



## Hog Island Ecological Restoration Project - Public Workshop

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Superior, WI

### Agenda

#### I. Introduction (*1 hour - 8:30AM - 9:30AM*)

- Welcome
- Introductions by attendees - name, affiliation, answer the questions: 1) What do you hope to get out of the day? 2) What is your personal connection to the area?
- Overview of the day
  - Review the agenda
  - What we hope to accomplish
    - Collaboration
    - De-listing

#### II. Hog Island Inventory and Analysis (*1.25 hours - 9:30AM - 10:45AM*)

- Presentation of posters
- Self-guided "board tour"
- Biohabitats lead discussion of existing conditions
  - Site history leading to background of project
  - Ecological features and distribution
  - Ecological controls
  - Reference conditions
  - Human uses of the site

*15 minute break - 10:45AM - 11:00AM*

#### III. Visioning Exercise (*1 hour - 11:00AM - 12:00PM*)

- Bumper-sticker exercise

*Lunch (provided) - 45 minutes - 12:00PM - 12:45PM*

#### IV. Goal-Setting Exercise (*1.25 hours - 12:45PM - 2:00PM*)

- Restoration attribute slider boards

#### V. Specific Strategies (*1 hour - 2:00PM - 3:00PM*)

- Opportunities / constraints

#### VI. Wrap-up (*30 minutes - 3:00PM - 3:30PM*)

- Did this workshop meet your expectations?
- Next steps
- Announcement of 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop
- Thank you and Goodbye!



## Restoration Attribute Boards for Hog Island & Newton Creek

### Directions:

Please rate how you feel about each statement by placing your "dot" on the sliding scale beneath each question. The scale to use for each question is:

*I strongly disagree* ←————→ *I strongly agree*

- 1) "Hog Island and Newton Creek should contain characteristic assemblages of species that occur in a reference ecosystem and that provide appropriate community structure."
- 2) "Hog Island and Newton Creek should contain indigenous species to the greatest practicable extent."
- 3) "In a restored Hog Island and Newton Creek, all functional groups necessary for the continued development and/or stability of the restored ecosystem are represented or, if they are not, the missing groups have the potential to colonize by natural means."
- 4) "The Hog Island and Newton Creek physical environment is capable of sustaining reproducing populations of the species necessary for its continued stability or development along the desired trajectory."
- 5) "Signs of ecological or physical dysfunction should be absent in the restored Hog Island and Newton Creek landscape."
- 6) "Hog Island and Newton Creek should be suitably integrated into a larger ecological matrix or landscape, with which it interacts through abiotic and biotic flows and exchanges."
- 7) "Potential threats to the health and integrity of Hog Island and Newton Creek should be eliminated or reduced as much as possible."
- 8) "Hog Island and Newton Creek should be sufficiently resilient to endure the normal periodic stress events in the local environment that serve to maintain the integrity of the ecosystem."
- 9) "Hog Island and Newton Creek should be self-sustaining to the same degree as its reference ecosystem, and has the potential to persist indefinitely under existing environmental conditions. As in any intact ecosystem, the species composition and other attributes of a restored ecosystem may evolve as environmental conditions change."
- 10) "Newton Creek should be restored to its original, pre-development morphology."
- 11) "No active restoration initiatives need to be performed for Hog Island and Newton Creek. Just let nature take over from here."



- 12) "Recreation and human access to Hog Island and Newton Creek should be maximized during and after the restoration process."
- 13) "The restoration of Newton Creek should include watershed-wide strategies, instead of concentrating solely on the channel and riparian corridor."
- 14) "The Hog Island and Newton Creek restoration project should maximize the use of volunteers, and provide educational opportunities for the local community."
- 15) "What is an acceptable timeframe for the realization of the VISION for a restored Hog Island / Newton Creek?"  
1 year  → 50 years
- 16) "Hog Island and Newton Creek should be placed under permanent protection through direct acquisition, conservation easement, or other conservation methods."
- 17) "Human uses which compromise the long-term ecological sustainability of Hog Island and Newton Creek should be restricted."
- 18) "The Hog Island and Newton Creek restoration planning and design process should remain flexible, to allow for the integration of new information and stakeholder interests."
- 19) "The Hog Island and Newton Creek restoration project should integrate the goals of the Lower St Louis River Habitat Plan to the greatest extent practicable."
- 20) "Before any active restoration takes place, we should take a 'wait and see' attitude."

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**Opportunities / Constraints**

Please describe the two most promising opportunities for the restoration of Hog Island and Newton Creek:

1)

2)

Please describe the two biggest constraints for the restoration of Hog Island and Newton Creek:

1)

2)