Hello Muffy,

I have researched the possibility of a wetland bank in our area. It appears that there are no wetland bank areas in this county. I approached the National Park Service, the City of P.A., North Olympic Salmon Coalition and the North Olympic Land Trust. The North Olympic Land Trust were the only ones who had even a suggestion for helping us. There idea was to give them a contribution towards there management, monitoring and enforcement of the conservation of there already protected wetlands into perpetuity. My contact for their group was Tom Sanford and he did say that he thought that they may be able to mitigate a new area for us but thought that would take years to get accomplished. I contacted my wetland attorney to see what he thought about creating a wetland bank ourselves. He said that with the way the rules are that it would be just about impossible to achieve. At least in a time frame that made any since to this situation and would cost as much as the property is worth. I believe that we would be willing to mitigate a portion of our property if that is a possibility.

I have gone to the property and have tried to come up with ways to reduce the fill in the wetlands and still be able to run our events. I believe that we can remove most of them. I feel that we can completely remove the area on the N.E. corner of the track closest to the north constructed road. The area in the N.W. corner of the track could be reduced to appox. 2500 sq. ft. The area on the South side of the track is the most problematic for us because the berm is about 12 ft tall. We could retain along the bottom of the slope and reduce the size to approx. 4000 sq. ft. Again these are approx. numbers and would agree to have a surveyor come and figure out exactly what the sizes of the remaining fills are after they get removed. I feel that we could reduce these fills to about a 6th or 7th of an acre.

Our agriculture roads were built to create an access to our orchards and our hay fields on the north side of our property. The neighbor to the North is also a partner in the property. His property has been hayed every year as is ours. To have access to our North fields and his hay fields at a time of the year when the hay is ready to be harvested we built the North Construction Road. It is our partner in the property whom has shown us that those fields on the North side are always late to be harvested because of late rains and rough terrain. This was an addition to the road we put in to access the entrance to our track. While we were building the road for the track we decided to help out our agricultural activities by building this road to the North to join up with his property. This road has been blocked off during the last couple of race events to control the crowd. It is only used for agricultural activities. The orchard roads where put in to be able to prune the trees in the winter time. There are about 100 trees in this 110 year old orchard. It is a huge maintenance issue and takes these roads to get equipment in to do the work.

Thank You,

Dan Morrison

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Fwd: North Olympic Land Trust

1 message

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From: **Tom Sanford** <tom@northolympiclandtrust.org>
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Dear Micki,

In response for your request for information regarding how a payment to North Olympic Land Trust could help in your settlement with the Army Corps of Engineers, we have discussed a few options.

Land Trust works to conserve lands that sustain the communities of Clallam County. To date, the Land Trust has conserved 2,748 acres of land through 79 conservation easements and by owning 7 different properties.

Based on an analysis of these conservation easements and fee-owned lands overlaid with data provided by Clallam County and the National Wetland Inventory, we have determined these lands contain at least 380 acres of wetlands - 365 acres on the conservation easements that we hold and 15-acres on lands that we own.

We have projected that the principal required in a stewardship fund for the perpetual monitoring and enforcing of the conservation easements on properties with wetlands and for the management of our fee-owned lands with wetlands is approximately $385,000. A payment toward this fund would be instrumental in ensuring the Land Trust's ability to manage, monitor and enforce the conservation of these wetlands into perpetuity.

I recognize that as you go through with your settlement process with the Army Corps of Engineers, there will likely be many options discussed. If you need additional information from us, or would like to consider various alternatives, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
Tom

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