

# Hansville Greenway West FAQ Sheet

## **1: What are some of the benefits of purchasing this 100 acres of undeveloped land?**

- Wildlife corridor and habitat
- Restoration of the clear-cut to create a forever forest for future generations
- Environmental preservation and protection of the sacredness of the land
- Recreational land for hiking, biking, & horseback riding
- Adds 40% to the Greenway Trail System
- Amazing hiking destination viewpoints to enjoy
- Inspires community involvement, connects neighborhoods by trail and common interest
- Less development, pollution, and traffic

## **2: Who will own it?**

Great Peninsula Conservancy will be purchasing the property on behalf of the community. It will be managed in partnership with the Hansville Greenway Association.

## **3: What is Great Peninsula Conservancy's (GPC) background and credentials?**

Great Peninsula Conservancy is an accredited nonprofit land trust dedicated to protecting the natural habitats, rural landscapes, and open spaces of the Great Peninsula region of West Puget Sound. GPC was formed in 2000 when four regional land trusts merged. To date, GPC has protected over 10,800 acres of ecologically important lands and waters across the peninsula. More info at [greatpeninsula.org](http://greatpeninsula.org).

## **4: Who is in charge of this fundraising effort?**

This is a community grassroots effort in collaboration with GPC and Hansville Greenway. At this point the lead community members are: Darcy Herrett, Ryan Ross, BryAnn Bingham, Michael Szerlog, Jane Jacobs, & Julia Atwood.

## **5: What will happen with the land if we don't buy it right now?**

The land will likely be sold to another developer or will be developed by Disney and Associates.

## **6: How will we have money to do restoration and maintenance on it?**

There is \$125,000 that will be used for restoration, maintenance and management, which will be overseen by GPC. The purpose of this funding is to cover some of the hard costs of restoring and maintaining the property into the future.

### **7: Will we have access via Madrone and via Benchmark to park and walk in?**

Not officially. The major point of entry will remain the Buck Lake access. There is room for a few cars at the end of Madrona & Ponderosa. There is also room for a few cars on Benchmark.

### **8: What is the recent history of this parcel and area?**

It was originally owned by Pope & Talbot. They sold it to a developer that went bankrupt in 2008. It was then sold to a second developer that sold it to a private investor. When that investor died in early 2020 it was sold to the current owner Bob Disney in an estate sale.

### **9: Will it be multipurpose and what restrictions?**

Yes, it will be used for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. The only restriction is motorized vehicles.

### **10: Exactly how do I donate?**

GPC has an online donation form on their website at this time and all donation amounts are accepted. You may donate via check, credit card, or stock payment methods. Corporate matching donations are also welcome and encouraged. Donations may be made at [greatpeninsula.org](https://www.greatpeninsula.org).

### **11: When will we know if we actually can buy it?**

An Option Agreement has been signed and as long as we reach the donation goal of \$2.15 million by January 15th, we will be able to complete the purchase.

### **12: What was the Nov. 30 pledge goal? What is the campaign goal and deadline?**

- ✓ To test the viability of raising the \$2.15 million campaign goal, GPC worked with the community to secure pledges of \$1.8 million by the end of November. Through amazing enthusiasm, this benchmark was reached by Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, and we are now in the donation phase.
- ✓ By January 15th we need to raise the remaining \$350,000 to complete the purchase at \$2.15 million. \*This assumes that all pledges have been fulfilled.

### **13: Can GPC accept stock donations instead of cash?**

Yes! This great option is available and GPC has a broker at Morgan Stanley. Details are on the website.