



**PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS – April 30, 2014 at 7:00pm, Helen Keller ES**

<b>Board #1 – Schematic Design Overview</b>	
1	Ask School District to give EM this triangle piece.
2	School does not use this; take over to expand park.
3	Remove old chain-link fence.
4	Leave it as is.
5	We need a perimeter trail to police the park.
6	I prefer the park as it is. Please leave it a wild space.
7	I prefer it stay a wild space as much as possible. Woods are good. Toys without plastic.
8	The size of the alternate off-leash area is absolutely futile. Please give us more space than #3 (Board 4).
9	I like being able to cross the creek and make a loop around the park without getting my feet wet.
10	Consider a perimeter trail.

<b>Board #2 – Lawn Alternative 1</b>	
1	Love this park as is but it's used so much – improvements are needed to preserve it.
2	Any emergency call boxes planned?
3	Single bathroom would be nice, but not sure a good idea considering the already illicit activities that occur in the park.
4	No to play area – school playground nearby. Need natural area.
5	Too small for a dog park.
6	No 15,000 SF off-leash area. Please!
7	Like the idea of a play structure.
8	Not school-like structure. Already have that at school. I think the park should be a park.
9	Our taxes just paid for a new playground at the school. Woods are better than a structure. Enough development!
10	Pavilion doesn't need to be as big as our house!
11	Something stinks here. Broken sewer?
12	Two Pavilions is a good idea. 1 big and 1 small.
13	Make the play structure ADA for children with disabilities.





14	Prefer a rustic park without a lot of structures.
<b>Board #2 – Lawn Alternative 1 (continued)</b>	
15	Restroom facilities would be useful for the children. Love the play structure.
16	I prefer the park as it is. Please leave it a wild space.
17	Though I like play structure isn't this supposed to be a nature park?
18	Have two 800 SF or four 400 SF pavilions throughout park.
19	No large dog park! Small dog park is good. It says "dogs here not over in the grass area" currently – years – we don't use the park because of off-leash dogs! More kids, less dogs! Keep wild trails.

<b>Board #3 – Lawn Alternative 2</b>	
1	Restrooms need to be well-lit and close to the street. Pavilion doesn't need to be fancy, but have tables under it.
2	Having the restroom back here is bound to cause issues after dark.
3	Just a bathroom, no pavilion!
4	Have boardwalk cross creek at bend and continue on the west side.
5	Bathroom for the teachers and kids.
6	Limit dog off-leash, make it people friendly with no dogs allowed area.
7	Yes for restroom – I don't see a lot of use of pavilions.
8	Restroom is great idea. Single user or double – either is ok.
9	Solitary restroom would be nice, but concerned about it being used for illicit activities. I use the park frequently and there are already issues with the drugs and homeless.
10	Covered pavilion (1400 SF). No climbing structure, there is one at the school – 1 block away and they can climb trees.
11	Thumbs up on climbing structure. (8 yr. old)
12	Yay bridges! Yay restroom!
13	I prefer the park as it is. Please leave it as wild space.
14	Any play structure should be small as there is an adjacent play structure at school. Need to keep a wild area.
15	I like the octagonal pavilion as long as it has tables.
16	One stall bathroom locked at night. No off-leash area. No play structure.
17	No to play structure – there is a playground at adjacent school.
18	The park needs a restroom.
19	Well lit restroom – safe playground near pavilion where parents hang out.
20	Restroom locked at night good. No off leash park.

<b>Board #4 – Homesite Alternative 1</b>
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1	Please leave the park as it is. We need wild spaces!
2	Good idea but <u>please do not</u> increase parking.
<b>Board #4 – Homesite Alternative 1 (continued)</b>	
3	Can the trails have off-leash hours for dogs? Can you give more land to the dog section?
4	Off-leash dog area approximately 1/3 acre in size is too small. Kirkland gives the dogs at least 3-4 acres to run and be dogs. Kirkland is already <u>very selfish</u> with their existing park areas.
5	Have 1 large off-leash dog area close to road. If too far away from parking there will be loose dogs.
6	No dog area – it would make E. Moulton a destination park.
7	See education center for partnering with schools and children. But we also need a “nice” dog off-leash area – larger than shown.
8	Already a destination park with trails. Dog park won’t increase what’s already available. Need to make sure the parking is somewhat close because people will keep dogs loose and run into traffic. Be nice to have another place to play with dog.
9	It would be amazing for apartment residents to have a place to grow a garden.
10	Include off-leash trail area. This area is only big enough for apartment residents to have a potty area.
11	Great place for a dog park.
12	Please ensure the health of the creek and the face that the meadow is swamped with water – basic land care.
13	We don’t use the park because of all the off-leash dogs!
14	Not a fan of off-leash dog park.
15	Many, many of us walk our dogs here. So, why not make improvements for many more years of enjoyment!
16	No off-leash – it will add to parking issues.

<b>Board #5 – Homesite Alternative 2</b>	
1	Please leave it as is. We need wild spaces.
2	No P-Patch – too far from view and would be an invitation for vandalism.
3	Love everything on this board, but we need more space for off-leash recreation.
4	P-Patch is a great idea. Getting the high school and Helen Keller involved is good.
5	We need more P-Patches.
6	I would prefer to not have P-Patch and focus on native species improving habitat.
7	No P-Patch – area too small –primary use should be for recreation. Who would look after a P-Patch after hours? More traffic.





8	The most important part of this restoration is that the area is restored. In either the P-Patch or dog park, please add plants/trees native or edible. No grass or open areas.
<b>Board #5 – Homesite Alternative 2 (continued)</b>	
9	Apartment dwellers could finally have a garden!
10	Less engineered human things the better. More natural trails. No concrete!
11	Great idea!
12	Yes! Give people a place to build community.
13	Garden has nice legacy aspect but only if can get local gardeners. Donate produce to Hopelink?
14	P-Patch – yes! Better use of this area than dog park.
15	I like the idea of everything in this bullet (homesite alternative 2) point.
16	No to P-Patches. I think they are great in other locations, but not here – stay natural. P-Patches attract more wildlife and homeless.

<b>Board #6 – Trail Alternatives 1 &amp; 2</b>	
1	Please leave park as is. We need wild spaces.
2	Leave it all as it is. Do not change the trails.
3	Yes to a north bridge crossing.
4	Needs to be very wide to avoid long term erosion from creek.
5	Can these trails be used for after hours off-leash dog trails?
6	Great trail ideas! Yes! North entrance would be great.
7	No new trails! I use the park 3-5 times a week. It's nice having the solitude and enjoying the natural state. Already issues with illicit activity and garbage. Why increase that?
8	We have <u>plenty</u> of trails right now. The amount of crime would increase and so would the conflicts. There is already an excess of needles, beer bottles, garbage, that is not patrolled.
9	To have the police come out on calls is a waste of resources. I can provide a list of people with names, addresses, phone #'s, that would vote for <u>not</u> adding a trail to 140 <sup>th</sup> .
10	No new trail or access from 140 <sup>th</sup> . Access would increase on street parking, increase traffic in a poorly managed low speed zone (speeders everyday). Increase garbage – debris. Decrease visibility when pulling out of my driveway due to parked cars. Any perimeter loop should have only one access – 108 <sup>th</sup> only. An access on 140 <sup>th</sup> is too close to our home.
11	A perimeter loop trail would be nice. A trail connection to NE 140 <sup>th</sup> Street is a must. Yes!



12	North access would e nice, but parking may be an issue.
13	At least one bridge to improve accessibility.
14	Access from 140 <sup>th</sup> would be nice.
15	How do you control soil erosion?
<b>Board #6 – Trail Alternatives 1 &amp; 2 (continued)</b>	
16	Trash cans please! So much garbage all over.
17	Great trail ideas!
18	Please put in a perimeter trail – 22 people nearby have registered this as a top priority.
19	Perimeter trails would need to be set back from residences. I would prefer trails stay more in the interior.

<b>Board #7 – Trail/Boardwalk Alternatives</b>	
1	Please leave park as is. We need wild spaces.
2	Does overlook have rail/or just extend?
3	Like the recycled plastic.
4	Trails are good. Make them durable and people will follow the path instead of making their own.
5	Recycled plastic.
6	I think a boardwalk is excessive – need to have as a wild/natural place as much as possible.
7	Use materials that would blend in to natural setting and be durable. Prefer not metal.
8	Please use recycled sustainable materials – no wood – think low maintenance and less slip or trip – safety first.
9	Boardwalk is nice idea. Keeps you close to creek without damage.
10	Isn't IPE expensive?

<b>Board #8 – Restoration, Management &amp; Interpretation</b>	
1	Good idea: invasive species!
2	Keep trails wild. Don't want to see people as you walk thru. It is a place of escape.
3	Any improvements should be for it to be as natural as possible – remove invasive plants, maybe one bathroom, but leave it wild and natural. I have taken a group of kids there for a field trip and some of the kids have never been a natural, wild space.
4	Please leave trails as they are.
5	Please leave the park as is. We need wild spaces.
6	Please don't move the trails away from the creek.





7	Restoration of disturbed areas and wetland protection should be a priority.
8	I like the ideas of everything in this bullet point (stream and wetland habitat enhancements). Is there anything you can do to reduce the mole population that find their way into our neighborhood lawns?

<b>Board #8 – Restoration, Management &amp; Interpretation (continued)</b>	
9	Keep access to the creek – kids need to see fish and understand how nature connects with the developed world. I sue the park frequently and enjoy the dynamic nature of the creek.
10	A nice “bio” of Edith Moulton would be appreciated, or info on different native plant/tree species that exist at the park, or salmon or other wildlife.
11	What is “too close”? (stream and wetland habitat enhancements)
12	Leave access to creek at the north end for children to play in the creek.
13	Would be great if dogs could play in the creek – a portion of it.
14	Think about the habitat for wildlife – mammals and birds and the structure they need. The park is home to quite a variety of birds – Rufous Hummingbirds to hawks, owls and wood peckers. When you remove invasives, you remove structure used for protection, nesting and food. What natives can replace that structure? You might remove invasives gradually, so that structure can grow. Birds and mammals will disappear, if they don’t have appropriate structure whether native or non-native. Ex: Small animals and birds like the protection and food of the Himalayan Blackberry. A think snowberry bush is not the same kind of structure. What other kinds of native will provide that density structure. We need to work for habitat protection, not necessarily protecting a certain species, but protecting structure. Thanks. ~M Snell <a href="mailto:msnell@comcast.net">msnell@comcast.net</a>

