Plant Advisor. She has been part of the team that coordinated the Sustainable Garden Tours for the past several years.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ABC ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Silver cup originally presented to Jerry and Elaine Hellmuth in 1984.

1991 Janet Knox	1996 Leigh Kennel	2001 Connie Waddington
1992 Vince Mattson	1997 Dale Spoor	2003 Van Calvez
1993 Linda Schmid	1998 Dave Davison	2007 Jim Brennan
1994 Sheila Crofut	1999 Road Ends Advisory Committee	2008 Lois and Lew Andrus
1995 Bainbridge Island Land Trust	2000 Frank Stowell	2009 Jo Schaffer



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Gardener 8 Elected Official 2 Student 0 Teacher 3 Press 0 Other Artist 1 **3. PROGRAM EVALUATION**VERY GOODGOODFAIRPOORIntroductory Talk/Brian Stahl----- 1 7 10 1**SESSIONS**Working Dirt ----- 4 5 3 0Enhancing Dirt ----- 6 6 2 0Dirt on the Move ----- 7 1 2 0Dirty Dirt----- 3 1 0 0Dirt the Movie ----- 13 2 0 0Keynote Speaker David Montgomery ----- 17 4 1 0Overall Program ----- 12 7 0 0**4. PERSONAL REACTION TO PROGRAM**

TO SOME

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NO

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Written Comments from survey forms for Environmental Conference (Questions numbers pertain to the survey sheet)

5. FUTURE SUBJECTS *Recommendations for future subjects:*

- Backyard Environmentalism
- Changes to make in our everyday lives - new tools and information
- Geology of Bainbridge Island (2 requests)
- Geology of Bainbridge Island: Faults, earthquakes, glacial sediments, land forms, aquifers, beaches
- Native Species/Invasive removal
- Trees
- Environmentally sound landscaping/garden practices
- Sustainable landscape practices
- Native Landscaping
- Sustainable Business
- Food and farming
- Adopting to a new post petroleum world - what does Bainbridge need to do?
- How citizens can make the Bainbridge Island Shoreline the best possible
- Puget Sound future as related to storm water runoff
- Can development (economic needs) and a healthy environment co-exist?
- Density (pro and con/good and bad)
- Climate change

6. HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS/ORGANIZERS *Critique of presentations/ facilities/organization*

- Very disappointed in Brian Stahl. Constant complaint of technology. Did not reflect well on his preparation. Should have had presentation in PowerPoint and/or been prepared for circumstances. He would click through a page, complain about the wait, and then when a page came up, not even reference it. Also seemed more ag related than environmental. My degree is in environmental studies, and I understand the connection, but I came away with no action ideas.
- Facilities/Food/Organization very good. (Tho signs directing entry were sloppy)
- Couldn't hear the speaker in the learning studio.
- None.