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RE: Weeds at Waterway No. 1 in Seattle

Dear Derrick:

On January 31, 2001, Arthur Lee Jacobson surveyed the weeds at Waterway No. 1. Arthur advises the Laurelhurst Community Club (LCC) on trees, plants and weeds at the waterway. It had been suggested that the non native yellow flag irises growing in the water be removed. At the time, the lake level was low and removal would have been easier than at other times of the year.

Arthur recommended against removal of the irises until there is a plan to replace them with natives. He said that if all the non native vegetation is dug out, there would be a void and new seeds would sprout or new plant pieces take root. He added that if the goal is maximum coverage of natives, then the area must be planted as soon as the non natives are removed. This would need to be followed by periodic weeding out of non natives that appear within the native planting area. Currently, LCC is focusing on the upland area and there is no plan to address invasives in the water portion of the waterway. We hope to address this in the future.

At the time of Arthur's visit to the waterway, most of the weeds on the listing that was provided to you were dormant and not visible. Arthur did note the presence of two native perennials that should be preserved--*Lycopus americanus*, the water horehound, and bulrush which is called variously *Schoenoplectus Tabernaemontani* or *Scirpus validus*. The photos below note the location of these natives in the water area.



Arthur said that there are almost certainly other native perennials that were not visible at the time such as *Polygonum amphibium* and *Polygonum hydropiperoides*.

In preparation for our upcoming waterway work party, Arthur noted on May 1st the presence of deadly night shade and morning glory. The Japanese knotweed is also beginning to return on the water's edge. We will be pulling weeds and digging out ivy and the knotweed at the work party.

LCC will be in touch as we move forward with our maintenance and enhancement plans. We appreciate the cooperation and support of DNR.

Sincerely,



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