

Greenbank Marsh Restoration Issues Assessment

Outreach Summary

January 2016 - WICD initiated outreach efforts at GBBC's annual membership meeting with a presentation about the grant project and time to answer questions. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

April 2016 – WICD and GBBC held an informational meeting at the Greenbank Farm for the public to learn about the grant project and have an opportunity to provide feedback. Over 50 people attended this community meeting.

February 2017 – WICD returned to GBBC's annual membership meeting to present preliminary results of the studies and discuss conceptual design alternatives. GBBC Board distributed a member survey regarding preferred designs and next steps.

May 2017 – WICD and GBBC board members met with members of North Bluff Association, and representatives from Island County Public Works and Port of Coupeville to discuss project progress and address concerns.

May 2017 – WICD developed “Greenbank Marsh Restoration Issues Assessment” page on WICD website to provide public access to project information.

June 2017 – WICD and GBBC held a project update meeting at the Greenbank Farm to share summary results of the project studies, discuss design alternatives, and seek community input. Over 60 people attended this community meeting.

July 2017 – Out of the June 2017 public meeting, a new committee, comprised of stakeholders in the Greenbank Marsh area, met to begin considering local drainage issues and the nexus with GBBC's proposed restoration project. Informally named the “Greenbank Marsh Working Group”, this committee intends to meet on a regular basis to focus on a locally-led, cooperative solution to drainage problems in the area.

August through November 2017 – The Greenbank Marsh Working Group has continued to meet, to gather technical information about local drainage, and discuss potential short- and long-term solutions. See the Working Group's webpage (www.whidbeycd.org/greenbank-marsh-working-group.html) to view their mission statement, membership roster, meeting agendas, and meeting notes.