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I hope to see more care and purpose in the "clearing and replanting" aspect of the next phases. The capping of the trails went well with minimal destruction of existing trees. When the parking area was put in, it was totally cleared rather than purposefully leaving a few of the old madronas in place and navigating the parking area pleasingly around the trees. Leaving some trees would have helped make the area harder for teenagers to do donuts, as we know was an issue. When proceeding with the next two phases of clearing and replanting, please leave as many native trees in place as possible.

It is important to remember the original intent of this land acquisition was minimal development with low impact users. I see another city park style bench going in. This type of development needs to stop. Maury Island Natural Area is not an urban park. Any benches such as these plastic and concrete ones are not only eyesores but also do not comply with minimal impact and development. It is important to enforce no off leash dogs. In addition to being a nuisance, off leash dogs disturb the contaminated soils off trail, chase birds and disturb the natural area. In addition, dog poop is left on and off the trails introducing another type of contaminant.

Please remember to keep Maury Island Natural Area as undeveloped and undisturbed as possible while fulfilling the necessary remediation actions.