

Parks Master Plan Open House

Three Creeks Community Library

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Comments from attendees:

<p>Use porous trail material for better drainage. Finish Daybreak Park for multiuse and equestrian. Wider road shoulders in rural areas (safety for equestrians and bicyclists). Additional equestrian trail access with signage that supports equestrian/multi-use. Diverse trails for both beginner and advanced riders. Finish connection between Whipple Creek & Fairgrounds.</p>	<p>There is a vocal minority that really wants equestrian trails. I feel that very few residents own horses compared to the number of people that walk or ride bikes. As far as funding goes, it does not make sense to cave to this vocal minority, especially if it is at the expense of providing services to a large portion of the community. My priorities: 1. E. Fork Lewis River trail; 2. North-South powerline trail; 3. Some sort of Columbia River trail (Vanc. Lake to Ridgefield); 4. Bike lanes of 72nd Ave.</p>
<p>The paved trail next to BG State Park could be used to drive our phone & carts BUT you have locked cement pillars at both ends, who has the keys? How can we use the trail? Maybe this problem could be corrected. Plus most people thought there was supposed to be a gravel path next to the pavement for horses? Pony cart driving is very popular within the county! We need more places to drive, too dangerous to use public roads. This county has approx. 37,000 horses. We need as many trails as possible. It is too dangerous to ride on the road or shoulder of the hwy's. Horse people spend a lot of money in this county!</p>	<p>Parks & trails are great and very much needed. Salmon Creek needs some additional paved or gravel trails so people don't have to crowd together on the main trail. Chelatchie Prairie rails to trail should be extended. Thank you CC our park facilities are already quite good. Please continue to add parks & greenspaces. It's ok to leave open space & trails. Don't always need to spend a lot of money on extras, like sports fields, etc. If you're going to spend money use it first to make sure adequate restrooms, etc</p>
<p>When constructing the new connector trails & building new trails, would love to see horses included in the plan to connect Whipple Creek to Klineline in the future! Try (trial maybe) using eco-green grid product when building trails & permanent low maintenance product instead of paved bike lanes – water drains through easier to hike on.</p>	<p>I took the survey & made comments. Sorenson Park is one of the parks that has its plan ready & should be started ASAP. This park was approved by the voters in 2005 & needs to be finished. I did see a list & hope it is complete in 2016.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote shared use of trails (horse, hikes, bicycles). Make an educational effort to each group about needs of the others, etiquette, leave no trace, etc. 2. Develop link between Whipple Creek Park & Fairgrounds. Develop a trail obstacle course, a growing interest group among horsemen. 3. Grow the Rails to Trails projects to encompass the county. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve entry for equestrians & shared use at Green Mt and get Bonneville started also. Whipple Creek Mill area & maintenance plan for the park for future, add trail course to connector trail for all to use. 2. Loop for driving horses at Fairgrounds, trail training stations, encourage the horse park outdoor use park 3. Talk to CCSC as they need to relocate to more agriculture land to build new facility (Mike Schultze mschulze@ix.netcom.com) 4. Complete Sorenson Park; consider adding school dist. Property to the park for sports field.

More equestrian trails; fix up mill at Whipple Creek; finish train course at Whipple Creek; do connecting trail to Fairgrounds; horse activities at Daybreak Park	It is very important to our community to develop park land in Salmon Creek. Would love to see a community center for our community.
Equestrian trails need to be kept and shared. Need more materials for volunteers.	Continue to help support (maintain) Whipple Creek Mill; finish the connector trail; refurbish the mill; Bonneville and Green Mtn. access for horses; reinstitute horse use plan at Daybreak Park. There was a plan made in Master Plan prior to county and city parks splitting).
We are looking forward to more bike trails including jump trails similar to Meldrum Bar Dirt Jump Park in Gladstone OR & Duthie Hill Park in Issaquah WA. We have Cold Creek and Thrillium on Larch Mt & can make anything in between.	Thanks to the county commissioners for recognizing the opportunity to develop a disc golf course at Frenchman's Bar. The county has needed a tournament level course for years to keep up with the demand for this growing sport.
We need a community center for indoor play in winter. Turn sprinklers on in neighborhood parks for kids to run through on hot days. More hiking trails that connect.	We walk the Pleasant Valley Park 50 th Ave & Salmon Creek Pleasant Valley School and enjoy the new foot bridge across Salmon Creek Dr. We're looking forward to the connecting trail to WSU.
Would like to see maintenance of footing for horse trails. Also longer horse trails, bathrooms, education for trail users (right of way).	More equestrian courses
We would love to see Cougar Creek Woods Park developed and the trail extended.	More equine trails for us, a trail course & connecting trails. Lots of horses in our community.
More horse trails and connector trails, trail maintenance, horse training (obstacle) course.	Connect horse trails, trail courses.
More equestrian trails, Fairgrounds Park obstacle course, maintenance plan for Whipple Creek trails	I would like to see more neighborhood parks within walking, biking distance from houses. Small parks with playground equipment and short walking trails.
Connect horse trails, trail courses.	Have you considered airsoft/paintball activities in parks?
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Need more parking at Ridgefield boat launch.	New parking lot at Hazel Dell Park to the west of park.
Need to maintain existing multi-use equestrian parks/trails.	Build and maintain more multi-use equestrian areas in parks.
Would like areas accessible for disabled folks.	Build Sorenson Park.
Encourage shared use horse, hikers, bicycles.	Kozy Kamp
Extend Cougar Creek Trail south of 119 th St, please	Add equestrian access to existing trails.
Finish Daybreak Park extension with multi-use trail and equestrian access. Equestrian access between Whipple Creek & Fairgrounds.	Build permanent extreme trail obstacles between Fairgrounds Park & Whipple Creek: bring in world class events (additional funds into Clark County).
Equestrian access to trails; don't pave everything. Allow shared trails, paved and ground surface as the Chelatchie Trail was supposed to be (wood chips, eco green grid solution for gravel shared use and save money.	Equestrian parking at Hartwick Park and others.

Continue to work on planned parks i.e. Kozy Kamp	More equestrian courses.
Our family likes parks like Lacamas with the full spectrum of recreation out of one hub: bathrooms/playground/wide, smooth trails/primitive rugged trails.	Move the equestrians off Whipple Creek Park and consider relocating that use to Vancouver Lake & Frenchman's Bar. Those parks have flatter topography and trails would have fewer impacts on local watershed, less than existing impacts on Whipple Creek trails.
Post speed limit for shared use trails.	More equestrian trails & maintenance of finished trails.
Need county maintenance of equestrian trails and all-use trails.	Allow for mixed use of trails with safety concerns.
Educate public on courtesy use of parks and trails, and who helps maintain.	Promote shared use (ped, bikes, horses).
Education for each user group about the others' needs.	Trails connecting neighborhoods to promote broader sense of community.
We need safe commuter trails for bikes to reduce congestion on busy roads and hways.	Horse trailer parking.
Trails for the disabled.	Maintenance of footing on horse trails.
Fix and restore the mill area at Whipple Creek Park so it is safe to enjoy, add education info so people will appreciate the area!	Connect Whipple Creek trails to WC Wood Park via Military Rd.
Allow horse access through Frenchman's Bar to the trails north.	Fix bumps on Burnt Bridge Creek trail from 4 th Plan to Andresen.
Build new trails that connect existing trails with Eco green grid, great for all users – bikes, hikers, horses – share easily. Good drainage, save money.	Fill in gap between Fruit Valley and Lake Shore bike paths (bridge over Burnt Bridge Creek & bridge over railroad tracks are too narrow and too much traffic.)
Develop stacked loop trail systems with a variety of hike distances and user experiences.	Avoid design flaws (unsustainable fall-line grades). Fix design flaws in existing trails.
Have key available for removable bollards at the connector trail by BG State park for miniature horse carts (can Ranger have key available?)	Make Chelatchie Prairie Rail to Trails multi-user (hiker, bike).
Equestrians are ruining Whipple Creek Park by destroying the trail.	Would like to see more gravel or paved side trails on the Salmon Creek greenway so people don't have to crowd the paved trail, gets crowded on nice days.
Would love to see E Fork Lewis River trail completed (multi modal, dirt/gravel or paved, or single track) It would be a big draw for all of N County. People often do multiple loops around Lewisville Park and I think the long trail would be a big attraction to the area especially one that connected Moulton Falls to La Center. Personally, highest priority would be Daybreak Park to Lewisville Park. Would also love to see multimodal trail along Columbia River from Vancouver Lake to RW Refuge.	Unsanctioned user-built trails indicate unmet demand for trails, but often have serious design flaws. Come up with way to meet demand while fixing unsustainable trails.
Help provide more materials to volunteer workers.	Develop the existing Sorensen Park property in 2015/2016! Access gate from west side/109 th St. ASAP.

Loop trails with a designed/preferred direction of trail to minimize sense of crowding (user encounters) thus increase capacity to serve more people and preserve solitude.	Finish Sorenson Park in 2016, voted on already.
Sorenson Park & Cougar Creek Woods splash pads/water features.	Develop Sorenson Park. Add access to SE corner and path first.
Have larger leash law/dog waste signs. Enforce leash laws and direct people to official dog parks.	More equestrian trails.
Firstenburg type community center	Kozy Kamp
Parks plan should be to finish Sorenson Park as voted and approved. Do this, voted on plan in <u>2005</u> and needs to finish what was started. Needs to be finished and on the list for 2016.	Trial building 1 bike and equestrian lane combined and walkway using eco green grid = less maintenance, offset bikes away from cars, on 2 projects 119 th St and North 164 th
Very much liked the padded surface at Douglas C. Fisher, very nice. Also could use another bench and access from houses on east of wetland, too far for neighbors to walk with children/toddlers!	Need reasonably priced, better map of all county parks with available streets listed.
Equestrian shared use trail to connect parks.	Multiuse parks with connected trails that include equestrians.