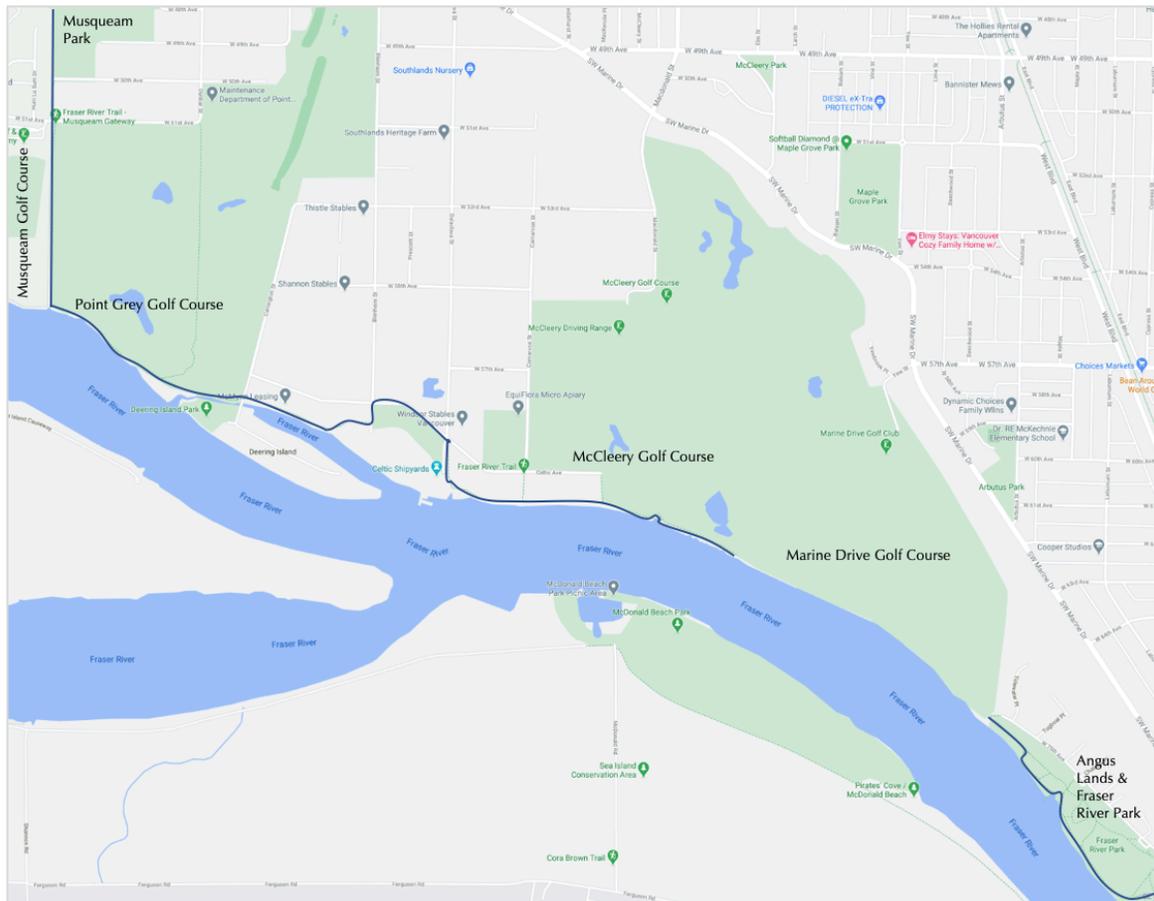


Your input is requested on a proposal to rekindle the Fraser River Trail

The West Southlands Residents Association has been approached by a regional trail advocacy group, the Great Blue Heron Way Team, hoping to rekindle the “Fraser River Trail”. The goal is to complete the existing trail (in black on the map below) along the river from the Musqueam Golf Course to the Angus Lands. At the moment the trail is interrupted by Marine Drive Golf Course. Completing the trail would help form a regional trail that connects Pacific Spirit Regional Park to the west, the Seawall to the north, and the Arbutus Greenway to the east.



The concept of the Fraser River Trail has a long history. It was approved by the City of Vancouver in 1988, but the privately-owned Marine Drive Golf Club had concerns about privacy, security, and potential claims for injury caused by errant golf balls. The City and the Club almost reached an agreement but got stuck on how to accommodate equestrian access. The idea being proposed is to ask the City and the Club to revive their talks to complete this section of the trail.

Some potential outcomes of completing the Fraser River Trail:

- More people on foot, bike, and horseback using the trail system
- West and east access to a 28 km trail system – away from car and truck traffic
- Potential for the trail to encourage dyke height review
- Potential to include rewilding of the river along the Marine Drive Golf Course section

We are asking for your input, to see if there is neighbourhood consensus supporting this idea. Please email your thoughts to the following West Southlands Residents Association Board members by October 15, 2020:

- Linda Jinks lindamj@shaw.ca
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- Kay Teschke kteschke@mac.com

Even if you are not interested in responding about this issue, we welcome you sending us your email address, so we can communicate more easily with area residents.