



DUPONT HEIRLOOM ORCHARD PROJECT UPDATE

DuPont Heirloom Orchard Committee
City of DuPont, Washington

May 10, 2016



Brief Description of Orchard

The Heirloom Orchard is a group of fruit trees that were originally planted by Fort Nisqually residents in the early 1840's between the 1843 site and Edmonds Marsh. The City has long recognized the historic value of these trees and their potential tourism value.



Historical Timeline

- October 2015 – Tourism Board requests funding
- November 2015 – LTAC approved 30k funding for 2016
- November 2015- Orchard Committee formed and began meeting
- Dec 2015 – City Council approved Lodging Tax funding recommendation for 2016 budget



Orchard Committee Members

Steve Baird- Northwest Landing, DuPont Resident

Francisca Beaver- DuPont Resident

Jon Cnossen- Arborist

Don Dresser- DuPont Resident

John McIlhenny- DuPont Resident

Diane Rice- City Tourism Coordinator, DuPont Resident

Claire Keller-Scholz- Ft. Nisqually Living History Museum

Kathy Trotter- DuPont Resident

Mary Verner- DuPont Tree Board Member, DuPont Resident

Roger Westman- City Council Liaison



Mission Statement

Preserve DuPont's historic heirloom orchard and promote it as a tourism site.



Vision Statement Part 1

Preserve and maintain the historic heirloom orchard, located along the western edge of Edmonds Marsh, in the City of DuPont, Washington and adjacent to the 1843 site of Fort Nisqually.

Improve accessibility in this historic site to allow the public to view and appreciate these original, heirloom fruit trees.



Vision Statement Part 2

Develop a new, producing orchard from cuttings taken from the heirloom orchard in a site adjacent to the 1843 Ft. Nisqually site. Coordinate this orchard with the 1843 site, the new Sequelitchew cemetery and the replicas of 1906 “old town” buildings.

Establish a public gathering area, including interpretive signage and picnic area adjacent to the new orchard. This will serve as a gathering point for visitors to experience this historic site.



Goals

- Goal 1: Preserve the historic heirloom orchard area and protect the existing heirloom trees.
- Goal 2: Create a new heirloom orchard and historic replica site.
- Goal 3: Develop and execute the plan to establish the full heritage site.



Goals

- Goal 4: Promote the heritage site and improve public access.
- Goal 5: Create a sustainability plan for the committee.
- Goal 6: Plan for financial sustainability of the Heirloom Orchards.

Progress to Date



Site Today



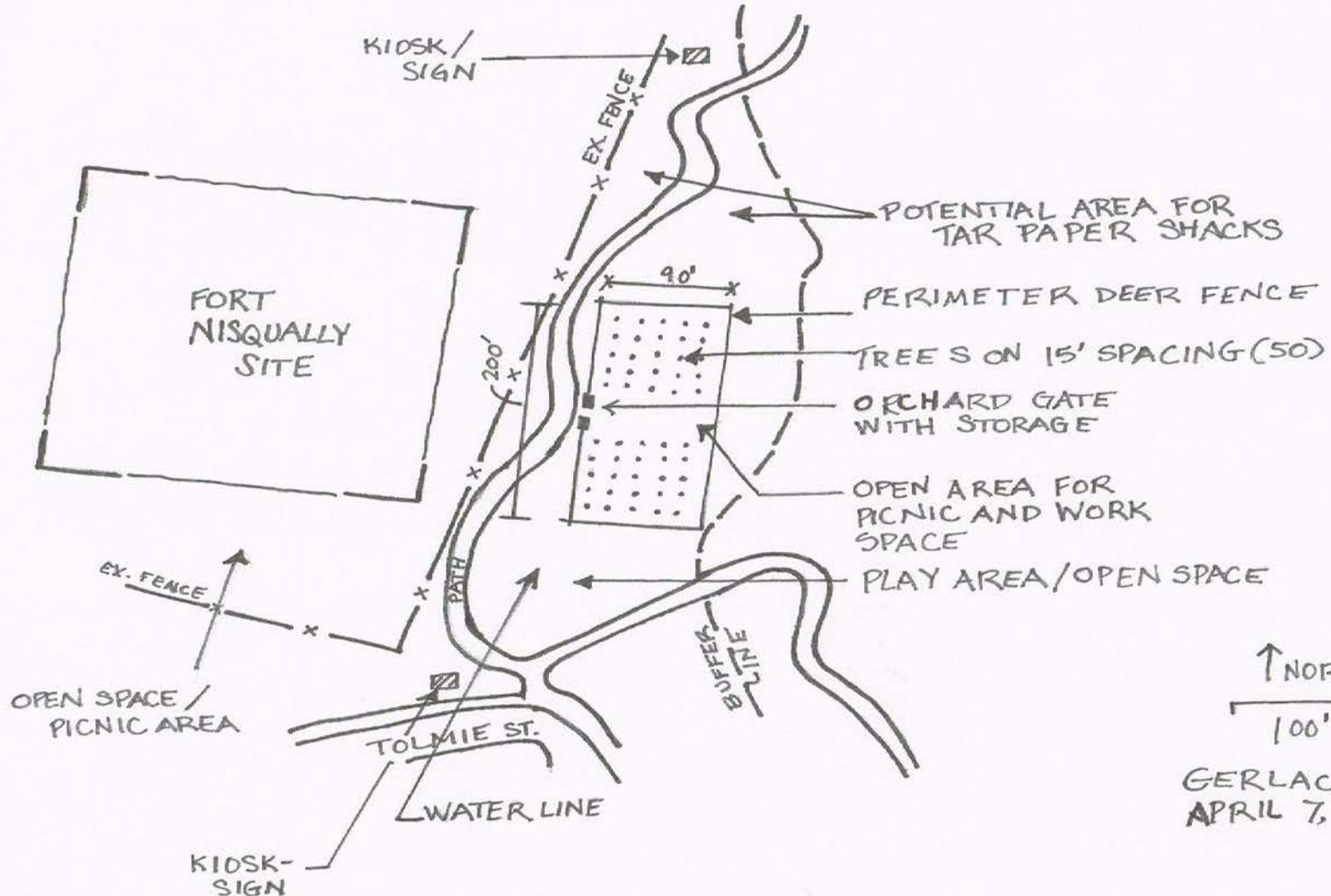
View of historic site and proposed new site from Tolmie street.



Site Map



ORCHARD PROJECT DRAFT





2016 Initiatives

Key Expenditures

- Propagate Trees
- Irrigation
- Fencing
- Tree Maintenance

“If you build it, they will come!”



- Western Washington Fruit Society
- Home Orchard Society
- Western Cascade Fruit Society
- Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation
- Washington Apple Commission



QUESTIONS?

John McIlhenny, Kathy Trotter

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