

The Manette Hill Climb

In 2008 the Manette Neighborhood Coalition secured a grant from the City of Bremerton's Neighborhood Enhancement Program for the amount of \$2,200. Visit the City of Bremerton website and click on "Neighborhoods" to learn more about this program.

Manette Neighborhood Coalition volunteers gathered together to improve the local treasure we call the "The Hill Climb." While graced with wonderful views and a mix of introduced and local plants, it was at risk due to noxious weeds and neglect. Volunteers committed over 500 hours for the Hill Climb improvements. Thousands of pounds of English Ivy and Himalayan Black Berry were removed. A cedar



bench was added, as well as composting bins and landscape blocks to mitigate hill erosion and define a domestic planting area. Over 70 drought tolerant native plants were planted by volunteers to replace the ivy and blackberries.



The Manette Walking Trail



Did you enjoy your visit to The Hill Climb?

We need your help to continue this effort. It's as simple as pulling a weed or removing some trash as you pass through, or joining the Manette Neighborhood Coalition.

You Can Make a Difference Too

The Coalition has committed to having two cleanup work parties for the Hill Climb each year, one each in the spring

and fall. You are welcome to join us. Future improvements will include adding steps and landings to the lower trail, adding a trash receptacle and a Mutt's Mitt stand at the top.

Walking Trail Map

In the future, we hope to secure more grants and to improve other Manette public properties. This is an excellent way for YOU to become involved in the Manette community.

Site facts and features

Look for native rhododendrons, western azalea, evergreen huckleberry, tall and low Oregon grape, silverweed, Nootka rose, ocean spray, salmonberries, coastal strawberries, red flowering currant, pacific ninebark, mock orange, vine maple, western mountain ash, high bush cranberry and salal. A drought tolerant, low maintenance native grass /wild flower mix was planted in the field area at the top of the trail. In a collaborative effort, both neighbors adjacent to the hill climb provided water during the unusually hot summer of 2009 to help establish the native plants. Note the old established plantings along the upper south side of the property. These were planted many years ago by Ken and Thelma Wills, who had a home next door to the hill climb. There have also been others who have labored at the hill climb in the years past, keeping the trail clear and the growth managed. In the spirit of community participation and neighborhood enhancement, we wish to continue the tradition carried out by all those who have cared for the hill climb in the past century.



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