# TRUST BOARD OF EBEY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE FY2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# Presented October 31, 2023

In accordance with the terms of NPS Cooperative Agreement <mark>#P23AM00006</mark>, this report summarizes Trust Board (TB) activities and accomplishments of the prior fiscal year.

This report uses categorical headings relating to the Cooperative Agreement and Task Agreement responsibilities of the Trust Board: Administration and Management, Public Outreach and Communication, Easement Monitoring, and County and Town Design Review.

## Administration and Management

Under the terms in the Cooperative Agreement cited above, the TB carries out management and administrative functions relating to the daily operation of the NPS lands, interests in lands and facilities thereon. The overall administration of the Trust Board in FY 2023 was successful in achieving a broad range of work plan objectives. The Trust Board was able to maintain key operational funding sources from NPS, Friends of Ebey's, Island County, and the Town of Coupeville.

<u>Staffing:</u> The office of the Trust Board maintained staffing and successful progress towards administrative work plan goals. In November, the new Preservation Coordinator, Josh Pitts, began his tenure. After his first six months with the office of the Trust Board, he was awarded a raise for his performance achievements.

From November-September (FY23), the TB office was fully staffed with a Reserve Manager, Program Coordinator, and Preservation Coordinator. The Program Coordinator position oversees progress in the areas of visitor services, finance/budget operations, office administration, and support in carrying out the Interpretation and Communications Plan. The Preservation Coordinator position oversees technical assistance and design review programs, preservation outreach, monitors the Central Whidbey Island Historic District structure inventory, monitors National Park Service scenic easements (approx. 2,000 acres), and manages the Ebey's Forever Grant program. The Reserve Manager position oversees and manages all staff operations, maintains key partnerships, coordinates the Partnership, and staff the operations of the the Trust Board.

During the summer season, the TB office welcomed the addition of a student intern to assist with office tasks and interpretation programs. The intern facilitated docent (VIP) operations and programs at the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House from Memorial Day through Labor Day, worked with the Program Coordinator on Ebey's Forever Conference preparation work, and she worked

with the Reserve Manager to schedule docent feedback forums and volunteer appreciation events.

In FY2023 partnership and collaboration was maintained between the TB and the San Juan National Historical Park Superintendent. San Juan staff, region staff, and Reserve staff worked together when a fire devastated a Farm 1 shop building in July 2023. San Juan staff worked with Reserve staff to submit updated PMIS project requests.

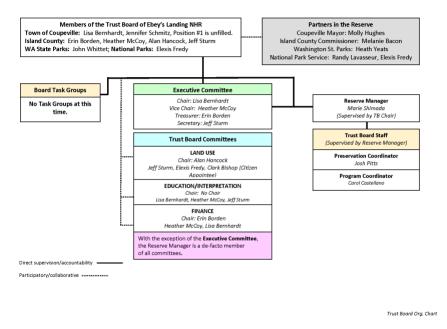
Trust Board Members: FY2023 TB composition:

- Position 1 Town of Coupeville: Sally Garratt (resigned August 2023)
- Position 2 Town of Coupeville: Lisa Bernhardt
- Position 3 Town of Coupeville: Jen Schmitz (appointed August 2023)
- Position 4 Island County: Erin Borden
- Position 5 Island County: Jeff Sturm
- Position 6 Island County: Alan Hancock
- Position 7 Island County: Heather McCoy (appointed May 2023)
- Position 8 Washington State Parks: Brett Bayne
- Position 9 National Park Service: Elexis Fredy

<u>Trust Board Meetings</u>: The TB maintained a meeting and workshop schedule in FY2023 of holding workshops the second Wednesday of each month and meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All meetings were publicly noticed and held in compliance with WA State Open Public Meeting Act.

<u>Trust Board Committees:</u> The TB committees for FY2023 were: Outreach, Land Use, Executive, and Finance. The membership of each committee is listed in the table below:

#### Ebey's Trust Board Organizational Chart



<u>2024 Work Plan:</u> The Reserve Manager worked with the staff team to overhaul the format of the annual work plan. The previous spreadsheet contained a confusing set of priorities, in some areas unrelated to staff work. The new work plan sets forth a calendar detailing how each segment of the year unfolds between the Partner agreement work and priorities for the TB. The FY24 work plan will be listed on the TB website.

<u>Budget:</u> The FY2024 budget was drafted and approved by the TB in August 2023. The anticipated operating income is \$283,725. Base funding from NPS increased to \$185,000, plus \$6,000 for Volunteer in Parks (VIP) programming. During FY2023, NPS base funding was used to support personnel costs for administration and operations. VIP funds paid for a part-time employee to coordinate the Jacob & Sarah Ebey House docents, and miscellaneous volunteer program expenses (such as uniforms, training, volunteer name tags, and other volunteer materials).

<u>Financial Reports and Audits</u>: In addition to this annual report, TB staff submitted all requested reports, including a mid-year progress report, required NPS 425 FFR & PPR reports, and the Washington State Auditor's Annual Audit Report.

### Public Outreach and Communication

Under the terms in the Cooperative Agreement, the TB office serves as the primary public interface for the Reserve.

<u>Special Events:</u> Beginning in January 2023, TB staff launched a new series of events to help foster and promote the Reserve among residents and visitors. The Reserve Open House took place on January 19, 2023, and drew a crowd of nearly 70 local residents. The event boasted a collection of all Interlocal Partners providing materials and information to the public, a workshop on the design review process, and a workshop on scenic easements. The TB staff also delivered a public a workshop on the Ebey's Forever Grant program in January 2023. Throughout the spring and summer visitor season, TB docents performed a series of public outreach educational lectures at various historical locations throughout the Reserve. This series was a successful attempt at engaging the public beyond the boundaries of NPS-owned interpretation sites. For much of FY23, TB staff dedicated sufficient time to planning the 2023 Ebey's Forever Conference & Community Event in celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enabling legislation. The two-day commemorative conference will take place in November (FY24).

<u>Visitor Center Operations</u>: Per the Cooperative Agreement, the TB office manages the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House. Between the staff office in Sunnyside Cottage and the Ebey House, staff and volunteers greeted over 12,000 visitors from 42 states and 3 countries.

Training for Trust Board and Partners: The TB relied heavily on the work of committees to bring forward key issues of the Board. Staff worked with community partners across the community to identify training or continuing education opportunities for the Trust Board and/or Partners. In April, the TB held an annual retreat to discuss the mid-year work plan report and identify key areas of future training and collaboration. The TB workshop in August reviewed the upcoming 2023 work plan and budget. The TB workshop in September was dedicated to discussing the mission and vision for the future of the TB office. One outcome from the spring retreat and TB workshops was the desire to add more trainings and "refreshers" on responsibilities of the TB. This work will continue in TB meetings throughout FY2024.

# Easement Monitoring

Under the Cooperative Agreement, the TB is responsible for implementing the Reserve's Land Protection Plan in collaboration with NPS. The TB is also tasked with working with local planning departments to develop and maintain land protection measures.

<u>Easement Monitoring</u>: In accordance with the Scenic Easement Administration Plan and the Cooperative Agreement, TB staff must provide an annual report on scenic easements within the Reserve. A copy of the FY2023 easement monitoring report is attached to the end of this report.

# County and Town Design Review

<u>Design Review:</u> During FY2023, TB staff continued its role of providing technical historic preservation assistance to the Town of Coupeville and Island County planning departments, and the public, as part of the Ebey's Reserve Design Review process. The overall Design Review process has multiple components:

• Ebey's Reserve Historic Preservation Commission (HPC): The HPC consists of seven volunteer positions that are appointed by either the Board of Island County Commissioners or the Coupeville Town Council. The HPC is tasked with reviewing

Level C applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness (permit) and with reviewing special historic preservation tax valuation applications. The Reserve Manager and Preservation Coordinator attend all HPC meetings and are routinely called upon to provide expert opinion or general insight on historic preservation practices inside the Reserve. TB staff work with staff from the Town and County planning departments to ensure HPC meetings are properly staffed and run efficiently. TB staff often make site visits to applicant locations in order to provide recommendations to the planning staff or HPC. TB staff also assist landowners in navigating the COA process, which sometimes requires specific site visits with the planning staff/landowners present. During FY2023, the HPC agreed to the staff's recommendation of holding permit review public hearings twice as often (2x monthly), which expedited the permit process for many residents. If a complete permit application is turned in, staff are now able to respond within 14-60 days (depending on COA level).

## HPC Members:

Commissioner Name	Represents	Term Expires
Kevin Turkington	Town	2/1/2025
Danielle Bishop	County	3/15/2025
Kathy Baxter	Town	1/22/2024
Sheila Saul	County	10/17/2026
Jay Adams	Town	12/31/2025
Art Huffine	County	9/21/2024
Marshall Bronson	Joint	11/20/2023

- Reserve Committee: The Reserve Committee consists of the Reserve Manager (and/or their designee), Town of Coupeville planning staff, and Island County planning staff. The Reserve Manager/Preservation Coordinator host Reserve Committee meetings in the TB office. The Reserve Committee is tasked with reviewing Level B and Level C applications for Certificate of Appropriateness, setting HPC agendas, and evaluating the staffing needs/training opportunities of the HPC. During FY2022, the Reserve Committee determined the need for continued education of the HPC regarding their roles as HPC members, as well as fielding their input on the Design Review process in Ebey's Reserve.
- Ebey's Reserve Design Guidelines Update: During FY23, TB staff submitted proposals to Island County and the Town of Coupeville regarding the 12-year-delayed update to the Ebey's Reserve Design Guidelines. The proposal outlined how the TB staff would lead a committee of Town/County representatives in a community-centered update to the guidelines, which are adopted by code. The proposed update will take place in FY2025, with committee and staff work happening in FY2024.

<u>Ebey's Forever Grant:</u> FY2023 was the 12th year of the Ebey's Forever Grant (EFG) program, and the TB was excited to award 13 applicants a cumulative total of \$62,250 in grant funds. A panel of preservation experts and enthusiast was assembled to review grant applications. Steps were taken to ensure that there would not be a conflict of interest among the panelists and applications.

# 2023 Ebey's Forever Grant Recipients \$62,250 granted to 13 Projects

A. Kineth House c. 1916 - \$4,000 Composite roof and gutter replacement	Battery Trevor (WSP) c. 1904 - \$1,700 Clean and repaint two 3" guns
Capt. Whidbey Inn c. 1905 - \$4,000 Window rehabilitation	Engle Water Tower c. 1911 - \$3,564 Foundation, roof, and windows repair and rehabilitation
Gillespie Meat Market c. 1887 - \$2,000 Window rehabilitations	Hampton Gould House c. 1910 - \$8,000 Composite roof replacement
J. Gould House c. 1896 - \$5,673 Composite oof replacement	J. LeSourd Accessory Structure c. 1888 - \$3,427 <i>Composite roof</i> <i>replacement</i>
Leach Ice House c. 1883 - \$6,251 Cedar roof replacement	Pat's Place c. 1905 - \$7,040 Siding repair and replacement, and paint
RC Hill Home c. 1865 - \$10,000	Todd/Lovejoy House c. 1886 - \$4,000 <i>Window rehabilitation</i>

Porch and east façade restoration	
Tuft/Terry Barn c. 1908 - \$2,595 Gutter and downspout replacement	



Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve

# NPS-held Easement Monitoring Report FY2023

August 2023



View of Ebey's Prairie from Prairie Overlook (August 2023).

# BACKGROUND<sup>1</sup>

The National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-625, Section 508(a), 92 Stat. 3507) established Ebey's Landing as the first national historical reserve in order to protect, preserve, and interpret nationally significant historical resources that comprise a continuous record of exploration and American settlement in Puget Sound from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present day.

National reserves are areas of land and water containing nationally significant resources in which federal, state, and/or local governments, along with private individuals, groups, and/or organizations, combine efforts to manage, protect and interpret the valued resources.

At Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, this collaboration occurs through a Trust Board, a joint administrative board representing the four: the National Park Service, Island County, the Town of Coupeville, and Washington State Parks. The Trust Board was established to coordinate the partnership and assume certain responsibilities of day-to-day management.

Day-to-day management and administration of NPS programs and NPS-owned properties and assets is guided by a cooperative agreement between the National Park Service and the Trust Board. The cooperative agreement outlines specific management functions delegated to the Trust Board, functions jointly performed by NPS and the Trust Board, and programs and functions retained by the National Park Service.

Trust Board responsibilities include the administration of the Department of the Interior's scenic easements.

In accordance with Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Scenic Easement Administration Plan (SEAP) (2018 Update), each easement tract is inspected by Trust Board staff at least once a year with additional site visits as conditions and review activity requires.

There are a total of 29 easement deeds in Ebey's Reserve that break down into 53 administrative files. These NPS-held easements protect 2,056 acres of land within the Reserve of further development. Appendix A shows NPS-held easements in Ebey's Reserve.

No new NPS easements were acquired during FY2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excerpts from National Park Service. U.S. Department of Interior. "Foundation Document Overview: Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve"

# EASEMENT MONITORING ACTIVITIES

Easement monitoring in FY2023 was performed following windshield inspection protocols. Postcard notices were sent to property owners in May before the monitoring cycle began.

Easement monitoring occurred from June 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023. Photographs and notes were taken from the public right-of-way by Trust Board staff.

No key issues were observed by Trust Board staff during FY2023. Easement conditions are being adhered to and the Trust Board has been approached and informed of special circumstances regarding specific easements.

Appendix B shows a summary of NPS-held easements monitoring and administration during FY2023.

# SPECIAL PERMITS & COMMUNICATIONS

No special permits were sought by easement landowners during FY2023.

The historic Haller House on NPS tract 12-121 continues to undergo an extensive rehabilitation project in accordance with the proposal presented at the time of the preservation easement. Trust Board staff, in partnership with the Town of Coupeville planning department, have been reviewing and monitoring the process. Due to the extent of the rehabilitation project, the gardens and landscape are a construction site that do not reflect their historic character and are momentarily not following easement conditions. The rehabilitation proposal includes landscape and garden restoration to follow once work on the building has been completed.

# **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Constant monitoring of the historic Haller House on NPS tract 12-121 should continue during FY2024. It will be important to follow up with the property owner as the rehabilitation project of the building continues so that adequate restoration of the historic gardens and landscape is done in accordance with preservation easement conditions.

Currently, the SEAP stipulates that during odd-numbered years, inspections will involve a "windshield" survey of conditions and compliance with the terms of the easement, and in even-numbered years, each easement will be reviewed more thoroughly according to the specific features and conditions identified in the easement agreement.

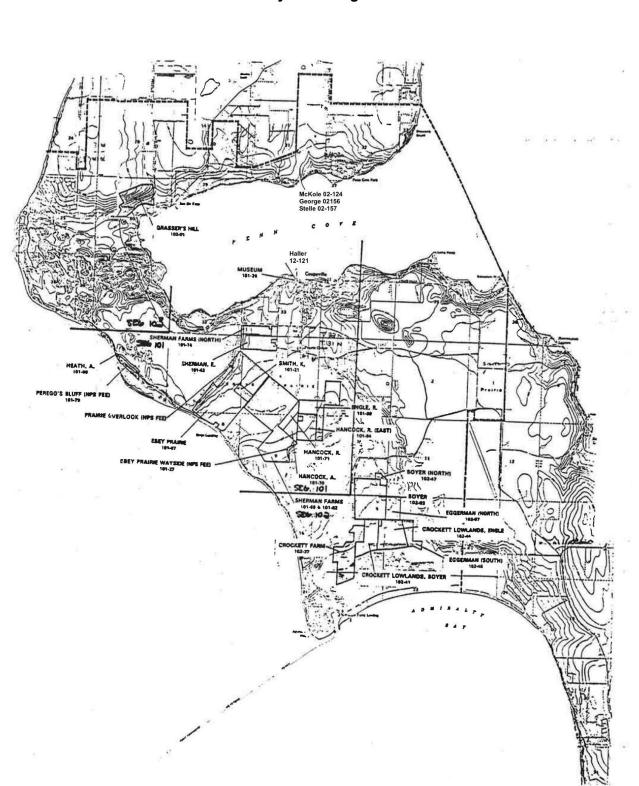
Evaluating the need for performing a full review during even-numbered years is recommended. According to the SEAP, section J.3. states:

By March 1st of each year, NPS-held scenic easement administration will be discussed by the Chair of the Trust Board, Reserve Manager, and local NPS staff. NPS staff may invite other NPS staff to participate in this discussion as well.

Improvements to management practices can be incorporated into an updated SEAP as deemed necessary.<sup>2</sup>

Trust Board staff does not feel that it is imperative that performing a full review every other year is warranted. In addition to the ability to monitor the scenic easements from public-right-aways, there is the added layer of development activities that must be permitted by Island County. Furthermore, the local community quickly reaches out to Trust Board staff if anything egregious occurs. Per the SEAP, this will be discussed by the Chair of the Trust Board, Reserve Manager, and local NPS Staff by March 1, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Excerpts from National Park Service. U.S. Department of Interior. "Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve: Scenic Easement Administration Plan"



Appendix A NPS-held Easements in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve

	NPS Scenic Easements Property Owner Mailing Addresses				
Tract #	Title	Parcel #(s)	Mailing Address	Physical Address	FY2023 Staff Comments
12-121, 12-123, 12-124	Haller/Brunn House	R13233-379-4060, R13233-380-4010, R13233-372-4010, R13233-398-4080	Historic Whidbey PO Box 1123 Coupeville, WA 98239	1 NE Front Street Coupeville, WA 98239	As the project continues its extensive rehabilitation project, the landscape and gardens currently remain out of compliance at the moment.
101-21	SMITH	R13104-145-0170	Karl Smith PO Box 276 Coupeville, WA 98239	399 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-26	ICHS MUSEUM	R13233-397-3390	Island County Historical Society PO Box 305 Coupeville, WA 98239	908 NW Alexander Street Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-63	SHERMAN EDWIN	R13105-487-5270, R13104-487-0280, R13233-018-2200	Vincent Sherman 82 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	82 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13104-491-1300	Vincent Sherman 82 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	52 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-65	COOK ROAD	R13104-428-1900, R13104-381-1380	Engle Trustee 750 Cathedral Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-69, 101-82	SHERMAN FARMS	R13104-118-2490, R13104-038-1890, R13109-526-1580, R13109-327-2780, R13109-352-3920	Ebey Road Farms, Inc 225 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	225 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13109-240-1420	Wilbur Bishop 1520 Hill Road Coupeville, WA 98239	1520 Hill Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13109-292-3480	US Dept. of Interior 593 Fort Casey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	Engle Road Coupeville, WA 98239	

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Tract #	Title	Parcel #(s)	Mailing Address	Physical Address	FY2023 Staff Comments
101-70	HANCOCK A	R13109-440-3770	Alan & Elizabeth Hancock PO Box 605 Coupeville, WA 98239	Engle Road Coupeville, WA 98239	Current Trust Board Member.
101-71	HANCOCK R (WEST)	R13109-505-3440	Alan & Elizabeth Hancock PO Box 605 Coupeville, WA 98239	Engle Road Coupeville, WA 98239	Current Trust Board Member.
101-72 101-81	ENGLE, Dave	R13109-425-1470, R13109-215-0450	David & Ralph Engle 701 S Main Street TRLR 16 Coupeville, WA 98239	Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-74	SHERMAN FARMS NORTH	R13233-043-0180, R13233-042-0810, R13233-042-1610	Sherman Farms Inc 48 S Sherman Road Coupeville, WA 98239	Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-76	HILL ROAD	R13109-147-2530, R13109-068-3460	Engle Trustee 750 Cathedral Dr. Coupeville, WA 98239	1509 Hill Rd Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-78	JENNE FARM	R13110-330-0670, R13109-323-4660, R13110-217-0860, R13109-200-4950, R13110-193-1360, R13110-129-0930,	Einterz TTEE 4580 Smugglers Cove Rd Freeland, WA 98249	Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-80	HEATH	R13106-317-3390	Clarence & Peggy Ames 2241 Cedar Hollow Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	2241 Cedar Hollow Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13106-346-3090	Michael & Eveline Dunning 2267 Cedar Hollow Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	2267 Cedar Hollow Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	Residence is visible from Bluff trail and has own trails leading to bluff trails.
		R13106-363-2680	Monteferrante Trustee 2305 Cedar Hollow Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	2305 Cedar Hollow Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	

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Tract #	Title	Parcel #(s)	Mailing Address	Physical Address	FY2023 Staff Comments
		R13106-369-1950	Alan & Alan Luneman Living Trust PO Box 455 Coupeville, WA 98239	2312 Cedar Hollow Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	Eagle Aerie short term rental eagleaerie.net
101-94	HANCOCK R (EAST)	R13109-465-4760	Alan & Elizabeth Hancock PO Box 605 Coupeville, WA 98239	395 Engle Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-97	EBEY PRAIRIE	R13105-125-4100	Ebey Road Farms, Inc 225 S Ebey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-99	Farm 1 (Engle, R)	R13103-093-0460, R13103-110-1240	US Dept. of Interior 593 Fort Casey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	144 Fort Casey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-109	WEST WOODS	R13105-253-1360, R13105-485-0660, R13105-484-1820, R13106-251-4550, R13106-330-4780, R13106-428-4780, R13105-110-2350	Nature Conservancy 74 Wall Street Seattle, WA 98121	Coupeville, WA 98239	
101-110	FERRY FARM	R13108-408-5110	Nature Conservancy 74 Wall Street Seattle, WA 98121	Coupeville, WA 98239	
102-03	BOYER	R13115-439-3540, R13115-447-4570, R13110-032-4090, R13110-134-3980, R13115-535-3500,	GTG Farm LLC 776 Fort Casey Road Auburn, WA 98092	Coupeville, WA 98239	
102-07	EGGERMAN North	R13114-452-0560	Stephen & Irene Eggerman 11233 SE 313th Place Coupeville, WA 98239	Coupeville, WA 98239	

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102-37	CROCKETT FARM	R13115-236-3530	Michael Mortenson 6031 Greenwood Ave N Seattle, WA 98103	1055 Crockett Farm Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13115-285-3400	David Mossman 31515 102nd Ave SE Auburn, WA 98092	975 Fort Casey Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13115-172-2510, R13115-023-2250, R13115-036-3130	Paula Spina PO Box 250 Coupeville, WA 98239	1088 Crockett Farm Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13115-026-2580	John Shepard 1112 Crockett Farm Road Coupeville, WA 98239	1112 Crockett Farm Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13115-027-2830	Rita Matthes PO Box 185 Coupeville, WA 98239	1087 Crockett Farm Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
102-41	CROCKETT LOWLANDS WEST (BOYER)	R13115-267-4350	GTG Farm LLC 776 Fort Casey Road Auburn, WA 98092	Coupeville, WA 98239	
102-45	EGGERMAN South	R13114-276-1550	Stephen & Irene Eggerman 11233 SE 313th Place Coupeville, WA 98239	Coupeville, WA 98239	
102-47	BOYER North	R13110-134-3980	GTG Farm LLC 776 Fort Casey Road Auburn, WA 98092	Coupeville, WA 98239	
103-01	Grassers HIII	R13230-291-1630	Howard Bledsoe 620 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	620 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-299-2080	Joyce Boyd 634 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	634 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-358-2590, R13230-370-3400	Clayton & Beverly Miller 655 Zylstra Road Coupeville, WA 98239	655 Zylstra Road Coupeville, WA 98239	

NPS Scenic Easements
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		R13230-333-1930	Janet McGregor PO Box 26 Coupeville, WA 98239	636 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-362-1990	James & Judith Cline 650 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	650 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-395-1630	Richard & Janice Marie Graham 693 Snowberry Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	693 Snowberry Lane Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-410-2000	Kristina Paulsen 711 Grasser Hill Road Coupeville, WA 98239	711 Grasser Hill Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-452-1950	Debra Paros 744 Grasser Hill Road Coupeville, WA 98239	744 Grasser Hill Road Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-444-2300	William & Judith Good PO Box 1045 Coupeville, WA 98239	735 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-429-2620	Marsha Rowell 748 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	748 Skymeadow Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-434-2850	John & Marian Bolte PO Box 1111 Coupeville, WA 98239	Skycrest Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-433-3100	Charles & Stella Walker 2177 Skycrest Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	2177 Skycrest Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-435-3350	David Ramirez 22387 Ortega Drive Salinas, CA 93908	Skycrest Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	
		R13230-427-3600	Rollo & Sylvia Spencer 2137 Skycrest Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	2137 Skycrest Drive Coupeville, WA 98239	

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			5	Coupeville, WA 98239		
			Oak Harbor, WA 98277			

# Public Agency Attachment B - Draft FY 2024 Budget for Trust Board of Ebey's Landing NHR

INCOME - OPERATIONS	2024 DRAFT BUDGET
OPERATING INCOME	\$287,000
GRANT INCOME	\$15,000.00
PROGRAM & PROJECT INCOME	\$6,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$97,725.00
ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$405,725

EXPENSES - OPERATIONS	2024 DRAFT BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION / IN-DIRECT COSTS	\$22,656
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$2,050
UTILITIES	\$6,235
PROGRAMS & PROJECTS	\$131,000
EMPLOYEE	\$243,784
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	\$405,725

**Conference & Community Event** 

# November 3 & 4, 2023

# **General Registration is now OPEN!**



Use the QR Code to Register for the Ebey's Forever Conference and Community Event!



### Ebey's Forever Conference & Community Event Celebrating 45 Years

The office of the Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve (Reserve) is pleased to announce the return of the Ebey's Forever Conference and Community Event coming this November 3 and 4 in Coupeville, WA.

With President Jimmy Carter having signed the Reserve's enabling legislation in 1978, we are excited to celebrate our 45th anniversary with the first Ebey's Forever Conference since 2014. This educational and experiential event will boast informative panel sessions, hands-on field trips, immersive recreational opportunities, and profound keynote presentations.

The underlying theme and purpose of the 45th anniversary conference is to celebrate our community's unique maritime heritage and culture. November 3 will kick-off with a presentation on why the Reserve matters and will conclude with a keynote address from Brian Cladoosby of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The slate of field trip opportunities for November 3 will include exclusive experiences ranging from a behind-the-scenes look at Lavender Wind's operations to a guided tour of Sunnyside Cemetery. November 4 will center around classroom panel sessions at Coupeville High School, with session topics ranging from historic farm operations to salmon-friendly gardening. The November 4 field trip opportunities ramp up even more with plenty of Central Whidbey opportunities, including a guided tour of Admiralty Head Lighthouse. The conference events will conclude with a November 4 keynote address from Michelle Calvin and Tony Cladoosby, owners of Beaver Tales Coffee.

The entire conference weekend will provide opportunities for attendees to enjoy local farm tours and scenic hiking experiences. The first 200 conference attendees to register will also receive a coupon book, which includes discount coupons to 20 Coupeville businesses and restaurants.

The annual Ebey's Reserve Community Potluck will take place on November 3, at 6:00 PM, at the Crockett Barn, and it will feature two bands with tons of local food. This year, we are requiring advanced registration for this free event.

Information regarding ticket purchases for both the conference and the community potluck, as well as the growing list of conference sessions and experiences can be found on the Ebey's Forever Conference page:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ebeys-forever-conference-2023-registration-528625813037?aff=e bdssbdestsearch

For more information regarding Ebey's Reserve or the conference event, contact Reserve Manager, Marie Shimada, at <a href="mailto:EbeysRM@gmail.com">EbeysRM@gmail.com</a>.



# FY 23 Mid-Year Staff Report

Prepared for the Trust Board of Ebey's Reserve April 25, 2023 | Coupeville, WA The Trust Board was established to satisfy the 1978 enabling legislation's call for a local management structure. With representation of the four-way Partnership (NPS, WA Parks, Island Co, Coupeville), the Trust Board coordinates and achieves collaborative land management, historic preservation and technical assistance, and communication and interpretative opportunities. Frequently, Reserve staff also act as the customer service arm of local governments and agencies regarding land and building use within the Reserve when interacting with local residents.

# The Trust Board works through partnerships to preserve and protect Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve so it forever remains a living rural community with an unbroken historical record.

### **Trust Board Members:**

Lisa Bernhardt - Town, Chair Nonprofit executive Sally Garratt - Town, Vice Chair Retired federal prosecutor Erin Borden - County, Treasurer Educator, land advocate Jeff Sturm - County, Secretary Local resident Alan Hancock - County Retired superior court judge, fourth-generation Ebey's Prairie farm resident Heather McCoy - County Director, Whidbey Island Conservation District Vacant - Town Brett Bayne - WA State Parks Area Manager for Central Whidbey State Parks Lex Fredy - NPS Superintendent, San Juan National Historical Park **Reserve Staff:** 

#### Marie Shimada, JD, Reserve Manager

Marie oversees all staff and projects, staffs the Trust Board and its committees, and facilitates all aspects of the partnership. Most recently, Marie worked in the farmland preservation sector and helped establish collaborative watershed management plans alongside farmers, tribes, and government agencies.

#### Carol Castellano, Program Coordinator

Carol assists in the overall operations of the Trust Board offices. Carol helps manage the budget and supports Reserve programs. Carol recently celebrated 11 years with the Reserve.

#### Josh Pitts, Preservation Coordinator

Josh supports all aspects of historic preservation programming within the Reserve. Josh has an MA In Urban Planning and Historic Preservation and he provides expert technical assistance to the Partners.







National Park Service, WA Parks & Rec, Island County, and the Town of Coupeville signed a 1988 Interlocal agency agreement that formed the Trust Board. The County gets four board appointees, Town gets three, and the federal and state governments each have one appointee.

The Reserve spans over 17,000 acres, including 3,000+ surface acres of Penn Cove. This equates to approximately 20 sq mi, which is almost 1/10th of Island County's land mass. There are likely around 8,000 residents within the Reserve, or 9% of the County population.

Coupeville is the second-oldest town in the state. The Town, along with the County, created the Central Whidbey Island Historic District in the early 1970s, which outlines the same boundary as the Reserve. This remains one of the largest historic districts in the nation.

There are over 400 historic structures in the Reserve, which is a remarkably high concentration. This list also contains one of the highest WA concentrations of pre-territorial structures. Notably, the Ferry and Ebey houses are two of the oldest buildings in WA.





NPS holds scenic easements on 83 properties totaling over 2,000 acres of protected land. Not far behind, the Whidbey Camano Land Trust has over 1,800 acres under conservation easement within the Reserve (and counting).

Central Whidbey is homeland to the Lower Skagits. 1855 Treaty signings displaced this tribe onto the Swinomish reservation.





# Brand Guidance (Internal Use Only)

- Do's
  - Full Name: Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
  - Short Name(s): Ebey's Reserve; the Reserve
  - Reserve should always have a capital "R"
  - "Trust Board" should only be used when referring to actual activities of the Trust Board of Ebey's Reserve.
     "Reserve staff" should be used when referring to the operations of the staff within the office of the Trust Board.
  - "Reserve" should be used in favor of "Trust Board" (unless in places where it would cause greater confusion) - the public assumes a Trust Board is that which monitors a land bank.
  - NPS does not manage the entire Reserve. Rather, the Trust Board was established to take the place of a traditional superintendent role. NPS does manage its own assets and properties within the Reserve.
  - The Trust Board is an administrative board established by an Interlocal government agency agreement.

### • Don'ts

- Do not use the shorthand "Ebey's Landing." This is misleading as it denotes the actual beach, which is property of State Parks.
- Do not use the term "Preserve." This is inaccurate for a Reserve, which is majority privately-owned and not frozen in time.
- Do not use the shorthand of "EBLA" or "NHR" when referring to areas outside of NPS operations. This is internal language.
- Do not use the term "historic Reserve." The term "historical" should be used in places where the Reserve is being named.
- Do not use the term "park." The Reserve was a unique congressional designation meant to signify the private-public and federal-local partnerships in the Reserve's unique management structure, so it does not function as a traditional park.
- The Trust Board is not a nonprofit entity. (However, the Friends of Ebey's is a nonprofit and operates as our charitable fundraising arm. They are most well-known for helping to fund the Ebey's Forever Grant program run by Reserve staff.)



# • Historic Preservation

- Technical assistance to municipalities and residents (over 400 historic structures)\*
- Design Review: staff and advise the Ebey's Historic Preservation Commission on permit applications
- Ebey's Forever Grant: preservation grant administration for historic structures
- Historic Interpretation
  - Docent program (volunteers)\*
  - Public Lectures
  - Ebey House is an active visitor center during peak season\*
  - Wayside panels along trails and visitor parking areas
  - Website, social, and other digital media content that furthers our interpretation programming

# • Collaborative Land Management

- NPS scenic easement monitoring\*
- Staff advisement and collaboration on edits to municipal zoning ordinance
- Trust Board and staff advisement and collaboration on Ebey's Design Guidelines

# • Partner Building & Outreach

- Liaison with community agencies, advocacy groups, nonprofits, and community members to enhance an understanding and appreciation of the Reserve
- Liaison with federal, state, and local elected officials and their offices to communicate about relevant priorities within the Reserve\*
- Coordinate meetings and communications with stakeholders to address visitation impacts to the Reserve
- Coordinate meetings and communications with NASWI/Navy personnel to assess DOD activities' impacts to the Reserve\*
- Work with local municipalities to help determine concerns and priorities for residents within the Reserve
- Advise on fundraising strategy to preservation organizations

\* Notes an area with a federal nexus



# **Key Dates & Documents**

- Vashon Glacier melt (13,000 years ago)
- 6000 BC Marpole people of modern-day BC settle around the Fraser River (as far south as the Skagit River)
- 1300 AD Lower Skagit (of Coast Salish tribes) settle the central and north Whidbey areas with particular concentration around Penn Cove
- Late 1700s British exploration (Vancouver)
- 1850s Donation Land Claim settlement period (Coupeville becomes second-oldest town in WA)
   1853: Isaac Ebey stakes claim on Whidbey
  - 1855: Treaty of Point Elliott signed
  - 1859 Border Resolution
- 1972 Central Whidbey Historic Preservation District (first Town, then County)
  - Big push for preservation of American history as nation neared bicentennial of 1776 (rebellion from England)
  - National interest in history and romance (evidenced by 1966 National Historic Preservation Act)
  - 1973: Central Whidbey Historic Preservation District listed on National Register of Historic Places as "Central Whidbey Island Historic District"
  - 1973 National Trust for Historic Preservation visited Whidbey and remarked the following:
    - Central Whidbey Island and Coupeville represent an important human and natural environment well
      worth the effort to retain. Preservation/conservation and progress are not mutually exclusive, but in
      such environments, creative, innovative planning is a prime requisite to an orderly progression of
      events, assuring that what development does take place is a positive contribution to the community.
      The determinations necessary to decide what makes a positive contribution are based upon the
      physical effects on the natural landscape, the psychological effects upon the people who both live in
      the area and visit it, and its economic effect upon the community. All are important and interrelated.
    - The people here are sitting on a treasure, and they should be alerted to the value of it.
- 1978 Enabling Legislation (Congress) (2 pages)
  - First document that establishes the Reserve, which is a new unique designation in the Nat Parks & Rec Act (established by Congress, signed by President)
  - Cites unbroken historical record dating back to 18th century exploration
  - Provides for administration and management transfer to unit of local government once appropriate land protection and historic preservation measures exist
- 1980 Comp Plan (107 pages)
  - Satisfied some of the local planning elements set forth in the '78 legislation
  - Joint document between Reserve (planning committee), NPS, Island County, and Town of Coupeville which sought to balance preservation and development needs of local residents with management interests of NPS
  - The Trust Board concept was refined to satisfy the proposed management needs of the Reserve
  - The plan included a summary of resource descriptions within the Reserve, a built environments description, and the general plan for NPS, which included acquisition and transfer plans
  - A point of contention is the Historic Preservation plan element, which provided for building easements as a protective measure within the Reserve (in addition to scenic easement protecting the cultural landscape)



- 1984 Land Protection Plan (68 pages)
  - NPS approach to protecting critical lands within the Reserve
  - Outlined critical areas and acreage, plus available funding in 1984 (Land and Water Conservation Fund)
  - Established recommendations for priorities of acquisition or protection
  - Outlined preferred alternatives, which included the comp plans for local jurisdictions
  - Primary goal of the LPP was to direct easements funds to protecting lands most crucial to integrity of the Reserve, which included the following identified regions: Ebay's Prairie, coastal strip and bluffs, Keystone Spit, Crockett Lake and uplands, Grasser's Hill and Lagoon, Smith Prairie, Town of Coupeville, Fort Casey Uplands
- 1988 Interlocal Agreement (NPS, WA Parks, Island Co, Coupeville) (7 pages)
  - Establishes the Trust Board and its subsequent Partner appointees
  - Signed by NPS, WA Parks & Rec, Island County, Town of Coupeville
  - Outlines responsibilities of the Trust Board in accordance with the Comp Plan for the Reserve and the Cooperative Agreement with NPS
  - Outlines that NPS will request appropriations for funding (not to exceed 50%)
- 2006 General Management Plan (NPS) (375 pages)
  - Drafted during 2005, and included public input and workshops
  - Final GMP includes an EIS
  - Guides NPS and Reserve Trust Board on management of the Reserve for following 20 years
  - Includes a proposed action plus three alternatives
  - Proposed Action included: increased budget; updated land protection; expand natural resource protection; facility improvements outline; Farm exchange; boundary expansion (at the time, this included all of PRI, OLF, and Crockett Lake wetlands); coastal water protection
  - Listed a series of desired future conditions based on required mandates and public input, and stated that all alternatives should meet these requirements: protection of dynamic landscape for public experience; new development measures to protect historic integrity; respective benefits understood by all Partners, including fiscal support; enhanced social and economic health of Whidbey brought about by local community appreciation for open space and historic structures; viable agricultural community; residential high quality of life; coordinated recreational opportunities; equitable visitation efforts; natural history education; natural resource protection; tribal resource protection; sustainable development model, partnership model; historical structures preserved, scenic views maintained; Reserve management and local pride understood by local community
  - Need for the GMP prompted by rapid change since the 1980 Comp Plan had been published
  - Includes detailed outline and information regarding assets and resources (cultural and natural) for the Reserve
- 2010 Long-Range Interpretive Plan (NPS; cover letter from Trust Board) (48 pages)
  - Responsibility for accomplishment lies with Trust Board and Reserve Manager
  - Reiterates Reserve purpose/significance and NPS mission
  - Lays out 4 interpretive themes (based on community workshops held in 2005 and 2009): Cultural Heritage, Living Landscape, Environment, Historical Reserve
  - Lays out desired visitor experience: access to maps; safe recreation; purchase branded local produce
  - One million visitors annually, based on WA Parks data (the only Partner collecting visitor data); 93% of visitors drive to the Reserve in a vehicle and come from WA
  - Identified challenges: Funding; Agritourism; Transportation; Volunteers; Partnerships
  - Alludes to lack of cohesive branding strategy among Partners, especially those reluctant to acknowledge NPS
  - Lists what every community partner does
  - Provides recommended actions for the proceeding decade (most of which appear to never have been implemented)



- 2018 Foundation Document (NPS) (56 pages)
  - Reiterates components found in the GMP in a condensed, precise format; every NPS unit had this done
  - Has an abridged accompanying overview publication that is only 8 pages long
  - States core components and dynamic components of the Reserve
  - Purpose, significance, resources, interpretive themes
- 2019 Strategic Plan (Trust Board) (11 pages)
  - 5-year strategic plan describing challenges and priorities for the Trust Board
  - Strategic Elements included were: Preservation; Interpretation, Education, Outreach; Partnerships and Sustainability; Operations and Administration
- 2021 Interpretation & Communications Plan (Trust Board) (37 pages)
  - Summarizes the role of the Reserve and the Trust Board, while adding useful language in describing collaborative government models
  - Uses a marketing and communications framework to explain the mission of the Trust Board and the management issues it faces
  - Enumerated Trust Board communications issue areas: historic preservation and resource protection; managing visitors and the visitor experience; clarify and communicate the "Partnership"
  - Enumerated interpretive themes and topics: Reserve vision; experience of Ebey's; historic preservation; a favored place (history of the land); first navigators, first stewards; the center of the world (tribal history); settlement and treaties; town and prairie; timeless waterways
  - Outlines market audiences: community members, educators, tribes, Partners, local organizations, elected officials, visitors
  - Outlines media communications
  - Summarizes collaboration of the Partnership
- 2023 Cooperative Agreement (NPS, Trust Board)
  - Delegates responsibility of core areas of Reserve management to the Trust Board
  - Trust Board statement of work covers the following core areas:
    - Administration and Management: Administer Reserve as a local independent entity; advise NPS on NPS-owned properties within the Reserve; Manage NPS programs within the Reserve; Provide annual report to NPS
    - Public Outreach and Communication: Serve as the public's interface to the Reserve; engage with Tribes; provide expert consultation to landowners; collaborate with NPS on projects on NPS-owned properties; manage volunteers for the Reserve; monitor visitation impacts to the Reserve
    - Easement Monitoring: Make recommendations to NPS regarding potential scenic easements; review and monitor NPS scenic easements within the Reserve; retain easement records; provide annual report to NPS
    - County and Town Design Review: provide technical assistance on historic preservation to local governments; collaborate with Town and County planning departments in implementing and enforcing land use regulations and protections of historic resources to preserve the cultural landscape
  - Together, NPS and the Trust Board scope of work includes: support and protect Reserve's rural character; prepare annual Task Agreements; develop relationships with Interlocal and community partners; collaborate on planning and programming for projects within the Reserve; establish other cooperative agreements as necessary
- Documents of significance not listed here:
  - Scenic Easement Administration Plan (2018)
  - Administrative History (1993)
  - Historic Resources Study (2005)
  - An Ethnohistory of Traditionally Associated Contemporary Populations (2009)



# **Staff Roles**

#### • Reserve Manager

- Guide organization in fulfillment of the mission
- Manage the Trust Board
- Facilitate Trust Board meetings
- Act as spokesperson for the Reserve
- Manage all staff and volunteers in the Reserve office
- Facilitate Partner meetings
- Coordinate budgets and work plan items with Interlocal Partners
- Provide financial oversight to all activities in the office of the Trust Board
- Manage all government contracts and agreements
- Promote preservation advocacy within the community
- Promote rural/agricultural/maritime/historical heritage in the community
- Participate in visitation management partnerships; Participate in regenerative tourism initiatives of the Whidbey Camano Tourism Board
- Oversee interpretation and education projects in the Reserve
- Oversee operations of visitor contact stations
- Oversee implementation of Trust Board and Partner plans for the Reserve
- Management relationships with funding partners, such as Friends of Ebey's
- Relationship-development with community stakeholders and stakeholder organizations

#### • Preservation Coordinator

- Provide historic preservation technical assistance to Town, County, and property owners
- Advise Reserve Manager on preservation issues
- Lead or assist on preservation projects for historic properties within the Reserve
- Responsible for monitoring NPS scenic easements and easement reporting
- Facilitate Trust Board review or project proposals on NPS easement properties
- Represents the Reserve (and Secretary of Interior) in Historic Preservation Commission hearings and Reserve Committee meetings
- Contributes to the periodic review of the Ebey's Reserve Guidelines and Design Review process
- Collaborate on local municipal ordinance review
- Manage cultural resource compliance
- Maintains historic structures inventory
- Manage and administer the Ebey's Forever Grant program

#### • Program Coordinator

- Provides administrative support to the Reserve Manager and Trust Board
- Day-to-day management of visitor center services (Pratt Cottage visitor contact station)
- Manages inventory of office, staff, and volunteer supplies and collateral
- Responsible for mail and clerical support services
- Maintains relationship with professional vendors and NPS IT departments
- Maintains records and reports related to all budget and financials; provides all related bookkeeping services; payroll coordination
- Prepares and manages all audit activities and timelines
- Prepares and manages reporting procedures and calendars for all funders and grantors
- Maintains records related to Trust Board meetings in compliance with state law
- Works with Reserve Manager to adhere to and maintain appropriate policies and procedures relating to staffing and personnel management
- Contributes to website, social, and other digital media management
- Works with Reserve Manager and Trust Board to ensure financial solvency of the organization
- Works with Preservation Coordinator to manage and administer Ebey's Forever Grant funds and agreements
- Maintains hours and records necessary to complete volunteer tracking (includes TB members)
- Works with Reserve Manager in preparing annual budgets and work plans
- Works with Reserve Manager to plan Reserve events



# Partnership Projects: Mid-Year Snapshot

#### **National Park Service**

- Worked with local and regional NPS staff to finalize Cooperative and Task Agreement implementation
- Worked with NPS staff to submit three funding proposals in PMIS
- Worked with NPS staff to onboard new operations management in the Reserve
- Worked with various NPS offices to communicate priorities of the Trust Board
- Worked with various NPS offices to communicate citizen issues
- Pratt Sheep Barn management
- VIP program management
- Cottage maintenance
- Ebey House management

#### WA State Parks & Rec

- WA Parks staff participated on the EFG grant review panel
- Ongoing boat launch construction updates
- Congressional boat launch site visit
- Participation in summer outreach events
- Collaborative law enforcement with local jurisdictions

#### **Island County**

- Ongoing technical assistance to County Planning for historic preservation
- Technical assistance provided to County community members on behalf of the Partnership
- Design Review staffing and advising
- Ongoing reporting and financial relationship
- Collaborative planning for historic preservation advocacy

#### **Town of Coupeville**

- Ongoing technical assistance to Town Planning for historic preservation
- Technical assistance provided to Town community members on behalf of the Partnership
- Design Review staffing and advising
- Collaborative planning for historic preservation advocacy



#### **Friends of Ebey's**

- Board meeting staff participation
- Joint annual Board(s) meeting
- Preservation advoacy
- Funding and sponsorship partner
- Events partner
- Ebey's Forever Conference partner

#### Island County Historical Society

- OOK grant partner for FY23
- PorchStories partner for FY22
- Community point-of-contact for Swinomish
- Ebey's Forever Conference partner

#### NASWI

- Communications plan for cultural resources impacts within the Reserve, including PFAS water testing and fence mitigation
- Community partner for Ferry House restoration
- Military interpretation in the Reserve DOD funding partner
- Whidbey Island community-building partner
- (Pending) Ebey's Forever Conference partner

#### Whidbey Camano Land Trust

- Land protection community allies
- Easement monitoring volunteer training
- Community partners with NAS for easement funding, includes
   Reserve priorities
- Walking Ebey's project management

#### **Port of Coupeville**

• Community partners for preservation of Port-owned historic resources: Wharf, Gillespie Meat Market (pending Eisenberg Airport owner)



#### **Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association**

- CHWA Design Committee participation
- CHWA Economic Vitality Committee participation
- Sea Level Rise preparedness advocates
- Ebey's Forever Conference partners

#### Whidbey & Camano Islands Tourism

- Participation and attendance in monthly board meetings
- Regenerative tourism advocacy partners
- Transformational Travel Council Travel Design Course attendance
   sponsor

#### Maritime WA NHA WA Trust for Historic Preservation

- NHA Advisory Board member
- NHA Management Plan anchor organization
- NHA Designated site location
- Historic preservation advocacy partners
- Ebey's Forever Conference Partner

#### Agricultural Resources Committee of Island County (Goosefoot Foundation)

- Committee member
- County Comp Plan subcommittee members
- Farmland access and preservation advocacy partners

#### **Coupeville Creative District**

- Steering committee participation
- Heritage and history advocacy partners

#### **Historic Whidbey**

- Community partners for preservation of nonprofit-owned Haller
   House
- Preservation advocacy partners



# **Events/Meetings of Significance**

- Ebey's Reserve Open House
  - Easement Workshop
  - Design Review Workshop
- Ebey's Forever Grant Workshop
- Congressman Rick Larsen
- Office of Senator Cantwell
- Office of Senator Murray, President Pro Tempore
- Filson 125th Anniversary at Capt Whidbey Inn
- Chef in Residency Courtney Storer Event at Capt Whidbey Inn
- Private Group Lecture at Pratt Sheep Barn
- Private Group Tour at Ebey House
- Jr Ranger Day at Pratt Sheep Barn
- Preserve WA Main Street Conference in downtown Wenatchee
- Leadership Whidbey History Day
- Special Tax Valuation of 12 NW Front St
- Reserve Partner meeting

# Media

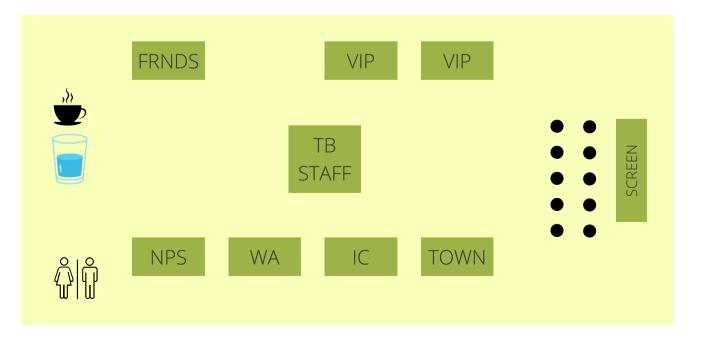
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# **RESERVE OPEN HOUSE**

- THEME: What makes this place important
- TIME: 2-6PM free-flow, 4PM easement workshop, 5PM Design Review workshop
- TABLES: NPS, WA Parks, County, Town, Friends, Reserve, VIPs
  - Friends will have merch & info on charitable giving
  - VIP: docents are researching Reserve history to facilitate public Interp/Outreach on-site
  - NPS: San Juan staff
  - WA Parks: Region and Division staff
  - County: Planning staff
  - Town: Mayor, planning staff
  - Reserve: ALL
- WORKSHOPS:
  - 4PM: NPS Scenic Easements FYI for if you have one/if you want one
  - 5PM: Design Review how to navigate the permit/pre-app process
- MARKETING/INVITEES: Social media, email, newspaper, Partners; Whidbey residents, Reserve residents/new residents, general public

# **Rec Hall Event Layout**



PARKING LOT