

## RESOLUTION 2008-28

A **RESOLUTION** of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, accepting 90-Day Farmland Committee's *Report and Initial Recommendations* to guide policy for developing a comprehensive management plan for all City-owned agricultural lands, providing that the City shall enter into a single master lease agreement for the management of City's agricultural lands, and acknowledging that an advisory group convened by the City's Land Use Committee will continue to serve in an advisory capacity on issues related to the City-owned agricultural lands.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bainbridge Island's Comprehensive Plan contains an Environmental Element and an Economic Element that establish goals and policies aimed at preserving and protecting island agricultural land and enhancing farming as part of a diverse local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns approximately sixty acres of agricultural land; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to maintain and increase the active use of City-owned agricultural land; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 the City contracted with the American Farmland Trust and Cascade Harvest Coalition to conduct an assessment of the City-owned agricultural properties and develop recommendations on management and program activities to support Island agriculture and other varied public purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2006, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2006-06, adopting the American Farmland Trust *Assessment and Recommendations for Preservation and Management of City-owned Agricultural Land* ("American Farmland Trust Report") as the guiding document for creating a long-term farm management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the Mayor appointed a 90-Day Farmland Committee to identify a long-term management model for City-owned agricultural lands, and directing the Committee to use the American Farmland Trust Report as their guide in the matter; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14 2008, Mayor Kordonowy presented the 90-Day Farmland Committee's *Report and Initial Recommendations* to the City Council for review and acceptance, and the City Council requested that the Land Use Committee review and prioritize the recommendations and identify projects and policies that should be considered for funding in the 2009-2010 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee worked with an advisory group comprised of representatives of the 90-Day Farmland Committee and the Trust for Working Landscapes to

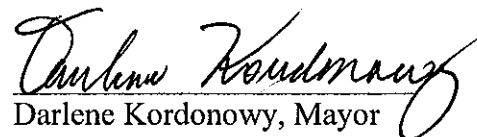
fulfill this charge, and the Land Use Committee is now forwarding its recommendations to the City Council; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND:**


1. The City Council accepts the recommendations from the Mayor's 90-Day Farmland Committee's *Report and Initial Recommendations* (attached hereto), to be used in conjunction with the American Farmland Trust *Assessment and Recommendations for Preservation and Management of City-owned Agricultural Land*, to guide policy for developing a comprehensive management plan for all City-owned agricultural lands.
2. The City of Bainbridge Island shall work with a single management entity to develop a master lease agreement for the management of City-owned agricultural lands, with the understanding that responsibilities outlined in the management agreement will include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Development of an overall farm program for City-owned agricultural properties,
  - b. On-going monitoring of the farm program to identify any necessary modifications.
  - c. Recruitment, selection and negotiation of lease agreements with farmers in order to provide long-term farm planning stability for the leasehold farmers. Such lease agreements will include, but not be limited to, the issues identified in Recommendation #4 of the Farmland Committee's *Report and Initial Recommendations*.
  - d. Coordination of resources and farm materials for the leasehold farmers' development of the City's agricultural lands and to facilitate cooperation among leasehold farmers.
3. The advisory group convened by the Land Use Committee will continue to serve in an advisory capacity on issues related to the City-owned agricultural lands.

**PASSED** by the City Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

  
Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

  
Rosalind D. Lassoff, CMC, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: September 16, 2008

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: September 25, 2008



## **Mayor's 90 Day Farmland Committee**

### **Initial Recommendations**

**March 3, 2008**



**City of Bainbridge Island  
Mayor's 90-Day Farmland Committee  
Initial Recommendations**

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**BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW**

The Mayor's 90-day Farmland Committee was charged with developing specific recommendations for managing the City's farm properties and for generally supporting the continuation of farming on Bainbridge Island. The scope of the committee's work is attached to this report and is based on the recommendations of the 2005 report of the American Farmland Trust (Appendix D). City-owned farm properties are mapped at Appendix E.

The committee met nine times over three months beginning in August 2007 and developed a set of recommendations based on a vision and goals for the future of the community's agriculture, as well as the need for an intersection and interaction of four primary groups: (1) an outside management entity or manager; (2) the City of Bainbridge Island (COBI); (3) individual leasehold farmers; and (4) the Bainbridge Island community. Each of these groups would also take advantage of other resources already existing in the community, such as non-profit organizations, schools and local businesses.

Over the course of our meetings we developed a greater understanding of the depth and complexity of our task. Our work included and went beyond our primary task of identifying a management model. The recommendations that follow comprise initial steps, and contemplate the need for further work and for a transition over time to reach the desired vision of a sustainable agricultural industry for Bainbridge Island. There are recommendations that address immediate needs, as well as others that will require implementation over time. We are committed to continuing to further engage and build the capacity of our community and its resources to meet the agricultural vision for our island.

The recommendations that we are prepared to make at this time can be found below. Appendices A, B and C provide additional analysis, details and timelines for these recommendations, as well as identifying the key issues that remain unresolved and functions of an extended Farmland Committee.

## **INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Recommendation #1**

That the City of Bainbridge Island adopt the following vision, mission and goals to guide the use and management of City-owned agricultural land.

#### Vision

Through forward thinking public policy and procedures, and effective collaboration with the private sector, at least 1 percent of the land on Bainbridge Island is permanently preserved and utilized as productive, sustainable farmland, serving the best interests of the community at large and contributing meaningfully to a thriving Island agricultural industry.

#### Mission

Maximize the benefit of the COBI's agricultural land by assisting and encouraging the local agricultural industry to reach their full potential through sustainable practices, while preserving sensitive natural resources; honoring the cultural and historical aspects of the island's agricultural heritage; and creating opportunities for related citizen recreation and education.

#### Goals

Increase the amount of locally grown food and processed food products; preserve the island's farming heritage; provide education and outreach about farming and local food production; provide community recreational opportunities, and strengthen our Island culture.

### **Recommendation #2**

That the City of Bainbridge Island contract with a management entity that would be required to carry out the following tasks:

#### In carrying out specific management tasks

- Recruit and select leasehold farmers, with preference given to farmers currently working City-owned properties
- Negotiate leases with leasehold farmers
- Coordinate resources for the leasehold farmers' development of farms – e.g., common source of fencing and farm materials – and facilitate cooperation among leasehold farmers

- Develop an overall Farm Plan for City-owned properties Plan with input from multiple resource agencies
- Do ongoing monitoring of the Farm Plan, including transition planning for individual farmers (e.g., training and mentoring new farmers and enabling retirement/exit of farmers no longer interested in continuing to farm)

In carrying out the broad mission

- Be an advocate for supportive code changes/permitting with the City
- Be an advocate for non-traditional affordable farm housing on City-owned farm properties
- Function as a business incubator and support resource
- Function as a relationship builder coordinating resources and providing leadership on a range of issues important to the leasehold farmers and to the larger island agriculture community

(See Appendix A for additional detail on responsibilities of Management Entity.)

**Recommendation #3**

That the City of Bainbridge Island provide a consistent, stable environment in which leasehold farmers can feel secure in making capital investments on leased properties, establishing broad parameters for activities and outcomes of outside management entity in managing City-owned farmlands.

As a part of the City's commitment to providing a stable farming environment, the committee recommends that the City take the following actions:

For immediate implementation

- Extend the City's lease of the west Day Road property for 7 years to support development of (and contingent upon) the Bainbridge Community Wine Growers' venture. (When COBI purchased this property in 2003, Gerard Bentryn agreed to continue managing this property through year-end 2005, in exchange for being allowed to continue harvesting grapes from this property. After the lease expired, Mr. Bentryn continued to manage the property.) The extended lease should include a provision that would permit it to be transferred to the Management Entity, so this lease would be included in that organization's overall management of COBI-owned farm properties.
- Extend the City's existing lease of the Morales property to TWL to permit continuation of farming on the property. As with the lease on the west Day Road property, this lease should be transferable to the Management Entity or Program Manager as part of implementing an overall management plan for the farm properties.

- Enact a City Resolution expressing a clear intent to negotiate lease agreements with farmers currently farming on COBI-owned properties to provide some degree of certainty/long-term stability of farm planning for these individuals. The lease agreements would be developed as part of implementing an overall management plan for the farm properties.

For ongoing implementation

- Provide seed funding on a declining basis for 3-5 years to allow the management entity to develop and implement establishment of the Island's comprehensive farm program.

**Recommendation #4**

That under terms of COBI lease agreements, leasehold farmers agree to:

- Produce and implement an individual farm plan
- Participate in the Community Agriculture Vision, as addressed in the *American Farmland Trust Report*
- After an initial start-up period, pay fair market value for leasing agricultural land
- Be responsible for the cost of on-going maintenance and leasehold improvements

(See Appendix B for additional detail on Leasehold Farmer Requirements.)

**Recommendation #5**

That the Mayor's Farmland Committee continue to serve through 2008 to make additional recommendations to both the mayor and council on matters regarding island agriculture. Ongoing committee goals would include but not be limited to the following:

- Develop recommendations to address unresolved issues (see below)
- Build capacity for farmers to develop and sustain a viable industry
- Build capacity for a local farm management entity
- Further develop and expand the local market place
- Review and enhance public policy to better meet the vision of a sustainable Island agricultural industry
- Develop and implement performance review mechanisms
- Protect and maximize the City's investment

As we worked to develop our recommendations, it became clear to us that to fully honor the goals above and the committee's original intent, there was not sufficient time to complete our assignment. Critical issues remained unresolved. Committee members believe that the committee should continue through 2008 to complete its task, including soliciting a broader range of public input to finalize recommendations. A second and related need is to provide oversight and direction for the implementation of farmland management activities, with the commitment to encourage the development of a local management entity equipped to assume these responsibilities fully.

(See Appendix C for additional detail on Proposed 2008 Activities of Farmland Committee.)

**Recommendation #6**

That \$94,000 in staffing and funding support be allocated for the current fiscal year as follows\*:

Short term actions

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| Perimeter deer fencing (Morales, Crawford, Day Road)  | \$10,000                   |
| Land clearing, selective logging, removal of diseased trees and invasive species (Morales, Crawford, M&E) | \$12,500                   |
| Soil amendment (Crawford)   | \$ 300                     |
| Repair and reinforce Farm Stand   | \$ 7,200                   |
| Relocate and set up commercial greenhouse for educational use   | <u>\$ 5,000</u>            |
| <br>Total infrastructure expenditures   | <br>\$34,000               |
| <br><u>Trust for Working Landscape's irrigation system request</u>  | <br>\$45,000               |
| <br><u>Staff support for extended Farmland Committee (.25 FTE)</u>  | <br><u>\$15,000</u>        |
|   | <br><b><u>\$94,000</u></b> |

\*The committee endorsed this funding at its final meeting in October 2007. Since that time, the Council has approved \$60,000 requested by TWL for funding for an irrigation system, which was endorsed by the committee, and for other projects.

## **CONCLUSION**

The City-owned farm properties provide a significant opportunity for the City, other public agencies, and private non-profit and for-profit organizations to work together to generate significant public benefits to the Island community. The most obvious benefit would be an increase in locally grown food and processed food products. Other benefits, less apparent but no less important, are the preservation of the island's farming heritage, education and outreach about farming and local food production, community culture-building, and community recreational opportunities.

Realizing these benefits will require additional work to resolve several remaining unanswered questions. It will also require a commitment to fund start-up costs for a detailed management program and Farm Plan for these properties over the next 3-5 years. If the City is prepared to make that commitment, the Farmland Committee believes the result will be far-reaching and significant benefits to our Island community.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Gerard Bentryn, Bainbridge Vineyards  
Lee Cross, COBI Open Space Commission  
Bryan McWhorter, Butler Greens Farms & Bainbridge Farmers Market  
Bill Moskin, Cultural Planning Consultant  
Terry Moyemont, MesoGeo Garden  
Dwight Sutton, COBI Open Space Commission  
Ryan Vancil, Trust for Working Landscapes\*  
Ann Weber, Farmhouse Organics

\*Ryan Vancil participated only in the Farmland Committee's first five meetings. He continued as an important resource for the remainder of the committee's work but did not actively participate in the final meetings when the committee discussed details about the management entity.

## Appendix A

### **Additional Detail for Recommendation #2 COBI Contract with Management Entity – Specific Functions**

The committee recommends that the City contract with an outside entity for two primary functions: (1) to carry out specific management tasks for City-owned farmland, and (2) to support the broader mission of maximizing the value to the public of a strong agricultural sector on the Island. This Appendix provides a more detailed description of these functions.

#### Specific management tasks and outcomes

- Recruiting and selecting leasehold farmers, with preference given to farmers currently working City-owned properties
- Developing lease template for leasehold farmers. Negotiating leases with leasehold farmers. Length of lease should be at least 20 years (alternatively, 5-10 years, with right of first refusal for renewal). Length of lease also should be appropriate to type of crop and specific situation – e.g., vineyards and orchards require at least 4-7 years before they produce fruit, whereas row crops begin yielding produce within 1-2 years. If a leasehold farmer's performance meets requirements of Farm Plan, lease program should provide right of first refusal for renewal.
- Coordinating resources for the leasehold farmers' development of farms – e.g., common source of fencing and farm materials – and facilitating cooperation among leasehold farmers
- Develop an overall Farm Plan for managing City-owned farm properties, with input from farmers and multiple resource agencies, including:
  - Kitsap Conservation District (technical advice and review)
  - Small Business Development Corps (business planning)
  - Sustainable Bainbridge (Cultural/Community review, marketing assistance)
- Monitoring the Farm Plan over time, including transition planning for individual farmers (e.g., training and mentoring new farmers and enabling retirement/exit of farmers no longer interested in continuing to farm).

## Maximizing the public value of a strong agricultural sector on the Island

The management entity would:

- Be an advocate for, and work with the City to generate, supportive code and regulatory changes
  - Right-to-farm ordinances
  - Permitting for revenue-producing activities (weddings, B&BS, etc.)
  - Permitting for value-added processing and on-site sales of farm products
  - Adding a third zoning category (*viz.* farmland) to existing categories of residential and commercial zoning – existing zoning and planning code are essentially anti-farm (highly restrictive regarding issues such as farm stands, construction of farm buildings, etc.)
- Recommend changes to City code and regulations to facilitate affordable farm housing and non-traditional farm housing for farm families, seasonal workers or interns, and visitors/agritourists.
- Function as a business incubator and support resource for island farmers, including forging appropriate alliances with other organizations that have the resources to promote successful farm business development.
  - Provide information on benefits (e.g., health coverage, 401(K) programs, insurance)
  - Act as a clearinghouse for ideas about potential new sources of revenue (e.g., agritourism, special events, merchandising, fundraising)
  - Develop and help implement joint marketing opportunities (e.g., changes in City code to allow more farm stands, trucks with regular delivery routes to neighborhoods around the island).
  - Act as a clearinghouse for activities and information relevant to farming from other organizations (e.g., Trust for Working Landscapes, Sustainable Bainbridge, WSU Extension, Kitsap Conservation District, Housing Resources Board, Farmers Market, BI School District, private businesses on the Island).
  - Provide general business support to leasehold farmers, including identifying and finding ways to provide technical best practices training
  - Marketing and public relations (e.g., "Buy Local" campaign)

- Build relationships with other resources and provide leadership on issues important to the leasehold farmers, the larger Island farm community, and the general public. The results of these activities would be:
  - Farming education for adults and children. This could include a program of internships and cooperative programs with Island's public and private schools.
  - Special activities related to island's farming heritage, perhaps in conjunction with Bainbridge Island Historical Society.
  - Recreational opportunities and community events (e.g., special harvest events)
  - Network of trails around perimeter of farm properties.

## APPENDIX B

### **Additional Detail for Recommendation #4 Leasehold Farmer Requirements**

The Farmland Task recommends that each leasehold farmer be required to take the following actions:

- Produce and implement an individual farm plan consistent with Bainbridge Island's community vision, to include:
  - Sustainable farm practices
  - Variety of farm products (across the leaseholds as a group of growers)
  - Environmental stewardship
  - Transition planning (development of potential farmers, mechanism for current farmers to retire)
  - Business planning
- After initial 2-3 years, pay to Management Entity fair market value for leasing agricultural land (recognizing the need for continuing affordability) to be re-invested in Community Agriculture activities (e.g., continuing development of public farm properties, outreach and community events, education, etc.)
- Participate in the Community Agriculture Vision, as addressed in the *American Farmland Trust Report*, including outreach activities and community events, education in partnership with other organizations, heritage teaching of farm practices, and community culture-building.
- Be responsible for the cost of on-going maintenance and leasehold improvements supporting their farming activities, beyond the City's initial infrastructure investments (e.g., clearing, deer fencing, installation of irrigation system).

## APPENDIX C

### **Additional Detail for Recommendation #5 Farm Land Committee in 2008 – Unresolved Issues and Oversight**

To complete the work assigned to the 90-day Farmland Committee, the committee requests that the group's life be extended throughout 2008 to resolve undecided issues and begin to carry out the following activities:

#### Resolving questions of land ownership and length of leases

- Long-term land ownership: Should the land continue to be owned by the City of Bainbridge Island or transferred to the BI Metro Park District?
- Land leasehold management: Should leases be held by management entity for COBI? (The committee recommends that length of lease to outside organization be 99 years to allow management entity to borrow against lease to fund affordable housing and other improvements.)

Under this heading, an extended Farmland Committee would:

- Provide advice in developing lease agreements – for example, a 99-year lease agreement between the Management Entity and the City, as well as a lease template for use with leasehold farmers. Where possible, the City and Farmland Committee should draw on the expertise of existing organizations such as TWL, which has expertise in drafting leases.

#### Selecting, funding and measuring performance of the management entity

- What are the specific responsibilities to be assigned to management entity? Should these be limited to managing City-owned farm properties, or should they include broader responsibilities for supporting BI agriculture?
- What deliverables should the management entity provide in each of the first 3-5 years?
- How much can COBI afford to spend on funding 3-5 year start-up period to implement management program and leasing of farm properties?

In this area, an extended Farmland Committee would:

- Advise on the development of the Management Entity model – e.g., basic parameters of responsibilities, details of how the Management Entity would operate, selection criteria, etc.
- Develop a first-year budget for Management Entity

- Develop benchmarks for evaluation of the Management Entity
- Provide advice on negotiations with and oversight of Management Entity
- Identify first-year tasks for Management Entity, including:
  - Development of 3-year business plan
  - Development of overall Farm Plan
  - Articulation of public policy purposes for public ownership of farmland
  - Development of public and private sector sources of revenue
  - Articulation of requirements for environmental stewardship
  - Identification of education and recreation opportunities
  - Marketing and promotion of local island agriculture

Resolving issues related to need for development of capacity and capability of a management entity

- Currently, there exists no organization on the island with capability to carry out the breadth of responsibilities recommended for a management entity over time. Should the COBI seek to “grow” such an organization?
- A number of community groups and organizations and City/County/State agencies currently have resources to carry out some of the activities related to COBI-owned farm properties and privately owned farms. The specific resources and capabilities of each group need to be better identified. How should COBI initiate partnerships, particularly relating to affordable farm housing, best farm practices, marketing, and business support?
- Rather than assigning everything to a single management entity, should these responsibilities be carried out by a coalition of organizations and outside groups involved in farming issues on the island (e.g., Trust for Working Landscapes, Sustainable Bainbridge, COBI Farmland Committee)?

Additional issues to be addressed

- Research and recommend a model for determining the “fair market agricultural land value” to be used to determine pay by leasehold farmers to Management Entity (recognizing the need for affordability in that context) – models for establishing this value are believed to exist.
- Identify and recommend changes to existing barriers in COBI Code that are barriers to farming that can be easily fixed and would have a high pay-off for farm operations.
- Review COBI-owned farm properties and suggest possible actions with immediate impact related to those properties. For example:
  - Working with the Park District and TWL to identify and implement best public use of Johnson Farm. The property contains natural areas,

potential farmland, and land suitable for affordable housing, as well as the future site of the 4-H barn. TWL has completed a study of the farming potential of the property.

- Developing recommendations on the best use of the Suyematsu farm buildings at the end of the existing life estate (assuming a preference for buildings to be used by leasehold farmers).
- Determining whether some portion of Meigs Farm could be used for agriculture – e.g., pea patches, row crops.
- Working with COBI Planning Department to establish a Farm Zone for the properties between Day Road and Lovgren (primarily owned by the City), perhaps on a trial basis. Immediate establishment of such a zone would reduce the need for time-consuming and expensive permitting for agriculture-related activities – e.g., construction of greenhouses.

## Appendix D

### City of Bainbridge Island 90 Day Farmland Committee

#### *Context:*

To further its ultimate goal of preserving 1% of Bainbridge Island (approximately 180 acres) for permanent use as productive farmland, the City of Bainbridge Island contracted with the American Farmland Trust in 2005 to provide specific implementing recommendations. The report -- **An Assessment & Recommendations for Preservation & Management of City-owned Agricultural Land** January, 2006 -- is available online. ([www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us))

During 2006, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council sponsored a 6-month economic development "charrette" throughout Kitsap County. Its outcome, the **Kitsap 20~20 Plan for Sustainable Economic Prosperity**, identifies agriculture as one of Kitsap's unique economic activity sectors. A work group subsequently identified short and long range goals to support agriculture countywide. (See [www.KitsapRegionalCouncil.org](http://www.KitsapRegionalCouncil.org) for full report.)

#### Assumptions:

- Success with the existing publicly-owned lands will be a catalyst for community agriculture across Bainbridge Island into the future.
- The property management entity will be a non-profit organization, outside the City, responsible to the City for identified outcomes.
- The Trust for Working Landscapes is an option to explore for property management, with recognized skills/interest/ knowledge.
- Other options may exist (Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park District) or be formed (a Farmers Association) for property ownership and/or management.
- City staff (approximately ¼ FTE) will be available to manage contract work and serve as the City contact for farming issues.

#### *Scope of Work*

*Primary focus:* Identify a management model for all publicly-owned property on which agriculture is the primary purpose.

#### The 90 Day Committee will:

- Articulate a vision for how to manage these publicly-owned lands, related to the long-term vision embodied in the American Farmland Trust Report.
- Articulate the long-term vision for the City-owned public lands is to promote farms/farming in the community on public and private lands, for example:
  - Create business opportunity for farmers.

- Make sure the majority of funds make their way to farmers, not to administration.
  - Consider subsidy vs. business model: incubating successful farming enterprises
  - Recognize and enhance the role of farming-related education opportunities (e.g. entrepreneurial training and "passing the baton" of farm knowledge)
  - Address how to incorporate local farmers into leadership roles for the management of agricultural lands currently owned by the City.
  - Address how to make land affordable for farming.
  - Address housing affordability for farm families and farm workers
  - Address public benefit, e.g., education and recreation
- Identify specific tasks and outcomes for the management organization's activities during the first year, *for example*:
    - Develop an interim stewardship proposal for each property and possibly as a single unit:
      - ✓ Needs assessment, recognizing deed/use restrictions for each
      - ✓ Individual Farm Plan including description, deed/use restrictions, crop/usage plan, prioritized infrastructure needs.
    - Develop lease or other agreement structures for agricultural production on the publicly-owned properties.
    - Evaluate policy supports and barriers to community agriculture, and recommend appropriate changes, *for example*:
      - ✓ City zoning ordinances & other policies
      - ✓ Farmbudsman
      - ✓ Kitsap County Open Space Program
      - ✓ USDA/IRS classifications
    - Identify the number of acres currently under cultivation on Bainbridge Island (coordinated with Sustainable Bainbridge)
    - Define measurable benchmarks/goals for success, e.g. % of food purchases that are locally grown, how to track the number of Island farmers and factor in people that produce their own food vs. commercial farmers, productivity measure (e.g, number of tons).
    - Define environmental stewardship.
  - Develop criteria for selecting the management organization, including:
    - Knowledge and skills appropriate to the goals and functions
    - Organizational capacity.
    - Accountability expectations and mechanisms
    - Appropriate level of City management control

- Estimate the resources (staffing, funding) necessary for year one, which will be presented to the City of Bainbridge Island for inclusion in its 2008 budget. *Note:* The historic funding range for similar programs: \$75K (Chamber/Main Street) → \$500K (BIHHHA – funds direct services).
- Identify ways to connect the first year's work to the countywide *Kitsap 20~20* effort e.g. share data, identify Western WA – friendly crops, committee members "in common" between the City and the countywide Agriculture Sector programs.

**The 90 Day Committee will:**

- ✓ Involve farmers, seeking creative way that minimize administratively-oriented meetings but maximize their input/perspective.
- ✓ Anticipate 6-7 meetings during July, August, September.
- ✓ Provide a 2008 budget "placeholder" and preliminary recommendations to the City.

**Committee Resources:** City-funded Committee Facilitator

Invite to participate in Committee meetings as useful:

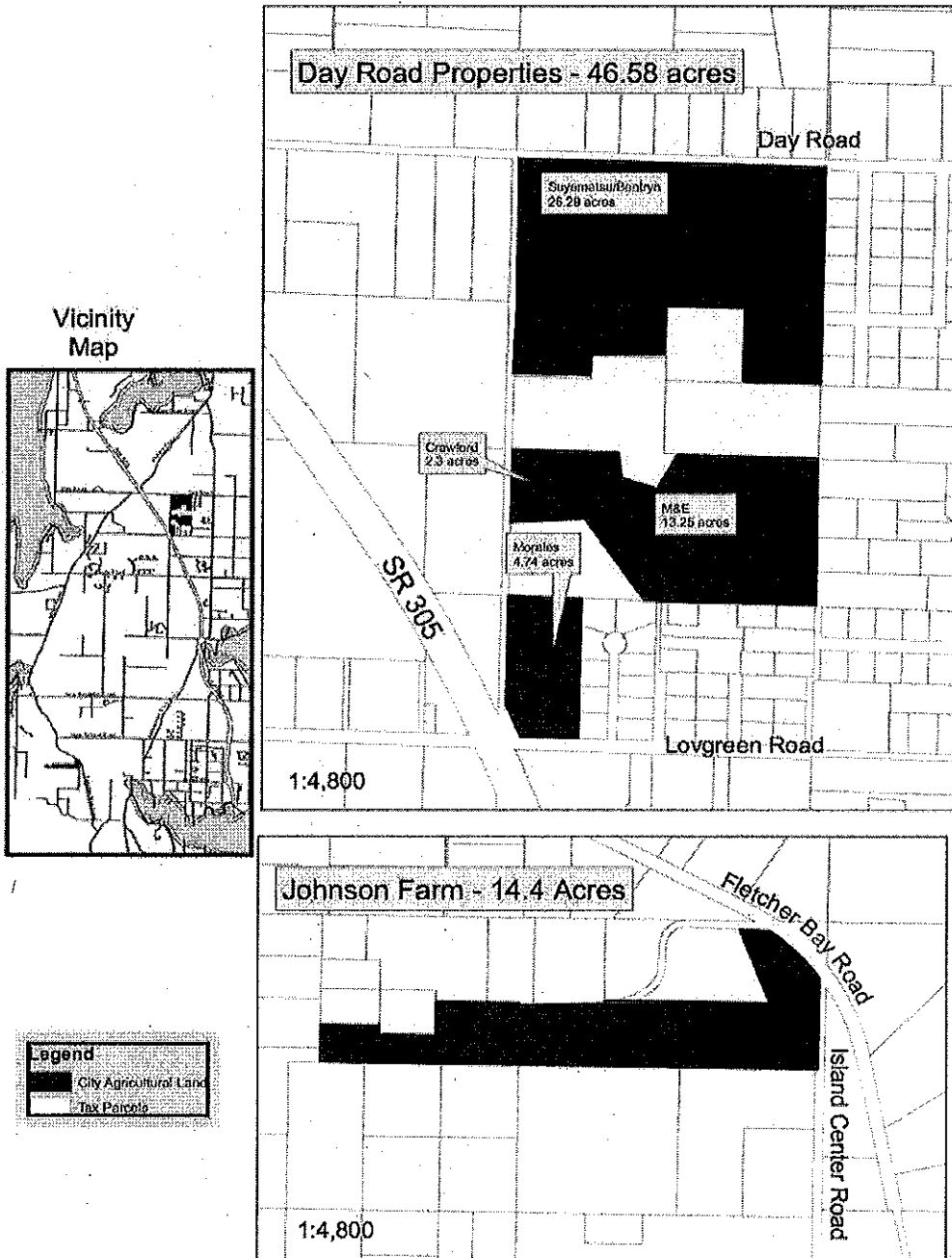
BI Metropolitan Park District (Terry Lande, Arlan Elms)  
 BI Open Space Commission (Lee Cross, Dwight Sutton)  
 Kitsap Conservation District (Brian Stahl)  
 Washington State University Extension (Arno Bergstrom)  
 Bainbridge Island Farmers Market (Brian McWhorter)  
 Community Housing Coalition (Lee Cross)  
 Sustainable Bainbridge (Sallie Maron)  
 BI Land Trust (Lee Cross, Karen Molinari)

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Appendix E

City of Bainbridge Island  
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SJM, 6/12/2007