# LAKE BOREN PARK MASTER PLAN

# **Summary Report**

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# **Project Introduction**

Lake Boren Park is the largest city-owned park in Newcastle, Washington. The park is centrally located and serves as the primary destination for organized events and opportunities for play and relaxation.

This master plan responds to the community's changing needs and growth, as well as the park's expansion. The park is currently about 22 acres. The land purchased along Boren Creek in 2016 as well as connections along the east side increase the park to around 31 acres.

The design reflected in this master plan report is the result of extensive community outreach by the design team, the city team, and the Community Activities Commission. This is truly a project and design which has been shaped by the community and responds to the community's needs, hopes, dreams and wishes. The design elements included have been suggested by the community. To the greatest extent possible, the design team has carried forth the elements with the greatest support as determined by the public input collected as part of this process. The public input process is described in this report, and complete results are included with the appendix.







**Lake Boren Park Preferred Plan** 





## Program Keynotes (see preferred plan)

## Infrastructure

- **Cross Park Lighting**
- (02) **Bioretention/Stormwater Facilities**
- (03) Parking (expanded from 54 to 129 stalls)
- Drop-off
- (05)North Parking (3 stalls) & Boat Rental Staging Opportunity

## **Park Core Amenities**

- Newcastle Plaza (seat-walls, 30'-wide paving)
- (07) Amphitheater (terraced with rock outcrops)
- (08) Stage at the Grove (covered)
- (09) Additional Restrooms
- (10) Plaza Trellis
- (11)**Entry Signs**
- 12 13 14 Cross Park Promenade (accessible)
- North Sweep Boardwalk and Picnic Pavilion
- **Beach Boardwalk**
- (15) Beach & Boat Launch
- Community Garden (incl. reloc. Fuchsia Garden)
- (17) Shelter Improvements
- (18) **Additional Tennis Court**
- **Tool Storage**
- (20) Picnic Area
- Trees

## **Boren Creek Collection**

- Boardwalk to Learning Center
- (23) Shelter (learning center)
- Boren Creek Path (5' crushed rock)
- **Boren Creek Stairs**
- Boren Creek Bridge
- Path around Parking
- Off-leash Area (preferred location)
- Off-leash Area (alternative location)
- (30) Native/Mitigation Planting

#### **Lake Boren Connection**

- Lake Boren Promenade (5' asphalt)
- (32) Lake Boren Promenade Boardwalk
- (33) Promenade Deck
- Lake Boren Stairs
- (35) Lake Boren Dock
- (36) Accessible Lake Boren Connection

#### Park-wide

- Site Furnishings (benches, tables, bike racks, waste/recycling receptacles)
- Park Identification (38)
- (39) Stair Connection

## Not Included

Community Room (potential future location shown dashed)

#### Wetlands

- Wetland A
- Wetland B Boundary
- Wetland C Boundary
- Wetland D Boundary
- Wetland E Boundary
- Lake Boren
- **Boren Creek**

#### Wetland note:

The lake, stream and wetlands and their associated buffers have been identified but not delineated in a Wetland/Stream Reconnaissance Report prepared by The Watershed Company dated April 13, 2016. For the purposes of preparing the master plan, the lake, stream and wetland boundaries and associated buffers shown herein have been located approximately and should be used for general reference only.

# **Design Program**

## Make the most of what you have!

This master plan update is about making the most of the park as it exists today. The community embraces the park and all it has to offer, so much so that some participants during the input process didn't want to see any changes. This master plan update is not about changing the park but about improving what is already there, incorporating new park land and looking toward the future.

The existing highlights of the park include passive and active recreation, open space, connections to the water, gathering spaces, play opportunities, looped walkways, and trees. The master plan proposes to maintain these features and provide additional recreation opportunities. The performance stage will be upgraded along with a new location that allows more people the opportunity to be in front of the stage. Views and access to the water are improved, as well as new walkways and paths that take advantage of the newly acquired space along Boren Creek. The park is better connected to the Esplanade and east shore of the lake. Additional parking is proposed to accommodate the growing community and outdoor activity.







# **Key Features**

#### **Art in the Park**

The inclusion of art within the park should be considered as a way to express the unique qualities of the park and community. Opportunities for art are throughout the park. Art opportunities can be found in the paving, structures, boardwalk, park identification, and discovery pieces along the pathways.

## **Connections**

The master plan is all about making connections to new and existing park features, trails, and neighborhoods.

Connections to the lake are improved in multiple ways. Access from the north park entrance to the existing dock is improved by an ADA-accessible path. New parking at the north entrance provides the opportunity to unload hand-carried watercraft with easy access to the water.

A new beach improves water access, along with an area to sit and gather. A proposed boardwalk connects the existing dock and beach. This boardwalk extends around the south end of the lake to the eastside dock. This new and long-desired connection crosses over water for a unique experience that includes seating and viewing areas. When it reaches land on the east side of the lake, it becomes the Lake Boren Promenade connecting to the northern reach of the park. It also provides a connection to SE 79th Street.

The cross-park promenade connects the south and north ends of the park. The renewed pedestrian entrance at the south, off SE 84th Way, provides a direct connection to the core of the park and the Newcastle Plaza. From the center of the park it extends north, making use of existing paths that provide access to the new amphitheater. The cross-park promenade is proposed to be lighted for safe access year-round.

The adjacent waterline property will continue to benefit the park and community. While not owned by the city, it is a well-used connection to the park and an ideal temporary parking area during events. Accessible and paved paths provide safe, designated pedestrian routes from the waterline property to the park.

#### Newcastle Plaza

The Newcastle Plaza provides a location for gathering and vendors during all types of civic events. This centrally located gathering space is also the location of the restroom addition. The building and plaza are a way for Newcastle's history to be shared through displays, imagery, materials and unique detailing.

Another feature of the plaza is the community garden. This is the new location for the fuchsia garden with additional room for other outdoor displays both permanent and temporary. There is additional plaza space in this area for gathering, event set-up, and arrival from the expanded parking lot.

The parking lot is expanded to accommodate 129 vehicles. This adds 75 to the existing 54-car lot. The parking is expanded over a stormwater vault placed within the existing stormwater detention pond.

## **Amphitheater**

In this plan, the stage is moved from its existing location to the north lawn. The stage is located near the base of the sloping lawn for better visibility and increased gathering space. The new amphitheater can easily accommodate about 1,500 people, which is approximately 500 more than the current location. The new stage location moves the performance activity downhill and slightly further from adjacent homes. It will be configured for events but will serve as a shelter for other activities during a greater part of the year.

The amphitheater is a sloping lawn with terraces wide enough to spread out blankets or accommodate portable lawn furniture. Accessibility is improved through access to the middle of the gathering space. A unique feature of the amphitheater, which is a feature of the Newcastle area, is the rock outcrops. These will be an integral part and create seating and recreational opportunities. Lighting is proposed for the amphitheater to ensure safe exit.

## **Boren Creek**

The Boren Creek area includes the recently acquired property. The existing houses are to be removed and the space adapted to new park uses. The northern-most home site becomes a gathering space within the existing forest. The feature of this area is the existing large and mature trees, which create a unique space for a new shelter and opportunities to view the lake and adjacent wetland.

New paths through the Boren Creek area allow park visitors a unique experience of walking along the creek and through the forested wetland. The new paths connect to existing paths to create a network that crosses the creek at existing and proposed bridge locations.

The location of the southern house is an option for the off-leash area. This area is about an acre and situated between an existing rock retaining wall and Boren Creek. The location is off the beaten path and becomes a destination for those seeking a place for their dog to play.

## **Let's Play**

The active recreation opportunities remain. Basketball, sand volleyball, and tennis are at the center of the park. Tennis gets a boost through the addition of one court for a total of three. The children's play area remains as it currently exists with a wide variety of play events for all ages. It is well used and liked, and no improvements were requested as part of this update.

The opportunity for play is increased through relocating the stage to the north. Concert and event attendees will gather in the new amphitheater, and the lawn east of the play area will be regraded to make it more usable. Each activity will benefit by having a separate area. During large events, such as the 4th of July celebration, the lawn area will be available to accommodate the greater number of attendees.

#### Off-Leash Area

The off-leash area has been a highly debated subject. Input received during this planning process was split between people in favor and people against. Two options for the location are proposed.

The preferred location is in the southwest corner of the park in an unused area with a stand of trees, including Big Leaf Maples and Alders, and undergrowth of blackberries. The area is bowl-like with slopes to the west and north. The sloped areas create separation from the neighbors across the waterline property to the west and the park to the north. The proximity to the parking lot and park paths makes this area an option worth considering.

The alternative location is in the newly acquired area away from most park activity. This location is separated from the higher-use areas of the park by elevation change and a rock retaining wall, and most park users will not be aware of its existence. It is a clearing in the woods due to the house that occupied the space for many years.

The off-leash area includes the following features/amenities: equipment for agility training and a bioretention/stormwater facility to mitigate any pollution generated from the area. The off-leash area is slightly less than a half acre in size and is not envisioned as a long-range fetch amenity.

# **Park Views**



Proposed lake access at a beach with areas to sit and relax. Lakeside vegetation is maintained to open up views of the lake and existing dock.







A shelter near the south end of the lake provides a place for views of the lake and wetlands. The fireplace from the existing house could become part of the shelter.



Existing condition





View 3 Amphitheater terraced with seat-walls and rock outcrops

The amphitheater has terraces for seating. Rock outcrops create unique perches and express the geology that defines Newcastle. The Grove Shelter and stage is set next to an existing stand of trees.



Existing condition





Newcastle Plaza is at the center of the park and is a primary gathering place for the community. It is a place for activity and for vendors to set up during special events. Newcastle Plaza, which takes its name from the city, offers opportunities for storytelling and wayfinding elements, making the possible and unknown visible.



Existing condition





The Lake Boren Promenade winds along the east shore of the lake. It allows pedestrians to get close to the water and provides a connection to the dock, promenade deck, and the Lake Boren stairs at the north end of the park. Lake overlooks and trails along the lake/wetlands provide opportunities for a linear sequence of environmental graphics and interpretive elements revealing the local ecology.



Existing condition



# **Phasing & Cost Estimate**

## **Phase A: Amphitheater & Newcastle Plaza**

This phase includes relocating and improving the stage, including a permanent stage structure that can be used as a picnic shelter during non-event times. This phase also includes the cross-park promenade, Newcastle Plaza, north and south park entries, and improved access to the pipeline right-of-way.



Site preparation Amphitheater - terraced, lighting Stage at the Grove - conc. pad, structure, power Newcastle Plaza - conc. paving and seat walls Cross-park promenade (10' asphalt) Cross-park promenade lighting - 28 fixtures North parking - 3 stalls, drive aisle, turn around North and south park entries and signs Off leash area (optional location) Shelter - improvements to existing Site furnishings Planting and irrigation Interpretation	Quantity 5 50,000  7,000 5,100 28 3 2 50,000 2	Unit A SF Allow SF LF EA EA Allow A Allow	22.00 85.00 6,250.00 21,500.00 10,000.00 5.00 15,000.00	Total 150,000 300,000 140,000 154,000 433,500 175,000 64,500 20,000 250,000 30,000 20,000 650,000 10,000
Subtotal				\$2,397,000
Taxes (9.5%) Design Fees (12%)				\$227,715 \$287,640
Total				\$2,912,355

## **Phase B: Beach**

This phase includes creating a beach area at the lake, gathering spaces, a shelter, improved access from the north entry to the lake, and a connecting boardwalk around the south end of the lake.



	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Site preparation	1.20	A	30,000.00	36,000
Boardwalk - north sweep	1,500	SF	70.00	105,000
Boardwalk at the beach	2,200	SF	70.00	154,000
Beach	6,000	SF	12.00	72,000
Lake Boren Promenade Boardwalk (south)	3,000	SF	90.00	270,000
Site furnishings		Allow	15,000.00	15,000
Planting and irrigation	1.20	Α	130,000.00	156,000
Boat launch path (5' crushed rock)	110	LF	30.00	3,300
Subtotal				\$811,300
Taxes (9.5%) Design Fees (12%)				\$77,074 \$97,356
Total				\$985,730

## **Phase C: Boren Creek**

This phase includes improvements to the recently acquired parcels. A forest shelter is included along with an off-leash area, connecting paths adjacent to the creek, and improved access from the existing park paths.



	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Site preparation	2	Α	30,000.00	60,000
Boardwalk to Learning Center	2,100	SF	70.00	147,000
Shelter - Learning Center		Allow	100,000.00	100,000
Boren Creek path (5' crushed rock)	1,600	LF	30.00	48,000
Boren Creek stairs	150	LF	160.00	24,000
Boren Creek bridge	480	SF	100.00	48,000
Path around parking (5' crushed rock)	600	LF	30.00	18,000
Off-leash area (optional location)	50,000	SF	5.00	250,000
Invasive species removal		Allow		25,000
Native/mitigation planting	90,000	SF	5.00	450,000
Rockery railing (4' ht chain link)	250	LF	35.00	8,750
Site furnishings		Allow	10,000.00	10,000

\$112,931 \$142,650

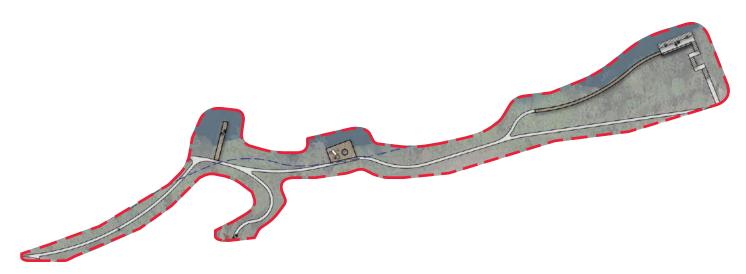
\$1,188,750

Total \$1,444,331

**Subtotal** 

## **Phase D: Lake Boren Connection**

This phase includes additional access to the east side of the lake. The Lake Boren promenade provides an alternate walking experience from the Esplanade and connects the boardwalk (Phase B), the dock, the promenade deck, and Lake Boren stairs. This phase also completes the cross-park trail that connects to neighborhoods to the east.



Site preparation Lake Boren Promenade - (5' asphalt) Lake Boren Promenade boardwalk (north) Promenade deck - rebuilt Lake Boren stairs - rebuilt Invasive species removal Native/mitigation planting Site furnishings	<b>Quantity</b> 4 800 950 300 200 50,000	Unit A LF SF SF LF Allow SF Allow	Unit Cost 30,000.00 40.00 90.00 90.00 160.00 5.00 15,000.00	<b>Total</b> 120,000 32,000 85,500 27,000 32,000 15,000 250,000 15,000
Native planting, no irrigation Interpretation	25,000 1	SF Allow	2.00	50,000 10,000
Subtotal				\$636,500
Taxes (9.5%) Design Fees (12%)				\$60,468 \$76,380
Total				\$773,348

# **Phase E: Parking Expansion**

This phase includes improving and expanding the existing parking lot. An underground stormwater storage and treatment vault is located under the east half of the parking lot.



Site preparation Stormwater storage, conveyance, treatment Parking expansion to 129 stalls Lighting Site furnishings Planting and irrigation	<b>Quantity</b> 75 8 20,000	Unit Allow Allow Stall EA Allow SF	3,000.00 8,000.00	<b>Total</b> 200,000 850,000 225,000 64,000 15,000 120,000
Subtotal				\$1,474,000
Taxes (9.5%) Design Fees (12%)				\$140,030 \$176,880
Total				\$1,790,910

# **Phase F: Entry Plaza**

This phase includes restroom expansion, park plaza, community garden, and an additional tennis court.



	Quantity	Unit	<b>Unit Cost</b>	Total
Site preparation	2	Α	40,000.00	80,000
Restroom expansion		Allow		750,000
Park plaza	8,000	SF	22.00	176,000
Plaza trellis	750	SF	120.00	90,000
Community garden	1,500	SF	20.00	30,000
Additional tennis court		Allow		225,000
Site furnishings		Allow		25,000
Planting and irrigation	12,500	SF	8.00	100,000
Subtotal				\$1,476,000
Taxes (9.5%)				\$140,220
Design Fees (12%)				\$177,120
Total				\$1,793,340

## **Grand Total**



Subtotal Phase A	\$2,397,000
Subtotal Phase B	\$811,300
Subtotal Phase C	\$1,188,750
Subtotal Phase D	\$636,500
Subtotal Phase E	\$1,474,000
Subtotal Phase F	\$1,476,000

## Subtotal \$7,983,550

Total	\$9,700,013
Design Fee (12%)	\$958,026
Tax (9.5%)	\$758,437

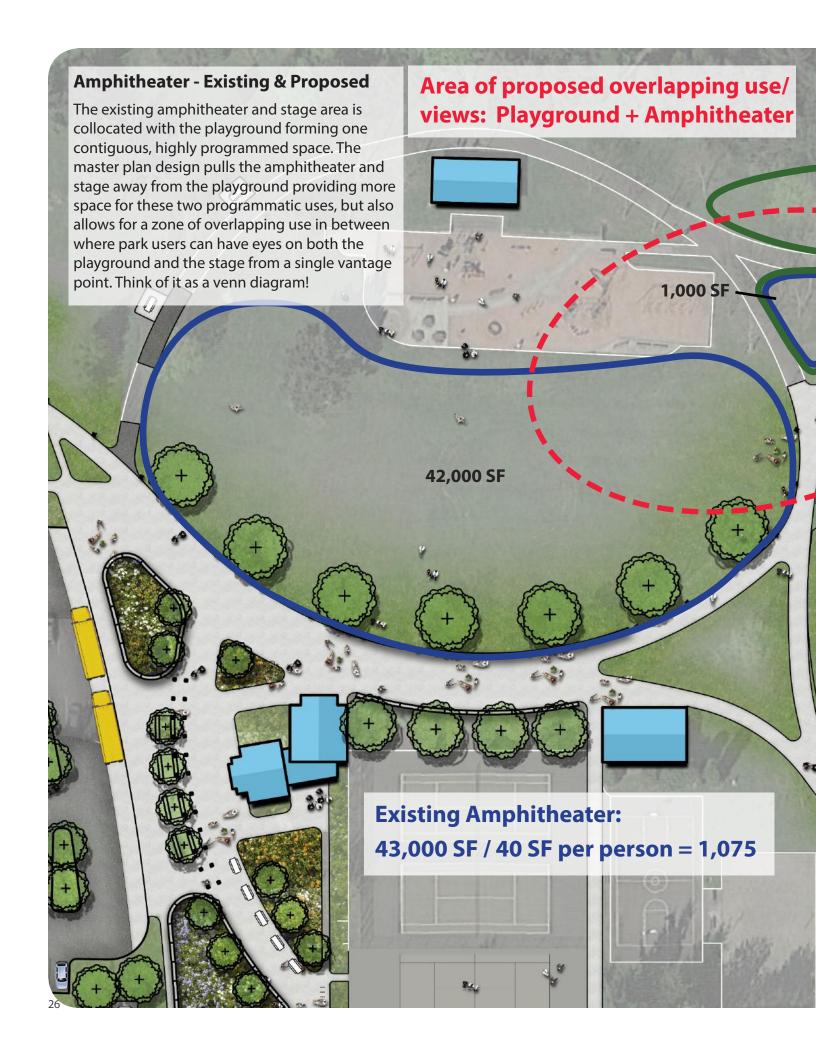
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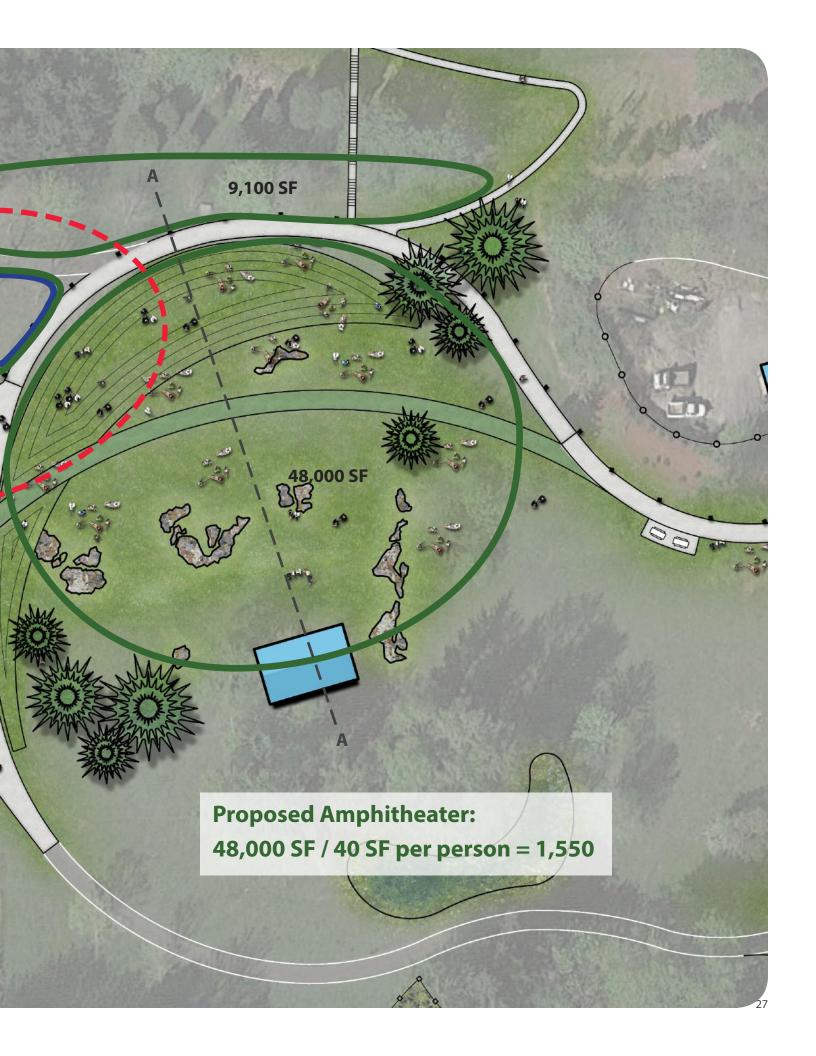
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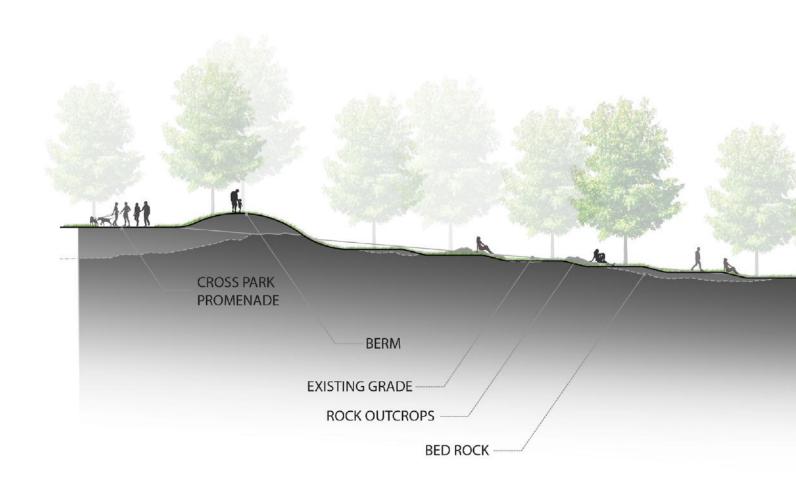
## **Exclusions**

Demolition and restoration of acquired parcels Fishing dock repair
Utility upgrades, if necessary
Park maintenance
Permits

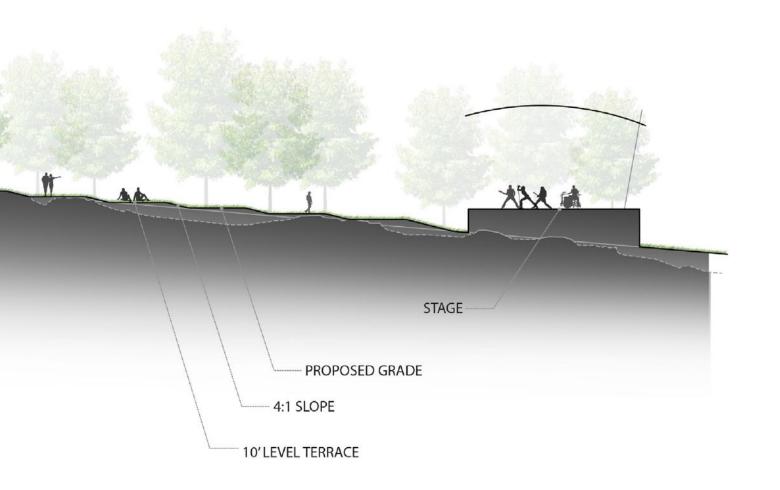
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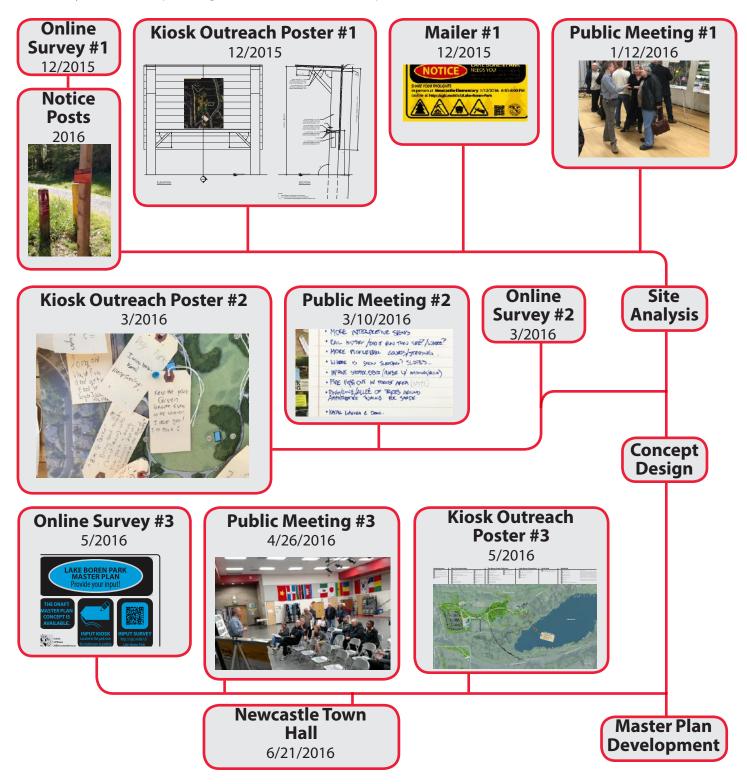


# **AMPHITHEATER SECTION A-A**

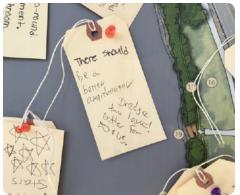


## **Public Outreach Process**

The master plan process included a robust public outreach process involving multiple types of outreach. The process centered around public meetings but also utilized a mailer, online surveys, an input kiosk in the park, and fliers. Below is a diagram showing the components of the process and where they occurred from Site Analysis to Concept Design to Master Plan Development.







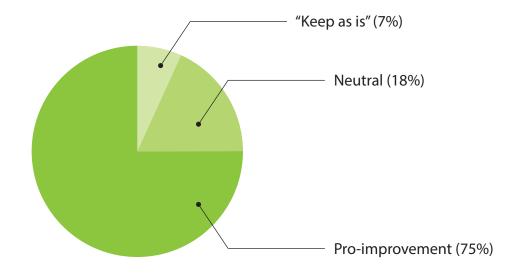






## **Kiosk Tag Summary**

#### **Total Comments**



### **Top Improvements**

0

15

30

Playground improvements or features

Dog park

Pool / splash park / wading pool -related Beach / swim dock / clean water -related Walking related: more paths and/or lit paths Vendor trucks, concessions, or vending machines Boat-access or launch related, or request for rentals More tennis courts or lighting for tennis courts

Skate park

Bathroom improvements

General beautification (flowers, trees)

**Zipline** 

Community garden

Climbing wall or tower

Fix dock

Frisbee golf

<sup>\*</sup> To see complete summary of kiosk tags, please refer to Appendix Vol. B.

## **Public Survey #1 Summary**

This survey asked residents questions about the existing park, such as what are their favorite elements and activities.





<sup>\*</sup> To see full survey results, please refer to Appendix Vol. B.







## **Public Survey #2 Summary**

## Rank your top three favorite elements from Concept A.

Rank	Item	Score	<b>Total Respondents</b>
1	(17) Lakeside promenade	38	19
2	(5) Stage & amphitheater bowl with outcrops	38	17
3	(11) Trestle boardwalk & natural beach	36	17
4	(4) Opportunity area (dog park, skate park)	26	12
5	(2) Mining play/learning area & level play lawn	24	10
6	(10) Rebuilt dock	19	11
7	(6) Accessible primary path network	18	7
8	(8) Park entrance with parking	18	10
9	(13) Accessible secondary path network	17	10
10	(7) Fern, moss & rock garden	14	6
11	(15) Natural beach	14	8
12	(18) Rebuilt dock	14	7
13	(22) Native plant restoration area	11	7
14	(3) Newcastle plaza & festival tents (ephemeral)	11	5
15	(1) Accessible path connection	11	5
16	(16) Opportunity area (dog park, skate park)	10	6
17	(21) Improved shelter amenities	9	5
18	(14) Outcrop viewpoint	7	4
19	(19) Rebuilt dock platform	6	3
20	(12) Relocated structure and forest meadow	4	3
21	(23) Rain garden/swale	4	2
22	(20) Stair connection to existing concrete steps	3	2
23	(9) Maintenance facility screening	2	1

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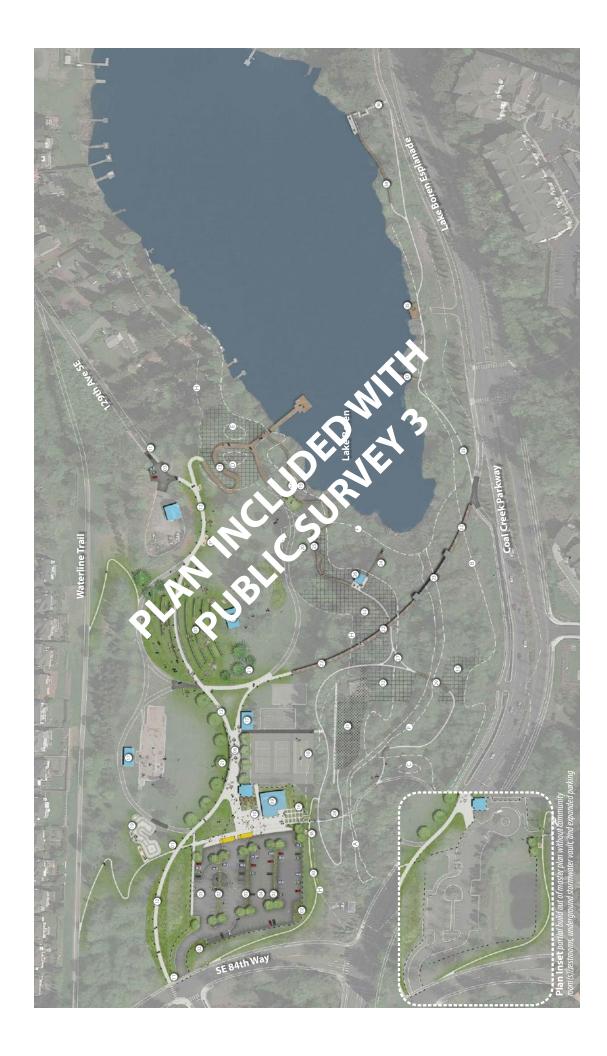


# **Public Survey #2 Summary**

### Rank your top three favorite elements from Concept B.

Rank	Item	Score	<b>Total Respondents</b>
1	(29) Natural swim beach	33	15
2	(8) Expanded sports courts		9
3	(36) Lakeside promenade	23	12
4	(32) Trestle boardwalk	23	13
5	(15) Community center	20	9
6	(33) Opportunity area (dog park, skate park)	20	8
7	(11) Mining play/learning terraces	18	8
8	(19) Adventure path	16	9
9	(5) Expanded parking	6	8
10	(24) Amphitheater bowl with outcrops	16	8
11	(12) Hillside slides	14	7
12	(23) Stage	13	6
13	(4) Accessible path connection	12	5
14	(9) Underground stormwater vault	9	5
15	(3) Accessible primary path network	8	3
16	(2) Accessible secondary path network	8	5
17	(13) Mining rock scramble	7	4
18	(26) Turnaround park entrance with parking	7	5
19	(31) Native plant restoration area	7	4
20	(21) Fern, moss & rock garden	6	3
21	(10) Improved shelter amenities	6	3
22	(28) Rebuilt dock	5	3
23	(37) Rebuilt dock	4	2
24	(17) Forest edge lawn / community garden	4	2
25	(6) Rain garden/swale	4	2
26	(34) Cabled boat crossing	3	3
27	(18) Canopy walk trestle	3	1
28	(39) Stair connection to concrete steps	3	2
29	(20) Outdoor living room structure	3	2
30	(16) Newcastle plaza & festival tents (ephemeral)	2	1
31	(25) Maintenance facility screening	2	1
32	(30) Gathering area	1	1
33	(14) Level play lawn	1	1
34	(38) Rebuilt dock platform	1	1

<sup>\*</sup> To see full survey results, please refer to Appendix Vol. B.



# **Public Survey #3 Summary**

### Rank your top three favorite elements from Draft Master Plan Concept.

Rank	Item	Score
1	(7 & 8) Amphitheater & Stage	113
2	(15) Beach	86
3	(31) Off-leash Area	72
4	(4) Expanded Parking	51
5	(14) Beach Boardwalk	45
6	(22 & 23) Canopy Walk Trestle & Span	44
7	(21) Trees	41
8	(37) Lake Boren Dock	27
9	(17) Picnic Shelter Improvements	27
10	(33) Lake Boren Promenade	26
11	(5) North Parking	21
12	(13) North Sweep Boardwalk	21
13	(12) Cross Park Promenade	19
14	(18) Additional Tennis Court	18
15	(34) Lake Boren Boardwalk	17
16	(27) Boren Creek Path	14
17	(9) Community Room(s)	14
18	(26) Shelter (Learning Center)	12
19	(19) Skate Spot	11
20	(25) Boardwalk to Learning Center	10
21	(24) Cattail Walk	9
22	(16) Community Garden	8
23	(6) Newcastle Plaza	8
24	(29) Boren Creek Bridge	8
25	(36) Lake Boren Stairs	7
26	(35) Promenade Deck	7
27	(10) Plaza Trellis	5
28	(20) Stone Garden	4
29	(30) Path around Parking	2
30	(28) Boren Creek Stairs	0

<sup>\*</sup> To see full survey results, please refer to Appendix Vol. B.

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