

FONHHP Resolution 2015-1

Whereas: It is the intent of the FONHHP Board of Directors to support Kitsap County Parks and to support the Newberry Hill Heritage Park stewardship group's implementation of the NHHP Forest Management Plan and,

Whereas: Research has shown tree spacing and density at the stand level, is critical to:

- Forest resilience,
- Regeneration
- Habitat quality
- Habitat diversity
- Reduced wildfire intensity

Whereas: The NHHP Forest Management Plan promotes restorative forestry and habitat diversification through implementation of methodologies intended to optimize tree spacing to create diverse wildlife habitat and,

Whereas: These ecological methodologies reduce revenues generated from timber sales by:

- leaving TPA (Trees Per Acre) at approximately 140 (optimized for wildlife)
- leaving the largest most marketable trees
- using less profitable harvest techniques in favor of environmental concerns
- harvesting during the summer (when log supplies are high and mill prices are low) to reduce runoff and impact on wildlife
- reducing total harvestable acreage due to buffers more robust than state minimums to maximize riparian protection

Be it known that: The Friends of Newberry Hill Heritage Park support VDT as long as its focus remains on habitat improvement and the program can generate enough revenue to sustain itself.

Now therefore be it resolved that: We continue to support and laud the Kitsap County Forester's efforts at balancing the fiscal, cultural, social and political demands of this program with its stated purpose of restoring diversity to disturbed forestlands.

Be it finally resolved that: Should the primary focus of the program become revenue generation, we will withdraw our support.