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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area  
Management Committee**  
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## **Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., Room 270  
Portland, Oregon 97232

### **AGENDA**

Welcome, introductions	(Opdyke)	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Review Sept. & Oct. meeting notes	(Opdyke)	5:35 - 5:40 pm
St. Johns Landfill future use discussion	(Opdyke/ Stewart)	5:40 - 6:20 pm
Updates	(All)	6:20 - 6:30 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes  
Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee  
October 26, 2004**

**In attendance:**

Patt Opdyke, Chair *	North Portland Neighborhoods
Troy Clark, Vice Chair *	Portland Audubon Society
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Ray Piltz *	St. Johns Neighborhood Assn.
Dale Svart *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Bureau of Parks
Elaine Stewart	Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area Manager
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste & Recycling
Pat Sullivan	Metro RP&G

\* denotes voting SBLMC member

**Consideration of previous meeting notes**

As a quorum was not present at the September meeting, the notes from both the August 24 and September 28, 2004 meetings were considered. Both were approved as submitted. Due to their absence from the September meeting, both Jim Sjulín and Ray Piltz abstained from that vote.

**St. Johns Landfill future use discussion**

A listing of "Criteria for Landfill Uses" was compiled by Elaine Stewart and Nancy Hendrickson from previous management committee meeting discussions. (*See attached.*) The list was distributed to committee members prior to this meeting with a request to review it and bring comments for tonight's discussion. Jim Sjulín, who was unable to attend the September meeting, e-mailed his thoughts about future landfill uses. Those appear either in the "Brainstorm List of Possible Beneficial Uses" that was included in the Sept. notes or in the "Criteria for Landfill Uses." One omission from Jim's notes was research activities which will be added to the next version of such lists.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Ray Piltz reported that he presented the lists to the St. Johns Neighborhood Assn. Attendees were opposed to a complete prohibition of bicycles, and a couple of members were also opposed to prohibiting dogs.
- Current regulations against pets at all Metro facilities. Important to have very clear, consistent policy. Troy Clark would like to know what Metro policy is as it's viewed for the Management Area at Smith & Bybee Lakes. The committee can then determine whether to contest it, to recommend it be amended, to discuss it further or to agree to it.
- Habitat design/enhancement that discourages nuisance or alien species should be added to the list of activities that are encouraged.
- Describe fencing in the document— location, dimensions and wildlife passage.
- Non-natural resource related activities should not be encouraged.

- Human access to a certain degree to observe wildlife; possibility for spur(s) for viewing
- Working with two timelines.
  - Short one for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study; list of beneficial uses for landfill is needed soon.
  - Longer-term timeline applies to reviewing the NRMP, where the SBLMC will consider more global aspects and broad principles.
- Support for keeping uses restricted at this time to a perimeter trail concept.
- Need to reformat the draft document.

- **Next meeting**

There was a consensus to continue meeting for an hour and to re-evaluate that as it becomes necessary. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7.

# Criteria for Landfill Uses

Based on brainstormed list from SBLMC mtg of 9-29-2004  
draft: version 10-24-2004

**Vision** of future use of the landfill: Generally a natural meadow habitat. Targets native species that require this quickly disappearing habitat for their survival, such as Western Meadowlark, Northern Harrier, etc.

## Criteria:

These disturbances would be avoided or severely restricted:

- Noise.
- Development. Sq foot impact of development. Development includes anything that cannot be classified as natural area vegetation.
- Habitat fragmentation.
- Unrestricted human access to protected natural areas

These activities would be encouraged:

- Restoration of native meadow/prairie, scrub/shrub and savanna habitats.
- Increasing patch size and limiting "edge effects" of existing habitats.
- Monitoring and maintaining the landfill cover system, gas collection system, etc.
- Wildlife viewing & EE  
Ed & the SBLF

Examples of disturbances to be avoided include:

- Motorized equipment of any kind such as model airplanes, mopeds, cars, motorcycles, amplified speech/music, etc. (Vehicles and equipment used by staff and contractors to maintain and repair the landfill and improve wildlife habitat are excepted.)
- Discharge of firearms (e.g., hunting, target-shooting).
- Large tracts of intensively managed landscape such as ball fields, golf courses, archery ranges, etc.
- Large tracts of development such as parking lots.
- Development that includes the expansion of utilities such as electricity and water, unless that development is required to maintain and repair the landfill and/or to improve wildlife habitat.
- Non-natural resource-related recreation.

Examples of disturbances that could conceivably be mitigated include:

- Bicycles, scooters and other non-motorized vehicles – if there is a fence blocking access to off-trail areas and the fence's construction allows target wildlife species to move as needed.
- Dogs and other pets – if there is a fence blocking access to off-trail areas and the fence's construction allows target wildlife species to move as needed.

Examples of disturbances that would be allowed include:

Activities that disrupt  
or interfere w/ LF ops

- A trail along the perimeter, which may include a single loop or spur trail to a viewpoint, as outlined in SBLMC Trails Subcommittee proceedings.
- "Passive" recreation, meaning recreational activities that interact with the natural environment with minimal negative impact. Examples include walking, wildlife viewing, sightseeing, and fishing.
- Landfill maintenance/management activities – Metro will seek ways to minimize mowing and other habitat-disturbing activities to the extent possible and practical.
- Grazing – as an alternative to mowing for maintaining appropriate landfill cover vegetation and supporting grassland habitat restoration.
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- Environmental education and habitat stewardship activities.
- *Research re wildl., WQ, etc.*
- *Habitat enhancement that discourages nuisance spp.*

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**Date:** 10/1/2004 5:10:46 PM  
**Subject:** future uses for the landfill

Elaine,

Sorry I did not attend the SB meeting earlier this week.

Here's a list of future uses that I can foresee at the landfill:

- \* 40 Mile Loop multi-modal trail used by bicyclists and pedestrians
- \* Canoe launch
- \* Wildlife observation
- \* Fishing from the bank
- \* Research and education related to wildlife and water quality
- \* Informal, contemplative use (aka escape from the urban environment)
- \* Management activities including but not limited to vegetation management, restoration & enhancement, facility maintenance, resource monitoring, and management of recreational uses

I have intentionally left model airplane use off the list.

I'm betting that you have these already.

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