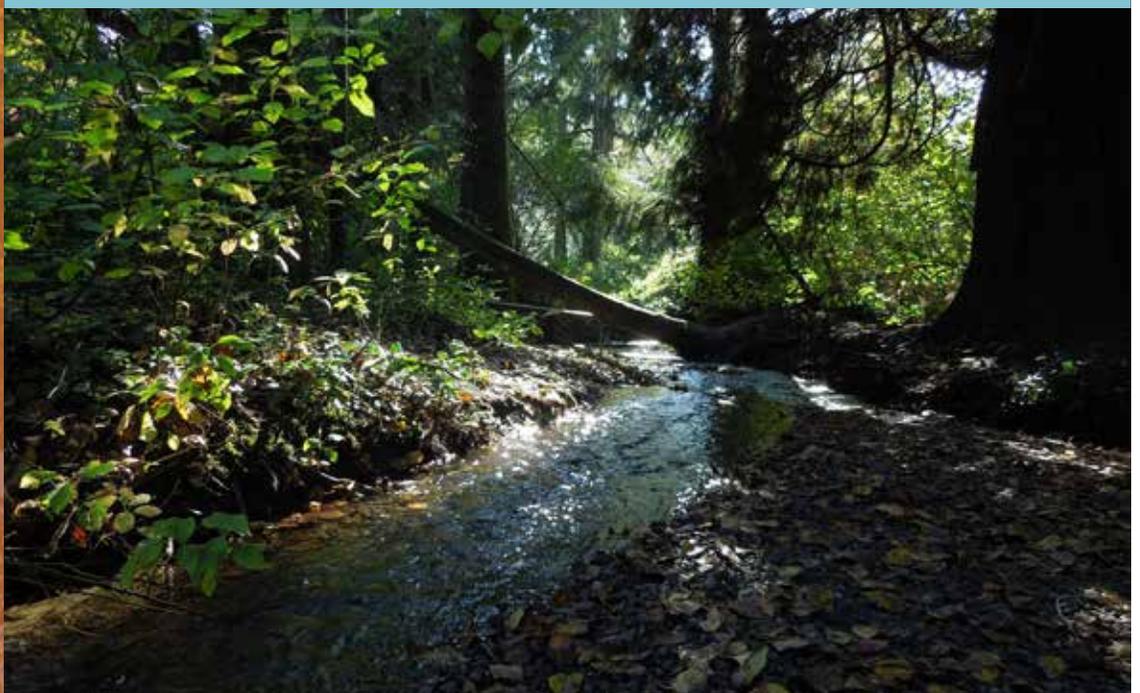
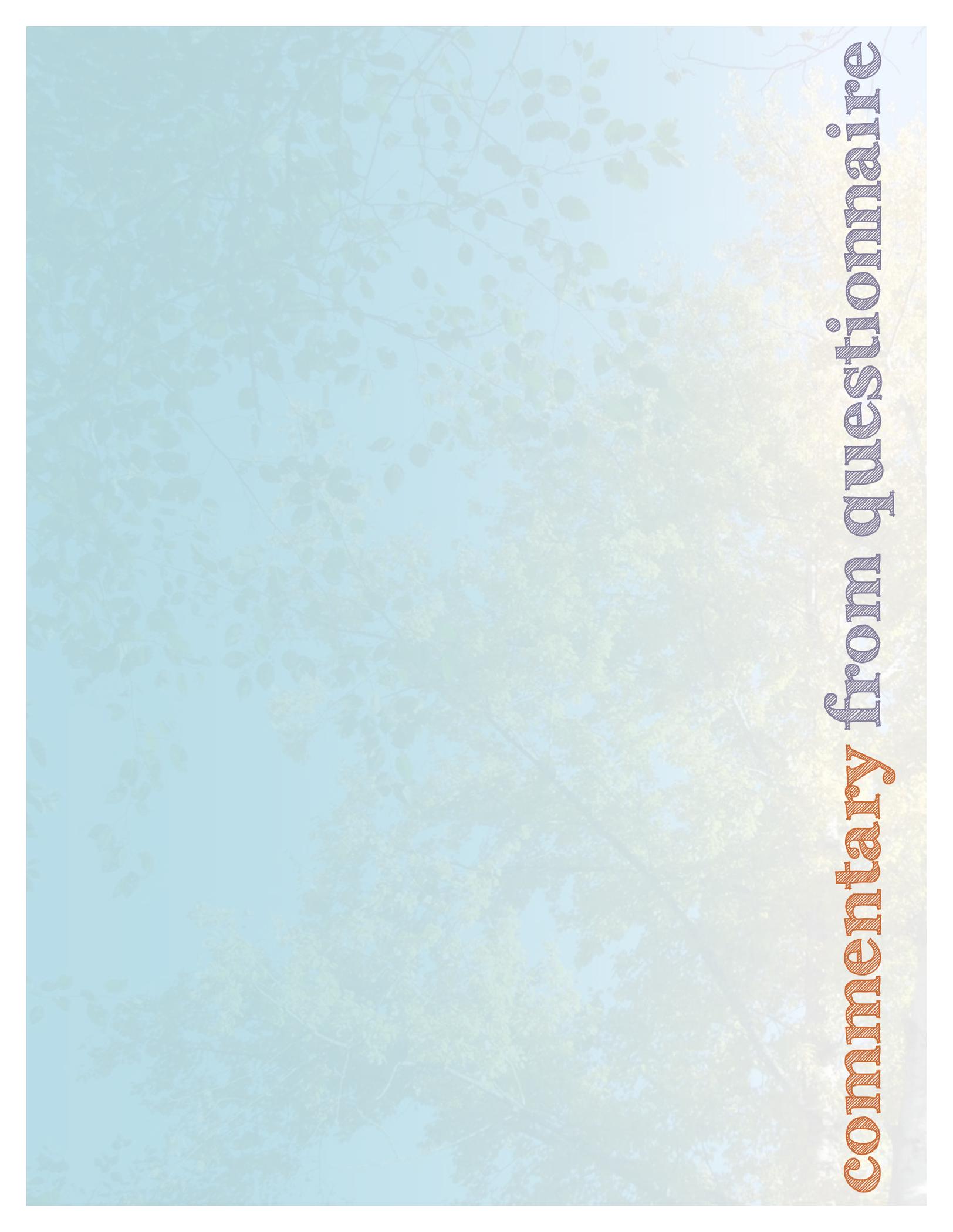




Edith Moulton Park
Public Meeting Summary
January 2014





commentary from questionnaire



At the Edith Moulton Park Public Meeting, a questionnaire and comment card was given to attendees, asking a variety of questions about the future of the park. Below is a compilation and summary of the feedback we received from the meeting participants.

1

What are your favorite features in Edith Moulton Park?

- The best parts of the park are the big lawn and the wilderness feel to the trails and streams. *(K. Foster)*
- Trees, creek, and trails.
- I like the geo-caching, the variety of species, and the calmness. *(K. Hoard)*
- Location and size.
- That it has open space that is perfect for an off-leash dog area.
- Trails and water access – and that we have a park of this size in Kirkland! *(T. Doering)*
- Parks along the creek and in the woods; rain cover in inclement weather; garbage receptacles
- Open space and nice trails. *(S. Radcliffe)*
- Well-maintained trails. More than one entrance.
- Trails – stream – open space – water
- Lots of trees and vegetation with color.
- Sun on the Great Lawn and hiking trails.

2

What are your ideas for the future design of the park?

- Improve the community shelter. Increase trash receptacles. Improve and maintain natural trail areas. Please don't over-develop with play structures and an official dog park. Edith's vision was a wilderness for the children to enjoy. *(K. Foster)*
- Create community space, a larger shelter. Create an off-leash area (Kirkland needs more. Jaspers is good, but not all dogs enjoy the bareness of it.)
- You should put in a cabin in the woods, and use it as a study center. Schools could field trip to the park and go to the cabin to study something. *(K. Hoard)*
- An off-leash dog park would be wonderful!
- (I wish) that the park would permit an off-leash area for dogs to play.
- Really, really want to see a portion allocated for off-leash dog recreation. We need off-leash areas that residents can walk to in their own neighborhoods. Given the large size of the park, and the levy funding, it would be a huge disappointment if this didn't come to fruition. *(T. Doering)*
- Needs to be more user-friendly and attractive (too overgrown, swampy, and doesn't feel safe). Would like to see well-delineated, safe pathways for walking, picnic area, something for kids to do. People need to keep dogs on leashes and be respectful of other people and people with dogs. Though, a dog controlled area would be okay.
- Can we have more clean up of fallen logs and branches in the pack of the park – especially blockages in the creek.
- Just have wooded trails around. *(S. Radcliffe)*





- Please put in an off-leash dog park.
- Keep it natural – expand trail system, and build a bridge over the stream.
- Lots of trees and vegetation with color.
- Sun on the Great Lawn and hiking trails.

3 Do you have any information about the natural resources or history of Edith Moulton Park that would be helpful to us?

- I have been here for 25 years. I found the efforts 5 years ago to identify tree species and old growth fir interesting. It did not turn out well due to vandalism, but I would hope for a small movement in that direction.
- Question if there are fish in the creek. If not, why? There used to be deer in park, but not lately. No food?

4 Do you have any additional comments or concerns?

- If there isn't already, create a committee. Include kids. Explore the whole park, and be in charge of everything from cleaning litter to making presentations. *(K. Hoard)*
- Please remember as you make your plans that I am a tax payer without children but I have two dogs. Hoping that you give those of us tax-paying dog owners a voice! We as fellow tax payers and supporters of parks and schools that do not have two-legged children really wish that we might see a dog area set aside for the park.
- Need to find best solutions for how to make the park inviting and friendly to neighborhood, and welcoming to kids and families.
- We need more fenced in off-leash dog parks in Kirkland. People like us who live in condo apartments need open spaces for our furry ones. Please arrange poopy bag holders and waste bins at accessible entry or exit places to encourage owners to pick up poop. Or install signs that encourage owners to pick up all poop. Get waste collection services weekly with the city. Get a water tap source available. *(S. Radcliffe)*
- Dog waste bags. Fenced area for dogs. Water for dogs.
- I don't want to see an official dog park there. I think the environment is too sensitive. Old chain-link fence that shows up along the trails needs to be removed as well as all the blackberries.
- It is important to me and many neighbors of the park to preserve the "nature" in the park. There are very few natural areas in the city for people to experience the beauty of nature. I am *not* looking for playgrounds, biking trails, soccer fields etc. I *do* value the trails that are there now. I would like them preserved and for the forest to stay a healthy, strong and safe place. I would like to see the ivy removed from the trees. It is not a native species and has killed many of the deciduous trees on the northeast corner of the park. I love the open areas where ferns, Oregon grapes and salmon berries grow. I would also love to see an effort to get rid of the blackberries that are taking over. *If* the city decides preserving the stream is of value, a footbridge would do more to keep humans and dogs out of the water than any other single improvement. *(K. Retzlaff)*





overview of presentation boards



board one

Edith Moulton Park

neighborhood context

STATION 1
BOARD 1

site photos outside of park

PARK ENTRY ALONG 108TH AVENUE NE

PARK DRIVEWAY ON 108TH AVENUE NE

SIDEWALK ALONG PARK AT 108TH AVENUE NE

board two

Edith Moulton Park

existing conditions

STATION 1
BOARD 2

Existing Habitat Types

- Conifer Forest
- Conifer-Deciduous Mixed Forest
- Deciduous Forest
- Riparian Forest
- Juanita Creek
- Major Trails

Existing Features

- 1 Great Lawn
- 2 Significant Cottonwood Tree
- 3 Degraded Asphalt Driveway
- 4 Degraded Asphalt Parking Area
- 5 Asphalt Paved Loop Trail
- 6 Rockery Retaining Walls
- 7 Entry Gateway with Sign and Interpretive Pan-
- 8 Small Picnic Shelter
- 9 Fruit/Nut Trees From Original Homestead
- 10 Original Moulton Homestead Site
- 11 Extensive Area of Himalayan Blackberries
- 12 Stream Bank Impacts from Foot Traffic
- 13 Informal Access Points
- 14 Gravel Parking Strip





board three

Edith Moulton Park **site photos** STATION 1 BOARD 3

natural areas



JUANITA CREEK CROSSING



JUANITA CREEK CROSSING DURING STORM



SITE-BUILT LOG BRIDGE



JUANITA CREEK

great lawn area



PARK ENTRY AND GREAT LAWN



GREAT LAWN LOOKING NORTH



OLD PICNIC SHELTER



PAVED LOOPTRAIL AROUND GREAT LAWN

parking & driveway



REMNANT ORCHARD NEAR THE MOULTON HOMESTEAD



OLD KING COUNTY-BUILT PARKING LOT



OLD KING COUNTY-BUILT DRIVEWAY



OLD KING COUNTY DRIVEWAY

board four

Edith Moulton Park **sensitive areas** STATION 1 BOARD 4





JUANITA CREEK

Legend

-  Stream
-  Stream Buffer
-  Wetland
-  Wetland Buffer
-  Trail

Sensitive Areas

Parcel No.	Area (Sq. Ft.)	% of Site
202605-9027	1,149,984	2%
202605-9186	13,936	8%
Total Sq. Ft.	1,163,920	46%
(26.72 Acres)		
Total Stream Area	25,086	2%
Total Wetland Area	90,523	8%
Total Sensitive Area + Buffer Area	533,901	46%
Total Remaining Uplands	630,019	54%

Note: Parcel Areas are based on King County Assessor Data





board five

Edith Moulton Park  project goals  STATION 2
BOARD 5

NATURAL AREAS

Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"

Place Your Suggestions Here

Overall Goals:

- Preserve and Manage the Park's Natural Areas
- Achieve A Sustainable Balance Between Community Investment and Community Benefit
- Restore Degraded Habitat
- Facilitate Stream and Forest Ecology Study by Local Schools
- Make Sure Dogs and Their Owners Can Enjoy The Park Without Affecting Habitats or Other Visitors' Experiences

board six

Edith Moulton Park  project goals  STATION 2
BOARD 6

DEVELOPED AREAS

Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"

Place Your Suggestions Here

Overall Goals:

- Serve the Surrounding Neighborhood and Residents of Kirkland
- Connect Visitors with the Life of an Early Kirkland Family
- Make the Park A Safer Place to Visit
- Enhance the Great Lawn As A Community Gathering Space
- Improve Trail Accessibility for All Users





board seven

Edith Moulton Park

site suitability

STATION 3
BOARD 7

Nature-Related Improvements
Improvements in harmony with Edith Moulton's purpose for donating the land that enhances ecological functions while improving access and enjoyment for people.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

- Limited low-impact improvements to trails
- New Creek Crossings
- Improved Accessibility
- Stream Bank, Creek, Wetland & Upland Restoration
- Habitat Structures
- Nature Interpretation
- Limited Wayfinding

Upland Areas

- Trail Improvements
- Trail Consolidation & Restoration
- Interpretation and Wayfinding
- Habitat Structures
- Forest Restoration

Socially-Related Improvements
Improvements primarily focused on creating a welcoming place for community gathering.

- Trail Improvements
- Trail Consolidation & Restoration
- Interpretation & Wayfinding
- Open-Air Lodge Structure
- Restroom Building
- Unobtrusive Play Structure
- Enhanced Park Entry & Landscape Planting
- Improved Parking

Culturally-Related Improvements
Improvements related to understanding and experiencing the property's history.

- Trail Improvements
- Trail Consolidation & Restoration
- Wayfinding
- Moulton Homestead Interpretation
- Community orchard and/or pea patch
- Removal of existing degraded paving
- Natural Play Area
- Kiosk / Tool Shed
- Alternative Use: Off-Leash Dog Area (limited size)

board eight

Edith Moulton Park

project goals

STATION 3
BOARD 8

Place Your
Suggestions
Here

POTENTIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT IDEAS

- Open-Air Lodge Structure for Gatherings and Events
- Small Off-Leash Area
- Safer and More Efficient Parking Along 108th Avenue NE
- Restrooms
- Play Structure
- Park Boundary Fencing





POTENTIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT IDEAS:

- Improve Existing Trails, Provide New Trail Connections, Remove Duplicate Trails, and Improve Trail Accessibility
- Restore Degraded Natural Areas (Invasive Plant Removal and Re-Planting)
- Stabilize Stream Banks
- Community Orchard and Pea Patch
- Early Kirkland Settlement Interpretation

Place Your
Suggestions
Here

board nine



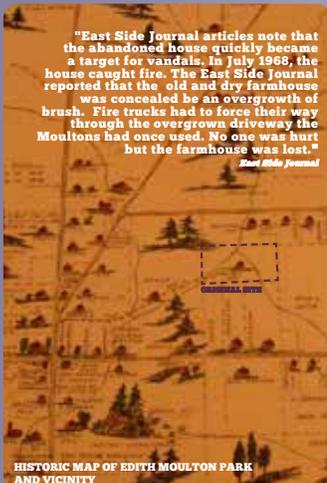
EDITH MOULTON - 1917



MOULTON FARMHOUSE - 1950

What Are Your Ideas For Connecting Park Visitors to the History of the Property?

Place Your
Suggestions
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HISTORIC MAP OF EDITH MOULTON PARK
AND VICINITY



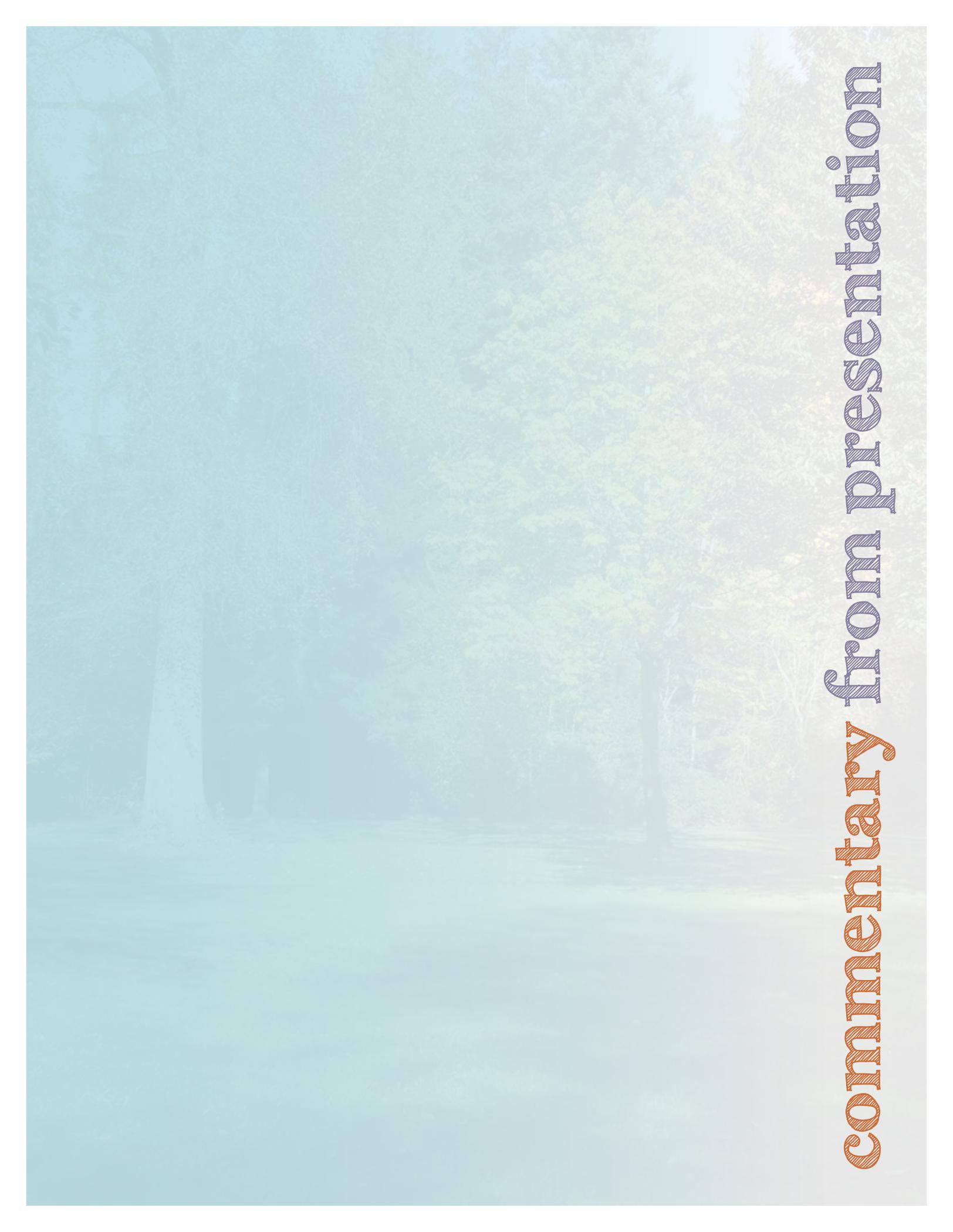
MOULTON FARMHOUSE - 1937

"East Side Journal articles note that the abandoned house quickly became a target for vandals. In July 1968, the house caught fire. The East Side Journal reported that the old and dry farmhouse was concealed by an overgrowth of brush. Fire trucks had to force their way through the overgrown driveway the Moultons had once used. No one was hurt but the farmhouse was lost."
East Side Journal

"Edith Moulton Park is a unique cultural asset, the site of an early twentieth century working farm. Although structures such as the Moulton Farmhouse, Sprague cabin, and for pens are no longer extant, the property still provides excellent opportunities for interpretation."
Historical Research Associates, January 2011

board ten





commentary from presentation

The public meeting featured ten presentation boards providing information about existing conditions at Edith Moulton Park, and asked for suggestions regarding the future design of the park. Attendees were asked to place **GREEN** dot stickers by ideas that felt desirable, and **RED** dot stickers by ideas that were not ideal for the park's future. Attendees were also asked to provide suggestions and commentary pertaining to the presented ideas.

Natural Areas

Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"

1 Preserve and Manage the Park's Natural Areas



2 Achieve A Sustainable Balance Between Community Investment and Community Benefit

Commentary:

1. Let's keep Edith Moulton Park a local access park without much parking.
2. More picnic tables

3 Restore Degraded Habitat



4 Facilitate Stream and Forest Ecology Study by Local Schools



Commentary:

1. Yes! Get schools involved! It would be a great Eagle Scout project for Boy Scouts too!
2. Educate Helen Keller Elementary, Thoreau Elementary, Kamiakin High, Juanita Elementary, Juanita High School, Finn Hill Middle School, and Sandburg Elementary School.

5 Make Sure Dogs and Their Owners Can Enjoy The Park Without Affecting Habitats of Other Visitors' Experiences



Developed Areas

Project Theme: Honor Edith Moulton's Legacy by Conserving "Wilderness for Children to Enjoy"

1 Serve the Surrounding Neighborhood and Residents of Kirkland

Commentary:

1. Schedule park for events (i.e. laser tag)
2. Create entrances onto 113th Avenue NE and onto Greenbrae
3. Keep park nicely "local" - not a massive destination park
4. Coordinate with Lake Washington School District/Keller Elementary as much as possible. Combine resources! Bridges, playground, access, and whatever great ideas come along!

2 Connect Visitors with the Life of an Early Kirkland Family

Commentary:

1. More history about Edith Moulton. Put in a site marker for the home-site.
2. Location marker for the house. What did they grow? When was the house built? More details about Edith Moulton and family.

3 Make the Park a Safer Place to Visit



Commentary:

1. Me and my family don't use this park because of all the off-leash dogs. Complaints have been filed. Off-leash dogs are the number one contributor of 1/2 million dog bites in the United States annually.





3 Enhance the Great Lawn as a Community Gathering Space



Commentary:

1. A community bulletin board would be nice for happenings, lost and found, information, etc.
2. We could use a couple more portable picnic tables this spring.
3. We need a bigger shelter with more picnic tables and some walls. The current shelter is so narrow that the rain blows in the sides.

4 Improve Trail Accessibility for All Users



Commentary:

1. Hikers only. No bikes, no horses, no ATVs.
2. No bikes, ATVs, or horses. Accessibility for all abilities.
3. Agreed! Everybody should experience nature! But do not allow horses, bikes, and other things besides your legs. You should put in a boardwalk.
4. Establish more trails - clear all trails so they are easily accessible and self policed.
5. Would be nice if trails were more like mountain trails and perhaps have distance markers so you know how far you have walked.

Potential Park Improvements

1 Open-Air Lodge for Gatherings and Events



Commentary:

1. Covered all-weather structure that would deter graffiti.
2. BBQ areas and more picnic tables.
3. Lighting near the shelters to discourage illegal activity.
4. Well-lit areas for safety and video cameras.

2 Small Off-Leash Area



Commentary:

1. With 26 acres, why does this have to be "small?" Please give dog owners and their dogs a fair allocation of space. Dogs and dog owners are recreation users too, and we need to do better in allocating for mixed uses.
2. Set aside times that park could be used for off-leash area.
3. Edith Moulton should not become an official dog park. Maybe designate times for the great lawn to be off-leash.
4. Fencing for off-leash area.
5. Please install signs that encourage dog owners to pick up poop.

3 Safer and More Efficient Parking Along 108th Avenue NE



Commentary:

1. Low-level lighting desired along 108th Avenue NE.

4 Restrooms



Commentary:

1. Please no restrooms. It would attract vandalism and drugs (and use all the money).
2. Kids need restrooms! I work at Keller Elementary and would love to bring my students over more. We could do more outdoor education if there were restrooms.
3. Consider having year-round porta-potties that are handicap capable versus permanent restrooms (that would be shut off during winter since pipes freeze and would be much less expensive).
4. Restrooms to accommodate outdoor education.
5. Don't need a large bathroom! Too expensive! A clean, deluxe porta-potty is fine.





5 Play Structure



Commentary:

1. In keeping with the spirit of "wilderness for children to enjoy," a play structure does not fit. The structure at Keller Elementary is nearby and accessible. Kids need unstructured wilderness.
2. A big thing about the park is its natural setting. There is a difference between a quiet, natural park and a loud play park.

6 Park Boundary Fencing



7 Improve Existing Trails, Provide New Trail Connections, Remove Duplicate Trails, and Improve Trail Accessibility



Commentary:

1. Keep it quiet and natural.
2. Points of interest and reflection upon the trails. "This is my favorite tree," or "this is the place where he first told me he loved me." No art installations. Just natural ones.
3. Build a bridge over the creek in the gravel area that leads to the trails (near the schoolyard)
4. Build bridges over the creek.
5. Build bridges.
6. Build bridges over the creek to protect the bank.

8 Restore Degraded Natural Areas (Invasive Plant Removal and Re-Planting)



Commentary:

1. Bring in the goat herd through city to clear out blackberries and invasives.
2. Find Kid Yoga Fun Club and ask (if they) would help remove invasive species.

9 Stabilize Stream Banks



10 Community Orchard and Pea Patch



11 Early Kirkland Settlement Interpretation



Commentary:

1. Interpretive signs need to be vandal-proof.



