MEETING OBJECTIVES

• The audience will have a greater understanding of:
  – Management Plan Purpose
  – Site Conditions
  – Regulatory Constraints

• The audience will have an opportunity to provide feedback
WHY IS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT THE TABLE?

• Environmental Services – new property manager

• 466 “passive” open space acres

• Stormwater Benefit
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES’ ROLES

• Property Manager

• Regulator

• Public Servant
WHAT IS A MANAGEMENT PLAN?

• Science based
• Captures existing conditions
• Defines responsible activities
• Minimizes risk
• Ensures regulatory compliance
WHY DO WE NEED A MANAGEMENT PLAN?

Regulations

Public

City
UNMANAGED VS. MANAGED

First Creek

Pt. Defiance Park
EXISTING MANAGEMENT PLANS

• First Creek (2012)
• Wapato Hills (2013)
• Julia’s Gulch (2013)
• Schuster Slope (2014)
• Mason Gulch (current)
• Salmon Beach Slope (future)
VIEWS

• Public vs. Private

• City Plans/Policies vs. Code

• TMC 9.20

• Transparent view request process
MASON GULCH
SUMMARY

- Steep slopes
- Springs
- Historical water supply system
- Geology: soil erosion / landslides
- Evidence of landslides
- Native and invasive vegetation
RESULTS OF MAP AND REPORT REVIEW

• Steep upper slopes are sand
• Gulch bottom is clay
• “High probability” for wetlands
• Historical water supply system
• Historical landslides
• Coastal Zone Atlas indicates “unstable slopes”
SHALLOW SKIN SLIDES

- SAND
- GROUNDWATER
- CLAY
- PIPE
- SKIN SLIDE

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MANAGEMENT PLAN GOALS:

- Infrastructure Protection
- Public Safety
- Slope Stability
- Stormwater Benefit
- View Enhancement Request Process
- ???
METRO PARKS TACOMA

- Public Access
- Volunteerism / Citizen Engagement
Open space corridors provide many unique opportunities in our urban landscape.
Puget Creek Natural Area
Care for your park. Pack it in. Pack it out.

Map Legend
- Trail Access
- Playground
- Bus stop
- Puget Canyon Trail (.75 miles) (pedestrian access only)
- Proctor Street Trail (.16 miles) (pedestrian access only)
- Puget Creek
- Metro Parks Tacoma Boundary
- Private Property
Public spaces become true community assets when the community gets directly involved.
NEXT STEPS

• Data gathering
  – Geotechnical
  – Wetland delineation
• Public Comments
  – Online via postcard
  – Email
• Draft Plan
• Next meeting – January
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Mason Gulch
  – www.cityoftacoma.org/mason

• Schuster Slope Landscape Management Plan
  – www.cityoftacoma.org/schuster

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