



## Ivy Removal at Harper Park

Volunteers are diligently working at Harper Park to remove significant amounts of English ivy from the trees. Volunteers from the US Navy, Washington Youth Academy, South Kitsap High School, church groups and community members have put in over 20 hours removing four truckloads of ivy since February.



Thank you for your contributions!

## Trail Improvements



*Before*



*After*

You may have noticed the newly improved trail extending from the parking area to the old clay mine. Funding from the Department of Ecology has helped the Parks Department widen the trail and improve the walking surface with crushed gravel. The trail now provides easier access for diverse users.

Come for a walk and check it out for yourself!





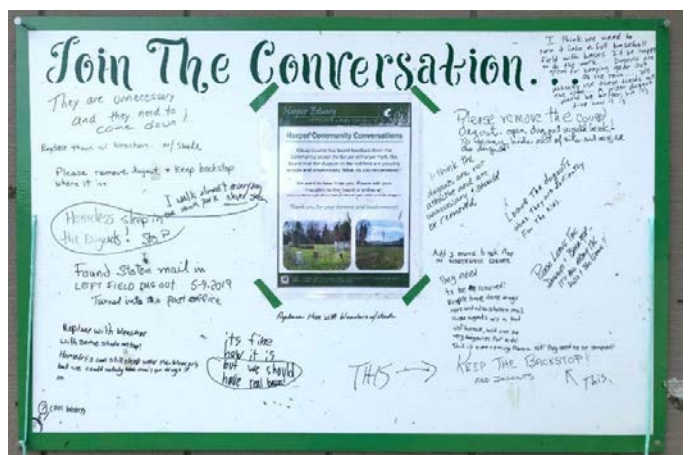
# Creosote Wood Removal at Harper Estuary

Washington Department of Natural Resources and Washington Conservation Corps Crews did a fantastic job removing toxic creosote treated wood from Harper Estuary on May 15, 2019. Their team took 12 creosote logs from the beach and estuary. Removing this debris from the marine environment provides immediate benefits, improving water quality and the cleanliness of the beach. Thank you to everyone who helped!



## Join the Community Conversation

Recently community members were asked for your ideas and recommendations about the dugouts in Harper Park and other park assets on new conversation boards. These boards were posted at Audrey's Espresso and Harper Park for nearly four weeks in May and June. The responses from the boards – in the park, espresso shop, and online are summarized [here](#). Keep an eye out for more park and estuary topics to be posted on these community conversation boards in the future.



Thank you for participating!

## What's Next

An educational walk along this beautiful waterfront to learn about wetland plants is planned for early fall. Maintenance work to replace the pedestrian bridge on the lower trail and improve the picnic shelter, entrance signs, parking lot, and trails is ongoing. Washington Conservation Corps Crews will be out to do more brick cleanup in the estuary in October 2019.