Lord Hill Regional Park Preferred Plan Update

November 2021
Agenda: 6pm to 8pm

- Overview of Meeting & Introductions - 5 min
- Goals & Overview of the Preferred Plan Process – 5 min
- Wayfinding & Trail Design – 5 min
- Trail system map – 25 min
- Parking Lot Expansion concepts – 5 min
- Q&A – 1hr

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Meeting Code of Conduct

Using welcoming and inclusive language
• Being respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences
• Try to frame comments positively and around what improvements can be made at the Park
• Focusing on what is best for the community
• Showing empathy towards other participants

Unacceptable behavior
• Harassment, bullying, and intimidation
• Any activity meant to convey or cultivate hostility
• Insults, or other attacks
• Encouraging the above behavior
Introductions - Presenters

Snohomish County Parks Staff

- Emily Griffith, Senior Park Planner
- Jeremy Husby, Division Manager
- Sharon Swan, Capital, Land and Planning Manager and Partnerships
- Rose Intveld, Communications Specialist

J.A. Brennan Associates

- Jim Brennan, Principal
- Tanja Wilcox, Project Manager
Intent of the meeting tonight

- Review updates to the proposed trail system plan
- Review potential parking lot expansion options

Role of the stakeholder group
Goals & Process
Lord Hill Park

• Serves as an important recreation destination for people throughout the County as an island of nature in the urban fabric of Snohomish County
• 1,480 acres with 32 miles of trail
• Popular with hikers, runners, equestrians, mountain bikers, bird watchers, orienteering groups, and native plant enthusiasts
Regional Park Designation

• Regional Parks are identified by unique features or amenities that attract users from a wide area.
• These parks offer destination recreation
• Regional Parks are considered to serve residents from all over the County
History of Preferred Plan Process

- Began in 2016 with meetings with Friends of Lord Hill and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
- 2 public meetings
- 9 study group meetings
- On pause March 2020 to March 2021
- Building from the past 5 years of work and from the preferred alternative from July 2019

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• Phase 1 officially opened to the public in 1995 with 10 miles of multi-use trail developed from the original 6 miles of trail from former logging and skid roads
• Many trails built socially over the years
• Lacking accurate signage and wayfinding points
• Safety concerns from users
• Undefined trail system
Goals

• Improve safety throughout the park through trail design and improved wayfinding for park users and emergency services
• Support a positive, shared recreational experience among multiple user groups
• Preserve the natural areas and character of the park
• Update the park to accommodate its capacity and role as a regional park while caring for the environment
Building on Past Process

- Working from the past 5 years of process
- 2 public meetings
- 8 stakeholder meetings
Outcome of Preferred Plan Process

• Preferred Plan
  • Official trail plan
    • Critical Area studies at new trail crossings
    • Critical Area reconnaissance along new trail alignments and along particular trails of concern
  • Future parking lot expansion & roadway repair
    • Supported by geotechnical investigation
  • Narrative

• Wayfinding and Signage Plan
Consultant Team Info
Trail Standards
Updated Draft Trail Plan
Next Steps
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Public Meeting November 16, 2021

Online survey to be released at same time

February/March 2022 another round of Stakeholder and Public Meetings

Finalize Preferred Plan by June 2022 when grant funding expires
Questions & Discussion

• The rest of the meeting, minus a few minutes at the end to wrap up, have been left open for a dialogue with the community.

• We would like to leave space for as many people to speak as possible, so all speakers will be limited to two minutes for questions and comments.

• Please keep in mind our community guidelines, try to keep comments framed towards opportunities and solutions, and focused on what the Preferred Plan can resolve.

• As time allows, people may share more than once.
ONLINE:
1. The Chair will announce and open Public Comment or Public Testimony.
2. To virtually “raise your hand,” click “Participants” in the Zoom control box and select “Raise Hand” in the grey box on the bottom of the participants box.
3. The Chair will ask the clerk if any “hands are raised” and each person will be called upon by name or ID as shown on the screen, in the order that their hands were raised.
4. Council staff will unmute your mic to speak and “lower your hand.” Please wait for a prompt indicating that your audio is unmuted, before speaking.
5. When it’s your turn to speak, clearly state your name and city of residence for the record. All speakers will be limited to two minutes to provide comments or testimony.
6. When you are done speaking, Council staff will mute your mic.

BY PHONE:
1. The Chair will announce and open Public Comment or Public Testimony.
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3. The Chair will ask the clerk if any “hands are raised” and each person will be called upon by name or by the last four digits of the phone number shown on the screen, in the order that their hands were raised.
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Wayfinding & Sign Plan

Lord Hill Regional Park

Waypoint 1A

Bald Hill Equestrian Cut-Off

Multi-use Trail

Pipeline Trail

Paradise Valley Conservation Area

TRAIL SIGN DETAIL

Main Trail
- 0.1 mi
Beaver Lake Trail
- 0.1 mi
Pipeline Trail
- 0.7 mi
West View Trail
- 0.3 mi

NOTES:
1. Locate signs as directed by parks staff.
2. Contact parks staff before making any changes to this Detail.
Accessible Entrance

- 5% or less grade
- Boardwalk Entrance contains 17% – 20% grade hills
- Only 1 ADA parking space in Equestrian Lot
- Will connect with Equestrian Bypass