

## Purpose of Presentation

- Introduction of (new) Manager of Park Planning and Design
- Provide some facts and information about the site
- Discussion about community engagement



### A Few Park Facts:

- Existing area approx. 25 ha (8 ha in ALR)
- Current zoning is A-1 Rural.
- Purchase agreement announced in early 2011
- Title transferred to Saanich late 2011
- Previous use was for agricultural purposes
- Flats located in the Carey Local Area
- Flats located outside the urban containment boundary

### **Municipal interests that lead Council to Approve the land acquisition;**

- Environmental
- Agriculture
- Storm water management
- Parks/Trails

### Why a Management Plan ?

- develop a better understanding of the site
- establish a long term vision (creates predictability)
- establish foundation principles
- develop a preferred concept/framework plan
- guide future development and operational activities
- understand future capital and operating costs to the municipality
- obtain input from stakeholders throughout the community

### **Some Key Issues:**

- flood plain and storm water management
- recent site alterations
- environment – fisheries, waterfowl, rare and endangered plants
- invasive species management
- urban agriculture
- habitat/ ecological restoration
- Colquitz River enhancements
- recreation (eg. Trails)
- archaeology
- health risk prevention (eg. west nile virus)
- existing storage building

### **Where to From Here ? Some initial thoughts.**

- Lots of environmental inventory work to do
- Map key data and information
- Develop a consultation process and consult with community
- Develop some options to illustrate different ideas
- Determine a preferred option
- Understand plan implications for the future
- Write the plan
- Council Approval
- Implementation of plan (20 years)

**How would you like to be consulted ?**