

## 10/22/24 Biogaian Meeting Notes

- Surface water management inspection
  - Saturn actively tending the needed areas
  - NOv 4 inspection
- 2025 budget
  - We are on track for what we guessed we would spend
  - Arborist estimate is still pending tho, could change things
  - Theres enough for david to work with in terms of songaia budget as long as we stay under our total expenditures
- Paid labor priorities
  - Swale top priority
  - Difference of opinion about blackberries in the huglemounds
    - Further west blackberries interfere the pathway
    - Northmost hugleculture blackberries impede the tree
    - MD will check with sylvan about blackberries
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  - Paid organizing work from MD
    - Proposal needed asap
    - Helen: if we dont mess with our total numbers, then we are in good shape and can take our time deciding. If we are adding to our request we would need to decide asap
    - Get proposal in before Nov 8
    - Task force to determine where to use that money
      - MDS proposal
      - Orchard work
  - This is last year of NRCS conservation stewardship program
    - Need to do 2 enhancements
    - When josh came out to see the land, he said the amount of work it would take . get paid for next disbursement and then cancel the contract
    - Means we can apply for program for the next 3 years
    - Repercussions of attempting the enhancements but not doing it well, is repayment for the last five years
    - Josh is leaving
    - Its an enormous amount of work, and the areas in their map shown as our orchards are not actually the orchard space.
    - Brian will watch bank account, after money goes in, then cancel (about 10 weeks from now)
    - The request has been made for getting the money in 2024

- UW winter changes
  - We planned to host UW capstone again, but in reflection after the intern season, Anita has realised that the volunteers need to be a big YES for this work for it to really work well
  - UW students will not join us this winter
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- -Garden report
  - Garden moving right along and getting tucked in for the season
  - Zoodoo delivery and work parties went well
  - Before the end of october we will be pulling in the rest of tomatoes
  - Pulled in 120 lbs of tomatoes from dry farm area
  - **Build compost on wednesday 10/23**
  - **Taking plastic off the hoop house this thursday 10/24**
  - **Processing tomatoes on friday 10/25**
  - **Brent bringing burlaps bags on monday**
  - **Nov 2nd apple pressing**
  - Help rolling up irrigation or doing other small tasks is very welcome
- -Forest report
  - No work recently but David met with Danielle of Save a Tree
    - Waiting on a bid
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- Tree Trimming around buildings
  - Pruning of trees on unit 8 happened today
  - David has a report of everything that needs doing
    - Has a list of which trees owners are paying for and which trees the community needs paying for
    - Limited commons vs commons
  - Weeping beech and the tree southwest of nartanos need professional care
  - Burches up by the barn are next focus
  - Biogaians support on equipment will help david get a longer pole saw
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- -Sylvan's gift
  - MD will follow up with Brian
- Italian Bees
  - They have died
  - They like a large family so they take a lot of family into the winter
  - Probably died because of mites

- New colony coming in early april - Carnolians from eastern europe/caucus mountains
- There is much honey and comb
- Landscaping in common spaces
  - Path between common house and loop, GH on east side
  - Raspberries pruned after they are dormant
  - How do we decide what we want for a look for the common areas?
    - Eileen observing trees/shrubs to the east of masanda's house and thinks they need work and should be trimmed
    - Eileen interested in the process for deciding how to
    - Along unit 10 the limited common area is 10ft from the house
    - These bushes are common area
    - Informal process from the past: passion principle, someone who cares about it does it, and if its a major problem, it can get funding and someone is paid to do it
    - Often people like mary take initiative
- Moving golden raspberries
  - Rabbits tunnel under
  - Might need to reach for more support
  - The patch with berries outside the greenhouse on the southwest corner is a prime spot.
  - IDEA: move tea berry and replace with golden raspberry
  - Helen: The spot used to get too wet, so the raspberries that used to be there got too wet, but that was when the gutter was broken
  - Anita will check with Aditi
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Grassy meadow: Gutter on barn to do rain water catchment

Next meeting Nov 26th

Facilitator: MD

Scribe: Eileen