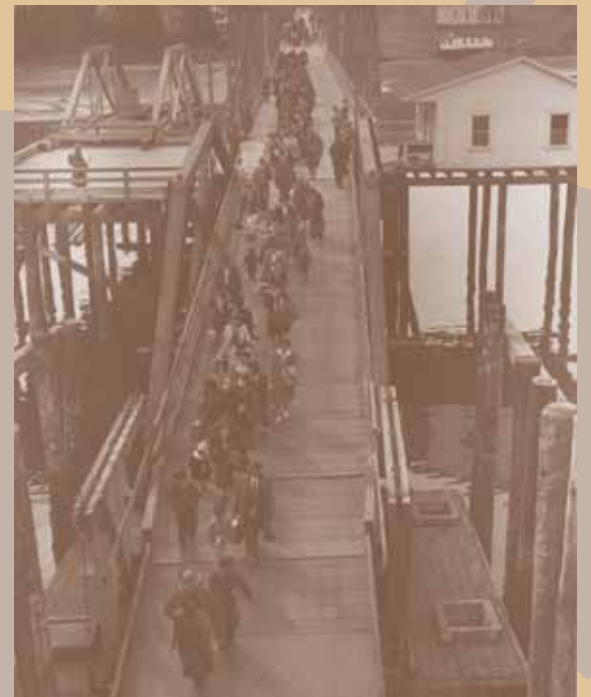
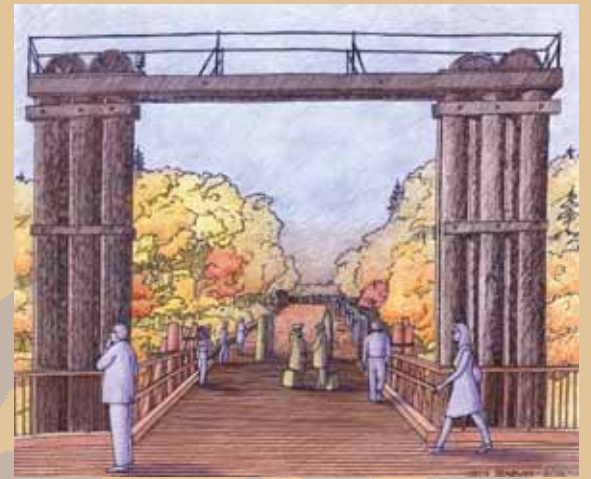
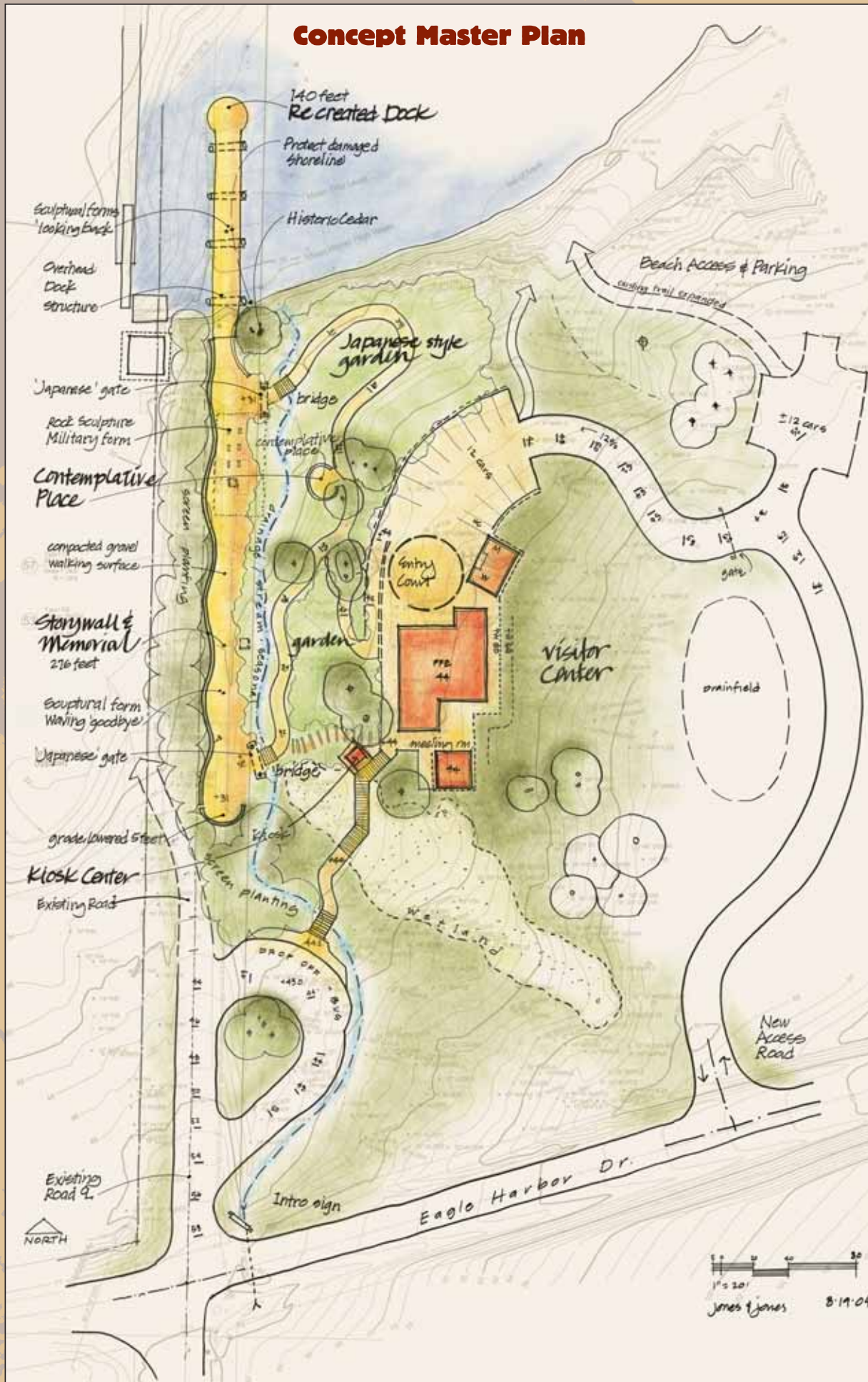


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The proposed Nidoto Nai Yoni National Memorial



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History • Honor • Healing

On March 30, 1942, history was made when 227 Bainbridge Island men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry—most of them U.S. citizens—were escorted by armed U.S. Army soldiers and solemnly walked down Taylor Avenue to the old Eagledale ferry landing.



Only allowed to bring what they could carry or wear, they boarded the ferry Kehloken and said their final goodbyes to their small island home in the heart of Washington state's Puget Sound. Once everyone was on board, the ferry departed on a lonely journey with an unknown destination and fate.

The 227 Bainbridge Islanders were the first of more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans to be forcibly removed from their homes on the West Coast and experience three years of unconstitutional imprisonment. Not all were imprisoned: some were unjustly arrested, some moved away, and others served in the U.S. military, but all were forbidden to remain.

Their only crime: being **Nikkei**, persons of Japanese ancestry.



The **Bainbridge Island WWII Nikkei Exclusion Memorial Committee** and the **City of Bainbridge**

Island are working to create a memorial that will honor the people and families who experienced this tragic moment in history and tell a lasting story for future generations.

The historic significance of the site is beyond question. **The National Park Service** is studying the site for designation as a national historic memorial. The design for the memorial places it

on the very site of the former **Eagledale ferry landing**, allowing visitors to walk down Taylor Avenue in the footsteps of history.

The \$4 million memorial design includes:

- a **276-foot-long story wall**, representing the 276 Nikkei who lived on Bainbridge Island
- a **150-foot pier** evoking the image of the original ferry dock, representing the 150 Nikkei who returned after the war
- an **interpretive center** with possible high-tech connections to the Minidoka and Manzanar National Monuments
- a **reflective contemplative area**



Since the first steps away from freedom began at the old **Eagledale ferry landing**,

the **Nidoto Nai Yoni National Memorial** is the literal and symbolic birthplace for the existing national monuments at **Minidoka** and **Manzanar**, the two locations where Bainbridge Island Nikkei were imprisoned.

The **Minidoka** and **Manzanar National Monuments** are located in the distant deserts of Idaho and California.

While these two sites bear silent witness to a time when basic **constitutional rights** were ignored, by design these concentration camps were placed in very remote places and are not easily accessible.

That's not the case for **Bainbridge Island**, which is just a short and pleasant ferry ride from Seattle, within easy reach of many more people.



Far too often, society creates monuments long after the **people** who experienced that moment in history are no longer with us to be honored.

A unique opportunity exists on Bainbridge Island to create a national memorial that will honor those who suffered, cherish the friends and community who stood beside them and welcomed them home, and to hopefully inspire all Americans to safeguard constitutional rights for all by embracing the spirit of the proposed national memorial: **Nidoto Nai Yoni**, or “**Let it not happen again.**”

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Entry gate for the Bainbridge Island WWII Nikkei Internment and Exclusion Memorial

Blending classic Pacific Northwest design with inspiration from traditional Japanese elements, this gate will serve as the entry to the memorial, and it will be relocated to its permanent home when the memorial site at Taylor Road is ready.

The gate structure is made of rare Port Orford Cedar from Oregon's coastal forests, the shingles are made from old-growth Western Red Cedar, and the roof features a protective copper ridge cap aged to fine patina.

Designed by the **Timber Framers Guild**—a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the benefits, beauty, and practicality of timber-framed structures—this gate was hand-built using traditional joinery and details.

The design, materials, construction, and labor for this gate and the informational displays were all donated through the combined efforts of the **Timber Framers Guild**, led by John Buday of Cascade Crest Designs in Lakebay, Washington, Kevin Coker of Port Townsend, and the **Bainbridge Island WWII Nikkei Internment and Exclusion Memorial Committee**.

The Memorial Committee and the **Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community** are deeply grateful for the generous and immeasurable donation of time, skills, and materials from the many groups and individuals listed below.

We cherish their friendship, enthusiastic support, and infectious can-do spirit that represents the very best in what makes our greater community—and the memorial project—so very special and a lasting legacy for future generations.

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East Fork Lumber Myrtle Point, Oregon	Port Orford Cedar for frame
McKinstry-Roberge Seattle, Washington	Copper ridge cladding
Jim Matsudaira Bainbridge Island, Washington	Cedar roof shingles
Jerry Ibsen Suquamish, Washington	Gravel and excavation equipment
USF Redway Clackamas, Oregon	Transportation of cedar timbers
AccuWeld Fabrication Olalla, Washington	Sign frame construction
Kitsap Powder Coating Poulsbo, Washington	Sign frame painting
Cedar Farm Suquamish, Washington	Ridge cedar

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