

I like all the original elements from the existing master plan the best.

1. Confluence Ctr.
2. Waterfront Ctr.
3. Urban campground – put RVs in existing maintenance area to lessen new impact. Put yurts (not cabins) by confluence ctr. Yurts would be better as they are temporary.
4. Hans Jensen Retreat Ctr.

Restoration projects are very important and should be implemented.

I like the idea of #3 park entrance w/ turnaround at the main entrance. This would give easier access + better visibility. Keep current entrance #1 as exit to improve traffic flow. Ambivalent about sports fields.

No to:

- Parking garage – let Costco build one across the street.
- Swim Gym – not necessary. Glad dock is already in works.
- Ropes course – keep this as a private enterprise elsewhere.
- Fire station -let Issaquah build one elsewhere.

- Confluence center – An environmental education facility is critical to the development of LSSP. Its proposed location is appropriate.
- Waterfront Activities Center – this fills a need that the state shoreline master Plan encourages. It also happens to be in the beach area that is in a holding pattern and needing to be planned, and also has kayak rental facility. There are no comparable facilities on Lake Sammamish for water accessible public use.
- Urban campground – having a hard time visualizing this. Could be well done or could not work at all.
- Hans Jensen – This area has high wildlife value, including bird species # and diversity and lodge with accompanying vehicles would “live this to death”.
- Multi-sports field. Fake turf and lights would result in a dead zone – no worms, frogs, no hawks feeding on moles, no deer feeding in lake grass, impacts in night critters like bats, potential disruption heron rookery, eagle nesting and passerine nesting.
- Ropes course – proposed location may work although freeway noise is de-humanizing – big vegetative buffer along that side?
- Swim gym – seems like low priority for “water dependent use”! Liability issues. Teach people how to swim and have life guards!
- Parking garage – seems like the antithesis for State Parks.
- Fire station – need to consider as a land trade if have signalization. Otherwise, would not get out on a call in summer.
- Issaquah Creek restoration – Absolutely!
- Laughing Jacobs Creek Restoration – Absolutely!
- Park entrance – think #2 would work better freeing up Tibbetts and its usual buffer. # 3, on main drag would have big impact and no time to decompress!

(Exclamation points on paper next to Confluence Center, Waterfront Activities center, Issaquah Creek Restoration and Laughing Jacobs Creek Restoration.)

- Multi-sports athletic fields – supportive, but lighting a concern regarding light pollution (neighborhoods as house increases) and impact on habitat. (plants, animals, light and glare). Also, turf/synthetic on stormwater.
- Fire station – necessary! (public services)
- Issaquah Creek and Laughing Jacobs Creek restoration (water, plants, water, environmental health, lands/shore use) *important work. Please address ditches, particularly SR 900 that drains to Lake Samm. Garbage/needles impact our environment and water quality for fish/public.
- Park entrance??? – (transportation, public services)
- Tibbets support
- Parking garage – Potential for re-use when becomes dated amenity (holy cow 1850!), ie less/no cars? Cost is ginormous. (light/glare, aesthetics, transportation, public services).
- Mountains to Sound Greenway integral part of care of lake/environment. (environmental health, preservation.
- Trail connectivity – connect to regional system in some form and Issaquah’s “urban” trails/sidewalks. Help facilitate access, reduce dependency on vehicles and open up to more users. (transportation, recreation) must be family friendly.
- FLSSP – important just as MTS. Programming of park key to success, welcoming environment (recreation, public services).

Outdoors for All is particularly interested in factors which will make Lake Sammamish State Park even more accessible and inclusive in its uses for people with and without disabilities. We are keen advocates for the Confluence center as one means to help facilitate and improve the idea of access for all.

We also would like to see improved access for transportation options such as cycling and kayaking. For cycling, we would like to see more accessible options to link up with the soon to be completed East Lake Sammamish Trail. I grew up in Issaquah, during the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Though I have a personal history for many decades here, it is my understanding that the location where Lake Sammamish State Park is today was a gathering place for native people for many centuries before that. Any improvements to the park should take note of honoring that longer term perspective and legacy.

I would be pleased to further contribute to the public process as plans may move forward. I would also be happy to reach out more to individuals with disabilities who could additionally help inform this planning process.

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(Circled recreation, transportation and public services under “Environmental Elements” list.)

Program elements numbered in order of preference: 1. Issaquah Creek Restoration
2. Laughing Jacobs Creek Restoration 3. Park Entrance 4. Hans Jensen Retreat Center
5. Confluence Center 6. Multi-Sports Athletic Fields 7. Parking Garage 8. Water Activities
Center 9. Swim Gym 10. Ropes Course 11. Urban Campground. Fire Station – city.

Connect Sammamish Trail with park. Retain handicap parking at beaches.

All for construction activity in areas already developed (along beach). I am strongly opposed to any loss of even one foot of open space.

-Needs a bike path that goes from the west end of the park and connects to the East Lake Sam Trail.

-We need a wheelchair accessible trail system.

Circled recreation in “Environmental Elements”.

Environmental:

1. Lights already illuminated due to urban/freeway environment. Lighted technology is much better today and focused. Low/no impact to wildlife.
2. Reduces irrigation and fertilizer run off
3. Support WA park mission to bring new visitors and revenue to the park. – expands economic benefits to local community.
4. All impacts can be mitigated in this conversion.

Strongly support multi-sport athletic fields to enhance recreational opportunities to LSSP.

1. Confluence Center should be renamed. It would be confusing as many people would assume that it would be located at Issaquah’s Confluence Park, which has a picnic shelter and numerous meetings and activities take place there.
2. Avoid night-time lighting that would be too close to the creeks. Predation on salmon fry increases with lighting.
3. One of Issaquah’s water supply wells was contaminated by an ingredient (PFOS?) in fire-fighting foam. I would not like any possibility of this chemical getting into Jacob’s Creek on Lake Sammamish. The proposed location of the fire station also might preclude the potential of re-routing Jacob’s Creek onto park-owned land.
4. I really don’t like the idea of an RV park or its potential to affect wildlife in the park, due to lights and noise at night, pets on the loose and difficulty in enforcement.
5. Avoid any addition that could affect salmon in the creeks or the eagles that are nesting near Tibbetts Beach.

Hans Jensen Retreat – Great!

Restoration – keep it up-prioritize

Plastic fields – ugh!

Beach activity – not yelling screaming stuff

Incorporate trails on city property south of Hans Jensen.

Multi-Sports Athletic Fields – Updating the fields can assist in wetland mitigation. Turf technology is improving significantly to suggest it may be better environmentally than affects of constant fertilization and lawn mowing of existing fields. Rubber pellets are a thing of the past! Not providing fields that are used to its maximum potential has affects as well. Kids need these fields. There a few to no new options for fields at this size, so it is critical to maximize its potential by turfing and lighting the fields for year long use.

I am very concerned about adding any more athletic fields to the park. I don't think the fields belong in the park at all. The lighting is very disruptive to wildlife along with the noise from players and spectators.

The swim gym could be an option as long as anchoring the platform doesn't have impacts on aquatic wildlife.

The ropes course could also be an option as long as it operates during daylight hours so no lighting is used.

My concerns about the fire station on park property are due to the lights in and around the station and the sirens have negative impacts on aquatic and land wildlife.

I am very supportive on restoration projects on Issaquah and Laughing Jacobs creek – the more the better!

I am not in favour on having an urban campground in the park due to the increase of lights at night, noise and garbage having negative impacts on all wildlife especially during sensitive times of animal breeding.

I think the Hans Jensen Retreat Center would also create too much light pollution and noise during the evening hours having a negative impact on wildlife. This area should remain rustic as it is now to protect Laughing Jacobs creek and the Kokanee salmon.

I really like the idea of the confluence Center to have a space for educational classes.

The next large project at the park should be to replace the building/bathrooms at Tibbetts Beach. It would be great to have locker space for private individuals to store their kayaks, paddle boards. I don't want a large clubhouse here though or a café. I think this would create too much garbage which would be a hazard to wildlife. This area should not be as developed as Sunset Beach to allow more space for wildlife.

P.S. I really like the new Native American plant and cultural signs, paddle sculpture. Please continue to include Native American cultural aspects to the park.

1. Access across E. Lake Sam. To the Jensen area.
2. Proposed location of parking garage appears to sit on area designated “moderate” development potential – which appears to preclude substantial development.
3. Access from Sam. Parkway is/needs to be a significant input consideration – will drive location analysis of parking/cabins etc.
4. Various of the proposed uses may well generate significant noise pollution. Is this aspect being considered – both in terms of public appeal and effect on wildlife?

I appreciate the time the state spent with the public on Tuesday evening in Issaquah. All of the ideas presented on the poster boards seem to be very good and will draw more of the public into the park. Certainly, all ideas will have some/minimal impact – however I think the impacts will be significantly offset by usage of the park.

Could you please add trails system to scoping.