

Sagamore Creek BRC Feedback Forms: 11/16-23/2015

From: Kathleen Zamarchi <katezamarchi@gmail.com>
To: webmaster <webmaster@cityofportsmouth.com>, David Moore
<dmoore@cityofportsmouth.com>
Date: November 18, 2015 at 10:52:52 AM EST
Subject: Feedback Sagamore Creek Land

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kathleen Zamarchi (katezamarchi@gmail.com) on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 09:52:52

company: Conservation Committee

address: 123 Hillside Drive

city: Portsmouth

state: NH

zip: 03801

comments: I have reviewed the Sagamore Creek Master Plan (Nov 2015) and wholeheartedly support the future plan and use. I thank all the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee for their thorough work to keep this jewel of Portsmouth inline with Conservation Best Practices as well as making it available for Public Use through passive recreational uses. - Kate Zamarchi

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Dan Rawling <dan@rawlingdesign.com>
To: webmaster <webmaster@cityofportsmouth.com>, David Moore <dmoore@cityofportsmouth.com>
Date: November 16, 2015 at 9:03:54 AM EST
Subject: WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Dan Rawling (dan@rawlingdesign.com) on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 08:03:54

address: 411 Middle St.

city: Portsmouth

state: NH

zip: 03801

comments: Thank You for your thoughtful and well considered proposals for enhancements to the city owned Sagamore Creek/ Jones Ave. property.

I strongly feel that the balanced sustainable approach, to accommodate our expanding population, is to develop density in community centers and preserve open land from development. The need for unprogrammed natural space near our developed core is increasingly rare and increasingly important as our daily lives become overly structured. Numerous studies have shown that our minds need the open space to rest and create. Even the visual rewards of a green landscape is a respite - healing, and destressing the observers.

Our wildlife needs habitat. It is one of the most significant influences in population decline.

I particularly liked the idea of linking the Urban Forestry Center to the site and hope this may speak loudly to the concept of green linkages throughout our city.

May this be the seed that sows such linkage and consideration of expanding unprogrammed green belts as a planning necessity in our city.

I regret I cannot attend the upcoming meeting due to scheduling conflict but want to offer my full support for you vision.

Regards,

Dan Rawling

From: Linda Cunningham <lunarsolinda@comcast.net>
To: webmaster <webmaster@cityofportsmouth.com>, David Moore
<dmoore@cityofportsmouth.com>
Date: November 16, 2015 at 3:18:20 PM EST
Subject: **sagamore creek land**

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Linda Cunningham (lunarsolinda@comcast.net) on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 14:18:19

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #118

city: Portsmouth

state: New Hampshire

zip: 03801

comments: I can't make the meeting unfortunately but want to go on record again!
I live near this land and have been walking it with my dogs for over 12 years. It DOES NOT
NEED DEVELOPMENT. The whole purpose in conservation is to keep the land as it is,
NATURAL. We have enough paths for all year round activity and neighbors have paths into
it. it is used daily in every season, just as it is.
If you want to take down the gate on Jones Avenue for people to park on the paved road, that is
fine.
Otherwise I am begging you to leave it as it is. NATURAL.
Furthermore, this is NOT the time to spend money where it is not needed. Save it for secondary
treatment of sewage which is LONG overdue.

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From: Carol Welsh <carolwelsh@comcast.net>
To: webmaster <webmaster@cityofportsmouth.com>, David Moore
<dmoore@cityofportsmouth.com>
Date: November 18, 2015 at 9:23:45 PM EST
Subject: draft report

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Carol Welsh (carolwelsh@comcast.net) on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 20:23:45

company: sagamore creek master plan

address: 2 Curriers cove

city: Portsmouth

state: NH

zip: 03801

comments: I really appreciate the effort and work done by this committee as reflected in the draft report dated 11/15. This is a comprehensive and well thought out plan. I appreciate that residents have been invited to be involved in all aspects of developing this master plan. In particular, the ability to comment, email or respond via public input sessions and online is valuable to all those who use this unique city property. Thank you for all your hard work - well done!

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Councilor Spear,

Congratulations on your reelection.

As you may recall I was on the JSAC Committee for siting the Middle School. At that time I voiced opposition to developing the Jones Avenue site as a school. It is an extremely valuable open space along a prime tidal river. There are very few undeveloped locations like this in the New Hampshire seacoast. With the urban forestry center on the opposite bank, preserving this area as open space would create unique opportunity to preserve both banks of Sagamore Creek. I strongly urge the City to maintain it as open space for passive recreation.

I would like to see the City make modest improvements to the area so it can be more easily utilized by the public. Easily the gate could be removed and a formal parking lot (made from pervious materials) could be constructed where the existing paved driveway exists today. Trash should be removed from the site. I would not be opposed to removal of the chain link fence to allow better migration of wildlife.

Please feel free to pass this onto your committee and the Council.

Best regards,

Eric Weinrieb
9 Middle Road
Portsmouth