

# Ward Lake Master Plan

1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting - July 14, 2011  
Feedback from Small Group Exercise

## GROUP #1

### Hopes and Dreams

- Okay for kayaks, rowboats, non-motorized (H)
- Keep structures as far from the shoreline as possible; 100-150' from the shoreline 230' (C)
- No more than 10% development on the shoreline keep some of the shoreline vegetation (C)
- Protect wildlife – by keeping riparian habitat (H)
- Integrate trail (H)
- Eagles are community roosting (C)
- Great place for a sculpture park – a cultural resource (H)
- Dock to allow water (non-motorized) access (H)
- Create a play space of artistic nature for kids (H)
- Keep parking close to Yelm Highway (C)
- Want kids of Olympia to have opportunity to swim and enjoy the lake (H)
- Minimize impervious surfaces (H)
- Use latest stormwater techniques to control run-off (H)
- Preserve trees on the slope, don't repeat what happened on Capitol Campus (C)
- Haul out wood "in lake" and market (H)
- Keep some of the wood "in lake" for habitat
- Open dawn to dark (C)
- Community garden area (H)
- Center for outreach – nature, gardening (H)
- Combine restrooms with changing rooms (C)
- Development progressive, start small (C)
- How can City help people get off septics – to protect the lake and park (C)

(H) = Hopes, (C) = Concerns

## GROUP #2

- Opposed to swim park (✓)
- Septic tanks – need fixing
- Need to be realistic about swim site. Maybe limit to adult/independent swimmers
- Hope for minimal impact on environment (✓✓)
- Concern about noise and traffic (✓)
- Stay somewhat quiet

- Swim in lake before 2 ... (last part of statement unreadable)
- Amount of \$ - cost of building
- Protection of adjacent properties
- Bird – deer populations
- Safety – gate – patrol (✓✓)
- Hours (✓)
- Coordinate with IT/sufficient parking
- Opposed to ball park
- Concern about 2 public access points

Underline and ✓ = priority items

## **GROUP #2**

- Walking trails, picnic, play area
- Expedited
- “Go away”
- Nice place for swimmers
- Confined swim area
  - Lifeguard
  - On-site parking
- Environment sustainable facilities / parking paving, composting toilets (sewered)
- No soccer fields \*
- No sports facility
- Minimize loss of trees
- Single use park
- Appearance of fairness in process
- Aggressively managed – police, lifeguards, security (alcohol, etc.), “closed” hours

## **GROUP #4**

### Hopes and Dreams

- Access to water for public – safe
- Relieve the pressure on the boat access from the swimmers
- Limit boats to non-gasoline and <5 mph
- Environmentally friendly (light) – keep the integrity of the forest
- A pier rather than a beach
- Not a boat access
- At least 1 rectangular ballfield
- Encourage swimming

## Concerns

- Don't scalp the shoreline, maybe more of a pier for floaters
- Ballfield too much – passive use park
- Water quality (dogs, children, littering) – daily testing by lifeguards
- Hours of operation – gates, months of operation
- Lifeguards? Specified/buoyed area
- NOISE! No open speakers –earphone only, screaming teenagers
- Safety. No tragedies please!
- Fully funded operation, maintenance, policing
- Lights – too much
- Lilly pads
- Upper and lower toilets

## **GROUP #5**

### Comments

- Parking/traffic
- Privacy of property owners
- Security
- Water quality
- Management
- Park name/legacy rights
- Safety
- Noise
- Hewitt Lake impact?
- Community oversight

### Wishes

- 100 ft. lap swim
- Keep the trees (★)
- Swim lessons/safety
- Opportunity for open water swimming
- Multi-age facilities
- Adequate parking spaces
- Sanitary facilities
- Accessibility (★)