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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Battle Creek Park is a 56-acre Urban Park in south Salem occupying a portion of the former site of Battle Creek Golf Course. A history of flooding in the area led the City to purchase the site in 2008 and 2009 with stormwater utility funds and parks system development charges. The goal of the master plan is to design a park that provides flood mitigation and recreational opportunities while preserving natural habitat.

The site contains many natural features including five creeks, extensive floodplains, wetlands, and the Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank restoration area. The site also includes remnant features of the former golf course such as ponds, trees, and fairways.

The master plan process began in the summer of 2019 with a public engagement process consisting of three public open houses and two online surveys. The initial open house meeting and online survey solicited input on park programming and community goals for the project. Feedback from the first open house and online survey generated the framework for three conceptual design options: a habitat focused option, a recreation focused option, and a blended option balancing habitat and recreation. Community review of these three options at a second open house and online survey led to the development of a preferred alternative presented at the third and final open house. Additional input from the community led to refinements to the preferred

option prior to review by the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Salem City Council.

The master planning process was a collaborative effort between City staff, GreenWorks, WEST Consultants, and Barney & Worth. Public input, current hydrological models, regulatory and physical constraints, as well as opportunities to balance recreational activities with connections to nature shaped each design option and the resulting final master plan. The park master plan design was closely coordinated with the Battle Creek Basin Plan to ensure a multi-functional park providing both recreation and flood mitigation.

The final master plan includes the following amenities (*Figure 1.1*):

- Bridge across Battle Creek
- ~3,000 square foot skate plaza/spot
- ~6,500 square foot playground
- 40-stall parking lot
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Picnic shelter and picnic area
- 4-stall restroom
- Mounded overlooks
- Play/fitness stations
- Soft and hard surface trails (~10,930 linear feet)
- Interpretive trail loop with pollinator garden
- Outdoor classroom
- Potential locations for public art
- Enhanced existing wetlands
- Re-meandered Powell, Scotch, and Spring Creeks with restored riparian buffers
- Enhancements to Powell Creek pond
- Restored stream banks and riparian buffer along Battle Creek
- Additional neighborhood access from Doral Avenue SE through a city-owned lot and the potential for future access from Fairway Avenue SE along Battle Creek
- Separation of high-use areas from surrounding residential development and use of vegetation and earthforms to buffer the disc golf course from nearby trails and residences

Construction phasing will depend on several factors, including funding availability. The first phase will most likely include flood detention areas, associated infrastructure such as berms and trails, a parking lot, and disc golf course. Subsequent phases will be determined in accordance with the 20-year vision provided by the Battle Creek Park Master Plan.

LEGEND

1. PARKING LOT (40 STALLS)
2. SKATE PLAZA (~3,000 SF)
3. RESTROOM (4 STALLS)
4. PLAYGROUND (~6,500 SF)
5. PLAY/FITNESS STATION
6. PICNIC SHELTER
7. PICNIC AREA
8. MOUNDED OVERLOOK
9. 18-HOLE YEAR-ROUND DISC GOLF COURSE
10. ENHANCED EXISTING WETLAND
11. FLOOD DETENTION AREA
12. PROPOSED EARTHFORM (TYPICAL)
13. EXISTING BERM
14. PAVED PATH (TYPICAL)
15. PROPOSED BRIDGE
16. SOFT-SURFACE PATH (TYPICAL)
17. PROPOSED ENTRANCE
18. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
19. INTERPRETIVE TRAIL LOOP WITH POLLINATOR GARDEN
20. STORMWATER FACILITY
21. POTENTIAL PUBLIC ART LOCATION

Figure 1.1 : Battle Creek Park Master Plan

INTRODUCTION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Battle Creek Park is a 56-acre Urban Park in south Salem west of Commercial Street, east of Sunnyview Road, south of Waln Drive, and north of Battle Creek Commons subdivision. Residential development borders the park on four sides with Battle Creek Elementary School forming the northwest corner of the park.

The former site of the Battle Creek Golf Course includes five creeks: Waln Creek, Scotch Creek, Powell Creek, and Spring Creek. All except Spring Creek converge with Battle Creek before exiting the site in the southeast quadrant of the park. The site includes several natural wetlands and remnant features of the former golf course such as ponds and tree-lined fairways. The site also encompasses the Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank restoration area (*Figure 2.1*).

The City acquired the property in 2008 and 2009 with stormwater utility funds and park system development charge funds. The Battle Creek Park Master Plan draws from the Battle Creek Basin Plan, which provides recommendations for addressing flood risks

Figure 2.1: Photo of the Waln Creek Mitigation Bank area (looking north)

within the larger Battle Creek watershed (see *Existing Conditions* in the *Site Analysis* chapter). The shapes, sizes, and depths of the detention areas were the result of collaboration between design consultants (GreenWorks) and the Basin Plan's hydrological consultants (West).

As defined by the Salem Comprehensive Park System Master Plan, Battle Creek Park meets the criteria of an "urban park", meaning it has a city-wide service area and can provide a variety of uses. The fact that the site includes extensive floodplains and known flooding issues precludes some typical urban park uses such as sports fields, however the park can still provide other recreational uses such as trails, outdoor education, playgrounds, fitness stations, and disc golf. The park will also serve the community through flood detention and flood mitigation.

PURPOSE AND GOALS

Individual park master plans are intended to guide park development and management for 20 years. The Battle Creek Park Master Plan combines city flood mitigation goals and park goals as expressed by Salem residents throughout the public engagement process.

The goal of the Battle Creek Park master planning process was to develop a vision for a multi-function park that balances recreational use with flood mitigation while preserving habitat value. Since flood mitigation was a top priority for this site, the process involved coordination with concurrent stormwater master planning efforts. The final master plan provides a comprehensive vision for stormwater and recreational improvements that simultaneously reduce flood risks, preserve and enhance the site's natural features, and support recreational activities for the greater Salem community.

SITE ANALYSIS

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT & ACCESS

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The neighborhood surrounding Battle Creek Park is mostly residential with the exception of Battle Creek Elementary School. South Salem Senior Center is less than one block east of the park and abuts commercially-zoned Commercial Street. Adjacent parcels consist of a mix of single-family houses, town homes, condominiums, and apartments (*Figure 3.1*).

Visitors currently access the park along Waln Drive SE, via a pathway at Doral Street SE, and from a public pathway around Battle Creek Elementary School (*Figure 3.2*). Informal access is possible from the backyards of residences as well as through the collectively managed open space behind the condominiums southeast of the park.

CULTURAL AND SITE HISTORY

The presence of creeks and wetlands creates high potential for cultural interest areas. Before Euro-American settlement, the Santiam people, a Kalapuyan-speaking subgroup,

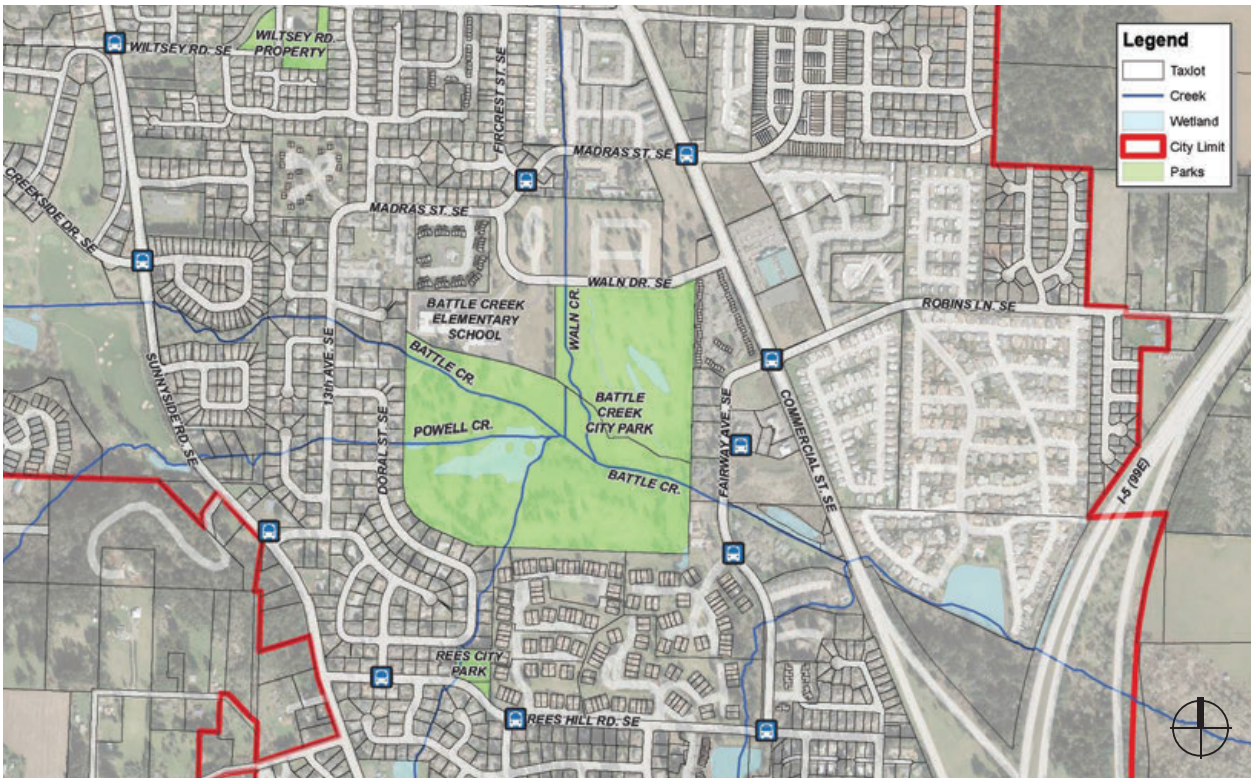

Figure 3.1 : Park Context Map

CULTURAL AND SITE HISTORY

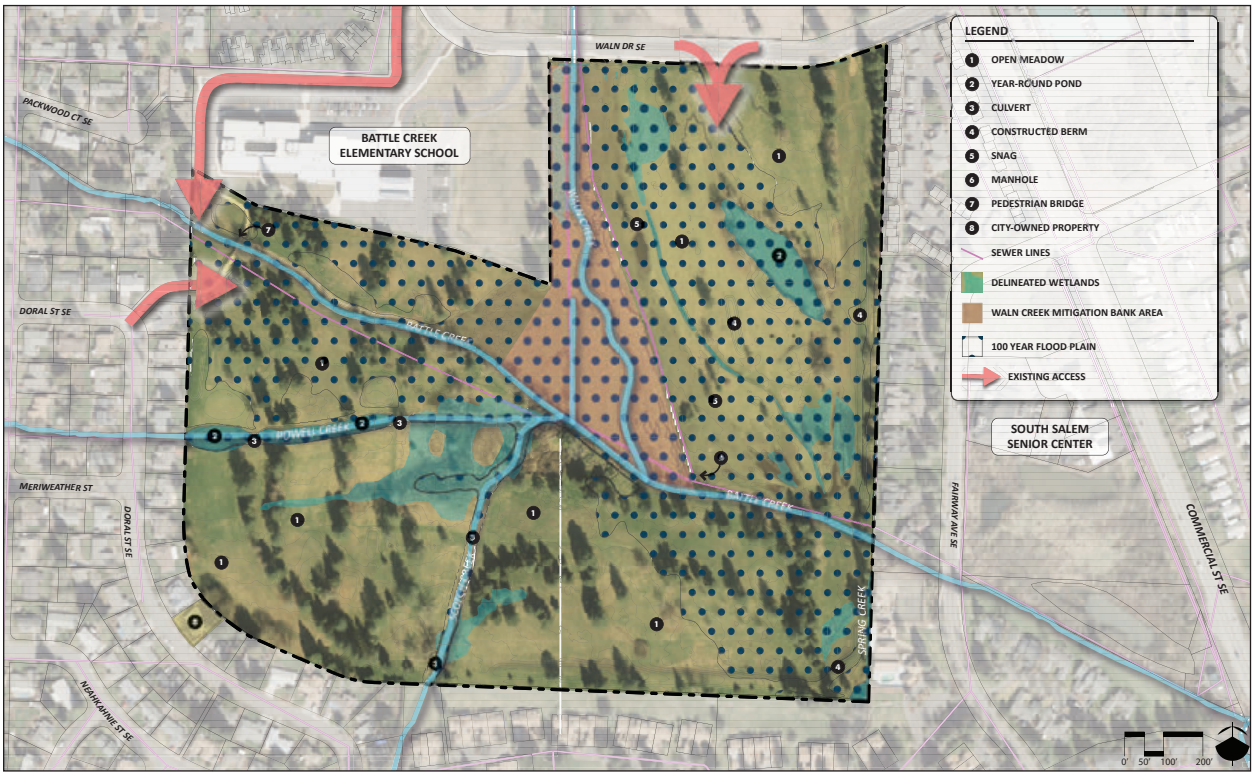

Figure 3.2: Access & Existing Conditions Diagram

inhabited this area. The first Euro-American settlers, the Powell and Pringle families, arrived in the 1840s. Their settlements extended north and south from the site and were separated by a marsh along Battle Creek (*Figure 3.3*). The creek was named after a non-lethal conflict between a traveling band of Native Americans and a militia group of local settlers known as the Oregon Rangers in 1846.

Aerial photography shows Waln Creek had been channelized by 1955. The northern portion of the site appears to have been dedicated to agricultural use while the

Figure 3.3: General Land Office Map (1852)

EXISTING CONDITIONS

southern portion of the site was left wooded. By 1967 the site had been developed into a golf course with the surrounding area remaining rural. Adjacent housing was developed in the 1970s and 1980s.

In 2007 the golf course closed and the land was re-zoned for residential use. As a result of repeat flooding in this area and downstream from the park, the City agreed to acquire a portion of the property (56 acres) for a new park that provides flood mitigation (*Figure 3.4*).

EXISTING CONDITIONS

TOPOGRAPHY

The site is relatively flat with a gradual slope from the southwest and northeast corners to the southeast where Battle Creek exits the property. A few remnant golf course earth forms are scattered throughout the site, including a constructed pond in the northeast corner and another pond along Powell Creek in the western area of the park (*Figure 3.5*). A linear berm runs parallel to the eastern edge of the park south to Battle Creek, and again along the southeastern corner and then west to

Figure 3.4: The northeastern portion of Battle Creek Park during a flood in December 2015 (looking south; credit: WEST Consultants)

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Figure 3.5: Constructed pond in the NE corner of the park

Figure 3.6 : Constructed berm along eastern boundary.

Scotch Creek (*Figure 3.6*). Much of the park's area north of Battle Creek lies within the 100-year floodplain (*Figure 3.7)*.

SOILS

The site is dominated by Waldo series silty clay loam. This hydric soil series is typically located in floodplains and consists of deep, poorly drained soils formed by alluvial deposits. The far southern portion of the site consists of McAlpin series silty class loam, which is a moderately well-draining soil formed in clayey alluvium along terraces and fans. Both soil types are formed in grasslands.

VEGETATION

The site is located within the Pinus-Quercus-Pseudotsuga vegetation zone. This zone historically supported a patchwork of oak woodland, coniferous forests, grasslands, and a variety of riparian environments typical of the Willamette Valley. The 1852 General Land Office map shows the area where the creeks converge as having been wet, marshy land; a potential indicator that this area was historically part of a much larger wetland complex.

Today, much of the vegetation at Battle Creek Park consists of mixed grasslands with remnant conifers and some deciduous trees that formerly defined the golf course fairways and residential buffers (*Figure 3.8*). Riparian corridors and wetlands contain willows and a mix of native and invasive plants. The Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank has been densely planted with native riparian shrubs and trees.

GROUNDWATER

A groundwater study and draft Battle Creek

SITE ANALYSIS

EXISTING CONDITIONS

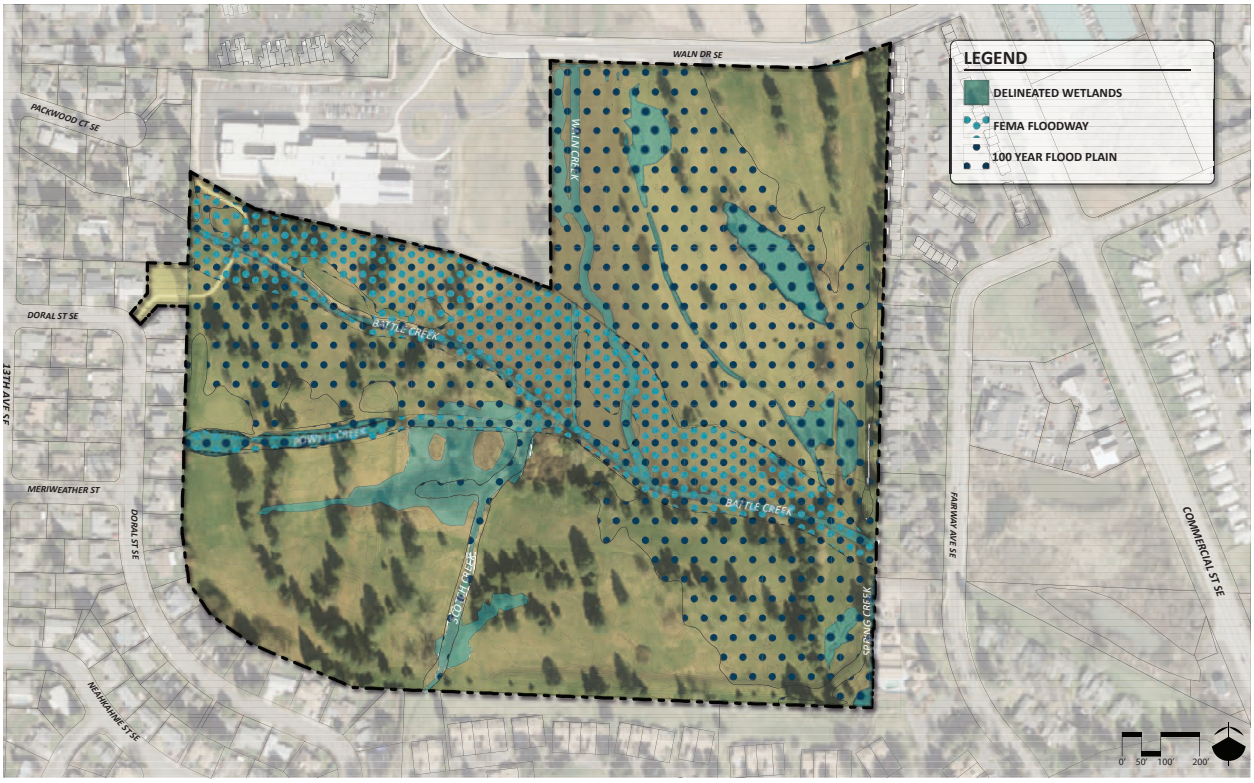

Figure 3.7: Floodplain Diagram

Basin Plan were completed in 2017 and 2018, respectively. In general, high groundwater levels exist through the center of the site and remain near the surface during steady rains (as observed October 2016 through May 2017). Higher elevations in the northeast and southwest contain slightly lower groundwater levels.

JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS AND WATERS

A wetland delineation assessment was initially conducted in 2008 and was updated in 2011 and 2019. The 2019 update conducted by

Figure 3.8 : Remnant fairway trees

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Pacific Habitat Services identified 3.94 acres of wetlands and three waters of the state on the park property. The Oregon Department of State Lands approved the delineation on November 26, 2019 (WD#2019-0473, *Figure 3.9*). Wetland delineations are valid for five years from date of approval.

Wetlands on the property are a combination of emergent and scrub shrub vegetation that is seasonally flooded or saturated and located within hydric soils. The site's wetland vegetation is a combination of native and invasive plants with areas of reed canary grass noted in the southern wetlands.

Scotch Creek was delineated as a wetland due to the lack of a clear creek bed and overflowed banks from a crushed culvert.

WALN CREEK STREAM MITIGATION BANK

Waln Drive was constructed in 2012 in conjunction with Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank improvements. These improvements included re-meandering the stream, benching the banks, installing root wads and large wood, and restoring native trees and shrubs to create a riparian buffer. This area is protected in perpetuity and no recreational activities are proposed within this area.

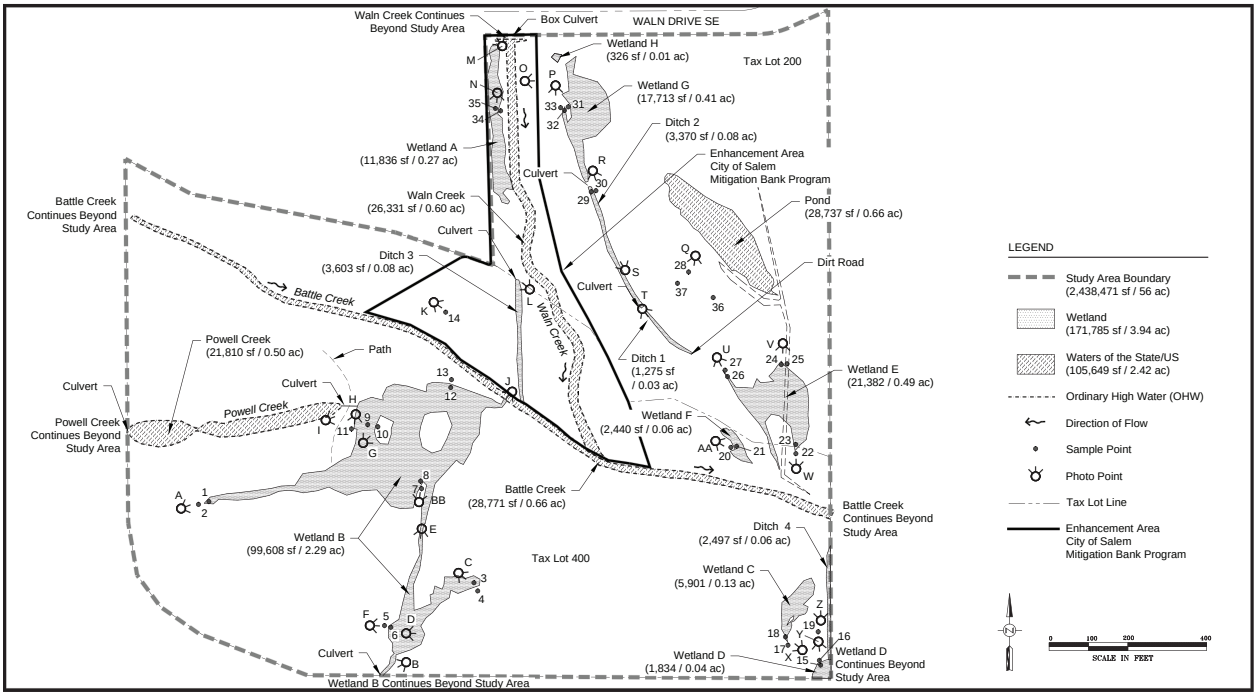

Figure 3.9 : Oregon Department of State Lands Wetland Delineation Map

SITE ANALYSIS

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The restored area was the first "stream mitigation bank" project in Oregon. Similar stream bank treatments are proposed in the Battle Creek Basin Plan for sections of Battle Creek upstream of park property and within the park to assist with flood storage and habitat enhancement.

BASIN PLAN

The Battle Creek Basin Plan assessed the entire watershed and analyzed flood impacts that could result from recent and planned basin-wide developments. The results yielded four proposed stormwater capital improvement projects that would reduce flood risks near and downstream of Battle Creek Park.

A major project identified in the basin plan consists of constructing two large floodplain storage areas at the confluence of Waln and Battle Creeks (*Project No. BA-BC2*, *Figure 3.10*). Since flood detention is a primary goal of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan, the detention area sizes and locations were conceptually designed without taking recreational park uses into account.

SITE UTILITIES

The park contains no above or below ground power lines, communication lines, or gas lines. However, major sanitary lines run approximately parallel to Battle Creek and a portion of the old Waln Creek alignment. An additional sanitary line approximately traces the eastern edge of the Waln Creek Mitigation Bank. Stormwater lines include one from Battle Creek Elementary that drains into Battle Creek, and two others that run parallel to Powell Creek, Scotch Creek, and the old Waln Creek alignment.

Figure 3.10 : Proposed Flood Detention Areas (from Battle Creek Basin Plan)

Throughout the master planning process, the public provided input on the park features via a series of open house meetings, neighborhood association meetings, and online surveys (*Figure 4.1*). Each opportunity for public input framed the next phase of the master plan development— feedback from the public was discussed by the project team and incorporated into the preliminary design options, preferred alternative, and the refinement of the preferred alternative. In general, public input conveyed a strong preference for balancing active recreation, exploring nature, and providing opportunities for physical exercise.

The City also regularly updated the public on project progress through a project website and email notifications to those on the mailing list.

OPEN HOUSES

Open houses were attended by neighboring residents, individuals from the disc golf and skateboarding communities, and the general interested public (*Figure 4.2*). Each of the open houses drew over sixty participants with the first meeting receiving over 100 attendees.

Presentation materials included photographic images similar to proposed amenities to aid participants in visualizing potential park

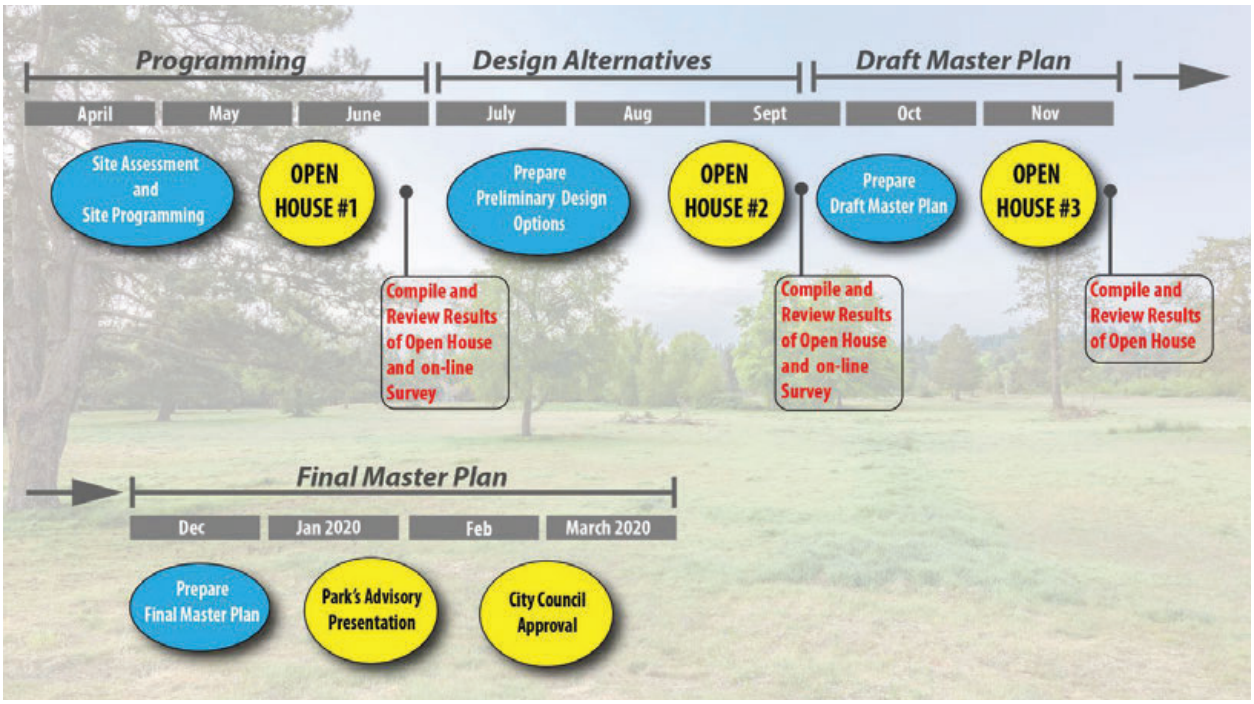

Figure 4.1 : Master Planning Process Diagram

Figure 4.2: Participants leaving comments and casting their votes on the input boards during the first public open house.

features. In general, open house participants expressed a desire to maintain the site's natural character and were concerned about potential impacts of development and park use on adjacent residences.

Summaries of each open house can be found in ***Appendix A***.

ONLINE SURVEYS

Online surveys followed each of the first two open houses and represented a diverse sampling of potential and existing park users from neighboring areas and beyond. Similar to the presentation materials, the surveys included precedent images to aid respondents in visualizing potential park features. Both surveys received at least 800 responses with more than half of the respondents under the age of forty-four. In general, survey respondents shared a preference for trails and expressed a desire for balancing nature and recreation with a strong preference for disc golf.

Survey summaries and results are included in ***Appendix B***.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

During the master planning process City staff gave presentations to neighborhood associations, including three presentations to South Gateway Neighborhood Association

(SGNA), two to Faye Wright Neighborhood Association, and one each to Morningside Neighborhood Association and the Southwest Association of Neighbors.

SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND SALEM CITY COUNCIL

The final phase of the public engagement process included a presentation of the preferred option to the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on February 13, 2020. The Advisory Board endorsed the proposed master plan and forwarded the plan to The Salem City Council with a recommendation it be adopted. The draft master plan was presented to Salem City Council March 23, 2020.

Additional input from the general public was also incorporated into the master plan process. These letters and emails can be found in ***Appendix C***.

The following sections provide a summary of the phases of the public engagement process.

MASTER PLAN PROCESS

PHASE ONE:
SITE ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAMMING

The first phase of the master plan process focused on existing site constraints and opportunities as well as potential park amenities and concerns or desires for park development.

Site opportunities identified potential for standard urban park features, such as parking, restrooms, playgrounds, shelters, and trails. Opportunities also included adding new access points to the park, as well as providing educational and recreational opportunities for the nearby senior center and the adjacent elementary school.

Site amenities allowed in an Urban Park are wide-ranging and include standard features such as parking, restrooms, playgrounds, group shelters, and trails. Optional amenities include community gathering areas, sports courts, skate parks, a community gardens, disc golf, and off leash dog areas. While allowed with the urban park classification, specific site constraints limited the feasibility of many of these features.

Site constraints included jurisdictional wetlands and streams, the Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank area, 100-year floodplains, riparian areas along streams, desired flood detention areas per the draft Battle Creek Basin Plan, and impacts to adjacent residential areas bordering the park site.

The City held an initial public open house to review these opportunities and constraints and followed-up with an online survey. The first open house and online survey drew a large response (over 100 open house participants, 828 survey respondents). Many of the respondents favored combining natural beauty with recreation. At the open house and in the survey, participants were asked to rank their preferred program amenities. Of the activities the park could accommodate alongside flood detention, a skate park, unpaved walking/jogging trails, and natural areas were the top three choices. Respondents were not enthused about sports courts. Major concerns involved increased traffic, congestion on adjacent neighborhood streets, and compatibility with adjacent residences.

PHASE TWO:
PRELIMINARY DESIGN OPTIONS

The Design Team, along with City staff input, prepared three preliminary design options based on information gleaned from the first open house and corresponding survey. Each option presented at the second open house illustrated a range of appropriate development options that varied from a more natural, habitat focus to a more recreation focus. The third option blended elements from each of the other two. All three options included common elements of flood detention areas, trails, active recreation (play/fitness stations), a parking lot with a restroom, and overlooks. The scale and location of these features varied with each option depending on focus.

In all three options there were two large flood detention areas, one in the northeast quadrant and one in the southeast quadrant, which represented the recommended areas from the Battle Creek Basin Plan. In all three options, the detention areas serve as the core of the site's design, organizing the park's remaining circulation and programming.

The following sections describe the primary features of each of the three options.

MASTER PLAN PROCESS

PHASE TWO

OPTION 1: HABITAT FOCUS

Option 1 focused on enhancing the site's natural resource characteristics to the greatest extent possible while providing low impact, passive recreation by minimizing the footprint of proposed features such as the parking lot and restrooms (*Figure 5.1*). This option protected the higher quality habitat in the center of the park and focused circulation and low-impact recreation around the park's edges. Curvilinear edges of the proposed detention areas mimic natural wetlands that also provide meadow habitat in the drier season (*Figure 5.2*).

Additional features in this option included an open lawn near the parking lot for informal sports, play/fitness stations with stationary equipment and potential for play equipment if desired, additional tree cover, and expansion of existing wetlands maximizing habitat to provide a more immersive nature experience.

Figure 5.1 : Option 1: Habitat Focus Site Plan

PRELIMINARY DESIGN OPTIONS

Summary of included elements:

- Constructed flood detention areas
- Enhanced wetlands for wildlife habitat
- Small overlook for viewing habitat in flood detention areas
- Paved trails: approximately 7,377 linear feet (about 1.4 miles)
- Soft surface trails: approximately 1,378 linear feet (about 0.25 mile)
- Play/fitness stations
- A small parking lot to accommodate 15 vehicles off Waln Drive SE
- Small restroom- two stalls
- Small outdoor classroom (earth form) near Battle Creek Elementary School
- No picnic shelter
- No skate park
- No disc golf
- No playground

Figure 5.2 : Winter perspective of Option 1's overlook and northeast detention area

PHASE TWO

OPTION 2: RECREATION FOCUS

Option 2 maximizes the size and number of recreational amenities and facilities (*Figure 5.3*). This option includes a larger parking lot, restroom, skate park, a full 18-hole disc golf course, and two playgrounds. The 18-hole disc golf course begins near the parking lot and wraps around the park on three sides on the upland portion of the park between the detention areas and adjacent residences. A trail runs between the detention areas and disc golf course, delineating the two zones.

Designed earth forms provide added physical separation between the trail and disc golf course at strategic locations.

Figure 5.3 : Option 2: Recreation Focus Site Plan

PRELIMINARY DESIGN OPTIONS

Summary of included elements:

- Constructed flood detention areas
- Large overlook for viewing constructed detention areas *(Figure 5.4*)
- A year-round 18-hole disc golf course in the upland edges of the park
- 15,000 square foot skate park near Waln Drive SE
- Paved trails: approximately 6,500 linear feet (about 1.23 miles)
- Soft surface trails: approximately 2,866 linear feet (about 0.53 miles)
- Play/fitness stations
- Large parking lot to accommodate 60 vehicles off Waln Drive SE
- Large restroom – six stalls
- Interpretative trail loop near Battle Creek Elementary School
- Small outdoor classroom (shelter) near Battle Creek Elementary School
- Picnic shelter near Waln Drive SE
- Community playground near Waln Drive SE
- Neighborhood playground near Doral Street SE

Figure 5.4: Winter perspective of Option 2 mounded overlook and northeast detention area

PHASE TWO

OPTION 3: BLENDED

Option 3 balances the scale and location of recreation features from Option 2 with the habitat and natural resource features of Option 1. It includes a 9-hole, year-round disc golf course with six seasonal fairways located within the shallow portion of the northeast detention areas (*Figure 5.5*). The detention areas are punctuated with interior earth forms that highlight changes between wet and dry season water levels (*Figures 5.6 & 5.7*). Trails circumnavigate the northeast detention area and outer edge of the park with occasional mounded overlooks and independent play/fitness stations. Soft-surfaced trails branch off in the southwest corner, forming a loop in the western half of the park. Another trail forms a smaller, interpretive loop that adjoins an outdoor classroom space just south of the school and north of Battle Creek.

Figure 5.5 : Option 3: Blended Site Plan

PRELIMINARY DESIGN OPTIONS

Summary of included elements:

- Constructed flood detention areas
- Medium-sized overlook for viewing constructed detention areas
- Paved trails: approximately 6,433 linear feet (about 1.22 miles)
- Soft surface trails: approximately 2,295 linear feet (about 0.43 miles)
- Play/fitness stations
- Medium-sized parking lot to accommodate 30 vehicles off Waln Drive SE
- Medium-sized restroom – four stalls
- Small outdoor classroom area near Battle Creek Elementary School
- Interpretative trail loop near Battle Creek Elementary School
- Picnic shelter near Waln Drive SE
- 5,000 square foot community playground near Waln Drive SE
- 3,000 square foot skate plaza near Waln Drive SE
- 3-hole disc golf course in upland, plus seasonal 6-hole disk golf in a constructed flood
- Sculpted earth forms

Figure 5.6: Winter perspective of Option 3 mounded overlook and northeast detention area

PHASE TWO

Figure 5.7: Summer perspective of Option 3 mounded overlook and seasonal disc golf fairways in the northeast detention area

PUBLIC RESPONSES TO OPTIONS

Participants at the second open house and respondents to the second online survey were asked to rank their preferred option and provide feedback about each of the three design options (*Figure 5.8*). Responses highlighted differences between local residents' desire to have minimal development and the desire of broader Salem area residents for mixed recreation and natural, open spaces.

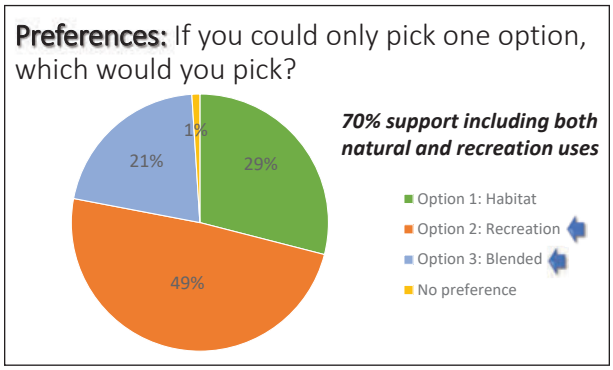

Figure 5.8 : Summary of second survey

Summary of public responses:

- 49% preferred Option 2: Recreation Focus
- 29% preferred Option 1: Habitat Focus
- 21% preferred Option 3: Blended
- 70% of respondents preferred, in addition to natural features, a greater recreation focus than that offered by Option 1
- Many respondents commented that only Option 2 provided a full 18-hole disc golf course, which was their main motivation for selecting that option
- Respondents identified trails as "key features" and the most desired feature across all options
- Similar to the initial Opportunities and Constraints survey, respondents continued to express concern related to development, particularly traffic and/or noise-related uses near adjacent homes
- Respondents wanted flood mitigation to be a priority
- The most desired recreation feature was a year-round 18-hole disc golf course
- Flood control, natural habitat, and enhanced wetlands consistently ranked high across all options

PHASE THREE

PHASE THREE: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Findings from the second online survey and each open house contributed to the development of a preferred design alternative (*Figure 5.9)*. The preferred alternative presented at the third open house reflected the public's preference for combined recreation and habitat opportunities as identified from the second open house and second online survey.

These results also lead to several adjustments to the design of the preferred alternative. The parking lot and skate plaza were moved away from the northeast corner of the site. Disc golf fairways were moved from existing berms to minimize impacts to eastern and southern neighbors. The southern detention area was reduced in size as a result of improved hydrological modeling (*Figure 5.10*). Concerns about eliminating year-round open water for wildlife led to the retention and enhancement of Powell Creek's existing pond.

To provide additional enrichment opportunities, a pollinator habitat area was introduced near the interpretive trail loop, potential public art locations were identified near the Waln Street SE entry plaza and overlook, and the play/fitness station near the existing Doral Street SE entrance was increased in size to allow for a future play area if desired by the community.

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

LEGEND

1. PARKING LOT (40 STALLS)
2. SKATE PLAZA (~3,000 SF)
3. RESTROOM (4 STALLS)
4. PLAYGROUND (~6,500 SF)
5. PLAY/FITNESS STATION
6. PICNIC SHELTER
7. PICNIC AREA
8. MOUNDED OVERLOOK
9. 18-HOLE YEAR-ROUND DISC GOLF COURSE
10. ENHANCED EXISTING WETLAND
11. FLOOD DETENTION AREA
12. PROPOSED EARTHFORM (TYPICAL)
13. EXISTING BERM
14. PAVED PATH (TYPICAL)
15. PROPOSED BRIDGE
16. SOFT-SURFACE PATH (TYPICAL)
17. PROPOSED ENTRANCE
18. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
19. INTERPRETIVE TRAIL LOOP WITH POLLINATOR GARDEN
20. STORMWATER FACILITY
21. POTENTIAL PUBLIC ART LOCATION

Figure 5.9: Preferred Alternative

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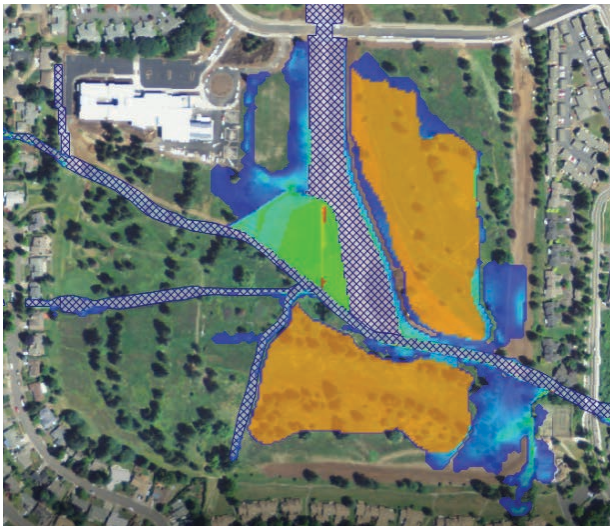

Figure 5.10 : Revised detention areas (orange) at peak of modeled 100-year flood event (incorporated in Preferred Alternative)

A trail that circumnavigates the site and separates habitat areas and detention areas from the 18-hole disc golf course was the primary organizing feature of the preferred alternative (*Figure 5.11*).

Summary of proposed amenities (*Figures 5.12 & 5.13*):

- Bridge across Battle Creek
- ~3,000 square foot skate plaza/spot
- ~6,500 square foot playground
- 40-stall parking lot
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Picnic shelter and picnic area
- 4-stall restroom

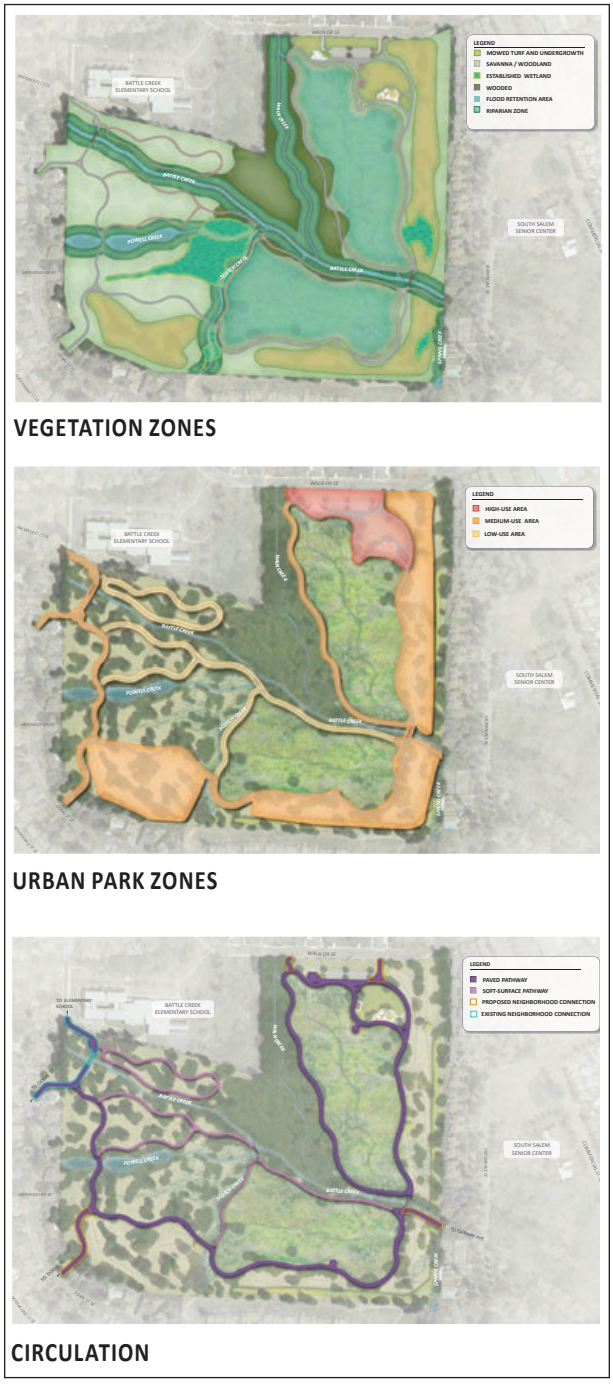

Figure 5.11: Preferred Alternative vegetation, urban park, and circulation diagrams

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

- Mounded overlooks
- Play/fitness stations
- Soft and hard surface trails (10,930 linear feet)
- Interpretive trail loop with pollinator garden
- Outdoor classroom
- Potential public art locations
- Enhanced existing wetlands
- Re-meandered Powell, Scotch, and Spring Creeks with restored riparian buffers
- Enhanced Powell Creek pond
- Restored Battle Creek bank benches and riparian buffer
- Additional neighborhood access from Doral Avenue SE through a city-owned lot and potential future access from Fairway Avenue SE along Battle Creek
- Separation of high-use areas from housing, and disc golf from trails via vegetation and earth forms

Figure 5.12 : Bird's Eye Perspective- preferred alternative looking south from Waln Drive

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Figure 5.13 : Bird's Eye Perspective- preferred alternative looking northwest from Fairway Ave

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

The preliminary cost estimate for development of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan is based on the approximate costs of features used as precedent imagery throughout the public engagement process (right). These precedents established a range of unit costs of materials needed for the construction estimate based on 2020 dollar values.

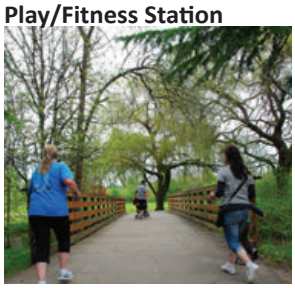
The costs of development in the estimate include soft costs such as design and permitting fees and 30% contingency allowances for variations in market construction costs (*Table 5.14*). The estimated cost for park features is $6,165,256 based on 2020 costs. The estimated cost for flood mitigation and associated infrastructure is not included in this cost estimate as it will be funded separately through utility funds.

Outdoor Classroom

Play/Fitness Station

Play/Fitness Station

Picnic Shelter


Bridge

Enhanced Creek

Disc Golf

Playground

Skate Plaza

Overlook

PRECEDENT IMAGES FOR PARK AMENITIES

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

PREFERRED MASTER PLAN - Estimate of Probable Cost

	ITEM	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT COST	EXT. COST	REMARKS
1.00	**SITE CLEARING / DEMO**			**Subtotal**		**$119,643**
1.01	Erosion Control	1	LS	$20,000.00	$20,000	*allowance based on size of project*
1.02	Tree Protection	1	LS	$10,000.00	$10,000	*allowance based on size of project*
1.03	Clearing and Grubbing	246570	SF	$0.25	$61,643	*urban park area, classroom, fitness stations, trails*
1.04	Demo House on Doral	1	LS	$20,000.00	$20,000	*allowance*
1.05	Construction Fencing	800	LF	$10.00	$8,000	*allowance based on size of project*
2.00	**EARTHWORK**			**Subtotal**		**$322,426**
2.01	Rough Grading - Urban Park and Trails	246570	SF	$1.00	$246,570	includes parking, restroom, shelter, skateplaza, play areas, fitness stations, trails
2.02	Finish Grading - Urban Park and Trails	246570	SF	$0.20	$49,314	includes parking, restroom, shelter, skateplaza, play areas, fitness stations, trails
2.03	Geotextile @ Stormwater Facility	2690	SF	$1.00	$2,690	area for treating parking lot and urban park pavements
2.04	Geotextile Fabric at Playground	8000	SF	$1.00	$8,000	for two playgrounds
2.05	Drain rock at Stormwater Facility	50	CY	$80.00	$4,000	6" deep / 2690 sf
2.06	Drain Rock Base at Playground	148	CY	$80.00	$11,852	6" deep
3a	**UTILITIES - Water, Sanitary, Storm**			**Subtotal**		**$53,500**
	Domestic Water					*$14,500*
3.01	Connect to Existing Meter	1	LS	$5,000.00	$5,000	
3.02	Double Check - Irrigation	1	EA	$2,500.00	$2,500	
3.03	Double Check - Domestic	1	EA	$2,500.00	$2,500	
3.04	1" PVC	150	LF	$20.00	$3,000	
3.05	Valves and Fittings	1	LS	$1,500.00	$1,500	
	Storm					*$29,500*
3.06	4" PVC Perf. Drain	100	LF	$25.00	$2,500	below play areas
3.07	4" PVC SD	200	LF	$30.00	$6,000	
3.08	6" PVC SD	200	LF	$50.00	$10,000	
3.09	8" PVC SD	0	LF	$50.00	$0	
3.10	Outfall Structure	1	EA	$1,000.00	$1,000	for stomrwater planter near parking lot
3.11	Cleanouts	5	EA	$500.00	$2,500	
3.12	Area Drain	5	EA	$1,500.00	$7,500	
3.13	Stormwater Overflow Structure	0	EA	$1,500.00	$0	
	Sanitary					*$9,500*
3.14	Sanitary Connection	1	LS	$5,000.00	$5,000	
3.15	4" PVC SS	150	LF	$30.00	$4,500	
3.16	6" PVC SD	0	LF	$50.00	$0	
3.17	8" PVC SD	0	LF	$50.00	$0	
3b	**UTILITIES - Electrical and Lighting**			**Subtotal**		**$39,000**
	Electrical and Lighting					*$39,000*
3.18	Electrical Connection and Distribution	1	LS	$15,000.00	$15,000	
3.19	Electrical Cabinet	1	LS	$10,000.00	$10,000	
3.20	Light Fixtures	4	EA	$3,500.00	$14,000	parking lot only
4.00	**PAVING AND WALLS**			**Subtotal**		**$456,359**
4.01	CIP Concrete Curb	870	LF	$50.00	$43,500	parking lot
4.02	AC Paving - Vehicular	14282	SF	$3.00	$42,846	parking lot (includes base rock)
4.03	CIP Concrete Path - 10' wide/Vehicular	15800	SF	$7.00	$110,600	1,580 LF along east side of park to south of Battle Creek
4.04	CIP Concrete Path - 8' wide/Pedestrian	12000	SF	$5.00	$60,000	1,500 LF between Waln Creek and North Basin
4.05	CIP Concrete Paving - Urban Park	15938	SF	$5.00	$79,690	entry area, restroom, picnic shelter, trail loop around lawn, play, fitness and 2 overlooks
4.06	CIP Concrete Paving - Disk Golf Tees	1350	SF	$5.00	$6,750	18 holes
4.07	AC Path - 8' wide/Pedestrian	27016	SF	$3.00	$81,048	3,377 LF south of Battle Creek
4.08	Soft Surface Trails - 5' wide	15725	SF	$1.00	$15,725	3148 LF of 4" of bark chips - nature trails, Interpretive loop
4.09	Crushed Rock Surfacing - Classroom	900	SF	$3.00	$2,700	6" of compacted 1/4" minus
4.10	CIP Concrete Seat Wall- Classroom/Overlooks	90	LF	$150.00	$13,500	18" high x 18" wide (30 lf at classroom, 30 lf at each overlook)
5.00	**SKATE PARK**					**$135,000**
5.01	Skate Plaza Features	3000	SF	$45.00	$135,000	average cost per square foot
6.00	**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING**			**Subtotal**		**$365,991**
6.01	Play Features / Equipment	1	LS	$200,000.00	$200,000	For two playgrounds (2/3 for Urban Park, 1/3 near Doral)
6.02	Play Equipment Installation	1	LS	$100,000.00	$100,000	50% of equipment cost
6.03	Play Surfacing - EWF	296	CY	$70.00	$20,741	8,000 sf (6500 sf in Urban Park, 1,000 sf near Doral)
6.04	Concrete Curb at Playground	550	LF	$75.00	$41,250	380 lf in Urban Park, 170 lf near Doral
6.05	Concrete ADA Ramp	2	EA	$2,000.00	$4,000	
7.00	**PLAY/FITNESS STATIONS**			**Subtotal**		**$27,370**
7.01	Surfacing - EWF	48	CY	$70.00	$3,370	6" of EWF with Geotextile (800 sf in Urban Park, 500 sf near Doral)
7.02	Exercise Equipment	8	EA	$3,000.00	$24,000	5 in Urban Park, 3 near Doral
8.00	**Structures**			**Subtotal**		**$694,000**
8.01	Picnic Shelter	1	EA	$75,000.00	$75,000	20 x 30 prefabricated structure
8.02	Restroom	1	LS	$250,000.00	$250,000	4 stalls - Romtec or others
8.03	Pedestrian Bridge 1 - Over Battle Creek	60	LF	$4,800.00	$288,000	60' long x 12' wide; H20 loading
8.04	Pedestrian Bridge 2 - Over Powell Creek	45	LF	$1,000.00	$45,000	6' wide
8.05	Pedestrian Bridge 3 - Over Scotch Creek	30	LF	$1,200.00	$36,000	8' wide

Table 5.14: Estimate of Probable Costs (Park Features)

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE (CONT'D)

9.00	**SITE FURNISHINGS**			**Subtotal**		**$112,000**
9.01	Bench - Park Standard	20	EA	$1,200.00	$24,000	
9.02	Picnic Tables - Park Standard	14	EA	$2,000.00	$28,000	
9.03	Trash Receptacle - Park Standard	6	EA	$1,000.00	$6,000	
9.04	Bike Rack	15	EA	$800.00	$12,000	
9.05	Drinking Fountain	1	EA	$5,000.00	$5,000	
9.06	Park Signage	3	EA	$3,000.00	$9,000	
9.07	Interpretive Signage	1	LS	$10,000.00	$10,000	allowance for 3 signs
9.08	Disk Golf Baskets	18	EA	$1,000.00	$18,000	
10.00	**IRRIGATION**			**Subtotal**		**$83,363**
10.01	Irrigation Controller	1	EA	$13,000.00	$13,000	
10.02	Irrigated Finish Lawn	25350	SF	$1.25	$31,688	
10.03	Irrigated Rough Lawn	21280	SF	$1.25	$26,600	
10.04	Irrigated Planting Areas	5360	SF	$1.50	$8,040	
10.05	Irrigated Stormwater Facilities	2690	SF	$1.50	$4,035	
11.00	**PLANTING**			**Subtotal**		**$359,603**
11.01	Trees - Large Deciduous	60	EA	$400.00	$24,000	
11.02	Trees - Small Deciduous	100	EA	$50.00	$5,000	
11.03	Trees - Evergreen	40	EA	$300.00	$12,000	
11.04	Planting - Shrubs and Groundcover	5360	SF	$5.00	$26,800	native container plantings at parking lot, frontage, and urban park
11.05	Planting - Shrubs	40000	SF	$4.00	$160,000	native container plantings around perimeter of park in patches of 4,000 sf
11.06	Planting - Stormwater Facilities	2690	SF	$6.00	$16,140	near parking lot
11.07	Planting - Restoration / Enhancements	150000	SF	$0.60	$90,000	allowance for restoration throughout the park, not including the basins
11.08	Finished Lawn	25350	SF	$0.10	$2,535	in urban park loop
11.09	Rough Lawn	21280	SF	$0.10	$2,128	along Waln frontage
11.10	Bark Mulch	420	CY	$50.00	$21,000	3" deep in planting areas
12.00	**SOIL PREPARATION (Park)**			**Subtotal**		**$54,135**
12.01	Topsoil at Lawn Areas	288	CY	$60.00	$17,305	2" deep at finished lawn and rough seed areas
12.02	Topsoil at Planting Areas	559	CY	$50.00	$27,972	4" deep at parking lot, frontage, urban park, and perimeter patches
12.03	Topsoil at Stormwater Facilities	33	CY	$60.00	$1,991	12" deep
12.04	Soil Amendments at Lawn Areas	46630	SF	$0.05	$2,332	finished lawn and rough seed areas
12.05	Soil Amendments at Planting Areas	45360	SF	$0.10	$4,536	
13.00	**ROW IMPROVEMENTS / EASEMENTS (allowance)**			**Subtotal**		**$61,820**
13.01	AC Demo	200	SF	$3.00	$600	at Waln Street for driveway aprons
13.02	Curb Demo	50	LF	$10.00	$500	
13.03	Sidewalk Demo	240	SF	$3.00	$720	
13.04	Haul off and Dispose	10	CY	$100.00	$1,000	
13.05	Driveway Aprons	750	SF	$12.00	$9,000	
13.06	Easement for Fairway Ave Connection	1	LS	$50,000.00	$50,000	south side of Battle Creek btwn park and Fairway Ave

Subtotal	**$2,884,209**
Mobilization (5%)	$144,210
General Conditions (10%)	$302,842
G.C. Bond & Insurance (3%)	$90,853
G.C. Overhead & Profit (7%)	$211,989
Construction Subtotal	**$3,634,103**

Design		
Environmental/Archaeological clearance (2%)	$72,682	
Consultant (12%)	$436,092	
City: Consultant Management (2.5%)	$90,853	
Parks Oversight (1%)	$36,341	
	Design Subtotal	***$635,968***
Construction Management		
City (10%)	$363,410	
Consultant (2%)	$72,682	
Parks (1%)	$36,341	
	Construction Management Subtotal	***$472,433***
	Grand Total	**$4,742,505**
	30% Contingency	***$1,422,751***
	Grand Total with 30% Contingency	**$6,165,256**

Estimate is in 2020 dollars and will need to be adusted for inflation

Table 5.14: Estimate of Probable Costs (Park Features)

CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

PHASING

Construction is likely to occur in phases due to the scale, complexity, and cost of the park features. Phasing is also dependent on funding availability, overall project cost, Council priorities, current in-process projects, and public desires. Since the primary purpose of acquiring Battle Creek Park was to provide flood mitigation, flood detention areas and associated infrastructure will likely be the first phase of construction. Some park features such as a new bridge, parking, and the disc golf course could proceed prior to constructing the flood mitigation areas after completing more design analysis of flood detention areas . This could allow for some recreational uses of the park prior to flood detention construction.

REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS

Additional regulatory considerations that may impact the project's timeline are described in the following subsections.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Prior to any ground disturbing activities, the City will need to consult with tribal representatives and the State Historical Preservation Office to develop a monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan to serve as a guide during ground-disturbing activity. Discovery of cultural resources may trigger state and federal permitting requirements. Therefore, including an archaeologist in the next phase's project team will ensure compliance with State Historical Preservation Office requirements.

WATER RESOURCES

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act gives the US Army Corps of Engineers regulatory authority over natural waterways and wetlands. In Oregon, the Department of State Lands also regulates wetlands and waters of the state. For these reasons, Section 404 permits will be required before altering existing wetlands and streams. Some of the proposed changes will increase the overall number of wetlands within Battle Creek Park, and therefore may be considered as restoration projects. Nevertheless, permits will be required by both federal and state agencies prior to construction within wetlands or waters.

Because much of the proposed detention facilities and other park amenities overlap with existing floodplains and Battle Creek's floodway, construction will need to follow the State of Oregon and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) minimum standards for floodplain management. Additionally, the project will need to comply with the Oregon Model Flood Hazard Ordinance as outlined in Chapter 601 of the Salem Revised Code.

SUMMARY

Battle Creek Park's master plan will provide a variety of uses for residents of the City of Salem. The area's history of flooding and the site's existing natural features make Battle Creek Park uniquely situated to provide numerous natural resource functions, such as habitat and flood mitigation, in addition to recreation.

The Battle Creek Park Master Plan is the result of a master planning process that coincided with stormwater planning efforts and included an iterative public engagement process. The master plan meets the City's goals of providing flood mitigation and park amenities while addressing community desires for balancing existing natural features with recreational opportunities. The intent of this plan is to guide Battle Creek Park's development and ensure this vision is met over the next twenty years.

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NOTES

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BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

SOUTH SALEM SENIOR CENTER

SALEM, OREGON

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Participants raising their hands in response to the question, "How many of you walked here tonight?"

INTRODUCTION

On June 5, 2019 the City of Salem hosted a public open house from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at South Salem Senior Center to introduce the Battle Creek Park Master Plan process to the public. It's estimated that over 100 people attended, most of which were most likely over 55. Very few were under 18 and fewer still were of a non-white ethnicity.

Throughout the meeting, participants verbalized concerns around developing the park. Most attendants live adjacent to the park or very nearby and shared a strong desire for the park's habitat and scenic value to remain intact. Many equated "development" with the loss of natural features.

Participants were engaged in a sometimes disruptive manner, stopping the presentation and using the Q&A session to make comments (versus ask questions).

PRESENTATION

The open house started with a presentation by Patricia Farrell. She introduced the project location, context, acquisition and planning history, flooding analysis results, and the master planning process. Ben Johnson with GreenWorks presented the site's existing conditions, opportunities, constraints, and inspirational programming images. Ben was interrupted by participants and an effort was made to re-direct the crowd to leave feedback on the boards and flip boards. The presentation closed with an energetic Q&A session during which participants were given four sticker dots each. Participants used these stickers to cast votes on each of the precedent boards at the input station.

INFORMATION STATIONS

There were four stations total at the first

open house. Two of the stations displayed site maps and a flip board for comments and are referred to as "background stations". The last station consisted of four precedent image boards, each one representing a different programming category. This station is referred to as the "input station". The findings from these stations will be discussed in greater detail later.

The welcome table contained sign-in sheets, pens, name tags, comment forms, extra copies of the online community survey, a comment form return box, and a large flip board for general comments. These comments are summarized in the appendix at the end of this chapter.

Each station was staffed by two project team members, with at least one hydrology specialist at each of the background stations.

The following summaries include comments and questions collected from after the presentation, comment forms, and flip boards.

BACKGROUND STATIONS

Each of the two background stations featured a large flip board with the question, "What do you like about Battle Creek Park?" (*Figure A1.1*), an Existing Conditions map (*Figure A1.2*), and an Opportunities and Constraints map (*Figure A1.3*). One station also included a diagram of the master plan process with a "We are here" indicator (this process is diagrammed in *Chapter 2: Public Engagement Process*). Participants were encouraged to peruse the information stations before and after the presentation, ask questions, and add their comments and suggestions to the accompanying flip boards.

Responses to the posted question, "What do you like about Battle Creek Park?" conveyed an overall appreciation for its undeveloped, natural qualities, which include: wildlife, flood mitigation, open space, trees, views, and water. There was also a general appreciation for walking/running paths. These comments are summarized after the following page.

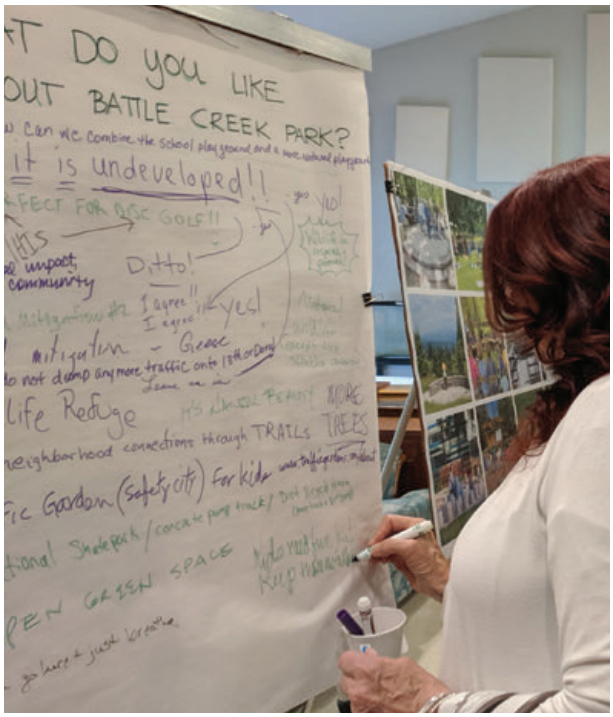

Figure A1.1 : the flip board at station 2 after the presentation

Robin Dalke and Ben Johnson engaging a participant at one of the background stations.

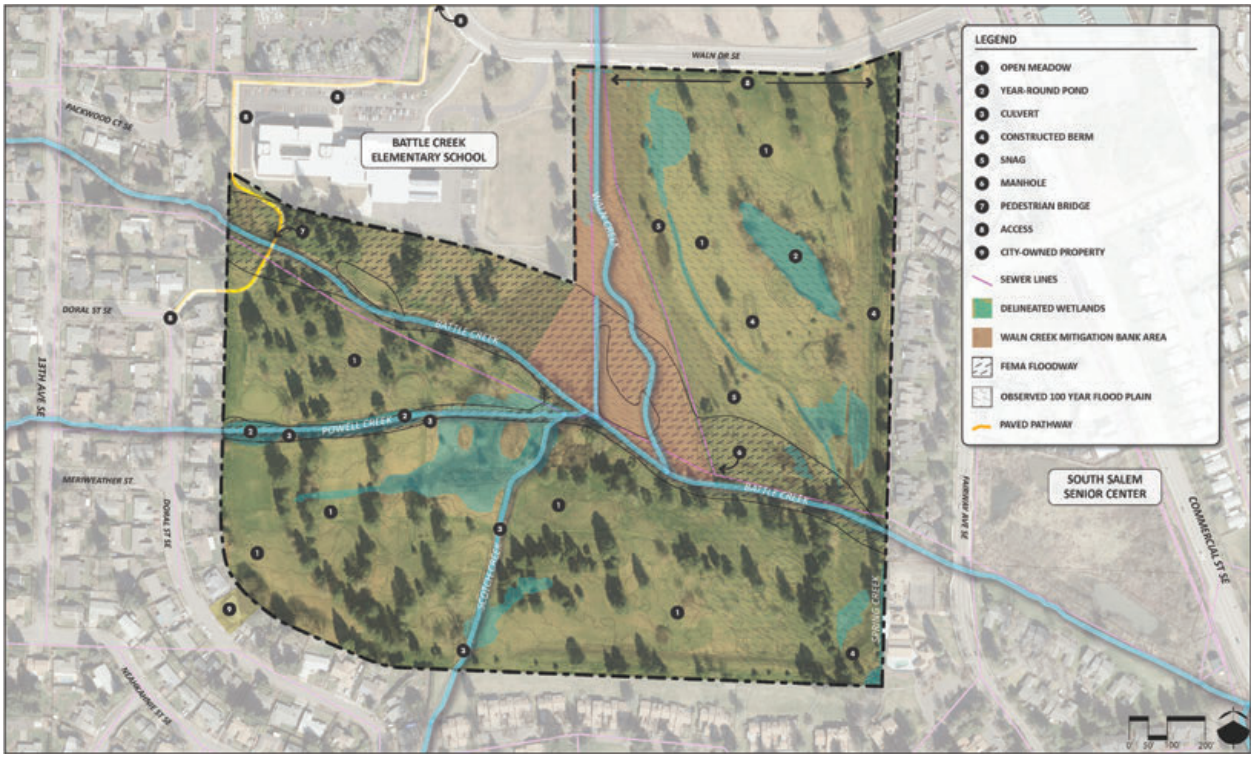

Figure A1.2 : Existing conditions map as presented at the first open house

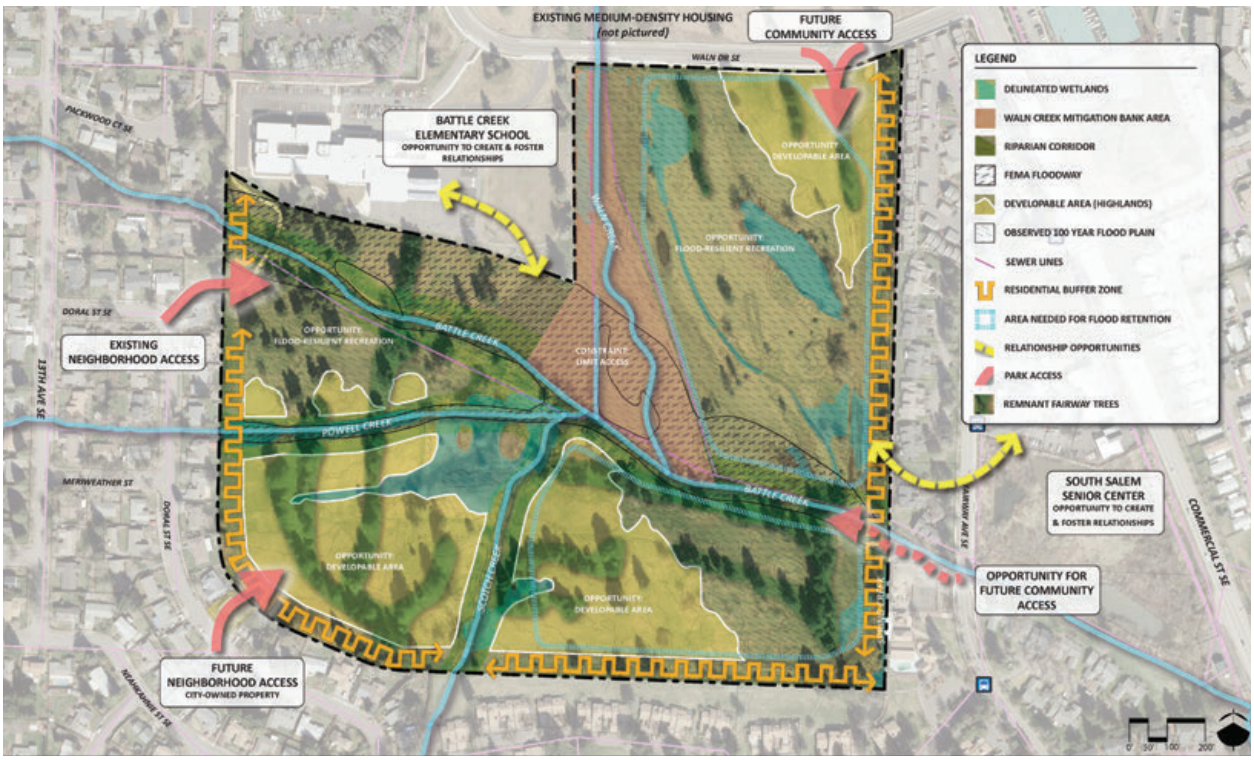

Figure A1.3 : Opportunities and constraints map as presented at the first open house

BACKGROUND STATIONS

COMPILED RESPONSES TO "WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BATTLE CREEK PARK?"

- That it is undeveloped!! Yes yes! Yes! I agree!! I agree!! Ditto!
- Wildlife be respected and protected!
- Natural valley of tree – minimal environmental impact, adds community.
- Flood mitigation #2
- Flood mitigation – geese
- Wildlife refuge
- Allows neighborhood connections through trials.
- It's natural beauty
- Natural wildlife (except those stinking geese)
- More trees
- Open green space
- That I can go there and just breathe
- It's natural
- Watching the animals
- No playground
- No parking lot!
- Natural and no construction or lot behind Battle Creek Condos!
- Save trees
- Natural – walking paths
- Beaver colonies
- No parking lot
- Walking paths
- Walking paths
- Natural area
- Nice view
- Quiet
- Natural areas (walking and play)
- No one disturbs the wildlife (deer) and it's all natural and quiet
- Walking paths
- Like it as it is!!
- Lots of wildlife
- Like it mostly natural
- + dogs
- Running/walking trails
- Trees
- Water

INPUT STATION

The last station consisted of four image-based input boards. Each input board displayed photographic precedents for four different categories of appropriate park features (*Figures A1.5, A1.7, A1.9, A1.11*):

- passive recreation and natural features
- active recreation and structured features
- large community gathering spaces
- intimate gathering spaces

At the bottom of each board was a scale numbered one through five with the following question: "How much should the park design emphasize [insert program category here]?". One represented "not at all" and five represented "very much". Participants were provided 4 sticker dots after the presentation and were asked to place them on each scale/board.

Overall, there was a very strong de-emphasis on large gathering spaces (*Table A1.4*) and a very strong emphasis on natural features and passive recreation (*Table A1.6*). Results were roughly split for small gathering spaces (*Table A1.8)*. There was a slightly stronger lean towards de-emphasizing active recreation and structure features though the results were somewhat split (*Table A1.10*). It should be noted that stickers placed inside the images were not counted.

A participant placing a sticker on the "large community gathering spaces" board (opposite)

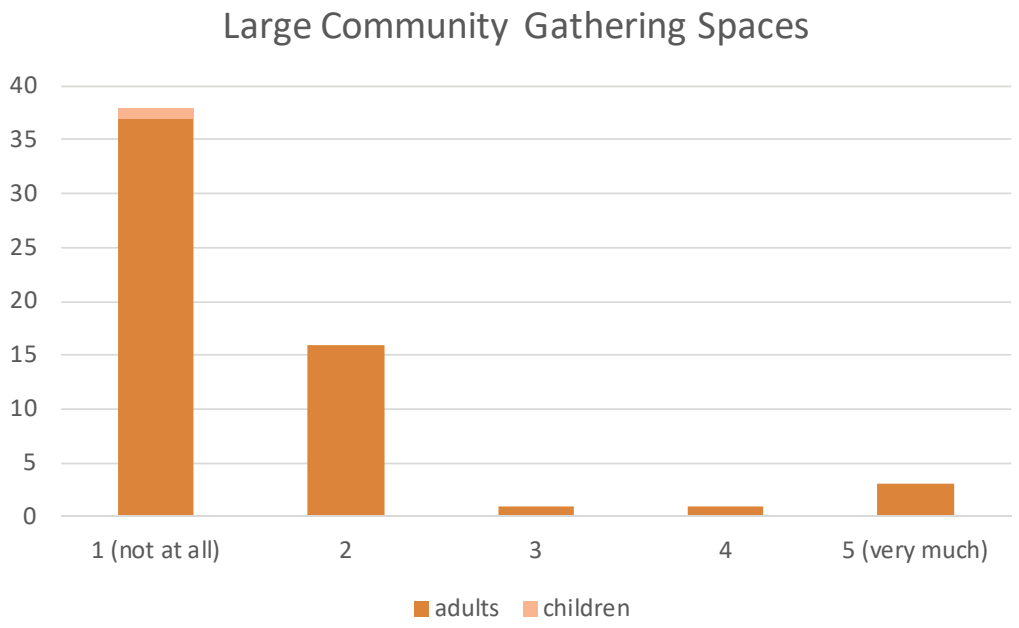

Table A1.4: Sticker totals for the "large community gathering spaces" board

Figure A1.5 : The "large community gathering spaces" board after the open house

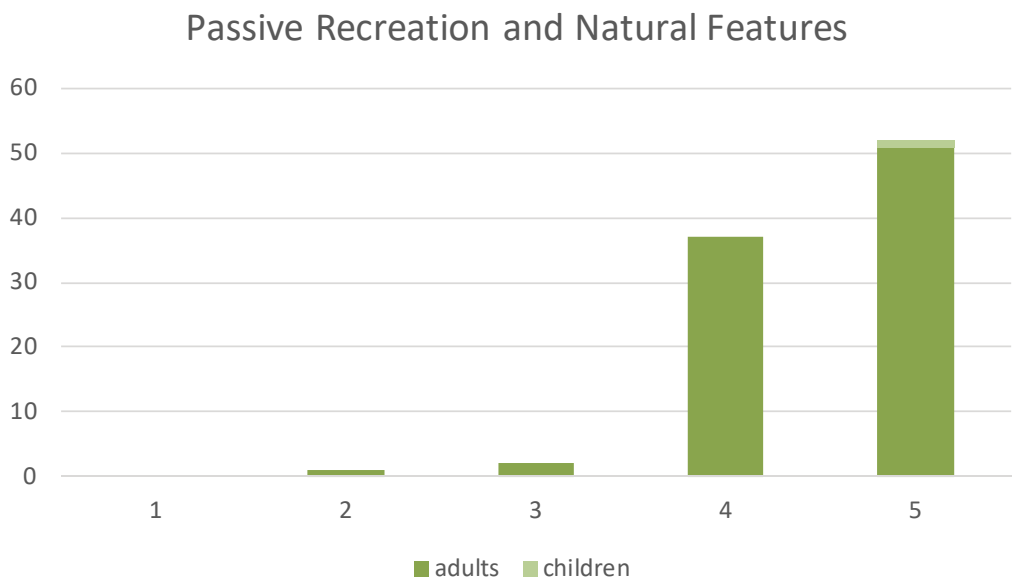

Table A1.6 : Sticker totals for the "passive recreation and natural features" board

Figure A1.7 : The "passive recreation and natural features" board after the open house

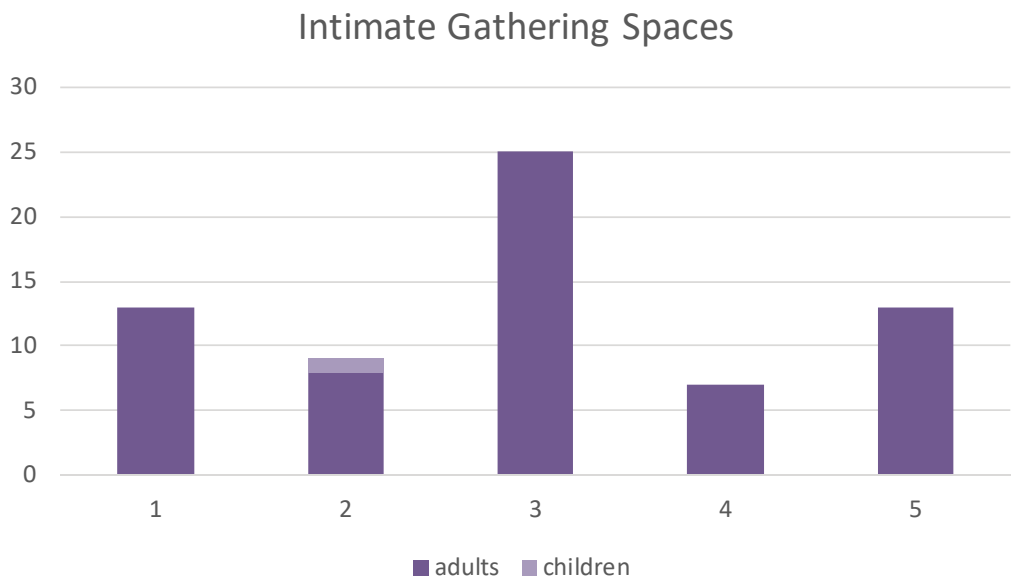

Table A1.8 : The "intimate gathering spaces" board after the open house

Figure A1.9 : The "intimate gathering spaces" board after the open house

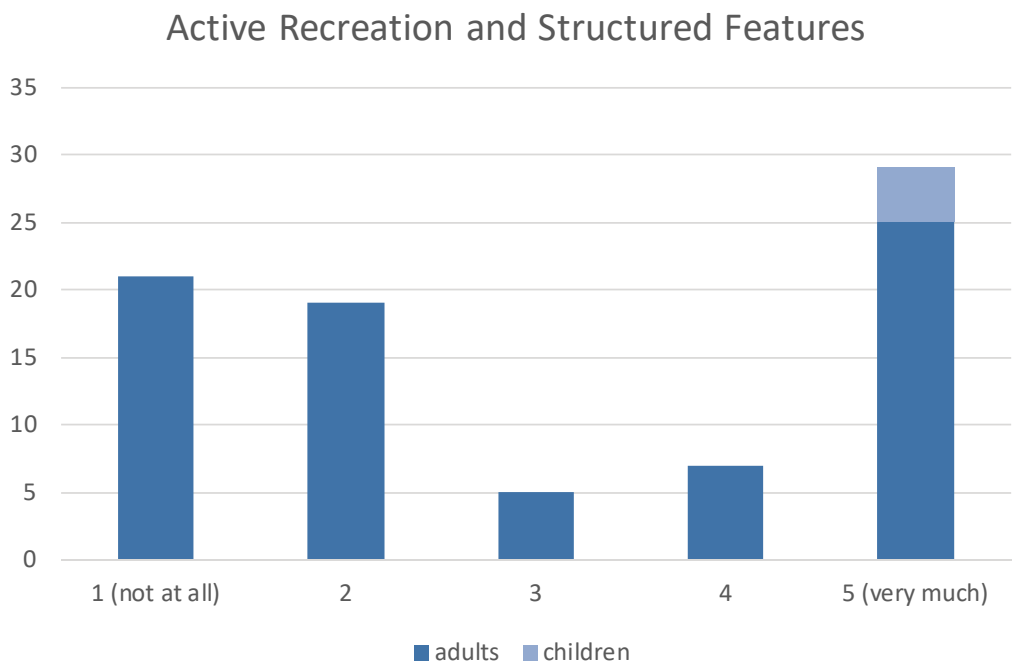

Table A1.10 : Sticker totals for the "active recreation and structure features" board

Figure A1.11: the "active recreation and structure features" board after the open house

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NUMBER 1: SUB-APPENDIX

SUB-APPENDIX A

COMPILED COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM AFTER THE PRESENTATION:

- Geese by the hundreds come at least twice a year to the park
- Many people visit the park multiple times per week
- Where will the parking go?
- How do we access the survey?
- Will the creeks remain in their natural state?
- Why do anything?
- On Doral, people will park on the street to get to the park.
- Plan for the long term – do something.
- Concerns about privacy for the residential neighborhood abutting the park. Park has residential development on three sides.
- What about the wildlife?
- Will this address flood mitigation to deal with the neighborhood flooding?
- Balance between development and flooding
- What kind of park is this classified as?
- Will the wetlands be developed? Tell the public if the wetlands are developed? Will the area be sold for development?
- How will implementation be funded?
- Buffer between parks and neighborhoods?
- Who is responsible for maintaining the park? What about fences?
- Will the City accept private funding to develop the park?
- Will the current trees and vegetation stay?
- There are 60 homeless in the park right now.
- Want people to use i

SUB-APPENDIX B

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM WELCOME TABLE FLIP BOARD:

- **Miscellaneous**
  - Keep homeowners and renters in the loop. Go the extra mile to inform us
  - City unaware of extent of flooding in winter
  - City told me that was wetland and would not be developed 2 ½ years ago
- **Disc golf**
  - Disc golf course
  - A championship level PDGA disc golf course – YES!
  - It is perfect for disc golf!! This
- **Dog park**
  - Dog park ++
  - Dog park +
  - No dog park
  - Dog park and/or small "large" recreation area. E.g., bocce ball.
  - Please consider a fenced dog park, preferably separated large/small dogs
- **Trails**
  - Natural paths with places to sit, playground for kids..keep as natural as possible and intimate.
  - Natural trails, mulch, bridge over creek, bridge over east side of creek
- **Skatepark/Bike park**
  - Skatepark!
  - Cross country mountain bike trail
  - Skate park
  - Concrete pump track for BMX/Mountain bike/strider bike/skateboards
  - No skate park
  - Bicycle infrastructure – pump track, single track, multi-use trails.
  - Skate park
  - Recreational skate park/concrete pump track/dirt bicycle track (pump track and dirt jump)

SUB-APPENDIX B

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM WELCOME TABLE FLIP BOARD *(CONT.)*:

- **Natural**
  - Preserve the natural beauty!
  - Leave as natural as possible please - thank you!
- **Play area**
  - I like the idea of nature play.
  - How can we combine the school playground and a more natural playground?
  - Kids need fun but keep those installations near the school
  - Traffic garden (safety city) for kids www.trafficgardens.com/about
- **Amenities/programming (general/misc.)**
  - OK with frisbee golf and dog park but not so pleased with other "active recreation and structured features". Yes please!
  - No soccer
  - Kid's water park
  - Please consider committing to native plants. Maybe act as a show/learning garden.
  - Have the park accessible and usable even during the wet season, possibly some boardwalk trails along with standard mulched trails.
- **Parking/Traffic**
  - No parking lot off Waln
  - Permeable pavement for parking lot (turf-block).
  - Parking?
  - No parking lots
  - If features draw public, must include adequate parking to avoid neighborhood impact
  - Limit vehicles
  - Please do not dump any more traffic on to 13th or Doral

SUB-APPENDIX C

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM COMMENT FORMS:

- It is a very difficult area to deal with. Why not leave it alone?

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NUMBER 2: SUMMARY

PHASE TWO: PRELIMINARY DESIGN OPTIONS

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

BATTLE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SALEM, OREGON

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

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Participants listening to the opening presentation.

INTRODUCTION

On September 11, 2019 the City of Salem hosted a public open house from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Battle Creek Elementary School to introduce the three preliminary design options to the public. It's estimated that over 100 people attended.

Like the first open house, many of the participants live nearby or adjacent to the park and were estimated to be over 55. More families with children attended this meeting as compared to the first meeting. A small number of individuals from the disc golf and skate community were present, the latter of which made themselves available for one-on-one discussions.

Many participants arrived early and were encouraged to peruse the options and ask questions. This appears to be a good strategy for alleviating some tension with particularly concerned participants since it allows for some exchange prior to the presentation. Coffee, tea, cookies, and fruit were provided by the city.

PRESENTATION

The open house began with a presentation by Patricia Farrell and Ben Johnson. Participants were asked to refrain from asking questions until the end of the presentation. Patricia summarized the history of the city's acquisition of the site, the main goals for the site's development, and the master plan process thus far.

Ben Johnson introduced the three design options and the rationale behind each one, plus rendered perspectives of each option as seen in the winter. The presentation was followed by a lengthy Q&A session led by Patricia.

Afterwards, participants were given three sticker dots each and instructed to rate each option as either "like", "dislike" or "neutral" and to share their reasons on the flip boards provided at each option station. Unlike the first open house, no children added stickers to the option boards. This could be due to the presence of a playground outside that kept most of the children present occupied.

INFORMATION STATIONS

There were five information stations dispersed throughout the open house. One served as a welcome table outside the entrance to the cafeteria. It contained sign-in sheets, pens, name tags, comment forms, extra copies of the online community survey, and a comment form return box. Comments from the box are summarized in the appendix at the end of this chapter.

Three stations served as input stations. Each one was staffed by a single project team member and consisted of a design option board with a flip board divided in half for participants to list their "likes" and "dislikes". These will be discussed in greater detail in the following section.

The last station consisted of two precedent image boards that depicted different outdoor classroom options (earth forms, seating, and covered), skate facility options (full park and plazas), fitness stations, play areas (neighborhood playgrounds, community playgrounds, and play stations), and disc golf (*Figure A2.1*). These boards provided a general reference for proposed programmed elements found across the options and did not illicit any feedback.

Figure A2.1 : children engaging the precedent image boards

The following pages summarize the findings from each of the stations. Additional input from the Q&A session and comment cards are summarized in the Appendix.

OPTION 1: HABITAT STATION

Station 1 was closest to the entrance and first in the line of stations. Of the 75 stickers counted, 49 (about 2/3) of participants said they "liked" the design *(Figure A2.2).* Reasons include its passive, nature-based recreational features and its high sensitivity to wildlife and habitat. Comments reflect an overall appreciation for its low degree of development impact.

"Likes/dislikes" comments from the flip board are summarized on the following page.

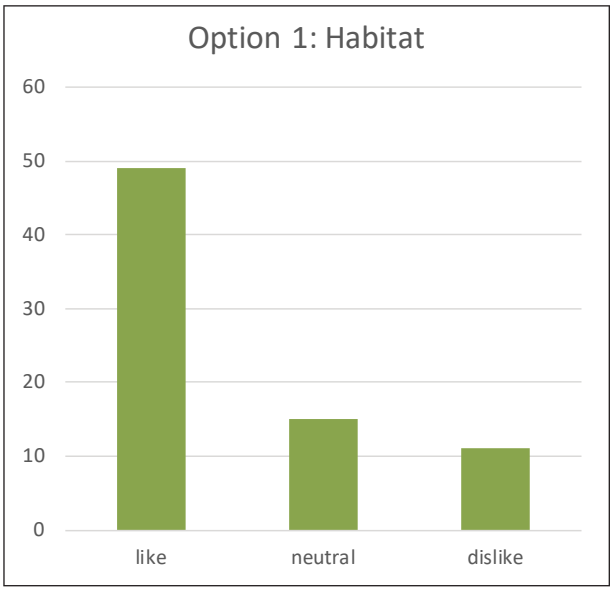

Figure A2.2 : total sticker counts for Option 1

Participants gathered around Option 1 before the presentation

OPTION 1: HABITAT STATION

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM "LIKES/DISLIKES" FLIP BOARD

*Note: * indicates others agreed with statement*

WHAT I LIKE:

- Bridges*
- Soft surface trails*
- Wetlands*
- Preserving wild areas*
- Least impact on present environment*
- Nice natural flood retention area of walking zone*
- Maintains most open/undeveloped space*
- Outdoor classroom *
- Play/fitness stations
- Walking trails, natural area to sustain wildlife
- Needs more trees
- Fits into residential culture
- Minimal impact
- Minimal impact with appreciation for undisturbed water and pollinator habitats. I agree, a neighborhood play area near the existing trail would be a benefit. Otherwise, I want non-motorized green space that encourages wildlife.
- It maintains natural habitat
- Allows for full disc golf development in the future

WHAT I DON'T LIKE:

- Parking size (small)*
- Parking location
- Where are the existing ponds?
- Parking location and bathroom
- #7 moved closer to trees
- Paths too close to water – will degrade the banks
- Play/fitness station
- Restroom and parking right behind Battle Creek Meadows complex – safety and property values
- In this option, maybe have path south of Battle Creek soft/pervious (lower maintenance cost; more "natural")
- Nothing for kids
- Everything needs to be left alone
- Not enough parking to keep people out of my neighborhood parking
- More parking
- Stretch Parking across north edge (Waln)
- City's general fund is already short. Do nothing. Sell house instead of adding path + add money to your fund. Enjoy!
- Parking needs to not be in front of homes
- Not enough parking
- Not a good compromise for families with little children
- Not enough parking (roughly 40-60)

OPTION 2: RECREATION STATION

Option 2 received the highest amount of negative feedback from participants *(Table A2.3).* Of the 61 participants who voted on this option, just over half of them disliked this option. Reasons for this include pavement, active recreation amenities, and their general locations as being too close to existing homes. Most comments reflect a concern for flood plain and privacy/property value impacts.

"Likes/dislikes" comments from the flip board are summarized on the following page.

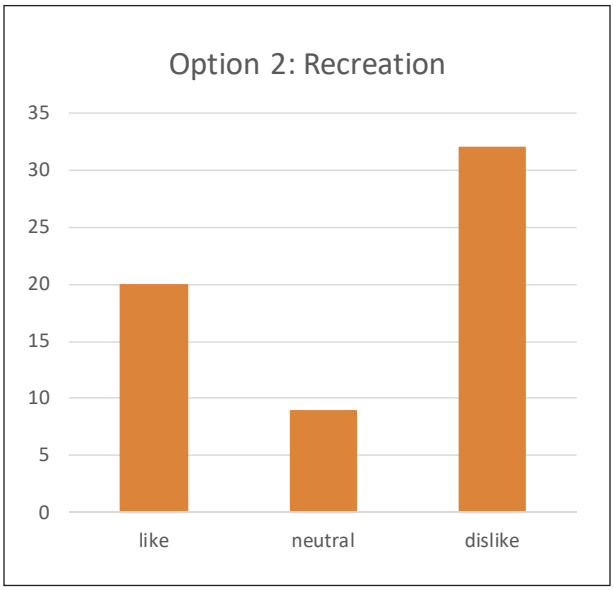

Table A2.3 : total sticker counts for Option 2

Open house participants discussing the implications of skate facilities at Battle Creek Park.

OPTION 2: RECREATION STATION

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM "LIKES/DISLIKES" FLIP BOARD

*Note: * indicates others agreed with statement*

WHAT I LIKE:

- Parking*
- 18 hole disc golf
- Full Skatepark *
- Overlooks interpretive trail*
- Lots of trails*
- Outdoor classroom*
- Playgrounds*
- Mix of trails*
- Outdoor class shelter *
- Trails
- Lots of family options (disc golf, playground, etc)
- Size of parking lot
- Disc golf course
- Play grounds and family spaces
- Picnic shelter*
- Nothing
- Size parking
- Disc golf is included but in conjunction with skate park. Separate options for disc golf only or skate park only
- Idea: “Flip” parking and skating -> keep noise further from neighbors

WHAT I DON’T LIKE:

- Parking size (small)*
- Too much impervious surface for flood detention area*
- Parking location and restroom location*
- Bridges*
- Skate park*
- Disc golf*
- Disc golf too close to existing homes
- No other access south*
- Awful location of 1, 2, 8, 9B – safety and property values
- Security risk for my home
- Move playground and skate park further from homes (7) for noise
- Too much pavement. This is a wetland flood plain!
- 9A – school playground is close enough
- City needs a new large skate park, but it should be much more centrally located (see Tony Hawk Foundation website for advice on successful skate parks). Less than 2% of U.S. population skateboards, and only ¾ of those skate once per week.
- Stretch parking across north perimeter (Waln)
- I want to prioritize undisturbed unmowed areas and pollinator habitat. Small play and outdoor learning, some trails, little development.
- The proposed improvements are not bad in and of themselves. My concern is getting the most bang for our public buck. We want improvements used by the majority and maintained for the least amount of money.
- Disc golf too large and holes

OPTION 3: BLENDED STATION

This option drew the least amount of responses and received a proportionally equal amount of negative feedback as compared to Option 2 (52%) *(Table A2.4.).* Of the 59 participants who voted on this option, just over half of them disliked it. However, it also received fewer proportional "likes" than any of the other options. Reasons for this include pavement and general locations of developed amenities in relation to adjacent housing. Most comments reflect a concern for development and privacy/property value impacts.

"Likes/dislikes" comments from the flip board are summarized on the following page.

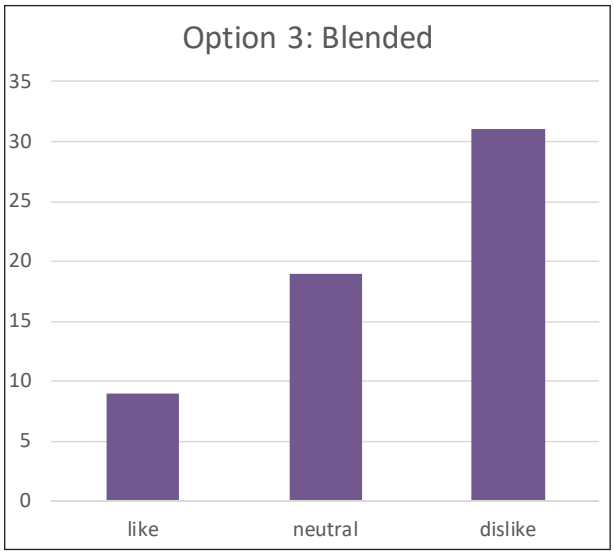

Table A2.4 : total sticker counts for Option 3

An early participant studying Option 3 before the presentation.

OPTION 3: BLENDED STATION

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM "LIKES/DISLIKES" FLIP BOARD

*Note: * indicates others agreed with statement*

WHAT I LIKE:

- Disc golf – smaller
- Earth form
- Playgrounds*
- Mounds
- Outdoor classroom*
- Interpretive trail*
- Wetland*
- Good soft trails (lots)
- Disc golf
- Playground
- Not much….
- IDEA: Flip skate park and parking locations/sites to keep noise further from home (will reduce the NIMBY pushback!)

WHAT I DON'T LIKE:

- Overlook blocks view from BCCI
- Disc golf
- Parking location*
- Restroom location*
- Skate park *
- Golf
- Awful! Impact safety and property values of Battle Creed Meadows condos. NO!
- Too developed – does not consider wildlife or nature in general.
- Not enough things for kids.
- 7A – school playground is close enough
- Parking location, restroom and skate area will cause drastic drop in my home value!
- No answers to impact of wildlife and current ponds
- Not enough parking stalls
- Stretch parking across north perimeter (Waln)
- Need more berms to stop flooding at SE corner
- Too much parking
- Parking lot will increase rain runoff and flooding

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NUMBER 2: SUB-APPENDICES

SUB-APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS OF INPUT BOARDS:

"Option 1: Habitat" board as seen after the close of the second open house.

SUB-APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS OF INPUT BOARDS:

"Option 2: Recreation" board as seen after the close of the second open house.

SUB-APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS OF INPUT BOARDS:

"Option 3: Blended" board as seen after the close of the second open house.

SUB-APPENDIX B

COMPILED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM Q&A SESSION:

- Surprised at the number of people who voted for a skate park. She lives on the park and is opposed to a skate park. She has concerns about a skate park being located so close to the housing. Also concerned about safety, financial viability (maintenance and home values) and neighborhood impacts. Aumsville's skate park has had a lot of issues. She bought the house next to a golf course – not a skate park.
- How did you solicit feedback/advertise the first open house and community survey?
- Why is the parking lot, skate park and restrooms by housing? It would be better to put them closer to the school and the existing parking lot and playground.
- He is a proponent of the skate park. If it is designed correctly, it can be an asset.
- Who is responsible for the maintenance of the park?
- Is there a rough budget for park design?
- There are lots of skateboarders in the neighborhood. She sees them on the street and in the neighborhood. It would be good to have a safe place for them to ride. Why isn't the school playground enough?
- The skatepark will be used. Upkeep of the park needs to be a priority. Park budgets are often hit hard.
- Marion Street skate park is not the way it is because of skateboarders. It has deteriorated because of the homeless issue. Skateboarders need a safe place and a designated area to skate. It is now an Olympic sport and will only grow in popularity.
- Skateboarding is increasing in popularity. More than disc golf.
- Where the survey responses verified to make sure that they come from the area?
- Is the Parks department working with Cherriots to increase access to the park?
- What are the ramifications of doing nothing?
- How many bridges will there be in the park?

SUB-APPENDIX C

COMPILED COMMENTS FROM COMMENT CARDS:

- **Card #1**
  - Nature walk paths
  - NO need for parking spots
  - Simple park no playground
  - Leave wetlands intact
  - Frisbee golf maybe

- **Card #2**
  - Option 1: Best. Best at natural preservation with plenty of wildlife habitat yet good walking paths
  - Option 2: Worst of the three. Too much development. Frisbee golf & skate park are attractions for non-nature people. Too much parking – this is a neighborhood park not a regional park.
  - Option 3: Almost as bad as option 2.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NUMBER 3: SUMMARY

PHASE THREE: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

BATTLE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SALEM, OREGON

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

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Hans Hadley with WEST Consultants presenting the hydrological model from the Battle Creek basin plan.

INTRODUCTION

On November 13, 2019 the City of Salem hosted a public open house from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Battle Creek Elementary School to introduce the preferred master plan option to the public. According to the sign-in sheet, 69 people attended- less than the previous two open houses.

Like the second open house, many of the participants were neighbors over 55, plus a few families with small children. Many of the disc golf and skate community members that were present at the previous open house were also present.

Also consistent with the last open house, early-arriving participants were allowed to explore the stations and ask questions prior to the presentation. They were provided with a yellow dot and a green dot and instructed to use them for identifying priority features at the input station after the presentation. Coffee, tea, cookies, and fruit were provided by the city.

Feedback for the open house and preferred alternative was overall positive as compared to the first two open houses. Participants felt their concerns were being addressed and were excited about the balance of amenities that the preferred design alternative offers.

PRESENTATION

The open house began with a presentation by Patricia Farrell, Ben Johnson, and Hans Hadley. Participants were asked during the presentation to refrain from questions until afterwards.

Patricia summarized the master planning process, reintroduced existing site conditions

and challenges (for context), and summarized both surveys' results and the three preliminary design options. Hans presented the hydrological models to illustrate that they coincide with the master planning process. Ben described the logic behind the preferred option and unpacked its proposed zones, use, and key features. The presentation was followed by a lengthy Q&A session led by Patricia.

INFORMATION STATIONS

Three stations were available for participants to engage. Two of the stations had plans of the preferred alternative plus a zoomed-in plan of the high-use area. These stations also contained a flip-pad available for general comments. The final station contained a precedent image board plus an input chart that listed the preferred option's key features. Participants were asked to rank their first and second priorities (*Figure A3.1*).

The following pages summarize the findings from each of the stations. Additional input from the Q&A session and comment cards are summarized in the Appendix.

Figure A3.1: Participants lining up to vote at the key features input station.

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE STATIONS

The first two stations each contained a copy of the preferred alternative plan, a zoomed-in plan of the high-use area, a board with functional diagrams (vegetation, urban, and circulation) and two aerial views of the park, and a flip-pad for general comments (*Figure A3.2*).

Participants were given time to explore the boards before and after the presentation during which project team members were available to answer questions (*Figure A3.3*).

Figure A3.2: A participant leaves a general comment at one of the two preferred alternative stations.

Figure A3.3 : Ben Johnson with GreenWorks interpreting the preferred alternative plan for a group of open house participants.

INPUT STATION

The third and last station consisted of a precedent image board with examples of proposed park features and a chart that asked participants to identify their top two priorities for the park (in addition to flood mitigation). Participants cast their votes by placing a green sticker within the first priority column and a yellow sticker within the second priority column.

The final sticker counts for the top two choices are 31 "first choice" stickers for habitat enhancements and 27 "second choice" stickers for walking trails. Each of those features contained the highest number of first and second choice stickers. The third priority is disc golf with 10 "first choice" stickers.

(Figure A3.4) A participant casts their vote for their second priority.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NUMBER 3: SUB-APPENDICES

SUB-APPENDIX A

COMPILED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM Q&A SESSION:

- Can the disc golf be cut back to 9 holes from 18? When the recent tournament occurred, players went on private property abutting the park – near where the back 9 holes are. Even if the property lines are noted, golfers won't necessarily obey the boundaries.
- Why 18 holes? The impact will affect more people than those who will play. Is there another disc golf course in Salem? What is its use? How many tournaments?
- We don't want a three-ring circus out there. Need more information on flood mitigation. Has the City of Turner been involved in the conversation?
- What is the targeted construction date?
- When the master plan is presented to the SPRAB and City Council, will you present a maintenance budget?
- How is the input from the open house weighed against the input received from the survey?
- How will flood mitigation/storage really work?
- Not enough thought was given to impacts to neighbors and cost.
- What will happen to the property where the city-owned house sits in the future? Will it be parking or park access?
- Why did they mow the park?
- Will the city engage experts to design the skate park?
- Prefer to have a park over housing development. Will construction drive out wildlife? Will they come back?
- Will there be dog trash bag dispensers?
- Does the flood modeling take into consideration the development in the area? Any plans to do additional modeling as the area develops?
- Appreciate the work and planning and on-line survey. Why isn't an off-leash dog area in the plans?
- What is the setback for the houses around the park? Will there be anything to separate the park and houses?
- What will happen to the wildlife?

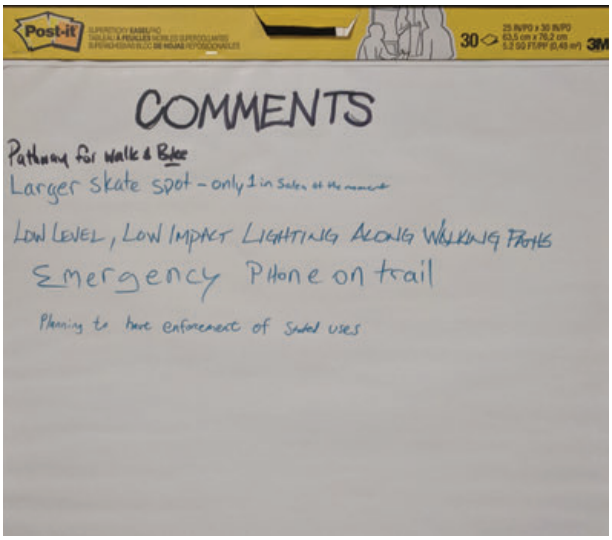
SUB-APPENDIX B

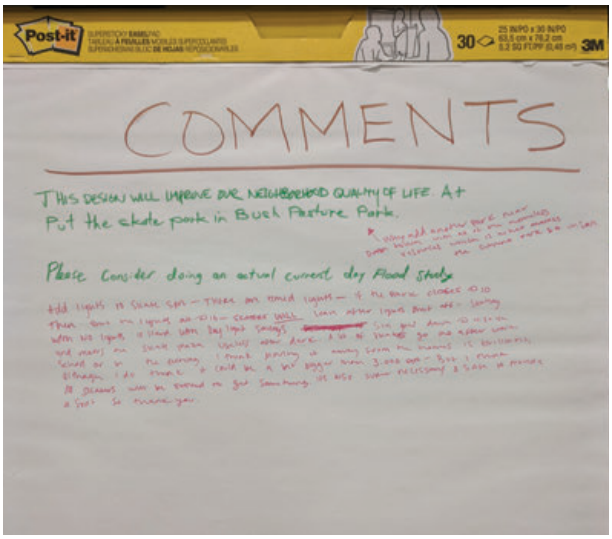
COMPILED COMMENTS FROM FLIP PADS:

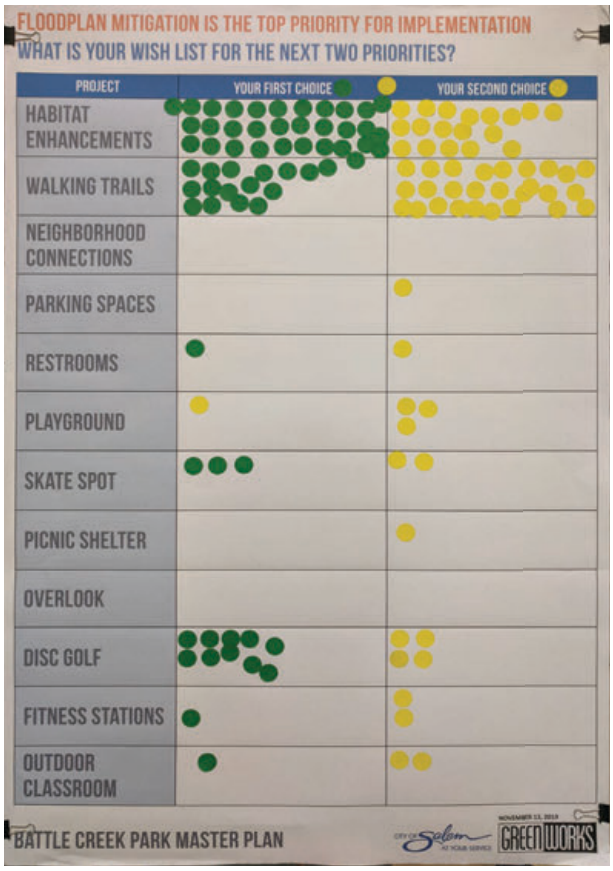
- This design will improve our neighborhood quality of life A+
- Pathway for walk and bike
- Larger skate spot – only one in Salem at the moment
- Low level, low impact lighting along walking paths
- Emergency phone on trail
- Planning to have enforcement of stated uses
- Put the skate park in Bush Pasture Park (response by other participant – why add another park near downtown with all of the homeless resources which is what makes the current park so unsafe.)
- Please consider doing an actual current day flood study
- Add lights to stake spot – there are timed lights – if the park closes at 10 then shut the lights out at 10. Skaters will leave after lights shut off – staking with no lights is hard. With daylight savings sun goes down at 4:30ish and makes the skate plaza useless after dark. A lot of skaters go out after work, school or in the evening. I think moving it away from the homes is brilliant, although I do think it could be a bit bigger than 3,000 sq. ft. but I think all skaters will be stoked to get something. It is also super necessary and safe to provide a spot so thank you.

SUB-APPENDIX C

IMAGES OF "COMMENTS" FLIP PADS AND INPUT BOARD:







APPENDIX B

ONLINE SURVEYS AND SURVEY RESULTS

COMMUNITY SURVEY #1: RESULTS SUMMARY

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

ONLINE

JUNE 2019

Report for Battle Creek Park Master Plan: Input on Park Priorities

Jul 1, 2019

Response Counts

Completion Rate:	**98.5%**	
	Complete	828
	Partial	13
		Totals: 841

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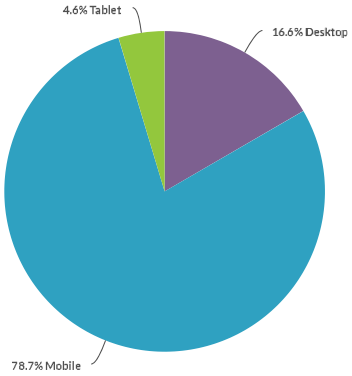

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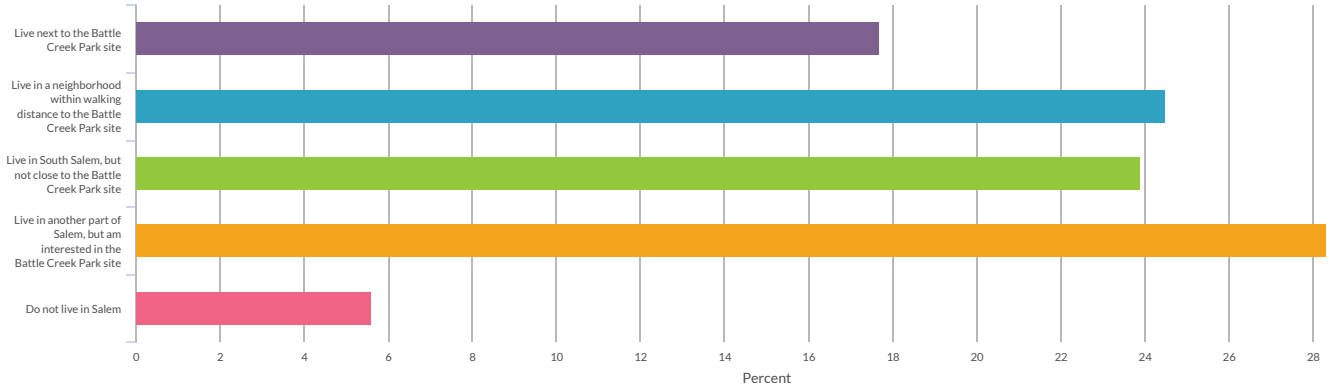

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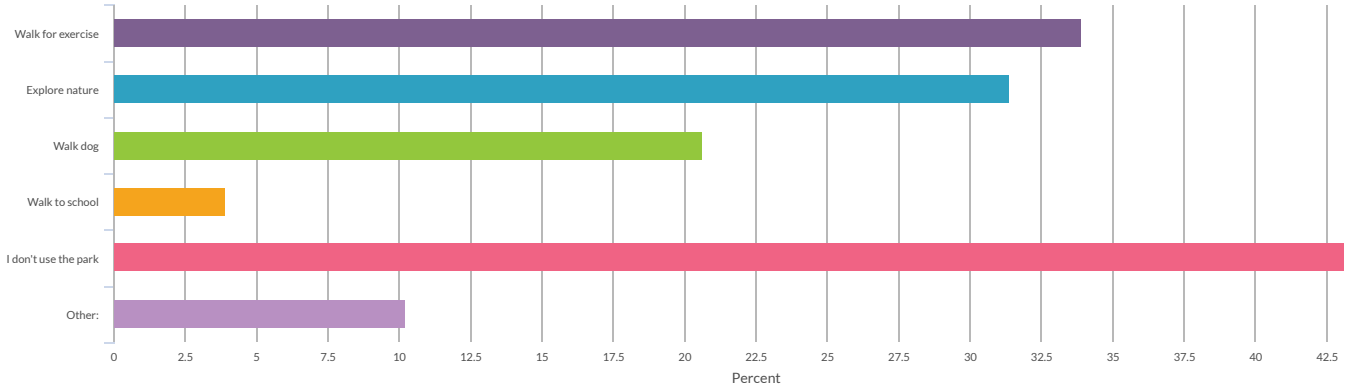
Value	Percent	Responses
		Totals: 827

Value	Percent	Responses
Live next to the Battle Creek Park site	17.7%	146
Live in a neighborhood within walking distance to the Battle Creek Park site	24.5%	203
Live in South Salem, but not close to the Battle Creek Park site	23.9%	198
Live in another part of Salem, but am interested in the Battle Creek Park site	28.3%	234
Do not live in Salem	5.6%	46
		Totals: 827

Skipped	Total Responses
14	827

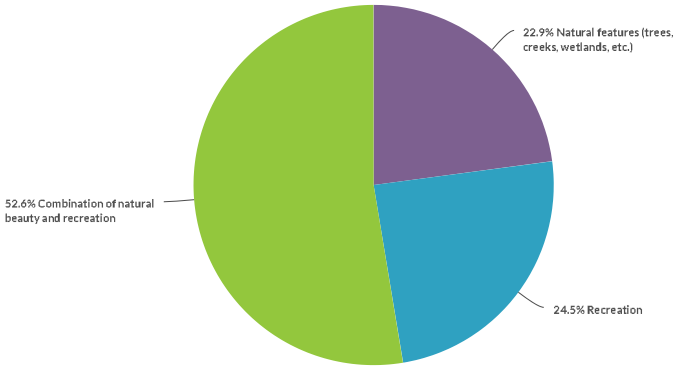
2. Of the following list, which do you currently do at the Battle Creek Park site?



Value	Percent	Responses
Walk for exercise	33.9%	276
Explore nature	31.4%	256
Walk dog	20.6%	168
Walk to school	3.9%	32
I don't use the park	43.1%	351
Other: (click to view)	10.2%	83

Skipped	Total Responses
26	815

3. What do you value the most for this site?



Value	Percent	Responses
Natural features (trees, creeks, wetlands, etc.)	22.9%	181
Recreation	24.5%	194
		Totals: 791

Value	Percent	Responses
Combination of natural beauty and recreation	52.6%	416
		Totals: 791

Skipped	Total Responses
50	791

4. How excited would you be to have the following amenities at the Battle Creek Park, on a scale of 1 "not excited" to 5 "very excited"?

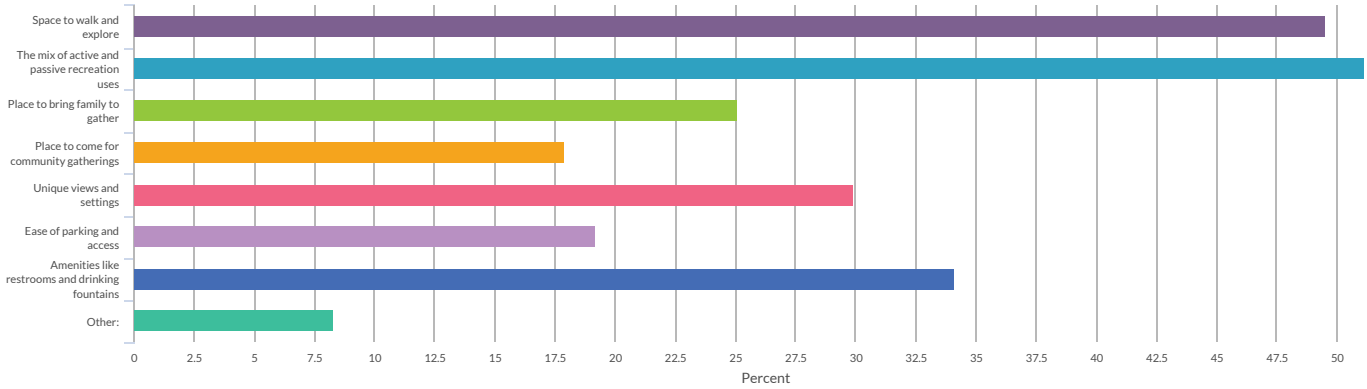
	1	2	3	4	5	Responses
Baseball/softball fields						
Count	514	97	73	27	78	789
Row %	65.1%	12.3%	9.3%	3.4%	9.9%	
Soccer fields						
Count	475	87	96	44	81	783
Row %	60.7%	11.1%	12.3%	5.6%	10.3%	
Basketball courts						
Count	389	121	138	55	85	788
Row %	49.4%	15.4%	17.5%	7.0%	10.8%	
Futsal courts						
Count	600	53	49	12	65	779
Row %	77.0%	6.8%	6.3%	1.5%	8.3%	
Pickleball courts						
Count	546	82	77	27	47	779
Row %	70.1%	10.5%	9.9%	3.5%	6.0%	
Tennis courts						
Count	473	112	111	32	46	774
Row %	61.1%	14.5%	14.3%	4.1%	5.9%	
Disk Golf / Frisbee Golf						
Count	354	82	91	63	198	788
Row %	44.9%	10.4%	11.5%	8.0%	25.1%	
Splash pad						
Count	356	67	125	76	151	775
Row %	45.9%	8.6%	16.1%	9.8%	19.5%	
Skate park						
Count	290	34	66	29	374	793
Row %	36.6%	4.3%	8.3%	3.7%	47.2%	
Off-leash dog park						
Count	342	98	108	64	169	781
Row %	43.8%	12.5%	13.8%	8.2%	21.6%	
Community garden						
Count	314	100	145	80	141	780
Row %	40.3%	12.8%	18.6%	10.3%	18.1%	
Stage						
Count	401	92	131	57	91	772
Row %	51.9%	11.9%	17.0%	7.4%	11.8%	
Playground						
Count	280	105	131	70	186	772
Row %	36.3%	13.6%	17.0%	9.1%	24.1%	
Paved paths for walking and jogging						
Count	210	88	138	102	242	780
Row %	26.9%	11.3%	17.7%	13.1%	31.0%	
Unpaved trails for walking and jogging						
Count	184	69	139	94	295	781
Row %	23.6%	8.8%	17.8%	12.0%	37.8%	
Picnic areas						
Count	206	108	188	105	167	774
Row %	26.6%	14.0%	24.3%	13.6%	21.6%	
Picnic shelters / covered shelters						
Count	269	91	161	99	154	774
Row %	34.8%	11.8%	20.8%	12.8%	19.9%	
Natural areas						
Count	120	66	127	105	365	783
Row %	15.3%	8.4%	16.2%	13.4%	46.6%	
Open meadows / fields						
Count	179	75	125	101	289	769
Row %	23.3%	9.8%	16.3%	13.1%	37.6%	
Totals						
Total Responses						793

5. If you could only pick three activities, which three would you pick?

Value	Percent	Responses
Baseball/softball fields	7.2%	58
Soccer fields	8.9%	72
Basketball courts	11.2%	91
Futsal courts	5.8%	47
Pickleball courts	3.6%	29
Tennis courts	4.2%	34
Disk Golf / Frisbee Golf	24.7%	200
Splash pad	17.0%	138
Skate park	44.9%	364
Off-leash dog park	18.5%	150
Community garden	10.0%	81
Stage	8.3%	67
Playground	18.5%	150
Paved paths for walking and jogging	20.1%	163
Unpaved trails for walking and jogging	28.5%	231
Picnic areas	7.3%	59
Picnic shelters / covered shelters	7.9%	64
Natural areas	25.8%	209
Open meadows / fields	14.3%	116
Other: (click to view)	3.8%	31

Skipped	Total Responses
31	810

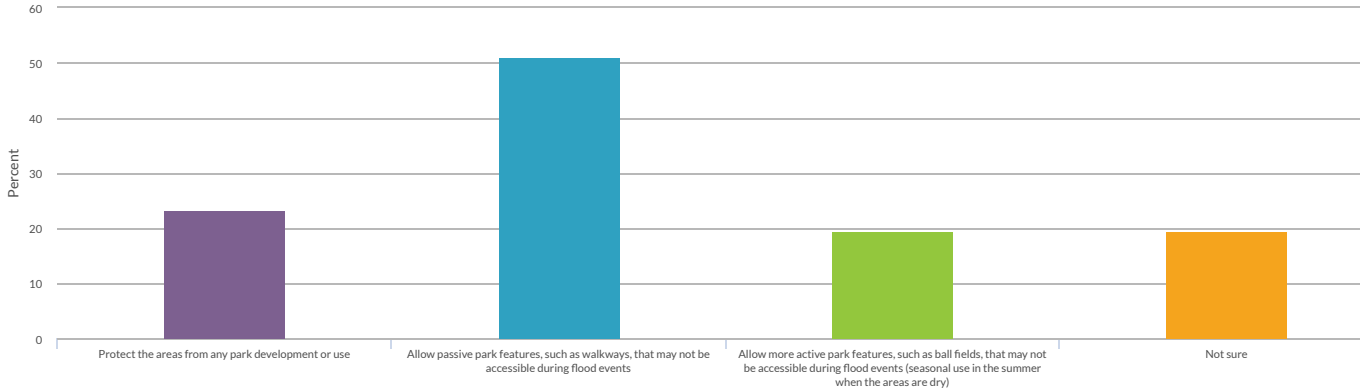
6. What features do you like best about larger urban parks?



Value	Percent	Responses
Space to walk and explore	49.5%	387
The mix of active and passive recreation uses	52.2%	408
Place to bring family to gather	25.1%	196
Place to come for community gatherings	17.9%	140
Unique views and settings	29.9%	234
Ease of parking and access	19.2%	150
Amenities like restrooms and drinking fountains	34.1%	267
Other: (click to view)	8.3%	65

Skipped	Total Responses
59	782

7. Some parts of the Battle Creek Park site will be flooded during storm events and heavy rains. What do you think are the best options for these areas?



Value	Percent	Responses
Protect the areas from any park development or use	23.4%	184
Allow passive park features, such as walkways, that may not be accessible during flood events	51.0%	400
Allow more active park features, such as ball fields, that may not be accessible during flood events (seasonal use in the summer when the areas are dry)	19.6%	154
Not sure	19.6%	154

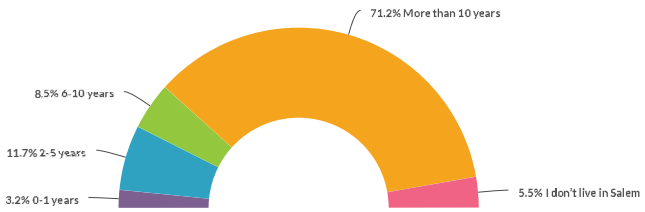
Skipped	Total Responses
56	785

8. Do you have any concerns about the development of a park at this site? If so, please explain.
Show Responses

9. What benefits do you see from having a public park at this site?
Show Responses

10. What questions do you have about the Battle Creek Master Plan project?
Show Responses

11. If you live in Salem, how long have you lived here?

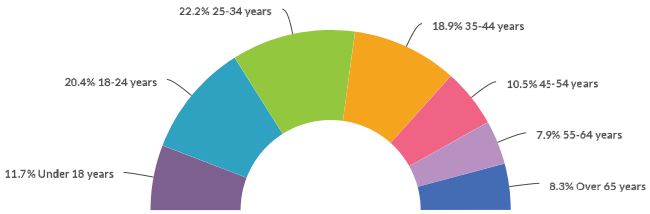


Value	Percent	Responses
0-1 years	3.2%	25
2-5 years	11.7%	91
6-10 years	8.5%	66
More than 10 years	71.2%	556
		Totals: 781

Value	Percent	Responses
I don't live in Salem	5.5%	43
		Totals: 781

Min	Max	Sum	Average	StdDev	Skipped	Total Responses
0	6	578.0	0.7	1.7	60	781

12. How old are you?



Value	Percent	Responses
Under 18 years	11.7%	92
18-24 years	20.4%	160
25-34 years	22.2%	174
35-44 years	18.9%	148
45-54 years	10.5%	82
55-64 years	7.9%	62
Over 65 years	8.3%	65
		Totals: 783

Min	Max	Sum	Average	StdDev	Skipped	Total Responses
0	55	19,510.0	24.9	16.4	58	783

13. What is your zip code?

Value	Percent	Responses
97301	17.8%	138
97302	20.5%	159
97303	4.8%	37
97304	5.5%	43
97305	4.1%	32
97306	38.2%	297
97308	0.3%	2
97312	0.1%	1
97317	3.2%	25
97392	0.4%	3
Other	5.1%	40
		Totals: 777

Min	Max	Sum	Average	StdDev	Skipped	Total Responses
97301	97392	71,713,510.0	97,304.6	6.4	64	737

COMMUNITY SURVEY #2: RESULTS SUMMARY

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

ONLINE

OCTOBER 2019

Report for Battle Creek Park Master Plan Community Survey #2

1. Identify the key features you like about Option 1: Habitat

Value	Percent	Responses
Enhanced wetlands for wildlife habitat	66.3%	430
Small overlook for viewing flood retention basins	42.4%	275
Paved trails	55.9%	363
Soft surface trails	70.7%	459
Play/fitness stations	42.4%	275
A small parking lot to accommodate 15 vehicles off Waln Drive SE	38.7%	251
Small restroom - two stalls	47.9%	311
Small outdoor classroom (earth form) near Battle Creek Elementary School	39.8%	258
No picnic shelter	23.7%	154
No skate park	41.1%	267
No disc golf	31.6%	205
No playground	23.6%	153
Other - Write In	11.6%	75

Statistics	
Total Responses	649

Other - Write In	Count
Totals	71

Other - Write In	Count
Dog Park	2
Skate park	2
dog park	2
1. Need an additional small restroom at opposite park entrance	1
18 hole disc golf course	1
Allow NO access from South side of this proposed Park	1
Ampitheater 100-200 cap. Local talent. 10pm. Curfew for entire park	1
As a resident of Battlecreek Meadows Condos, We would retain better property value if the parking lots were not immediately behind our homes.	1
BASKETBALL	1
Disc golf	1
Do not want additional access off Doral. This would put too many cars in neighborhood.	1
Donot prefer this one.	1
Fenced dog park	1
Flood mitigation!!!! Wildlife.	1
Floodplain and wildlife	1
Full disc golf course. The sport is growing more and more each day.	1
Having a skate park would be awful! Attracts wrong kind of visitors.	1
Hedge or barrier between Battle Creek Meadows that retains view	1
Home for wildlife and flood protection	1
I have nothing against skaters, But how does filling in any area with cement aid in mitigating flood waters?	1
I think it would be nice to have a community garden maybe fenced maybe close to Waln near the creek so water would be easy access.	1
Totals	71

Other - Write In	Count
I think that this more natural and semi-undeveloped plan would be a good candidate to I stall a better disc golf course on. The holes could be longer, and encroach less on areas close to homes. This would also be a good way to have some type of recreation without a lot of development due to the low impact of the installation of tees and baskets	1
Keep as many trees and native vegetation as possible	1
Keeping as natural as possible for the wildlife and the necessary usage as a flood retention area for many areas of Salem.	1
Keeps it natural	1
Keeps the area in a more natural state	1
Leave it as natural as possible	1
Maintaining an area for existing and future wildlife is paramount.	1
Minimal impact on the value of homes in the neighborhood. I would recommend removing the square 15 parking stall lot directly behind the homes. A more suitable location would be a long wall and drive. Please review the parking lot located on mission street near winter for Bush park. This would allow lawn for Smith to drive by and easily see all of the vehicles in the parking lot.	1
Missing soft trails south of the school. Where is the little Lake? I do like it though	1
More trees	1
More undeveloped land-less flooding	1
Most unadulterated wetlands plan	1
Must have disc golf	1
Natural water storage use	1
Nature Park only	1
Nothing	1
Off leash dog park	1
Option #1 "lite". Gravel parking . Gravel or wood trip trails. Less maintenance and less noise for the impacted home owners.	1
Option 2 & 3 are lost on me	1
Totals	71

Other - Write In	Count
Parking fine if pervious pavement. Otherwise, reduces the flood control purpose of buying this property.	1
Parking lot location is directly behind my home, posing further security issues for my neighborhood.	1
Playground would be fine near Waln parking	1
Please put in a 18 hole disc golf course.	1
Put a skate park in // skate is life #shredtheknar	1
Retains original purpose of area as flood management control and wetlands, yet provides urban area access to habitat.	1
STOP putting the parking lot next to the condominiums!! That is not fair to the residents that they must endure traffic and car noises. MOVE the parking lot, play areas, and skate areas. KEEP the traffic and noisy areas away from the condos!!! The designer should be smarter than that! They are already losing a beautiful view and that leaves it more open for drug transactions and crime! THINK PEOPLE!!	1
Seems like a good opportunity to facilitate small wet prairie habitat and provide community ecological education	1
Skate prk	1
Skatepark	1
Splash fountain	1
Stream restoration	1
The focus on immersing yourself in nature is very important especially for young families, so children can grow up with access to and interest in nature	1
This property was originally purchased as a fema floodplain.Move your parking lot so that it runs along wall and drive see the parking at Bush park on mission street near the hospital	1
Trails with fitness stations is great, seasonal disc golf is ok. No playground please! Thank you!	1
bridges so walking is possible year round	1
educational trail signs make a disc golf course even more attractive	1
fenced in dog park	1
Totals	71

Other - Write In	Count
large water retention area	1
least impact on neighborhood	1
leave it as natural as possible	1
no cement or restrooms behind homes	1
off leash dog area	1
prefer elevated boardwalks to paved paths	1
school playground available	1
space for groundnesting birds protected	1
stream restoration	1
wildlife can survive	1
Totals	71

2. Identify the key features you like about Option 2: Recreation

Value	Percent	Responses
Large overlook for viewing flood retention basins	36.5%	259
A year-round 18-hole disc golf course in the upland portion of the park	47.0%	334
Paved trails	54.2%	385
Soft surface trails	67.2%	477
Fitness stations	37.5%	266
Large parking lot to accommodate 60 vehicles off Waln Drive SE	36.5%	259
Large restroom – six stalls	43.1%	306
Small outdoor classroom (shelter) near Battle Creek Elementary School	44.5%	316
Interpretative trail near Battle Creek Elementary School	41.0%	291
Neighborhood playground near Doral Street SE	40.7%	289
Picnic shelter near Waln Drive SE	41.8%	297
Community playground near Waln Drive SE	42.4%	301
15,000 sq. ft. skate park near Waln Drive SE	30.3%	215
Other - Write In	7.2%	51

Statistics

Total Responses	710

Other - Write In	Count
1. Need small restrooms at opposite park entrances	1
18 hole disc golf course	1
Totals	51

Other - Write In	Count
A large skate park means a lot of runoff. How will that be managed? Same with 60-car parking lot.	1
Add something new for Salem parks. How about a small planetarium?	1
Allow NO access from South side of this proposed park	1
Ampitheater for young adult talent. 10pm curfew	1
BASKETBALL	1
Bike park like greer	1
Disc Golf Park is perfect for fighting the homeless problem plus I've noticed how well maintained they keep their courses!	1
Disc golf course	1
Disc golf is a very low impact high-function activity that is suitable for people of all ages and abilities.	1
Disc golf near I5 south	1
Do not like this option at all. Negative impact to the neighborhood.	1
Dog Park	1
Fenced dog park	1
Full 18-hole disc golf course.	1
I don't like the recreation option. BC primary purpose is a flood detention basin and any recreation development will take away from that purpose.	1
I love that this park accommodates all desires.	1
I much prefer where the disc golf is in this map. If the third option coukd only have its disc golf on the edges like this.	1
I really like the skatepark idea. Have some transitions and bowls/pools and street course	1
Leave as natural as possible as the flood basin and protector	1
Locations of parking lot, skate park, and bathrooms are directly behind my home. The noise and possible security risks would be tremendous to the residents of this complex.	1
Totals	51

Other - Write In	Count
MEH!	1
Maybe 27 hole disc golf?	1
More picnic areas	1
NOTHING !!	1
Need even more parking for a cummunity poark - a private community gather space coudl not be permitted with only 60 spaces.	1
No additional access off Doral.	1
No disc golf but play/fitness stations instead	1
None of the above	1
Nothing	1
Option 2 seems to have everything that most people enjoy at a park. It has many amenities that will be appealing to to the masses. It would be lovely to have a nice, safe skatepark in south Salem also!	1
Overall I like it as well as the other 2 options!	1
Pump track and bike park, dirt jumps, flow trails	1
STOP putting the parking lot next to the condominiums!! That is not fair to the residents that they must endure traffic and car noises. MOVE the parking lot, play areas, and skate areas. KEEP the traffic and noisy areas away from the condos!!! The designer should be smarter than that! They are already losing a beautiful view and that leaves it more open for drug transactions and crime! THINK PEOPLE!!	1
Small community garden near Waln near the creek	1
Splash fountain	1
Stream restoration	1
There is an existing park off of Rees Hill that should be improved in lieu of these options.	1
This option seems to support a lot of what everyone wants out of this park. ⍰⍰	1
This property was originally purchased as a fema floodplain.Make it a to stall restroom and move the parking along wallen road like they have at Bush park near Winter street by the Salem hospital	1
Totals	51

Other - Write In	Count
We need a Skatepark in Salem. Larger the better. There is a skateboard community that needs a place to come together.	1
Year Round 9-hole golf	1
fenced in dog park	1
hedge or barrier between Battle Creek Meadows that retains view	1
larger flood retention	1
nature	1
nothing	1
potential future access trail from Fairway	1
prefer elevated boardwalks to paved paths	1
wetlands remain available for wildlife incl. ground nesting birds	1
Totals	51

3. Identify the key features you like about Option 3: Blended

Value	Percent	Responses
Medium-sized overlooks for viewing flood retention basins	41.8%	264
Paved trails	55.3%	349
Soft surface trails	71.0%	448
Play/fitness stations	42.0%	265
Medium-sized parking lot to accommodate 30 vehicles off Waln Drive SE	41.0%	259
Medium-sized restroom – four stalls	47.7%	301
Small outdoor classroom area near Battle Creek Elementary School	43.9%	277
Interpretative trail near Battle Creek Elementary School	42.3%	267
Picnic shelter near Waln Drive SE	37.4%	236
Community playground near Waln Drive SE	41.2%	260
5,000 sq. ft. skate park near Waln Drive SE	28.2%	178
3-hole disc golf course in upland, plus seasonal 6-hole disk golf in a constructed flood retention basin	36.8%	232
Sculpted earth mounds	33.0%	208
Other - Write In	10.0%	63

Statistics

Total Responses	631

Other - Write In	Count
18 hole disc golf course	2
Full 18 hole disc golf course	2
Totals	60

Other - Write In	Count
Nothing	2
1. Need small restrooms at opposite park entrances	1
18 disc golf holes 9 of them seasonal	1
18 hole disc golf course from 2nd plan, no skate park	1
3 hole disc golf and 6 hole seasonal just makes me angry	1
A 3 hole course is not a course, better to have this be 18 or 9 holes	1
A 3 hole golf course will deter family from driving here to only have 10 minutes worth of play	1
A large skate park means a lot of runoff. How will that be managed? Same with 60-car parking lot.	1
A neighborhood park near Doral; mixed feelings on picnic shelter near Waln	1
Allow NO access from South side of this proposed park	1
BASKETBALL	1
Basketball court	1
Bigger disc golf course	1
Bridges over the creeks	1
Dog Park	1
Drinking Fountain near restrooms would be nice	1
Fenced dog park	1
Final design should focus on kid friendly features says play grounds and outdoor classroom	1
Full 18-hole year-round disc golf course	1
Hedge or barrier between Battle Creek Meadows that retains view	1
I would choose this one over all in fairness to everyone even though I don't care about skate board and disk golf. I wish it was done now as I'm old and fear I'll not get to enjoy it :(	1
Leave it as natural as possible. please research the flood basin.	1
Totals	60

Other - Write In	Count
MEH!	1
More soft trails	1
NOTHING !!	1
Natural play structure/area one with water that kids can make flow different directions by moving sand	1
Need a skatepark to support the community of skateboarders.	1
No additional access off Doral.	1
None of the above	1
Planetarium	1
Pump track and bike park	1
Pump track instead of skate park	1
STOP putting the parking lot next to the condominiums!! That is not fair to the residents that they must endure traffic and car noises. MOVE the parking lot, play areas, and skate areas. KEEP the traffic and noisy areas away from the condos!!! The designer should be smarter than that! They are already losing a beautiful view and that leaves it more open for drug transactions and crime! THINK PEOPLE!!	1
Sculpted earth mounds were a disaster in a park in San Diego. The homeless slept behind the mounds and they had to be leveled ark I	1
See my comments for Option 2	1
Should be a full 18 to 21 hole Disc golf course with a two basket warm up putting green!	1
Skate park	1
Skatepark	1
Small fenced community garden near Waln near the creek	1
Splash fountain	1
Stream restoration	1
The disc golf course could easily be expanded in this option without negatively impacting the other features	1
Totals	60

Other - Write In	Count
There is an existing park off of Rees Hill that should be improved in lieu of these options.	1
This property was purchased as a fema floodplain move the parking so that a runs along wallen road similar to the parking near Salem hospital at Bush park	1
Why not make the skatepark at least 10000 or spread elements throughout the park. Small pads and benches to ride on	1
Yuck. Just as bad as the second option.	1
balancing people and wildlife needs	1
dog area	1
dog park	1
fenced in dog park	1
nature	1
nothing	1
seasonal disk golf only, perhaps more than 6 hole	1
small amphitheater for outdoor concerts	1
would prefer elevated boardwaldks to paved paths	1
Totals	60

4. How well does each option fit your vision for Battle Creek Park?

	Option 1: Habitat	Option 2: Recreation	Option 3: Blended	Responses
Exactly my vision	101 14.8%	279 39.5%	64 9.4%	
Close to my vision	235 34.5%	179 25.3%	353 51.6%	
Not my vision	315 46.3%	239 33.8%	247 36.1%	
I don't have an opinion	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	
Total	681 32.9%	707 34.1%	684 33.0%	2,072 100.0%

5. If you could only pick one option, which would you pick?

Value	Percent	Responses
Option 1: Habitat	28.8%	223
Option 2: Recreation	48.9%	379
Option 3: Blended	21.4%	166
No preference/unsure	0.9%	7
	Totals:	775

6. Why is this option your preferred option?

SURVEY LOGIC NOTE: This question was hidden unless Question #5 "If you could only pick one option, which would you pick?" was answered "Option 1: Habitat", "Option 2: Recreation", "Option 3: Blended"

Count	Response
13	Disc golf
4	Disc golf course
2	18 hole disc golf
2	18 hole disc golf course
2	Disc golf
2	More disc golf
2	Skate park
2	Skatepark
2	Year round disc golf
2	disc golf course
1	I am an active skateboarder and I'm starting to like disc golf. Plus it allows more people to get outside at a time where most people are just staying inside it would be great to see more youth and more people coming from other areas of Oregon to enjoy our city and ride our premier skate park
1	The property in its (as close as possible) original untouched configuration allows for not only the highest degree of natural habitat for wild life but also the diffusing of surface rain water from local construction areas.
1	#2
1	1)Won't overwhelm the neighborhood with traffic and transient individuals. 2)Less costly for development and maintenance. 3) Less disruptive for wildlife.
1	15,000 sq foot skatepark!!!!!!
1	18 hole Disk Gold and riding trail
1	18 hole disc golf
1	18 hole disc golf course
1	18 hole disc golf course along with open playground and educational space

Count	Response
1	18 hole disc golf course, plenty of parking.
1	18 hole disc golf course.
1	18 hole disc golf course. It would be nice to see another course here around in the Salem area.
1	18 hole disc golf, paved trails and picnic area
1	18 holes of disc golf that is permit.
1	A blend of what is good for the land and what is good for people.
1	A disc golf course marries recreation with an opportunity to experience nature.
1	A little bit of everything. Smaller parking lot to keep from overcrowding the park.
1	A little bit of something for everyone.
1	A lot of different use options for many different types of activities
1	A more natural state. The wildlife still lives here & hopefully, the humans can cohabitate within the space without destroying or harming the environment.
1	A new disc golf course with nearby bathrooms and all of those other activities sounds amazing, however, I don't think a skate park should be a part of this, those bring ugly things to the area.
1	A skate park along with fitness stations and other recreational activities such as trails
1	A variety of uses for everyone.
1	A well groomed park with paved walking paths and disc golf would be amazing!
1	A year round disc golf course that is 18 holes. A 3 or 6 hole option is useless and the other courses in town are tired
1	Access, community/neighborhood inclusion, habitat preservation and education
1	Accommodates many activities for young people in the south part of Salem. Bush park and the downtown parks are too far away. In fact, there should also be a splash pad at this park!
1	Acts primarily as a flood retention option. This option would be most conducive to maintaining wildlife in the area through minimizing human activity.
1	Adding a new skatepark to south salem would be a great addition to the community.
1	All look good but I like habitat more. One or three stand out most for me.

Count	Response
1	Allows for education and observation along with some limited recreation while preserving the primary function of storm retention and flood mitigation.
1	Allows for multi use without totally ignoring the natural area
1	An 18 hole disc golf course is the perfect use for the upland portion of the park.
1	An 18 hole disc golf course would be a huge draw for me and a reason to visit the park.
1	An 18 hole disc golf course would bring in 1000's of park users every year! Also, with shelters, parking, playgrounds and restrooms, many more users would get great benefit from this public land.
1	An 18 hole disc golf course would bring me and many others into that community and use the facilities daily.
1	Another Disc Golf course in the area.
1	Appealing
1	Appeals to a large variety
1	Area needed for wildlife habitat and storm water retention.
1	As a physician, I'm always looking for features that will enhance community health. Salem is in need of more community spaces that offer moderate intensity exercise options. Disc golf is an excellent moderate intensity sport anyone can play cheaply. The rest of the recreation design also has many other features that are likely to improve community health.
1	As a teacher I could take my students on a walk through the habitat area. Also, it acts as a great area for our community to come together and play or get outside and enjoy the great outdoors.
1	As a teacher at Battle Creek Elementary School, the nearby wildlife and recreation area would be an incredible resource for our students. Walking fieldtrips could replace other class incentive activities, and allow for kids to better understand the wildlife that surrounds our school.
1	As an avid disc golf player and supporter this is the only option that fits what I would like to see! If there aren't 18 baskets for the course then it probably won't get used all that much.
1	As much as I would love to give my son his dream skate park (he will vote for himself), someday all my kids will be grown and I would prefer a quiet place to walk as I get older. To be quite honest though, if the vote goes the way of the recreation or hybrid option, I would rather have an excellent park and not do things half way. Like an amazing skate park is better than a little one, likewise for a play ground. Likewise for my vote of a natural area. I hope my option (A), if chosen, would set the stage for a pristine wildlife area, one that inspires art and draws people for restoration.

Count	Response
1	As this area is a wetland, habitat preservation should be the primary goal. I live in the neighborhood and strongly desire it to be kept as habitat.
1	Balance between using the land recreationally and for habitat
1	Balance of rec and natural habitat
1	Balance. Less disc golf (how many people play disc golf that so much space would be devoted to it?).
1	Bc Bush and minto island park are predominantly nature parks. It would nice to have a recreation one
1	Because I believe that a better use of the space would be a skatepark. Not only do skateparks bring the young of the community outside but they promote a welcoming environment for people of all ages.
1	Because I love disc golf and my kid skateboards. We desperately need a new skatepark in salem and a 2nd 18 hole discgolf course in salem would be amazing! Dont skimp tho. 15k sq ft skatepark and 18 hole year round disc golf course
1	Because I walk around that park often and see wildlife such as blue heron, wild turkey, and sometimes deer.
1	Because I would like the area to remain as natural as possible.
1	Because Salem needs a new skate park, the only one we have is filled with crack heads.
1	Because Salem needs a new skatepark more than anything else.
1	Because a new skate park would be awesome.
1	Because disc golf doesn't damage unlike kids that ride skate boards and it allows people to enjoy the park instead of just loiter.
1	Because disc golf is Recreation and Habitat blended into one perfect solution for your land. It is the sport of the future and the local kids need another safe place to go to play this blossoming sport.
1	Because habitat is the most important piece to a great disc golf course.
1	Because it has flood land mitigation and mostly keeps the park land natural, while offering recreation opportunities for residents.
1	Because it includes a skatepark and I want more of a safer park to ride because the Marion square unfortunately is my local
1	Because it offers the most options to everyone.

Count	Response
1	Because it provides options to meet multiple needs. also need to plant more trees and add a pollinator garden.
1	Because it would bring a new skatepark for a community that has been needing a new one for a while now. And give nore trails for bikers and runners.
1	Because it would provide a safer skatepark for younger skaters/ girl skaters like me. The other skatepark is crowded with older men and homeless people, which make me and many other women/children uncomfortable going there.
1	Because its blended best of both
1	Because not only is this the best for our current wildlife, it's best for the flood areas of Salem that are affected by the Battlecreek flood basin. Why make potential future flood problems?
1	Because salem has needed a new skatepark and park with trails for biking.
1	Because salem needs a new skatepark and picnic spot with trails.
1	Because skaters need a new skatepark that isn't filled with druggies
1	Because we don't want this area to be a huge play park with people loitering and bringing crime and homeless down here. Parking lot will disturb our condos and the more you build the less there is for wildlife!!!!
1	Because we need fun family activities to do in our neighborhood parks. Minto brown is such a jewel of Salem, but we need more recreational activities in our local parks. Skating and disc golf are very engaging activities, and I believe helps keep negative activities out of our local parks.
1	Because with the amount of parks there are in salem with all of this stuff already, i feel that we should have at least one park that you can walk through and enjoy the nature.
1	Best balance between active and passive uses
1	Best balance for the community.
1	Best for the community
1	Best of both worlds for habitat restoration and recreation. Love The scaled back skate park and disc golf ideas.
1	Best overall use for such a big park. We REALLY need a park like this in the South Gateway neighborhood.
1	Best variety for all sorts of people
1	Better area for families and being healthier for the future.

Count	Response
1	Better for the neighbors. Easier to maintain.
1	Blends habitat with community.
1	Blends the values of the most stakeholders.
1	Bring attention to this park and business into town from traveling disc golfers if the course is built well enough. Learn from larry hes the best in the area
1	Can walk in peace and quiet
1	Cheap Sports and fitness is good for healthy communities
1	Cimate change. Flora and fauna need to be allowed to thrive in this area with minimum intrusion from humans. Enhance the area to use as an outdoor classroom for educational groups in Salem, but keep the area as natural as can be.
1	City needs more parks to play in. Skate parks and disc golf, etc...
1	Climate change and over-development in Salem threatens natural habitats. Keeping this space as natural as possible, like Minot Brown, will benefit all livening things.
1	Closest to current environment and least disruption to the surrounding neighborhood.
1	Comes closest to leaving it in the natural state. Least human (artificial) imposed impact. Best use of the full acreage to mitigate flooding impacts.
1	Concerned about impact on wildlife, disruption of the current natural environment, traffic, misuse of the area by disrespectful people. I wouldn't call this area 'undeveloped, with exception that if could use some basic upkeep and maintenance- with as little impact as possible to the current environment.
1	Convergence of creeks make this an important drainage area. Use of concrete should be minimized. Skate and sports areas are needed in south Salem but should NOT be here. This should be a walker's park.
1	Create the least amount of impact on water control.
1	DISC GOLF. Look at Vista del Camino in Phoenix!
1	Disc Golf
1	Disc Golf Enthusiast
1	Disc Golf course
1	Disc Golf is a year round sport and deserves a real course, not a temporary one.

Count	Response
1	Disc Golf. That group of people keep the courses very clean
1	Disc colf course
1	Disc course and paved walking paths are great. I think a skate park is unnecessary but not a bad idea.
1	Disc gold
1	Disc golf and walking trails
1	Disc golf coarse
1	Disc golf course
1	Disc golf course and skate park
1	Disc golf course for my children and wife to spend time on together
1	Disc golf course is for any age. Does not cost anything, once disc are bought. Great exercise.
1	Disc golf course.
1	Disc golf courses are a great asset to the community
1	Disc golf courses have been shown to clean up parks and bring in big crowds for tournaments.
1	Disc golf focus over skatepark
1	Disc golf has been growing for a while now, especially in Salem. The community for disc golf, as a majority, is beneficial for park locations and I believe that Battle Creek would be no different.
1	Disc golf has changed my life for the better. It can bring a substantial amount of revenue to the community
1	Disc golf is a affordable outdoor activity for anyone ages 1 to 101. I would really love for Salem to have a well maintained disc golf course (even if you have to pay $3-$5 per round to keep up maintenance). Salem has a very large disc golf community that is looking for a 5-star course.
1	Disc golf is a good option. Remember that it is not necessary to have a full 18 hole course. 9 holes work just fine.
1	Disc golf is a great recreational outside activity.
1	Disc golf is a growing sport that I believe is good for the park. I believe disc golf and the nature of the park can live symbioticly and thrive of each other

Count	Response
1	Disc golf is a very family friendly game that is also available to low income family's and a great sport that is up and coming. Also disc golfers do a major amount of volunteer work in this community to upkeep parks.
1	Disc golf is dangerous for those walking the trails. Don't need to waste space with skate park, disc golf, large parking area, large restroom. Skaters getting in the way of those walking could cause injury
1	Disc golf is low cost and great use of existing natural space
1	Disc golf is my passion
1	Disc golf options in Salem. Huge trails and interpretive Center will be a great idea for the community.
1	Disc golf provides easy exercise and is nice for people of all ages
1	Disc golf would be a great addition, however I don't prefer having a skate park as I live in the neighborhood
1	Disc golf!
1	Disc golf! More then 3 holes. Minimum 9 hole with additional 9 season holes. 3? Lord what you going to do with three holes for golf.
1	Disc golf!!
1	Disc golf: full course Skatepark
1	Discgolf :)
1	Disk Golf
1	Don't want a park that is too overwhelming for the area.
1	Duh!
1	Encourages the most community usage.
1	Every day more trees and natural areas are being cut down to make way for more homes and apartments disrupting the wildlife who made it their home. Soon there just won't be anything left of nature. This park is unique in that it does NOT feature lots of development and concrete. Many of us moved to this neighborhood because of the natural beauty and the wildlife it supports. Playgrounds and skate parks are not attuned to natural beauty. Children need to be educated to support and be attuned to natural cycles every bit as much as they need a jungle gym. Those are available in other areas - keep this park natural - for generations to come!
1	Everyone has options and the Disc golf course salem needs more!

Count	Response
1	Everyone wants a skatepark that isn't sketchy like downtown
1	Fairness to all age groups even though I'm mostly interested in walking trails and natural environment. Will there be any plan to prevent geese from pooping on the trails? It's almost impossible to enjoy walking trails in the winter months because of the geese - especially when you have an English Mastiff that likes cat and goose poop ;)
1	Family activities, something for everyone
1	First of all, the city is broke. Building a park is a ridiculous way to spend our tax dollars. I'd like to see the park remain as untouched as possible.
1	Fits everyone's needs. Kids have a playground. Ample parking but not too large. Preserves much of the wetlands.
1	Flood management, most natural.
1	Flood retention and natural habitat are the most important features to benefit the entire community, as we face growing flood hazards due to development out south.
1	Flooding is a major concern. More pavement means less area for drainage. There is minimal oversight in Salem parks to ensure safety and prevent damage to private property. Please do not encourage skate parks and disc golf. Thank you.
1	Floodplain, natural habitat and wildlife.
1	Food mix of nature conservation, educational spaces, playground, paths and disc golf. Large parking lot is a must!!! No parking or little parking at local parks is so frustrating, especially for parents with small kids trying to come enjoy the park. A safe place to park and not have to walk car is SO important. It also prevents cars from illegally parking to try and still be near the park. Not a fan of a skate park. Super excited about a park near home, especially the trails for running and walking!
1	Full 18-hole disc golf course open year around.
1	Full disc golf course
1	Generates appreciation of nature in an urban setting while providing additional aesthetic, ecological, and likely water quality benefits.
1	Give both we keep the wetland and not to crazy but also stuff for salem to do. And for the kids
1	Giving people more recreational activities could potentially lower youth related crimes.
1	Good balance
1	Good for flood retention.

Count	Response
1	Good location for recreational park. Much needed in the area.
1	Good protection for this unique open park area. Emphasis on any development in the north/Waln St. area. Lots of access for 'passive' recreation!
1	Great as a premier walking/ nature area. Lots of wildlife already out there. Something in the concept of 'Talking Water Gardens' between Albany & Millersburg.
1	Great place to bring the community together.
1	Greater opportunity for involvement. The greater the use the less drug use, encampments, and violence. An unused park is an invitation to trouble. Flood mitigation is a top priority for homes in the area and throughout Battlecreeks many developments.
1	Habitat is the most important and protection of the watershed/flooding. Lots of birds and animals currently use this area. Would like that to continue as highest use. The recreation should be secondary....some, but not over built and overrun by certain types of users. Disk golf and skate parks are drawing a certain user that may not blend well with habitat preservation. This park should look like Bush Park.
1	Has limited impact on BC role as a flood detention basin. I do object to not having the option to do nothing or solely focus on flood detention.
1	Having a disc golf course around would be alot of fun. I could care less about the skate park. I dont think the parking lot needs to be that big. Or the bathrooms.
1	Having a new skatepark in a safe location would be so amazing.
1	Having a new, 18 hole, disc golf course in Salem.
1	Having a park we can walk to that allows our kids to play and ride bikes is ideal. And the fact that it isn't too much of a disruption to the habitat already established.
1	Healthy activity options for our community.
1	I am an avid disc golfer and love to spend my free time outdoors and exercising!!
1	I am concerned about safety of children with addition of a skate park. It attracts predators, drug usage and activity that can spill into habitat areas. Will Salem Police monitor the park? Minto Brown is often not safe, as an example of parks with children and single users lacking safety patrols.
1	I am current disc golf player, and disc golf is a great way to enhance a park. It still allows you to walk around, and enjoy all the sites and views that the park has to offer. Doesn't take away from a lot of walking trails as they can be incorporated into the course. It is a great way to bring people from all around the local area to exploring park.

Count	Response
1	I appreciate the natural protection that the current space offers both for flood control and wildlife habitat. A park that maintains that aspect as well as adding small features like a playground (or playgrounds) is my preference.
1	I believe everyone needs habitual recreation and the more promote good health (both mind and body) through recreation the less we will see abuse of facilities.
1	I believe having a full 18 hole disc golf course would have a perfect blend of nature and recreation, being that some of the best disc golf courses in the world are surrounded by nature and natural areas. It is also an all ages sport, so bringing additional physical education to the elementary school would be a huge bonus!
1	I believe people need more places/options to get out and be active. This will give more than just a small group ((dog)walkers, joggers, disc golfers, skaters, wildlife enthusiasts).
1	I believe that Disc Golf is a very sustainable and cost effective while requiring almost no upkeep while blending natural habitat and community access.
1	I believe that a disc golf course would keep the area more close to the natural habitat. Disc golf is a sport that allows for families and people of all ages to participate. Skate park is expensive, will drastically change the original habitat and is more exclusive in who can participate. I have seen disc golfers from 2 years old to 90 years old.
1	I believe that bringing a prominent area of recreation to South Salem would create a good environment for families that live in the area as well as draw in people from outside South Salem that will help local businesses in the area.
1	I believe that cities and people need more green spaces. Salem is growing fast, we need to establish green spaces quickly (and preferably distributed throughout the urban areas) before they all get developed. And the more we build within a green space, the harder it is to keep it green, so although "blended" looks like a good balance, "habitat" is probably better for the people and the animals (plus better flood protection).
1	I believe that giving both residents and visitors a place to be in nature, while getting an opportunity to pursue exercise and fitness, should be a priority for the city of Salem.
1	I believe that south salem needs more recreational style parks such as this option. There is still natural aspects to be appreciated but also things like a playground and large skate park gives children and adults alike a place to do what they love and get exercise of all forms. I do not skate or do bmx but I personally believe skate parks especially are an essential part to a community. It gives people a safe space to have fun and be a part of something, I've witnessed first hand what good something as little as a skate park can do in someone's life in the aspect of meeting new friends who become like family and keep people out of trouble. All a lot of young people who are seen as delinquents that skate want is to be accepted and have a place to do what they love. The skate park currently downtown unfortunately has a lot of hinderances that doesn't allow for use sometimes because of our homeless population downtown. I also urge if possible the thought that a covered skate park to be b

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1	I believe we need more outdoor recreation. Too many kids and adults spend too much time on their phones. I this a recreational park would draw more people outside.
1	I do not feel Battle Creek Park is an appropriate location for a skate park. I am aware that it is a draw for lots of problems. I realize a parking area is necessary. It is hoped the 15 car area is adequate. The restroom plan needs to be proportional to the features that are eventually included in the final project.
1	I do not like any of the plans. I like it the way it is. The residents on the perimeter of the park do not need play areas and disc golf courses in their back yards. Extra trails and play/fitness areas will scare off the current wildlife. Can we just leave it alone?
1	I don't care for the disc golf. Want trails to hike and fields for me dog :)
1	I don't like the idea of putting in a playground because there is already a playground next door that is rarely used. There's also a track there. I am at this park daily as I live next door and 99% of the people who are there are walking their dogs. I think having soft trails would be perfect. A parking lot would be useless because there's already plenty of parking.
1	I don't think the project will receive long term support if it doesn't include public recreation features. Personally, I would prefer a dedicated wildlife park with unpaved hiking trails (a cheaper option), but I think that would set it up for rezoning later as commercial-residential.
1	I don't want it to become a place for transient population to linger, and/or unstructured adolescences to overrun. I want it to feel comfortable for families, and senior citizens to take relaxing walks in. Disc Golf is a relaxing activity, and attracts such people.
1	I enjoy bringing my family to play on playgrounds and to play disc golf. A year round, 18 hole disc golf course would be a huge draw for me and my family.
1	I enjoy the quiet nature of the area.
1	I feel like it is a good option for the growing youth in the community. Not everyone has access to making it downtown and Salem needs more things to do besides shopping or eating in its neighborhoods.
1	I feel this options leaves a lot of unmanicured areas open for wildlife, birds, pollinators, and such, while also providing some nature engagement and recreational opportunities for nearby residents.
1	I feel this would get the most use for the public
1	I have a growing family and feel like we need good parks for kids so they can get out and be active. Parking and bathrooms, trails, nature, AND a playground are all so important
1	I have a small child whom I think would really appreciate the features of option #2

Count	Response
1	I have four young children who would benefit from the playground options. I could push a stroller along the paved trails. I love that there are restrooms.
1	I have kids so I having a place for them to go and play, and I enjoy disc golf and we need more places with courses.
1	I just want to see a skatepark go in! #99centforlife
1	I know it leans more words recreation, but it's the only option with an 18 hole disc golf course (not may people will come play 3 holes) along with a skate park and a place to walk and hang out. Love the blending with the school for the young kids too.
1	I like a blended vision of nature and play
1	I like a park that serves the largest amount of community needs.
1	I like having different options for everyone including young people and families.
1	I like it because it will attract a variety of people and as a society we need to do things around each other and each other more. I like the disk golf, big areas for children to play, the paths, and skate park. I talked with some skaters and its an art not this negative thing most people view it as.
1	I like seeing wildlife and natural beauty while I am doing activities in an area.
1	I like that it has a playground and recreational activities.
1	I like that it has a variety
1	I like the balance of play areas and wildlife habitat/wetlands.
1	I like the combination
1	I like the double playground and disc gold course.
1	I like the features best
1	I like the idea of a modern 18 hold disc golf course
1	I like the idea of combining the best of both worlds - nature with fun.
1	I like the idea of having nature areas. However, play structures and frisbee golf are a nice option!
1	I like the idea of keeping it natural.
1	I like the idea of walking paths and outdoor learning opportunities

Count	Response
1	I like the ideas of trails, fitness and learning opportunities along with a playground
1	I like the paved paths and the disk golf course. Also additional paths and learning areas for the school to utilize would be beneficial for students. In my ideal vision, there wouldnt be a skate park, but I'm not totally opposed to it.
1	I like the smaller skate park and the medium parking ect. and the picnic area it really needs a community garden near Waln near the creak
1	I like to be outdoors, run and play disc golf
1	I live at Battle Creek Condos and my mother also lived there many years so know all about the flooding issues. I prefer choice number 1, which would seem to cover the flooding problems best.
1	I live near this location and do not wish for the increase in public traffic and destruction of natural area. This is trading our privacy and nature for others' entertainment, which is unacceptable.
1	I live on Fairway Ave, and, with ALL of that space, directly behind people's homes does NOT seem like an ideal spot for the parking lot or restrooms. Especially not a skate park. A 5,000sqft would be neat to have there, but not right behind my fence. Aside from the noise, that's a lot of strangers RIGHT there, as well. I know what happens in the parking lots at other parks, especially late at night, I don't want that right outside of my home.
1	I love disc golf
1	I love disc golf, and would definitely visit this park for a 18 hole disc golf course. Also a top level course can bring business for the park district. Many park districts rent out the building g to the pro-shop business on the parks property, plus a small percentage of profits.
1	I love skating and frisbee golf, and I also love being able to mess around on the playgrounds. Personally this the best option for the park
1	I love south Salem, I live in south Salem, my oldest goes to Morningside, I believe that it would be wonderful to have full 18 hole disc golf, play ground, outdoor classroom, scenic viewing area, picnic tables, parking restrooms, amphitheater, gazebo.
1	I love the balance and lots of options for many different people
1	I love the disc golf course aspect of the park. As an avid disc golfer, I enjoy keeping our parks clean and free of crime. A disc golf course provides plenty of foot traffic in areas of the park that may otherwise be used for unwanted activities such as drug use and homeless camps. Disc golfers take pride in their courses and treat the parks with respect.
1	I love the idea of a local disc golf course, & the kids would really enjoy a thoughtful playground!

Count	Response
1	I love the idea of having the neighborhood playground and the community playground. I appreciate the large parking lot and large bathroom facility. This option sounds like a great addition to our neighborhood!
1	I own and live in the condo complex that will be affected by the parking lot behind our units and I am concerned about safety. Is there any way that the parking can be street parking similar to parking on leffelle by Bush park? This would ensure that the safety and security of our homes won't be affected
1	I personally want a park with very little cement and concrete construction. The skate park may bring a demographic that I wouldn't at first expect to clean up after themselves, or respect the park. I'd be willing to chance it on a blended park, however a recreational park with a large lot (60 cars) is too much traffic in my opinion. I believe this park will stand well with a smaller lot of 15-30 cars.
1	I play a lot of disc golf , awesome on so many levels. Health , scenic and just really fun to play
1	I play disc golf locally and I am growing women's disc golf in Salem with a league I started. I feel like adding another disc golf course would be great for the women of Salem because it gives us more options. Our leagues here are ever growing and expanding and it would be awesome if we added another course to match the amount of people playing! There is potential for a championship level course on the property that can bring tournaments and business to the local area. I love disc golf and I am a part of making it grow, more specifically for women and young girls. Even the 3+6 holes would be great. I would really hope for the full 18!
1	I prefer a park with as much natural space as possible, though I also like exercise equipment and wish the existing parks by my house had some.
1	I prefer a quiet, natural area that will support wildlife and wetlands and enhance the beauty of the area.
1	I prefer all the options that families and other park users would have. I love that disc golf is an option. I think there might be a disc golf option between both Recreation and Blended as well to make better use of the land for disc golf. More permanent holes blended with some temporary holes for a full 18.
1	I prefer more the habitat option as closest to my vision. However the blended still keeps more of the habitat aspect. Not in love with the Skate park idea. If i had to pick a recreation it would be disk golf but hate the idea of a skate park as it is not the demographic i'd hope to have using the park. Incredibly nervous about homeless population using restrooms/picnic areas for sleep.
1	I prefer nature over noisy recreational areas.
1	I prefer option 3 because we get a new skate park since the one downtown is no good for kids of any age and bathrooms are installed while are taken over by the homeless
1	I prefer something more natural. And would like a dog park area as many people walk dogs there.

Count	Response
1	I prefer to keep it a small community area for people to enjoy.
1	I prefer to see disc golf in the park
1	I see it as supporting a wide variety of community uses and also making it a destination for neighborhood families to enjoy. I love the idea of a community playground and disc golf as ways for community members to be active and spend time with their families outside.
1	I think a disc golf course would be very beneficial for a very wide range of age groups. Great for families and individuals.
1	I think disc golf would make this park a great asset to Salem.
1	I think it is important to have playgrounds and picnic areas. Option two was to developed.
1	I think it is incredibly important to preserve habitat for animals and to keep as much green space as possible. I would love to have another good place to go for nature walks/jogging. It would be great to keep a majority of habitat, but with trails, interpretive trail, and a small playground.
1	I think it would keep the area quieter while still allowing options for families and young people. The skate park is a great idea, and much needed for our area.
1	I think it would maximize equitable community use and adequately preserve environment.
1	I think that area of town could use additional outdoor recreation activities. There are a lot of apartments nearby and this could be a walkable option for families to recreate outdoors and get exercise together. There are no skate parks or disc golf courses anywhere else nearby.
1	I think the idea of a skate park is terrible. You can see the problems it has called under Wallace bridge downtown. Drugs, alcohol, hangout.
1	I think this would meet the needs of various ages in the community
1	I use the park currently and enjoy its undeveloped nature.
1	I want parking, bathrooms and a playground. I feel this option gives the most flexibly for the most people.
1	I worked hard on the fight to save Battle Creek. One of the biggest concerns we had as a group and I had as attorney for the group, was flood mitigation. The least intrusive option and least impermeable service addition is best
1	I would like a new place like this to go to near my neighborhood that isn't a playground but more of a nature area
1	I would like more of a blend of option 1 and 3. With a bit more habitat than recreation. I would also love another dog park. Something closer to Minto-Brown park with trails, habitat and nature.

Count	Response
1	I would like that area to be kept as natural as possible for wildlife and flood mitigation.
1	I would like that area to stay as natural as possible. A wetland with walking/running paths will help the community to enjoy and appreciate the natural element
1	I would like to see a semi manicured disc golf course installed with some trails and picnic area.
1	I would like to see land used for an 18 hole disc golf course that can be used year round. This is the fast growing sport for all ages in the US.
1	I would like to see smaller parking lot and smaller bathrooms. We need to make sure that this area holds the flooding better to protect homes and businesses.
1	I would love a playground and another disc golf course in Salem
1	I would love another beautiful disc golf course in our Capital City even if it's just a 9 hole. Skateparks are fine, but just like the one downtown it will attract unruly night life and probably drug use.
1	I would love to grow the sport of disc golf and to have an amazing price of land to incorporate into the Salem disc golf community would be a great chance to get disc golf more well know.
1	I would love to have a disc golf course nearby to play on a regular basis, disc golf is my main form of exercise and I think the little carbon footprint that a course brings mixed with how beautiful the land is would be an amazing combination!
1	I would love to have a fun place to go for recreation. The new playground would be great for kids, a full frisbee golf course nearby my house would be a blast, and as a skateboarder, having a brand new full size skate park would be amazing due to the fact there is no place to skate in south salem and the downtown park is low quality and is full of dangerous people.
1	I would prefer to maintain the naturalness of the area as much as possible due to its real value as a flood water mitigation area.
1	I'd love another skate park in Salem it would help give teens something to do instead of be on the streets causing trouble I also think a park and outside area with bathrooms should be there also for the same reason
1	I'm Gail, Kay's sister and we live on Battle Creek backing up to the park. We would like to enjoy our property without people running all over our lovely gardens. (using Lora's computer as we don't have one)
1	I'm a disc golfer and have seen the increase in park usage due to adding disc golf
1	I'm a huge disc golf fan and would love to see more courses being brought into oregon as the disc golf scene is growing rapidly here in oregon.

Count	Response
1	I'm an avid disc golf player and an 18-hole course out off of battle creek sounds like an amazing opportunity.
1	I'm concerned that noise from excessive amounts of people and skateing will disrupt the natural wildlife we now have - wild turkeys, hawks and many species of birds. I'm also concerned that with development will draw homeless encampments to the area.
1	I'm using Lora's computer, this is Kay who lives right on the park and I don't want a bunch of people in my backyard throwing discs or a bunch of kids running on my property. I want peace and quiet and so do my neighbors.
1	If the recreation includes a paved pump track and other bike park options, that would make most sense.
1	If you have minimal parking, people will park in the neighborhoods. Then the neighbors will complain about cars parked in their neighborhood and ask the city to place no parking signs. Why should the only people who get to enjoy the park be the ones who can walk their from their house. If you are going to have the park you need to allow room for visitors from all over the city. Not just the few select. And I should be able to walk through the park without worrying about being hit with a stray frisbee.
1	Important to retain our closeness to the natural world as commercialism is beginning to overwhelm our culture.
1	In close proximity to urban population, on land that has been a ball golf course, it seems logical to blend flood retention with recreation. outdoor recreation like skating and disc golf and walking next to a school seems perfect. Park land close to population needs to entice recreational use and improve population health through outdoor physical activity.
1	Integrates well with the natural environment that exists today.
1	Interested in new, more open and outside, type of areas in Salem for specific activities such as disc golf or a easily measured walking/nature trail, especially for those that live nearby.
1	Is a growing area for young families and will be a in demand for recreation facilities
1	It accomplishes the flood plain protection, provides some parking and recreation.
1	It addresses the community needs, and some options. I really like a blend between the natural and the blended, more weighted toward the natural, but with a bit of the options.
1	It allow enjoyment of the site with minimal impact to the lands ability to soak up rainwater. A FEMA study should be done that takes into account the school and all the apartments that have been recently built. I fear that these two constructions will already exacerbate flooding (I would have thought that a water retention swale would have been built prior to these constructions.) Also, the more use the land receives, the more compaction which lessens the ability for the ground to soak up water. THIS IS A FLOOD PRONE AREA. I don't get to the meetings and appreciate this opportunity to comment.

Count	Response
1	It allows use of the area without increasing group human interaction with birds and wildlife (deer, turkeys, skunks, lynx,rabbits etc) and it does not disturb as much of the land so it can remain a water retention area and not contribute more to the flooding downstream.
1	It appears to have the largest area set aside to help with flood retention.
1	It brings in a wider range age if people.
1	It builds a stronger sense of community and adds another family focused benefit to living in Albany - improves livability.
1	It comes close to what I would like to see. I do believe there should be larger restrooms and more parking in the blended version.
1	It creates a safe, natural setting for our community.
1	It does the best job of combining both aspects. Trails, out door fun, while maintaining habitats and basins
1	It fits well with Disc Golf .. Large natural areas with a priority to natural habitat
1	It get family's to come play sports together like disc golf.
1	It gives a large variety of kids a place to play and hangout/ keep them out of trouble.
1	It has everything you need to have fun with family. Also a big skatepark
1	It has many features for family's and friends to have a good time. It also give skateboarders a better atmosphere to skate at. The Marion Square Park is overrun by dangerous homeless. I've witnessed overdoses, fights, bad trips, etc. on a regular basis there.
1	It has some of everything, preserving the wetlands, but allows for recreation
1	It has the least amount of "solid" area and I believe is the best plan of the options to prevent future flooding.
1	It includes a good variety of activities and has adequate parking and rest room
1	It includes the school upgrades. A new disc golf course would be great. Bathrooms and shelter areas are always a plus.
1	It is a compromise between the other 2 options. A little something for everyone.
1	It is a good mix or nature/habitat along with options to encourage outdoor recreation, including a safe place for neighborhood kids to play outside.
1	It is a great layout for a tournament level disc golf course in Salem.

Count	Response
1	It is important for us to preserve nature. Having the option 3 would invite people to the park and encourage people to understand the concept and enjoy the place at the same time.
1	It is the closest to what I prefer which is playground stuff near Doral. I think a playground near Waln will be more dangerous near the busy commercial street and will increase unwanted foot traffic and homeless traffic into the park being a conveinent location to transportation the new apartments and the main through street
1	It is what this area is town needs as for as a recreation park. The 18 hole disc golf course would bring people from around the area and there are plenty of other parks around with large play structures. Also if you only use the larger areas of this park for walking trails there will be unwanted transients that will move in. A disc golf course would keep this type of people away by bringing in constant foot traffic of golfers
1	It keeps it in its more natural state. Since taking out the golf course we now have a school, an apt complex, a memory care center. Salem already has a skate park. There is already a playground at the school. How much upkeep will it have? What happens when there is heavy rain?
1	It keeps it more "natural"
1	It keeps natural most of the natural areas intact, and also has a full 18 disc golf course. The beauty of a disc golf course is the fact of having natural areas, so there would be little to no manipulation of the landscape.
1	It keeps the area in the most "natural" state while providing flood mitigation. Paving and development of structures is not necessary to have an inviting, peaceful place to walk and observe nature - a quiet sanctuary. Not sure how frisbee golf was included in option 2 and 3. That is such a niche activity it does not seem to be worth the expense. There are play/activity areas and parking access at the school so adding those in options 2 and 3 seems redundant and an unnecessary cost. Observing nature is an attribute of all the options so why not keep it as natural as possible.
1	It keeps the land in its more natural state which is good for the local wildlife . Also this park is by an elementary school and it seems like the safest/best option for the children . I believe if we make this park to be like riverfront with a lot of accommodations it will bring in a lot more traffic to an already busy area . With that said our children's safety needs to taken into consideration and we need to do our best to keep this park a safe place because it's right behind the school. Allowing the kids to use the park As an outdoor classroom would be very beneficial for the students education. So all in all I choose this option because I believe it would benefit the people who live In the community ,the students at Battle Creek elementary as well as the local wildlife.
1	It meets the needs of a variety of community members
1	It offers the most active recreation options
1	It provides a little something for everyone

Count	Response
1	It provides for stormwater retention and likely some resultant habitat for overwintering waterfowl and some urban-adapted wildlife while still recognizing that the location is within a densely populated area - directly across the street from a large new apartment complex. Just as wildlife needs food, water, shelter and space, so too do people need space and utilizing a limited recreation component in the development of the old course will provide some open space for human residents of the area.
1	It respects need for flood control but still provides kid friendly features that won't overload capacity of properly
1	It retains the only large natural habitat area for wildlife and trees in South Salem!
1	It seems like the best use of the property for all. This option would bring the most people to come and enjoy the park.
1	It seems more balanced. A full size skate park added to this would be better in my opinion. Why additional playgrounds when there are playgrounds at the school?
1	It seems more peaceful for the residents
1	It seems to strike an appropriate balance.
1	It should meet everyone's vision, also the surrounding neighborhoods.
1	It still has some of the environmental aspects as well as the 18 hole year round course.
1	It suits the needs of the different ages and interests of my family from a 3 year old who like playgrounds, exploration, & learning, to my 40 year old husband who likes disc golf, & myself who likes nature walks and fitness.
1	It won't bring too many people to it. It would be more of a neighborhood park not a big city park.
1	It works for the elderly and also for families with kids of all ages. It's a win/win. But I would like water park for summer instead of skate park
1	It would be a park I would like to visit
1	It would be awesome to have a skate park and it would be a fun community area for people to chill and have fun
1	It would be nice to have a disc golf course in South Salem.
1	It would be nice to have an area for our wildlife and plant life that works together with recreational areas. Paths and areas to teach kids about the need for a balanced ecosystem.
1	It would give teens somewhere to go and have fun instead of just staying inside

Count	Response
1	It's a beautiful park and could be enjoyed by so many people with the right facilities, a disc golf park and nice walking/running trails would bring so much more attention to it
1	It's a good balance between developing the park and leaving it more natural. It also will allow for easy expansion on the disc golf portion.
1	It's a good compromise between competing visions.
1	It's a good overall use of the property
1	It's a great blend that includes a variety of use options for everyone plus full disc golf which is great for the Salem area.
1	It's a great place for nature walks with kids. I think keeping it as natural as possible is best.
1	It's a large green space that will feel natural and wild. It will be habitat for wild animals, and provide Salem residents easy access to a natural space.
1	It's a more family friendly environment. The skate park downtown is not good for kids and I think this is something exciting and the school can Benifit from as well
1	It's best left in its most natural form.
1	It's clearly the best use of the land
1	It's closest to the golf course in design. I'm familiar with its water ways you've already buried two of the creeks there used to be 7. Fema marketed as a floodplain let's be responsible adults. Salem lets take care of our neighbors both downstream and upstream.
1	It's got something for everybody
1	It's important to preserve wetland habitat
1	It's the best fit for family entertainment and activities
1	Jack-of-all trades park. Good community park. Regionally available, but not trying to be large regional park (I see disk golf as a feature of a regional park)
1	Just trails and an 18 hole disc golf course would be in line with the neighborhood. Also it would be a re-vamping of a former golf course and replacing it with a more sustainable and activity.
1	Keep as natural as possible and because it is a floodplain and already has too much building with school, huge apartment etc where there should be none!
1	Keep the area natural! Waln Drive is not designed for traffic increase, nor is the Waln/Commercial intersection. Too much traffic and people noise will chase off the wildlife the area protects. People = noise and trash. City park/recreation near a school = sex offenders.

Count	Response
1	Keep the wetlands look and flood plane protected. This is not an ideal area for all the extras. Put the money and do the "extras" in Bush park, much more space and accessible for all ages.
1	Keeping it natural.
1	Keeps a lot of the natural area intact, but has a skatepark
1	Keeps it natural
1	Keeps most folks happy...also would like to see a pet area.
1	Keeps the area in a natural state and minimizes usage numbers. It also avoids disc golf, which the city already offers at Woodmansee and also No Skate Park....these attract questionable users and this community is already beset by increased non-violent crime with the increase in so many apartments....!!
1	Keeps the area more natural and lessens options which become difficult to control (more restrooms/covered areas/ etc) which can become havens for undesirable/destructive activities.
1	Large skate park
1	Larger parks for kids to play in and stay busy.
1	Least damage to floodplain, ecosystem, current wildlife and surrounding homes.
1	Least disruption, least potential negative impact to my property value. Best chance to continue seeing the seasonal wildlife I enjoy. Least amount of added nonpermeable surface for flooding \water runoff.
1	Least impact on all levels.
1	Least impact on surrounding neighbors.
1	Least impacted to the neighborhood. Other options are HORRIBLE!
1	Less chance of crime, noise, and disruption to residents of Battlecreek Meadows since nothing is being done to ensure their privacy.
1	Less impact on established neighborhoods and preservation of habitat for nature.
1	Like the blend of recreation and habitats
1	Lots of great options
1	Lots of recreation options and 18 hole disc golf course.
1	Lots of space for recreation

Count	Response
1	Love having a playground and a more than 3 hole year round disc golf. Love the trails.
1	Love the idea of having an area where the primary use will be public recreation.
1	Love the idea of preserving more open natural space. It's still open for people to enjoy trails and playing without adding so much additional paving for larger parking lot, skate park, etc.
1	Love the outdoor classroom, disc golf, and playgrounds
1	Love the skate park, playground, and bathrooms. Great place to take my kids and gather with friends.
1	Love to play disc golf.
1	Low key park, however skip any parking
1	MORE FÓR KIDS AND YOUNG PEOPLE
1	Maintaining quiet, wildlife and habitat protection and few impediments to storm water management and detention.
1	Maintaining the area for existing and future wildlife should be the priority in any development plans. We have wild turkeys, red tailed hawks and deer currently in this area. Any development that would create noise and disrupt the quiet and tranquil habitat would be detrimental to the current wildlife.
1	Maintains park space in its most natural habitat.
1	Maintains rural/forest flavor in an area that is rapidly losing canopy and wildlife to development.
1	Maximized human and habitat use
1	Medium amount of parking and restrooms. A balance between activities for children, teens (Frisbee golf) and adults. In my experience, skate parks attract undesirable people whose language and actions aren't compatible with a family environment.
1	Minimal construction. I don't want anything that will draw sketchy characters to linger too long or decide to live in the park.
1	Minimal development, least neighborhood impact.
1	Mix of everything
1	More for families to do
1	More for kids. Skate park is a plus. The one downtown is infested with needles, drugs and disease.

Count	Response
1	More natural areas for walking in nature are needed in Salem, especially treed areas with creeks. We need a fenced dog park, somewhere, at least (the supposed one at Cascade Gateway is un-usable for various reasons and the only other in the area is way up in north Keizer.
1	More natural option. Concerned that paved trails in a flood mitigation area my prove to be a very expensive option over time. Soft surface trails are more environmentally friendly.
1	More natural use of the area. Less people infringing on the neighboring communities.
1	More natural, no skate park
1	More nature.
1	More opportunities for everyone
1	More options for locals to enjoy that amazing area
1	More options for the park to be used. Disc golf
1	More peaceful for enjoying nature.
1	More recreational activities for children and parking space is always necessary and also love the idea of picnic tables , playground and finally having a near by skate park. Kids definitely need a near by park to go to, that's not to far from home .
1	More trails, get the kids outside, and of course a beautiful 18 hole disc golf course.
1	More trashy skateboarders is the one thing we dont need
1	Most dynamic option, provides a new disc golf course.
1	Most neighborhood parks in area are very small, and don't have room for kids to run, ride bikes, etc, and excercise.
1	Multiple uses.
1	My back yard is next to this area, I live on Doral. I do not want the disc golf close to my house
1	My children and I sat together and choose together
1	My family and I enjoy playing disc golf, and spending time together on trails and playground equipment.
1	My family is active and we enjoy the outdoors. Getting people outdoors and active is a great idea.

Count	Response
1	My friends and I would really enjoy a nice place to skateboard in Salem.
1	Natural area for wildlife to live and be enjoyed with current walking trails.
1	Natural areas with trails and disc golf
1	Natural environment with recreation
1	Natural habitat, quiet, no stupid detention ponds
1	Natural is better. The more that is built and developed the more it will have to be maintained, the park isn't maintained as it is; I have little to no confidence the city will maintain what will be built and it will fall into disarray.
1	Natural setting with less noise
1	Nature focused
1	Need more nature type parks
1	Need more places for community to play
1	No disc golf, no skatepark. Theres a park on Sunnyside that has disc golf we dont need another disc golf course.
1	No playground, no skate park. Should be adult fitness oriented stations, not play area stations for children. There's a playground right NEXT DOOR at the school.
1	No skate park
1	No skate park and more natural. Keep it like it is but improved.
1	Noise from playgrounds, skate parks and golf will disrupt any wildlife still llving in the park. Haven't humans impinged enough on nature? In the past 2 years there's hardly any acreage with trees left in S Salem. Developers are the friends of the City of Salem. Please leave something in its natural condition for future generations to enjoy. More pavement and noise are not what we need. PLEASE respect the wishes of people living close to the park, and not residents from far away. If you're counting on developed parks reducing homelessness, I wonder how that's working out for you in Wallace Marine? Most of us are afraid to even go there.
1	Not interested in too much development
1	Not too focused on any one item, but still a good use of what is available.
1	Not too much recreation but enough that there are activities & people regularly in the park to feel like a nice safe community park when walking or hanging out. The concern is to have a balance with the homes that border the park & activities and to mitigate homeless or drug activity that plagues other Salem parks.

Count	Response
1	Once you build, can't take back
1	Option #2
1	Option 1 has the least amount of wildlife disturbance, the least amount of public safety concerns, and is the best 'good neighbor' option.
1	Option 1 preserves the natural elements of the area and maintains the wetland and flood mitigation aspects without as much interference, while still allowing the public to experience nature in its more natural state.
1	Option 1 preserves the wildlife of the area and allows for educational enrichment through trails and an outdoor classroom.
1	Option 2 has many amenities that are appealing to many people. Between the playground, the skate park and the disc golf, as well as walking trails, a covered area and a larger parking lot, it will definitely entice more people to head out and enjoy the space. We also need a nice safe skate park in South Salem for our kids!
1	Option 3 seems like it would benefit the local community and still preserve some habitat for wildlife.
1	Option one is closest to my vision. In my vision you contact a hydrologist and a geologist. Ask fema to review the impact to the area and down steam homes after the city has approved the Sharpcor project, the Creations Northwest project and the 24J project. I think the city of Salem would better use the park's money to develop the parks in the neighborhoods that it had park request for the last 20 years and have not been fulfilled.
1	Our city lacks recreation space provided by the city parks department. We actually need more ball fields and a recreation department.
1	Our family would LOVE a year round 18 hole disc golf course!!!
1	Overall more people would come to it with more to do rather than walk around like Bush Park or Minto-Brown park
1	Parks are about building community.... a place for people to gather, enjoy eachother, and the beautiful outdoors. Having family friendly recreational activities is extremely important.
1	Perfectly Balanced.
1	Play areas for kids. Walking areas for seniors, dogs, accessible for handicapped/disabled. Flood control. Natural areas.
1	Pleases everyone
1	Plenty of different activities for families. This design would be great for all ages and interests. Great for the community and for the neighborhood.

Count	Response
1	Possibly the cheapest option
1	Prefer a national setting that provides habitat for wildlife and opportunities to view wildlife.
1	Prefer a park with lots of activity options, especially disc golf
1	Preferred for wildlife and flood protection.
1	Preservation as a wildlife area is most important to me because this is a wetland/flood plain and waterfowl resting area. The less pavement the better for drainage. And I like the peace and tranquility this space currently offers. We need more of this kind of area in a rapidly developing neighborhood.
1	Preservation of existing habitat is crucial for the inhabitants. There are plenty of parks in Salem. The elementary school has hardtop and a socceer field for many activities that do not need to be recreated. Human traffic control, noise abatement.
1	Preserve natural area and drainage. Prevent flooding there and elsewhere. Save habitat.
1	Prevention of the loss of remaining habitat is vital within the city limits.
1	Primarily the disc golf course and trails for myself, family, and dog. I think the recreation idea is the best idea because it encompasses the most things possible and would quite likely have excellent utilization from all of the Salem area but Albany and Corvallis, as well, for the disc golf. Many of us travel to Salem to play courses up there and this one would be the closest.
1	Promote Battle Creek's flood management value
1	Protecting the habitat should be the primary focus
1	Protects the initial purpose as a flood plain and safe zone. Please research the importance of leaving it untouched as much as possible. Otherwise be prepared for flood damages to be worse in a couple of years.
1	Provides greatest flood mitigation, maintains natural setting, least cost to maintain and build!
1	Provides minimal walking use for humans, and provides the most beneficial option for wildlife. Wildlife Need a place to live in peace. Keep this park natural, rustic, and not overrun by selfish humans.
1	Provides the most activity to citizens and visitors to the park
1	Recreation means activities where people will come together. My main desire is for a 18 hole year round disc golf course. Not all disc golfers are non workforce, drug using people. Let's change that kind of thinking.
1	Recreation option for more people

Count	Response
1	Recreational areas are important in Oregon. There are many existing habitat parks in the area and an additional recreational park would be nice.
1	Recreational seemed like too many options and too developed. Habitat was under used.
1	Retains as much natural feeling as possible
1	S. Salem has no recreational parks of substance.
1	Salem needs a real skate park we are the state Capitol and our skate park is pathetic.
1	Salem Oregon desperately needs a new skatepark!
1	Salem desperately needs a new skatepark and I feel that this one will alleviate much of the use on the one downtown and invigorate youth to get outside
1	Salem is due for a nicer skatepark than just the on downtown.
1	Salem is growing rapidly and it would be a missed opportunity to not add recreational features that families and kids can enjoy. The park is big enough to leave plenty of habitat and wild areas while still having recreation.
1	Salem is home to a growing disc golf community. The sport is low-impact, team or solo oriented, low cost, and fits into the natural aesthetic of the park.
1	Salem is in dire need of protecting green space. We are rapidly losing natural habitats to pavement and concrete. Please allow this area of Salem to be as natural as it can be, for our residents and wildlife. I live in Turner, and consider this area my extended backyard. I know the water that flows through it affects not only Salem, but also the area surrounding Turner. Thank you.
1	Salem needs a clean skate park in south salem.
1	Salem needs a legitimate skatepark badly! Teens barely go outside as it is.
1	Salem needs a new & solid skate park as the capital of Oregon.
1	Salem needs a skatepark
1	Salem needs another 18-hole disc golf course.
1	Salem needs another nature park
1	Salem needs more developed parks with bathrooms and skate parks. South Salem is growing very quickly, and the old golf course is beautiful but largely inaccessible to the public. This is a wonderful way to enhance the city's park options. I hope the community park will be stunning like some of the parks in Roseburg, Medford, and Grants Pass.

Count	Response
1	Salem needs more green space for family use.
1	Salem needs more native vegetation and more trees. We have done little to nothing to combat climate change. Reserving this entire area for native trees and vegetation and leaving natural drainages would be a start.
1	Salem needs more outdoor rec areas.
1	Salem needs more playgrounds and covered picnic areas for young families
1	Salem needs more recreation-driven options. We have several good parks, such as Minto Brown, but they do not offer recreation opportunities like disc golf or large playgrounds or fitness stations.
1	Salem needs places for our youth and adults to exercise and be healthy this is a great opportunity to have a nice scenic place for all south Salem's residence to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.
1	Seems like itd suit our community better.
1	Seems to cover more bases without excluding one use or the other
1	Several options to promote outdoor play for youth.
1	Since habitat areas continue to shrink, I want to protect this one and have a natural, quiet area in which to walk.
1	Skate park and playground and trails
1	Skate park!
1	Skate park. Salem has enough disk golf courses
1	Skatepark
1	Skatepark
1	Skatepark & disc golf.
1	Skatepark and Playground
1	Skatepark option is the best option as stated earlier. We need a skatepark for our skate community.
1	Smaller play/recreation features keep it more of a natural space than a destination feature park (disc golf/skatepark/picnic shelter). Encourages play, exploration, exercise but not drawing people for specific rec features (as above), less likely to encourage lots of driving to the park. Safe natural area, nothing else like it in south Salem.

Count	Response
1	Smaller skate park but still has options. I like that there is things for the school to incorporate into curriculum
1	So that Salem can have a new skatepark built, i thinks it's something that's needed. Since it's in south Salem the danger of malicious activities won't be nearly as bad compared to the downtown skatepark
1	South Salem is destroying habitats at an alarming rate. This is an opportunity to teach our children there is a fascinating natural world that doesn't have to include concrete.
1	South Salem is growing rapidly, with primarily single family residences being built from River Road to Battle Creek. Our families need quality outdoor recreation amenities but to build them without sacrificing the little remaining natural habitat within the UGB. It would be a total wasted opportunity to leave this all as unprogrammed open space - useable outdoor space right near thousands of homes is perfect for gathering, playing, and interacting with your neighbors.
1	South Salem needs more, safe, recreational opportunities
1	The City of Salem could really use a proper skateboard park and a clean disc off course without non-recreational park users living there doing all their drugs and drinking. I feel like it being next to the school the city police might actually enforce park rules better
1	The 18 hole disc golf course.
1	The 18 hole disc golf course. If there was a course my friends and I would probably visit the park 2 to 4 times a week. Without it we would probably never go. Also the course at a blended park with 3 to 6 holes would probably go mostly unused. People who play like to make a day out of it. You can only play 3 to 6 holes so many times in a day. Thank you.
1	The Disc Community is respectful. Would be a great addition.
1	The Disc Golf community is strong, loyal, and respectful. The grounds would be treated as prized possession.

Count	Response
1	The Highest Priority of this land is to address Flood/High Water issues for property owner Safety and Security. This area has had flooding in the past and it extends and even influences Mill Creek and City of Turner. The City of Salem is trying to balance Recreation into this with over and limited budget, when it says it doesn't have money to up-keep the parks we have now and now some how wants another park with expanded demands on more costs. It seems obvious that the City and Parks will then ask for more money or bonds to fund this in the future. Flood control and to curtail damage that we have seen in the past should be and is the main emphasis....I fail to see the City and Parks correct direction on this when they have options for additional enhanced recreation as an attractant for more people into the area when you use the term "Wildlife Habitat". How could Wildlife make use of this area when you criss-cross the area with walking dog trails. It is foolish to believe that people ar
1	The area is important for flood control and I think minimal development best fits this need. Also, the area is used every winter for thousands of geese for feeding and resting during migration. Other waterfowl use the area as do deer, wild turkey and many other less easily observed creatures. And I think option 1 best meets the needs for flood control and habitat in combination with opportunities for low impact recreation.
1	The area is more of a senior, individual living area. Not a lot of kids in this area. Leave it as peaceful and quiet and natural as possible.
1	The area is unsuited for the other options.
1	The area lends itself to an open habitat to view wildlife, wetlands, and greenspace. Salem, as a Tree City recipient, would benefit from a natural park setting. Boise, Idaho, has a similar space, Kathryn Albertson Park, which is an urban park enjoyed by all in the city.
1	The area needs to be maximized for storm water runoff retention. You will need lots of trees and habitat area to maximize infiltration rates and provide shade. A large open field plan is counterproductive to preventing heating and reducing the impact of heavy rains.
1	The city of Salem could use another recreational area. The Marion square park is surrounded by people who aren't there to use the facilities and bring drugs and problems to the area. A new Park could give the youth a safer place to go and skate and do other activities away from the riff raff.
1	The community needs things to do and this provides many options. There aren't many options in South Salem for these types of activities, so having them there reduces driving and travel to other parts of town to do similar activities. It also helps create a sense of community in this neighborhood.

Count	Response
1	The disc golf community to so great and to be able to have the community that helps out with all sorts or parks and rec problems and projects it's a no brainer to get a course out there. One of the fastest growing sports and with a little help from the community we will actually be able to give back through events. All of the other aspects like play grounds and walking trails is really awesome of course. But this park and it's location is much better fit for recreational activities instead of a Minto Brown park where naturalism is its underlying quality. Disc golf community upkeep their own parks, run their own profitable events, and get kids and adults out and about being healthy. There is a toll on properties when it comes to disc golf. It does leave a foot print. But compared to a skatepark, not nearly as much.
1	The disc golf course
1	The disc golf course would help preserve the land, and also be a great addition for the community. It's a safe and fun way to get exercise, and enjoy the outdoors for all ages.
1	The disc golf course, covered area, park, and interpretive trail
1	The disc golf option is the best for bringing people to the park and possibly getting more income from tournaments
1	The flood mitigation is a very serious concern, especially for Mill Creek. This park should be more of a natural setting, allowing many of the wildlife to remain (deer, turkeys, ducks, squirrels etc). Disc golf is a big waste of space. Keeping it natural, the City can re-evaluate use in some areas in 2-4 years.
1	The least improvements will need less ongoing maintenance expenses.
1	The less construction and infrastructure on this land designated for flood management the easier it will be for it to manage floodwaters.
1	The more pristine the better in order to allow wildlife habitat and normal water/flood dissipation
1	The most natural appearing us of land.
1	The noise & activity areas are in the right places off Waln Rd. The habitat, walking and reflective areas are to the South and West where they should be.
1	The only skate park in Salem is run down and poor by current standards. For as large as a city we are and the state capitol we really should have one of the best skate parks in Oregon.
1	The overall layout is better. I don't like the overlooks that are at the south end near condos. I like the idea of a year round disc golf course.
1	The park is at the south end of Salem, recreation facilities should be more centrally located. The perfect example is the park located on Rees Hill that is hardly used, because A: the city does little to maintain it and B: it is not centrally located, much like the proposed park.

Count	Response
1	The playground options for the kids are better, it allows for more parking and has a wider variety of activities to participate in.
1	The purpose for buying this property is flood control. While I value the active uses proposed, I am concerned about increased runoff impacting areas downstream. If development increases total flood retention at the site, then I'm happy with any of the options.
1	The recreation option would give the park more attention and give the kids and people out south that way a nice place to visit. There's not much out there and it's in a perfect spot for a recreational park like that.
1	The restoration of habitat AND playground spaces
1	The site will get the most use and be most valuable to the community with more recreation options. The Blended option tries to do too many things and the result is a disc golf course that is too small (no one will play a seasonal 3-hole course), a skate park that is too small, and a playground that looks too small. This park is situated next to Commercial nd as such should expect and be able to accommodate a lot of foot and vehicle traffic.
1	The skate park
1	The skate park is a great size in option 2!
1	The wild life that goes on in the Park year around will be heavily Impacted by 30 and 60 cars parked with disc golf. So many people walking all around the park area will move the deer out and interrupt the migration and feeding of the thousands of geese that depend on this natural habitat.
1	The year round disc golf course
1	The year round disc golf course would ensure year round upkeep of the park.
1	Thedisc golf course 18 holeyear around and parking and restrooms and trails
1	There are few natural places left. Let's not destroy this one.
1	There are hardly any recreation options south of Mildred that dont require a membership. A recreation center that doesnt lay down too much concrete would be a great addition to this neighborhood and get people active.
1	There are no skate parks in the South Salem Area of Salem, meaning you have to drive out to all of them. I enjoy skating and it brings me to meet new people and good friends. This park would help strengthen the community bringing people together and would help give youth a place to spend time learning new skills and making new friends.
1	There are not a lot of community parks in South Salem that offer recreation opportunities. No skate park, few public park play grounds (only Woodmansee) in large City parks.

Count	Response
1	There are tons of skaters and kids that need a new park downtown skatepark is almost unridable and we travel to Corvallis daily just to skate a park that it quality
1	There aren't a lot of options for kids and adults to play in this area. Rees hill park is dilapidated, Sumpter, Woodmansee, Bryan Johnston or the other one with the splash pad are quite a drive from this area, which is tough since the parking isn't the best and isn't always guaranteed.
1	There has been overbuilding in this area of South Salem. Many people are not aware how many creeks & natural springs are in this area. A natural park would be beautiful. I was raised in this area of south Salem & many people do not know 1 of the creeks from this area floods downtown.
1	There is a need for areas where people can get away from the grind of daily life with some peace and quite.
1	There is a severe need for wildlife habitat as well as storm water retention
1	There is already too many people and too little wildlife habitat in South Salem.
1	There is so much growth in South Salem and I do not believe there is enough thought into the issues of water run off into the creeks and having open spaces that are not overwhelmed by people.
1	There is such a variety of wildlife that live in or migrate through Battle Creek Park, I strongly prefer a plan that makes the least impact on them.
1	There is way more activities for all.
1	There is wildlife currently living in the park and option 1 would create a viable place for that wildlife to continue as well as offer walking trails for people to see the park area and enjoy the natural area. Option 2 and 3 contain skate parks, play equipment and other congregating areas that will be too close to existing homes. It would seem to be a better choice to have those items on the side closer to the elementary school where homes won't be so close. The noise level of loud music, loud talking, etc will affect the livability of homes where the location of the skate park, etc is currently located. I drove by Bryan Johnston Park and wonder why a skate park couldn't be located there. There are no homes immediately adjacent to that park, it's located in a family neighborhood and seems to be more family oriented.
1	There seems to be a vocal group against a very large park, I do not feel they represent the majority opinion but I do agree due to this park being at the edge of town which would be difficult for everyone to get to, money savings building smaller amenities would better be spent at a more central location, and designing this park to mainly attract those in a 2-3 mile radius seems to make more sense
1	There's enough room for option two and would support a larger part of the community.
1	These types of areas are disappearing and preserving habitat just make sense.

Count	Response
1	Think we should take advantage of the natural surroundings and would be least intrusive and thus, most beneficial for flood control. Having gone thru the big floods in 1996 and 2012, I am very concerned about water detention in Battle Creek Park...especially since 35-40% of the area that was flooded in 2012 is now also under pavement.
1	This choice keeps noisy family play activity where it needs to be on the North Waln side. Habitat side to the South and West for those who want exercise or a quiet reflective walk. I think most people would not have a problem with this design.
1	This end of Salem has been overbuilt and we need to allow for water runoff. Many people that are not familiar with this part of South Salem nor do they realize that these creeks flow into downtown. So we need retention ponds
1	This is a beautuful natural area. Honor its beauty. You can build a concrete play structure and skate park anywhere. Leave it a natural place that we can relax in and reflect.
1	This is a flood retention area. Natural habitat is best with fewer things like concrete surfaces.
1	This is a good mix of well thought out community use, preserving nature, and making sure that the function of the park for rain water absorption and flood mitigation is maintained.
1	This is a growing part of town with lots of multi family units. A park is important community infrastructure. It should probably have a dog area too. Open space is nice but it should have a panoply of recreation options. I think a something new for Salem parks, like a public planetarium in what is a darker part of the city, would also be a good community investment
1	This is a perfect park for a full disc golf course. Disc golf allows people off all ages to enjoy the natural beauty of the area while having a great time.
1	This is the closest option to leaving the park in its current, natural state.
1	This offers opportunities for activities for a variety of ages, especially kids. This would be a welcomed addition to our neighborhood and for our family and kids.
1	This option is more what I envision for the utilization of a previous golf course area. This will keep the natural beauty of the land. However, it would be nice to have some community park elements incorporated.
1	This option keeps the land nearest its natural habitat and preserves the property as a storm water detention area.
1	This option seems to offer the greatest number of amenities that would actually bring people to the park. The full size disc golf course has the potential to bring people from surrounding communities who will spend money in the community.
1	This option works the best for the whole city of Salem, it won't include safe zones for children, joggers and skateboarders alike.

Count	Response
1	This park caters to the widest demographic of users, and will get by far the most traffic. The 18 hole disc golf course will definitely be an attraction!
1	This plan is great because it has a everything for everyone.
1	This would provide a natural area for habitat to thrive. It would also provide opportunities for the community to observe and enjoy the natural area and habitats.
1	Though I realize this is not a "community" park, it is in a residential area, and needs to be considerate of that. For this reason, I think option 1 would best suit the area.
1	To skate because the downtown park is trashy.
1	Too few amenities invite the wrong use of parks as found in the county's Joryville Park and too many amenities will disrupt habitat.
1	Try to give a little of everyone!
1	Want to see disc golf
1	We actively play disc golf and use soft or paved trails and play equipment as apart of my sons muscle therapy and development for his disability.
1	We already have Ankeny and Minto for wildlife. We need a place that will bring people together. I like the idea of a dog park as well. I would love to see a modern playground that has things bigger people can enjoy too.
1	We are a family with young children and I like the idea of a larger park area and the skate park with a larger parking lot and bathrooms.
1	We need a new skate park in salem
1	We need a new skatepark in Salem.
1	We need a new skatepark the downtown skatepark is full of homeless and drugs it's not a safe place for young kids and has almost put me and my friends in very dangerous positions
1	We need a skate park that will attract people to the sport!! We have a skate park downtown that is in a horrible spot of town :(I also love disc golf and a new local course would be awesome
1	We need an A-tier disc golf course in the area. This location has potential for some of the greatest tournaments and fundraising opportunities for decades to come. I truly hope to play there one day.
1	We need another 18 hole disc golf course in Salem.

Count	Response
1	We need more natural areas where children and adults can observe nature instead of expecting entertainment. There is a playground at Rees Park and Battlecreek Elementary School. We do not need more playgrounds. Natural areas are scarce and could be a natural playground, as children have found for thousands of years. Observing a golf course evolve into a natural habitat with wild turkeys, geese, ducks and wild plants has been very instructive.
1	We need more open areas for families and kids. More things are needed for recreational activities in south Salem. If all the area is used also less likely to attract a homeless camp.
1	We need more options for exercise
1	We need more outdoor recreation areas.
1	We need more recreational options in our city for our youth. There are plenty of wetland viewing areas in the valley. What we really need is a baseball/softball/soccer/lacrosse turf field complex in this city to bring in more outdoor youth sports events. The city fields are a disgrace to our community. Our businesses could use the boost in business that these faculties would bring in from early spring to late fall.
1	We need more undeveloped land and wildlife habitat.
1	We need to do what we can to preserve natural green space and encourage communities to explore it while limiting our impact. At the same time, we need to increase access through more frequent public transit.
1	We need to save any and all parts of our planet
1	We need to save as much habitat as we can and let this area work as a control for floods.
1	We really need a safe, well built, fully functional and fun skatepark in this community with a nearby playground. I would love to see both be big, robust spaces so a family could spend a day at this park skating, playing BBQing, and riding on trails and hiking around. There are spaces like this in Portland and Eugene but we are missing one here.
1	We would use this park all the time and think others would too! This will accommodate more people! Salem needs a good skate park in a good area and this would be perfect.
1	We're avid disc golfers and my son skateboards.
1	Wetlands support wild waterfowl during winter and spring. Park floods significantly during wet years and some surrounding areas as well.

Count	Response
1	What I like about the undeveloped area currently is seeing nature, such as the ducks that come in during the flood season. Right now this neighborhood is suffering from all the developments cutting down so many trees. It doesn't look anything like it did 5 years ago. Focusing on a habitat park and bringing nature back will be good for all of us, and letting the kids from the school learn from it will be good for them. I grew up near a nature/habitat park that had play things like seesaws made of real oak logs interspersed with plaques with info about nature and I absolutely loved it. I think that would be way better for the community than the typical "suburban" style park like what's over on Mildred.
1	While I desire an 18 hole course...fact is i wont use it year round while the habitat features/basin will get more use.
1	While I would prefer a larger disc golf course, I prefer this course because it has one at all.
1	While green spaces are nice in town, Oregon has many nature offerings out of town. I feel people need activities to do while in the park to draw them and keep them occupied. A park may draw troublemakers who get bored and start causing damage.
1	Wildlife can live and continue to survive in the limited natural areas that are left in this crowded society.
1	Wildlife habitat is shrinking daily. We have the opportunity to make a difference and not add to the problem.
1	Wish to leave park at natural state as much as possible to address flooding and wildlife needs first.
1	With the school district up more of their spaces, I like the playground area, the shelter near the playground, I like having disc golf and a skate park. I think the size of the parking lot and restrooms would be nice in Option 2, whether you have option 1, 2, or 3. Why are the playgrounds being built so close to the apartments and condos, and none closer the homes? This seems skewed.
1	Would like to see this area remain useful in the form of trails, but not encouraging people to occupy the area for long periods of time.
1	Would love to see a low impact and reacreational use for this land
1	Year round 18 hole!
1	Year round disc golf course which will keep a steady amount of foot traffic which will keep down on homeless camps appearing. I also like the fact that it seems to cover the most interests that the public wants.
1	a little bit of everything
1	better meets all the needs of the area.

Count	Response
1	flood control, natural area for animals, soft trails for personal enjoyment of natural area
1	flood safety. I've been thru too many in the past 15 years.
1	gives some recreation but also some trails
1	green is good
1	habitat would help make up for recent development in Salem where we are loosing habitat
1	has some recreation but is not obtrusive to the residents near it.
1	i am only picking this option because my boyfriend wants a skate park but honestly, half of my childhood memories were my friends and i playing, and catching frogs in this "undeveloped" land and it was great! i hope none of that is ruined because of this.
1	i ride a bmx bike and salem needs a new skatepark
1	it has a good blend of everything .
1	it has a little bit of everything that everyone can enjoy
1	it has the best of both options
1	it would be used by the greatest amount of people
1	least impact on the neighborhood and lease "development"
1	less expensive, more realistic, parking, access simply doesn't exist for a more developed facility
1	more family activity's to do and that's somthing we need out south. Also, SALEM NEEDS A NEW SKATEPARK! We're the states capital but have one of the worst parks in the state!
1	more peaceful place to visit, more scenic
1	no skate park
1	recreational parks are good to keep people off their phones and more interactive
1	retains open space for wildlife, especially birds and pollinators, while allowing recreational use in discrete areas and walking trails accessible and unpaved
1	salem floods and as a growing city there is still a lot of wildlife around. we need to balance all needs, not just of people with small children

Count	Response
1	salem needs a new skatepark the current one is outdated, some rails and ledges street riding style
1	skatepark
1	takes advantage of wetlands and recreation
1	the skatepark
1	there will be a skatepark included with many other activities and options around. i've lived in salem my whole life and you can only do the same stuff everyday so often before you get bored and want new things. i think a new skatepark away from all the bums will be a lot more kid friendly and draw in the potential for more athletes in the future.
1	there's is so much more fun
1	this maximizes the recreation potential, while incorporating conservation and education elements, the 18 hole disc golf course will be a great asset
1	to keep as natural as possible but welcoming for walkers and some picnic facilities

7. What additional information would help you identify a preference?

SURVEY LOGIC NOTE: The question was hidden unless Question #5 "If you could only pick one option, which would you pick?" was answered "No preference/unsure"

ResponseID	Response
771	I enjoy the idea of a blended option, but I believe the current option three is flawed.
943	STOP putting the parking lot next to the condominiums!! That is not fair to the residents that they must endure traffic and car noises. MOVE the parking lot, play areas, and skate areas. KEEP the traffic and noisy areas away from the condos!!! The designer should be smarter than that! They are already losing a beautiful view and that leaves it more open for drug transactions and crime! THINK PEOPLE!!
1017	Impact on neighborhood with Recreation option; cost and maintenance of park and structures
1019	Concerns about impact of skate park and disc golf on adjoining neighborhood. Don't see need for sculpted earth mounds. Would like more information on maintenance of suggested structures. Mixed feelings on picnic shelter near Waln.

8. What best describes you?

Value	Percent	Responses
Live next to Battle Creek Park	21.3%	163
Live in a neighborhood within walking distance to Battle Creek Park	25.3%	194
Live in South Salem, but not close to Battle Creek Park	23.3%	179
Live in another part of Salem, but am interested in Battle Creek Park	16.9%	130
Do not live in Salem	13.2%	101
		Totals: 767

9. How old are you?

Value	Percent	Responses
Under 18 years	5.2%	40
18-24 years	8.4%	64
25-34 years	21.1%	161
35-44 years	22.9%	175
45-54 years	12.7%	97
55-64 years	14.4%	110
Over 65 years	15.2%	116
		Totals: 763

10. Would you like to receive emails about the Battle Creek Park Master Plan update process? If so, and you have not already opted-in, please write your email address in the box provided below.

11. Any additional comments?

Count	Response
2	N/A
1	I am really excited about the prospect of getting the Premier skate park built here in Salem please make this happen so excited!
1	I realize that ALL of the city of Salem have input, however, those of us who live adjacent to the projected park will be immediately impacted by "active" park development and should be given weighted input. Noise impacting natural wildlife and the potential for crime are our greatest concerns.
1	If there is a playground for children to play at a reserve a bowl gazebo near there for Paris reserve for birthday parties when there's chances of weather would be lovely with a bathroom nearby And I clean this golf course and skateboard park would be great too
1	#RecreationalGang
1	15,000 sq foot skatepark!!!
1	A fenced dog park area would be great.
1	A full disc golf course would allow tournaments to be held and gain money to upkeep the park. Small businesses such as food trucks and vendors could always set up during days of tournaments to increase revenue for Salem.
1	A neighborhood park for kids alongside a disc golf course would be fantastic!
1	A new skatepark in Salem would help me out because skating is a big part of my life and I probably wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for skateboarding, please let us have a nice/new skatepark in Salem
1	A small type of amphitheater, earth mound, for music.
1	A small, fenced in dog run area would be a great addition. South Salem doesn't have one yet. If not at this park, there are a few places where I see one could work. Woodmansie, or the field next to the community garden off Sunnyside?
1	Add a skatepark
1	Add a splash pad to the park plans so there are more options for children in the heat of summer. There are few parks with this.
1	Add skate park
1	Again, we don't have a computer and using Lora's in order to get our opinions into the city.

Count	Response
1	Anyone who does not live in the immediate area of this proposed park should have no say in the development
1	Anything to help families stay active! Adding a Parking lot and restrooms are a huge plus too!
1	Appreciate the options and opportunity for input.
1	As a Salem resident my entire life I remember playing golf on the old battle creek course and more recently (prior to the high density housing development) would take my whole family and dog on a "nature walk" in the purposed nature area. We loved this nightly ritual as it got us out in nature and was within walking distance from our home. I would hate for this beautiful piece of historical land to be turned into a skate park or area that will lose its natural nature appeal.
1	As a board member for Capitol City Disc Golf, we are happy to see that the city is considering the course installation. We have ways of shoring up the responsibility for the needs of the course and a strong track record with Salem Parks. Thanks again for taking the time to impliment the course in these designs and we hope to be available to help make it a great asset to the community and the city.
1	As previously stated, I am most concerned with flood mitigation, thus the least intrusive Park would be my preference. You've already lost much of the property that was under water in '96 & '12 to pavement, and am not at all confident that the detention strategies proposed will be successful. Am also suggesting use of raised boardwalks in lieu of paved paths to meet ADA rqmts as well as to let water drain through. Very small unpaved prkg lot would be OK.
1	At the Open House, it was mentioned that only survey results from people living within City Limits were being considered. I am the principal of Battle Creek Elementary and, although I live just outside of the city limits, only a few miles away from BC, I spend 11 months at BC, 5 days a week. Similarly, I feel that my staff's opinions should also be considered, regardless of whether or not they live in Salem city limits as we have a vested interest in the community due to the children from this neighborhood which we serve.
1	Based on my discussions with City reps/consultants it's evident that the options and components were not based on comprehensive data regarding the current flood management role played by Battle Creek or what will be needed in the future.
1	Battle Creek Park is an area I would choose to use for walking and running.
1	Be sure you have good flood control
1	Before the plans are finalized, PLEASE see if the parks department will MOW the existing "trails" in the park. The trails used to be easier to walk. Now, there are parts of the "trails" that are overgrown. It's a great place to walk my dog, but challenging in places. THANKS!
1	Biased plans, and presentations, toward development. Two development plans with one labeled as the "blended" scheme...deceptive. Little consideration for neighboring people. Drop the skate park, consider a dog park which brings in a better element of society (quieter too).

Count	Response
1	Build a skate park the one down town isn't safe for kids.
1	Build a third bridge to accommodate the increased traffic going into and coming out of West Salem.
1	Capital City Disc Golf club is very interested in assisting all those involved in making the most use possible for a properly laid out disc golf course. Thank you for all your hard work!
1	Choosing disc golf and bring in professionals like Universal Play Disc Golf, a 501.c.3 nonprofit, focused on the education and design of disc golf in order to enhance local communities for generations to come. With their safety expertise and the city planners knowledge, a course that could be a main attraction for years to come. could easily come to fruition. Check Zoe & Dustin out at uplaydiscgolf.org
1	Considering moving the parking lot away from the BCM condos is my #1 request!
1	Definitely a skate park. I refuse my 14 year old permission to go to the nasty one downtown. It is a disgrace and kids need something to do in south salem.
1	Disc golf and skate park at least build that
1	Disc golf can be a whole family activity.
1	Disc golf course over skate park
1	Disc golf is a great family activity! People of all ages play and it's a great way to get outside!
1	Disc golf is a growing sport and a coarse would get lots of use
1	Disc golf is an important part of our community! It would be amazing for the kids to have the option to learn the sport during their formative years.
1	Disc golf please!!
1	Disc golf!
1	Encourage kids to get outside and play.
1	Flood Control.
1	Forget skate park and frisbee golf. National trends in activities indicate declining interest in these activities. Not worth the expense and maintenance.
1	From what I have heard from residents near by, they want something in the park that provides an activity that is low maintenance and has low impact to the visual and nature surroundings. Disc golf is a perfect fit and could fit in with a wide range of other features that would elevate the use of the park.

Count	Response
1	Glad the city now owns this and is willing to maintain it responsibly for flood mitigation. I don't envy whoever's job is to try to make everyone happy!
1	Glad to see recognition of the importance of flood control. Given the history and uncertainty in predicting future flooding situations, conservative design is warranted.
1	Good luck!
1	Having both a skatepark and plenty of greenery around the park would be perfectly ideal.
1	Having lived in Battle Creek Commons for many years and observed previous years of flooding, Water retention and regulation of flows of primary creeks should be the major concern. We have a couple of deer in the neighborhood and it is nice to see them in the parklike areas. E/S
1	Hopefully you will respect our opinions and not treat us as pesky children.
1	Hoping to keep this area as natural as possible. Low traffic, and attractions which would not encourage outsiders.
1	I am VERY concerned about the type of demographic a skate park might attract. It would be lovely if this park were WELL lit, to help prevent crime from rising in the area and in our neighborhoods.
1	I am very argumentative about habitat & minimizing human traffic. There is a small park off Rees Hill Rd that children can play in as well as the elementary school.
1	I appreciate everyone's hard work on this!
1	I appreciate the opportunity to be given a voice in deciding the park. Thank you for all the work you have done and for presenting info at the meetings. I'm sure it can't be easy.
1	I appreciate the work and thoughts which have gone into the designs.
1	I believe we all need to be open to change even if we are stuborn and dont want it or we are fearful.
1	I did live in Salem next to the Battle Creek golf course on Lexington - this project is close to my heart. For the entire community and for those down stream, like Turner flood mitigation and habitat provide the best option
1	I didn't hear any other news about "buffers" going up behind the adjacent residential properties. Is this still part of the plan? If so, what would these buffers consist of?
1	I do not feel a specific playground is necessary for the Battle Creek Park because there is a school playground very close to the designated park area. If we want our children and grandchildren to learn and appreciate natural habitats, then we must provide an outlet for them and the Wildlife.

Count	Response
1	I do not personally live in Salem but members of my family live adjacent to this property.
1	I do really hope everyone olanning this considers the potential of a skatepark and other recreational activities for this park. I'm sad seeing skaters seen as nothing more than teens out to cause trouble by many adults and hope that this close by park will result in more people seeing the better side to skating potentially.
1	I don't have a computer which is why we are using Lora's computer.
1	I dont want my neighborhood to look like Marion Square Park!
1	I enjoy the quiet of the park as it is. The habitat for creatures. The feeling that I'm walking in a wilder place than the streets nearby.
1	I feel that including a skate park wouldn't work here. I also prefer natural paths over paved ones.
1	I forgot to add basketball courts would be nice
1	I have concerns that the heavy rains and waterflow (both increasing over time) have not been fully considered when changing the topography and surface covering of the park area. There is a neighborhood park on Rees Hill by BatttleCreek Commons that could be expanded to have a picnic structure and a small restroom. The park off Mildred and new acquisition further west on Rees Hill could be expanded/modified to have frisbee golf and a skatepark or more picnic area.. Both are more open and less supportive of the current wildlife using battle Creek park.
1	I have pretty well stated the Priorities for the area as originally mentioned in this property Plan. Its almost inconceivable that the City wants to take on another major expenditure when it often says they have a budget shortfall. Its also show lack of knowledge by Park Planners and Engineers in the proposed plan.
1	I heard a lot of older people griping about 'crime' related to this park development, which is laughable to me. I hope there will be a resolution that preserves the quiet nature there, while also accommodating community wishes-suitable to people of all ages....
1	I hope for option 2 great job having options!
1	I just want to reiterate what I've already stated. I love all the ideas, I have kids and prefer the playground and picnic area in the options, but I feel the location of those features are critical. I will not be as comfortable walking towards Commercial street with my young children. The new apartment complex across the street doesn't need more playground but the people back in the established neighborhoods would utilize it more. I think a playground near Waln will be more dangerous near the busy commercial street and will increase unwanted foot traffic and homeless traffic into the park as it would be a conveinent location to transportation, the new apartments, and the main through street that heads towards the interstate.

Count	Response
1	I know I don't live in Salem, but a good disc golf course would draw in more visitors and I think that's what makes a good park.....brining in people from around the area to enjoy your city and it's amenities.....
1	I like the Northeast corner of the recreation option coupled with the blended option.
1	I live in Sweet home and would definitely bring my family to play disc golf and explore an interpretive trail
1	I live next to Waln Creek and I know how critical it is to have runoff areas (Woodside Dr SE floods annually). It would be catastrophic if the Battle Creek Park area were developed as commercial or residential. Also, be mindful that annual rainfall appears to be on the rise.
1	I live on Mill Creek, so I have an interest in anything that affects Salem's waterways.
1	I live well upstream of the Battle Creek park site, but Waln Creek is in my backyard. I remember cutthroat trout living in the stream until about a dozen years ago. Downstream restoration would provide them a refuge to drop down to during the warm low-water season.
1	I love disc golf
1	I love disc golf so would love to see a new course built. I would definitely travel from Eugene to play it and check it out, and I have many friends whou would as well. Also many friends in Portland would travel down to play. Im sure there are thousands of disc golfers in Oregon who would travel to play a nice big 18 course if it is planned well and is fun. It could be a big revenue source for the surrounding retailers and lodging establishments.
1	I prefer unpaved trails.
1	I see the most important use of Battle Creek Park is for flood control and wild life habitat.
1	I think a blended park is a wonderful idea, but maybe see about shifting where the parking (plus bathroom and skate park, if it gets decided on) so it isn't directly behind people's homes (condos backed against the park).
1	I think it would be neat to have a more natural looking structure because there is nothing like that in Salem, I also think water is always a fun thing to add
1	I think the park is so nice as it is and enjoy the peace and beauty of this place.
1	I think the park will be a great addition to the Battle Creek neighborhood, we just need to take into consideration of the elementary school that's right by it and make sure whatever choices are made that it's in the children's and local community's best interests and that their safety is number one factor in the final decision.
1	I think you are on the right track with option three. However, under no circumstances should there be a Skate Park of any kind. There is increased chances for injury and a potential draw of negative elements in our society. Stay with regular playground apparatus.

Count	Response
1	I used to hold the old Battle Creek course and my parents lived nearby. EVERY year the area flooded making it impossible to utilize the course. I feel by investing in an overly developed park, the city faces high maintenance due to water damage and diminished public use for the same reason.
1	I work and play in Salem. I am looking to buy in Salem. These results will affect where I buy.
1	I would be out there every other week playing disc golf if a course was added. I play weekly at Oregon State Hospital and Cascades Park. I have done volunteer work for these parks. The community is a lot like me and Battleground would benefit from adding an 18 hole course.
1	I would be very interested in talking more about this project and getting involved in planning or volunteering! Sandy Fulkerson Schaeffer, skateboarder, wife to a rollerblader and mom to a 2yo.
1	I would definitely travel here if a disc golf course went in the ground.
1	I would hope the City does not turn this area into a major draw of users from outside the immediate neighborhoods. You have other larger parks (Minto-Brown; Cascade Gateway; Riverfront/Wallace) that can better meet that need. Please, Please project the habitat!! And, be sensitive to people who will have to deal with the noise/traffic closest to the developed parking lot area. Do not add a picnic area....what I see is a lot of garbage that the City is not able to then keep up with.
1	I would like to see a revised option three that would accommodate year around usage more effectively.
1	I would suggest finding an alternative to the skatepark because it's a big part of the park, and is only used by a very small percentage of people... skaters. Why not a recreational activity that more/ all kinds of people can enjoy
1	I would talk to the park employees in charge of Cascade Gateway about the issues they are having with homeless people. I would not like to see them take over Battle Creek. The more year round activities that can be instituted the better. Basically more foot traffic.
1	I'm Gary Fetters at 6365 13th Ave. SE using my neighbors computer as I don't have one.
1	I'm excited to see the potential result of having an 18 hole disc golf course built in this beautiful park!
1	I'm in favor of disc golf, but I think option 2 & 3 allow too much foot traffic and reduce the wildlife value of the space available. Habitat is higher in quality than this type of recreation that will impair habitat value.
1	I'm not a fan of the parking so close to our condos
1	I'm thrilled to have a new public space coming to South Salem! There's next to nothing here now. Maybe a library book drop soon?

Count	Response
1	Ideally would have liked to see a set of baseball or softball fields included. Is an area for a fenced dog park possible?
1	If an 18-hole disc golf coarse was installed, I would come and enjoy the park more.
1	If disc golf is a selected option I would reach out to pac west disc golf alliance for course design. They are a local group that has had great success with other courses in the area such as willamette mission state park
1	If for whatever reason you do decide to go with choice 2 it would be awesome to just have 18 hole coarse like we do at cascade and NOT like woodmanse, where every hole has an individual tee
1	If this Battle Creek property is that the answer to a sports complex then the city needs to identify a location to make it happen. This property would be ideal due to its location and proximity to the freeway. South salem businesses would thrive with the boost in out of town guests.
1	If you build a skatepark, please, MAKE IT AWESOME, and allow BMX bikes... Maybe even throw in a dirt track next to or in a bother part of the park! Beaverton has one right off of Farmington road
1	If you put in a skatepark at Battle Creek park you not only would be keeping kids safe from all of the bums downtown but it would also make kids want to skateboard. And the skateboard community of Salem is very strong but we need mor skaters!!-99 cent crew
1	Im also a teacher at Battle Creek School. I am concerned that our students will be around this park and its inhabitants on a daily basis. It must remain an inviting atmosphere or it could have a negative impact on our nearly 700 students. thanks!
1	Improve surrounding neighborhood sidewalks. More family's use these than park and they are dangerous. Spend some of the money on cleaning up and fixing the homeless situation. Priorities seem to be mixed up
1	In any option, increased public use will clash with the geese in the winter --- the ground becomes widely covered with droppings and people will scare the geese into flight. Also noxious weeds are spreading rapidly --- tansy ragwort caterpillars were widely found a couple yow or three years ago, but I think more recent mowing wiped then out. Canada thistle is spreading and could be pulled by volunteers. The reed canaygrass along Scotch Creek is difficult to contain. The vegetation management, including noxious weed control, needs significant thought, planning, and efforts.

Count	Response
1	In whatever option is chosen, please have some consideration for the residents of the Battle Creek Meadows Condominiums who have been here since 1981... Nobody here feels good or safe about having excessive noise from a parking lot playground and)heaven forbid I hope it does not happen but...) potentially a skatepark within mere feet of our back doors. Please consider additional hydrology studies now that the memory care facility and the apartments are put in, this is drastically changed the existing rainwater runoff over the past two years. Regarding the existing pond just south of Waln Dr, not sure if anybody was even aware that as of two years ago there had been a pair of beavers living in there, in addition we have Turtles a large frog population and some small fish that will all be impacted by whatever happens here. Unfortunately since the development of the apartments I believe the beavers have left the area. Very sad I used to enjoy watching them. Financially would it not make
1	It is exciting to see the park developing. Thank you for the opportunity to have input into the process.
1	It would mean so much to even include a skate area to the skateboarding community. thank you:)
1	It's important to have a plan to prevent homelessness from taking over this park as it often does as Woodmansee Park
1	It's upsetting to find how uninformed the city staff is about this property and it's role in storm water management.
1	Just that please a community garden would be awesome! The elementary could even experience growth and how to grow your own food
1	Keep doing great!
1	Keep homeless out, police patrols, criminal and drug activity. Close to I-5 for criminal and drug activity. Visibility for police patrols.
1	Keep it natural! The one thing I did not see in any plans was low emitting trail/path lighting. Will that be inclusive for evening walks?
1	Leave the property as it is, let nature continue to handle the flood run off.
1	Look into a pump track instead of skate park.
1	Looking forward to having recreational options within walking distance.
1	Looking forward to visiting a new park.
1	Make the skatepark fun for all levels riders:)
1	Maybe add a splash park! That would be way better than a skate park! Heck...put a community swimming pool like the one down in Albany!!!

Count	Response
1	Moar disc golf! Keeps everything natural but allows for recreation
1	My concern about the skate park option is that it requires so much cement that adds to the flood issues. I live right on the park near the south east corner and have seen the park with significant water on the land. We need more uncovered ground to absorb the flood water. A skate structure is nit compatible with flood mitigation
1	My family and I are looking forward to having a near by recreational park with outdoor activities that children can enjoy and also spend more time outdoors.
1	My family and I would love the Recreation option! Thank you for the thought and care you are putting into this decision.
1	My family if very excited for a new park in South Salem to enjoy!
1	Need new skate park
1	No
1	No golf course
1	No more parks until you balance your budget! Live within your means like the private sector.
1	No skate park
1	No, just keep it simple and to the purpose the undeveloped area serves.
1	Nope
1	Not sure how relevant it is here, but I have concerns about the homeless population in South Salem. I'm not sure if there are any year-round shelters in the area. If there aren't, this park could be seen as that. I think it would be beneficial to either open a shelter closer to South Salem, and provide assistance or information to the homeless in the area regarding it (or other nearby shelters which may already exist).
1	Option #2 seems to have something for everyone, it's a wonderful choice!
1	Option 1 will require least amount of maintenance/operational $$$.
1	People who live downstream of Battle Creek Park and impacted by flooding are for some reason not a demographic of interest? Curious.
1	Picnic area with tables would be nice. There are plenty of parks with playgrounds. It would be nice to have one with peace and quiet to enjoy nature.
1	Plan 3 appears to be the best blend of water retention, nature and wildlife preservation, and recreation.

Count	Response
1	Please DO NOT add a skate park! The demographic using the skate park is not a good mix with young kids using a playground. They tend to be teenagers and young adults who are often not respectful that younger children and their parents are present. I have personally witnessed the use of Marijuana, cigarettes, alcohol, and poor language commonly around skate parks. It would be a serious detriment to my feeling comfortable bringing my young children to the park.
1	Please allow paved trails that are wide enough to accommodate bikes and e-rideable (scooters, Onewheels). These forms of travel will continue to grow in popularity in the decades to come.
1	Please build a 15,000 sq. Foot skatepark
1	Please choose the recreational option!
1	Please consider families with kids, no just the elderly. Also the big skate park won't provide entertainment for a majority.
1	Please consider giving priority to those who respond that live in the 97306 area code. It's important our wishes be given stronger priority that someone in W Salem or NE.
1	Please consider the current wild life already inhabiting this area. Noise from playgrounds, picnic areas and disc golf would disturb the wild life and invade their natural habitat. Providing restrooms will encourage homeless people to encamp in this area, which will bring crime to our neighborhoods.
1	Please consider this park to serve South Salem. Therefore give as loud of a voice to those that don't live directly adjacent to park, as to those that do (and don't want anything developed - not reasonable).
1	Please consult an actual disc golfer in designing the course!
1	Please do NOT include the skate park.
1	Please do not put in a skate park!
1	Please hurry especially with the east-end bridge and walking trails since all plans include those and should be pretty doable in a short period of time. I'm so very happy about this park where I have been dog-walking daily ever since the golf course closed. I live in the Greenside Village condos and unfortunately have the school blocking my view of the park :(
1	Please include an area for dogs! Thanks!
1	Please keep this a natural, rustic park with a viable living space for wildlife!
1	Please keep this area as undeveloped as possible. A small community park would be desire able but anything more is overdevelopment.
1	Please keep this land as natural as possible.

Count	Response
1	Please limit the construction of structures in this project. Not everything is improved with asphalt and concrete.
1	Please make a skatepark
1	Please no parking, any additions put as far away from homes as possible, center of patk especially where there would be noise and populous
1	Please place most DEVELOPMENT in the north Park. Please consider "flipping' development in the N.E. portion so proposed Skate Park is further from homes! THANK YOU for the pedestrian bridges = WALKING ACCESS!! Emphasize "soft" trails in south park, which floods.
1	Please please put in an 18 hole disc golf course!
1	Please put in a 18 hole disc golf course. And if you do put one in, make sure they are pave tees.
1	Please put in a skatepark :) thanks so much!
1	Please reconsider plans so that residents in the area won't be affected as much as these plans will
1	Please skate park
1	Please take in to consideration survey respondents and those who attend meetings typically do not represent the actual demographics of Salem, they typically have fewer kids still at home, are older, and have more disposable income, so traveling to paid fitness activities is an option that others do not have
1	Please, let's keep this area as green as possible. Future generations will thank us for thinking of their clean air, fresh water, all in all, a healthy respect for what came before us. Thank you
1	Public hearing at Battlecreek Elementary School was very interesting and informative.
1	Recreational areas inside the city are very important for resident and visitors to access. They provide destressing areas to escape to and recharge their lives.
1	SAVE NATURE for all.
1	STOP putting the parking lot next to the condominiums!! That is not fair to the residents that they must endure traffic and car noises. MOVE the parking lot, play areas, and skate areas. KEEP the traffic and noisy areas away from the condos!!! The designer should be smarter than that! They are already losing a beautiful view and that leaves it more open for drug transactions and crime! THINK PEOPLE!!
1	Safety and security of have not been addressed. What is going to happen to the pond? Fences to keep people from failing into the pond? How are the neighbors going to be protected from noise,littering, loitering, trespassing?

Count	Response
1	Salem NEEDS another skate park.
1	Salem is in dire need of a decent, modern skate park, and this location seems pretty well situated for one. I'd recommend a large skate park in any scenario.
1	Salem needs a new skate park!
1	Salem needs a place to skate.
1	Salem needs a safe skatepark, but if the city is going to invest in that it needs to do it the right way. A useful skatepark should be much more centrally located (most skateboarders don't drive, and the park is 30 minutes by bus from central Salem). Skateparks are also more successful in areas with high levels of foot traffic, to dissuade inappropriate activity (which is usually not the fault of the skateboarders themselves). This area doesn't have much foot traffic, and the diagrams show the skatepark tucked into a corner, essentially surrounded by trees. I wouldn't be opposed to something similar to Option 1 that excluded paved trails and included some disc golf, if the public restroom numbers were kept to a minimum (I have safety concerns regarding large numbers of public restrooms at the park). I don't participate in the sport but it has a small footprint, is relatively inexpensive to implement, and is more popular than skateboarding. It's also much more accessible to people of
1	Salem needs a skate park that is safe for elementary and middle school aged kids.
1	Something to consider is option 1 with a futsal area. There is a strong demand for futsal, and all city owned tennis courts prohit futsal. This sport would minimize use of the land and appease a lot of community members. Non residents of Salem should have no say in our park development, as they do not pay taxes here. Thank you very much for your consideration.
1	THANK YOU for putting in the time and efforts into new parks as well as improving parks in South Salem. Our family greatly appreciates it.
1	Thank you
1	Thank you
1	Thank you for adding a new park in Salem. We need it.
1	Thank you for asking for opinions.
1	Thank you for at least trying to understand the neighborhoods views. We all want a safe environment. Homelessness, drugs and alcohol are becoming more & more of a problem. And are problems that need to stay out of our Parks. All of them.
1	Thank you for doing this!
1	Thank you for including us in the planning process! I hope the city will revamp some parks in town and add more bathroom options!

Count	Response
1	Thank you for keeping us informed.
1	Thank you for recognizing this opportunity to do something wonderful for Salem and our local wildlife.
1	Thank you for taking the time and energy to take our ideas and democratically bring our dreams to a reality. It's probably a thankless job as there's no way to please everyone, but someday when the fruits of your labor are realized, I am certain, whatever happens, this park will be unforgettable and a true asset to our community.
1	Thank you for taking the time to hold the meetings there is a compromise if the city could get on board with the residents.
1	Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns.
1	Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the planning process of Battle Creek Park!
1	Thank you for the opportunity to submit online feedback.
1	Thank you for transforming this space into a nice place to enjoy nature!!!
1	Thank you for your consideration
1	Thank you for your efforts, and for taking feedback!
1	Thank you!!
1	Thank you. Nice job.
1	Thanks for allowing input from surrounding neighbors
1	Thanks for allowing public input!
1	Thanks for asking our opinions.
1	Thanks for asking!
1	Thanks so much for your time
1	Thanks!
1	Thanks.

Count	Response
1	The city is allowing so much development in south Salem. Additional recreational space will be badly needed. All of those needs cannot be crammed into this one small park. Keep this one natural. Please do not ruin this park by making it a big playground. The drainage issue makes this even more essential. Please create another (and highly necessary) hard surface activity park elsewhere. Youth need to be able to get outside with activities to engage them. The new developments are building houses on tiny lots with no yards. If the city is going to approve such developments, the city also has the responsibility to provide adequate outdoor public space.
1	The disc golf community have been proposing this for a long time and this would be fun to see it happen.
1	The disc golf community is a good community to have in the park.
1	The least amount of building as possible would Be our preference.
1	The location of the parking lot and skate park, as well as playground and bathrooms, is too close to neighboring residences. They should be on the side where the scoop is, where there is already available parking.
1	The more paving you do, the less it serves as a wetland. More flooding will result. Fairway Avenue already floods with heavy rainfall.
1	The park is lovely now. I prefer the natural, undeveloped way it is now. I'd like a couple of bridges to connect the different sections and bark trails. A big area to allow my dog to run off leash is a high priority for me too. My concern is that over developing the park will attract some bad actors, homeless squatters and delinquent/criminal behavior. I've seen squatters in tents and people sleeping rough back there. I've observed a lot of garbage/litter, raw dog poo and bagged dog poo left on foot trails, thousands of cigarette butts and tagging with spray paint. The park is a place I visit almost daily and I highly value the wildlife in it too.
1	The plans with large parking lots are troubling. It should be kept as a neighborhood walking park, not a city destination. Protect and enhance the wildlife and greenery. Don't bring more noise, traffic, trash, and crime to our neighborhood. Frankly, it should remain as-is.
1	The residents of BattleCreek condominiums should have the most weighted input as their property values will be directly impacted.
1	The year around Disc golf course seems like the best option by far.
1	This entire project has weighted online voting far too heavily. This is obvious, due to the way the community meetings have gone, with a vocal majority saying to not add things like recreation. Instead the city has pushed forward with options that I can only assume an online presence has offered. This entire proposal seems to be moving ahead due to city employees that would much rather design a new park, and disregard what is actually needed for the community like FIXING THE SIDEWALKS around the battle creek community that are destroyed because of the improper trees that the city planted.
1	This is a great opportunity for Salem.

Count	Response
1	This is a great opportunity to preserve and enhance a natural environment. Please take it.
1	This park must be made Dog friendly. There is no mention of this in your presentation. Lots and I mean lots of people walk their Dogs in this park area, right now. Poop-bags and dump receptacles must be planned for. Also, support for a Skate Park sounds oddly unusually high. I live right next to this park and rarely see anyone in the community on skate boards or roller-blades. At any rate, why install an accident laden area when most City Parks for kids are trying to make play equipment safer? Why invite injury!
1	This used to be a great ball golf course. In fact, thats all it was. Now the opportunity for Salem to have another beautiful park, but lose a golf course. I think the only compromise is to allow a disc golf course. Option 2. Recreation.
1	Those who do not live in this area should have no say in what is done here
1	Tired of people using this property as an off leash dog park.
1	Ty again for considering this opinion. I am looking forward to seeing more about this.
1	Very excited for this Development
1	We (the south gateway neighborhood) know that there will be something coming to the Battle Creek Park property whether we want it or not. We also understand that the project is being looked at as impacting the entire neighborhood. That being said we also must make it abundantly understood that we simply want ANYTHING that is done to be done with respect. with that being said there are a few things that are in all three plans that make no sense. First being the placement of the parking in the northwest corner of the park. The entire East side of the property is lined by condominiums that are meer feet from the park border. For ease and security would it not make more sense to line the parking along the north edge of the park along Waln drive using a single entry from the northwest and an exit in the northeast? By doing this you not only control the flow of traffic you also make it easier for law enforcement to do their job as well. Second is the idea of the skate park. I personal
1	We definitely need a new skate park
1	We own property on the park. The thought of a giant parking lot and BATHROOM behind our home is not appealing. I drive into Woodmansee on occasion and see many cars and people who appear to be transient. People do not walk there for fear of unfriendly encounters. People do not let their children play there for fear of needle injuries from drug users. I know this sounds extreme...it is! This bathroom will become a safe haven for people who are homeless. It will support IV drug users. I am all for development but NOT THIS! Please consider the neighborhood. South Salem already has a large number of people sleeping on the corner of the BLM, Shari's and Dutch Bros...we do not need to add a "homeless hotel". The well being and safety of the community are at risk with this park already. Also...I do not believe that 45% of the 800 first survey responses were in favor of a skate park! I was at that first meeting. And 25% for disc golf??? There is already a disc golf at Woodmansee
1	We really need a new skatepark in Salem.

Count	Response
1	We would love to have a beautiful and enjoyable new place to be able to go I'm happy to contribute to making something new
1	While doing this survey I've realized I really don't want this park to become a destination park that people outside the area drive to for specific features. I think keeping more natural space and walk/bike/scoot/skate traffic (human powered) will be a significant benefit for the area and the school. I like the idea of having a local place to skate, play disc golf, etc but would definitely want those features to stay small enough that they get local use & traffic and not a lot of distant visitors. Thanks!
1	Would like to see more soft surface paths. More conducive to walkers, joggers, etc.. Paved paths encourage bicycles and other modes of transport that conflict with pedestrian traffic.
1	Would love to see an 18 hole disc golf course at this park.
1	Yay! I love this area, I had many fond memories growing up and playing golf at the golf course. I'm glad it didnt get developed and is now being used in this way
1	Yes! How could a decent human and planner even comprehend the injustice of putting vehicles , skateboarding and God forbid public restrooms behind condo homes? We pay large property taxes here. It would destroy property value and any quality of life we have left after the golf course closed. Please have compassion.
1	You don't have to build and populate every open space in town! Leaving nature alone is better. You will turn south Salem into a dump like north Salem.
1	can you make the skatepark a street plaza or type, ledges, rails, etc.
1	i am excited by the possibility of an excellent 18 hole disc golf course on land that has been a ball golf course. Disc golf promotes health without golf carts, dependency on non-native plant communities, and maintenance through petroleum fueled frequent mowing, fertilization, and pesticide application, like Ball Golf. Please contact me if you would like design help. I can ask my son Nate Sexton (world renowned disc golf personality) to come offer some design ideas.
1	lighting and security cameras. Can flood retention areas be used for spectators during the summer for outdoor concerts?
1	please make a skatepark the downtown one is getting old and too scary
1	please make that 15,000 sq ft skatepark□□□□
1	thank you for a great public input process! this was such an infomative, intuitive way to learn more about park plans and take this survey!
1	this makes me sad
1	this would be such a good spot for a new skatepark!

Count	Response
1	umm skateparko
1	would love to see any updated plans that come out!

APPENDIX C

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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PUBLIC LETTERS AND EMAILS

Note: some information has been redacted to protect the identities of the authors

Cynthia M. Hogan

9 September 2019

Re: Comments on Battlecreek Park proposals

Ms. Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
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Dear Ms Farrell,

On the city web page discussing the Battlecreek Park survey results, there seems to be some contradiction. At one point the website says a majority want a skate park but over half want passive park features or protecting the area from development. Later, the website states that the major stated concern about the Master Plan was to preserve the natural area and protect the area for wildlife.

I share the concern for preserving the natural area and protection of wildlife. Along with flood control, such preservation will enhance the flood control by preventing the degradation of the plant life.

The plants in a healthy wetland cleanse the water and prevent erosion. This wetland plant life also provides forage and resting areas for many species including migrating birds.

However, they cannot do this if humans are allowed to degrade and interfere with the wetland soils and plants. Humans walking on stream banks and pond edges kill the plants.

Woodmansee Park near Winco is an example of degraded wetland/stream banks with little natural plant life. Most of the stream bank plants are trampled. Few animals use the stream due to the presence of humans and their dogs. The area looks overused and ugly.

The stream areas in Bush Park near the paths are another example of degraded water or wetland areas.

Any park should not destroy the wetland purposes. Allowing too many people near the natural areas will destroy several wetland goals – helping wildlife and providing erosion control.

For example, three blocks away a homeowners association has scared off wildlife and removed trees and native vegetation from the stream bank. 30 years ago this area had a flock of about 20 mallards in the summer and 40 – 60 in the winter along with Wood Ducks, Green Herons, Killdeer and Kingfishers. The degrading of the banks, use of pesticides and harassment of the animals are part of the reason there are now only 2 – 4 mallards in the summer and about 12 ducks in the winter in that area. There are no longer any native wildflowers, wood ducks, Green Herons, or Kingfishers along this section of the stream. Battlecreek has the only wild areas left for the birds and wildlife of this area.

If the Battlecreek wetland is developed with paths going through it, the mallards and other birds will be scared away and the wetland area will be degraded to the point that they cannot use it.

Whatever the city's good intentions, it cannot and does not control the rule breakers in parks. It has no enforcement presence and does not sanction violators. So putting paths with signs saying 'stay on the path' will not work. Like Woodmansee, the water areas will be degraded and the mallards' final refuge in the area will be destroyed.

And if you are going to develop the area, you are going to have to add cameras or some mechanism to protect the neighbors and wildlife from people who will hang out all day, especially if there is a skate park. I object to skate parks because they are spaces reserved only for the activities of skaters and they involve building an expensive and ugly concrete structure.

I am concerned that the City's definition of "recreational use" in the area excludes passive uses like walking and bird watching and encourages more disruptive and exclusive uses like skate parks.

As someone who likes to go to this area to observe birds, I hope the City will adopt a plan that will preserve the wildness of the wetland area and the peace of the locale.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hogan

Cynthia Hogan

November 16, 2019

Dear Patricia Farrell.

I want to follow-up on the Battlecreek Park meeting you led the other evening. Although I don't know you personally, I'd like to take the liberty of sharing some feedback as if I were a trusted 'colleague' – which will allow me to be as straightforward/frank as I hope might be helpful.

First, of course, I want to reiterate my appreciation and enthusiasm for the PROCESS You/the Department are using in your planning. It is very encouraging and reinforcing to see both your outreach to the community and the level of public response/participation it has received.

In light of the above, I feel it particularly important to make you aware of some things I observe to be undermining the positive impact and support your efforts deserve. (At meeting like this, I talk some, but LISTEN lots – including to participants' comments afterwards…):

.. As I mentioned to you Wednesday, in response to participant 'pushback' re. a higher level of park development, it doesn't help much to remind the audience that it could be worse – i.e., that the "park" was originally zoned for development. It is an embarrassment that the City even allowed that to be considered, and the quicker that is forgotten, the better.
[NOTE: It was the *residents of S. Salem* that finally convinced the City of that terrible error...!]

.. The continual reiteration re. Battlecreek Park being an Urban Park tends to take away from the necessity of emphasizing that the priority has been and must continue to be – on ***storm water retention and flood prevention!!*** The City's proposal to use this area for recreational purposes is just a creative and potentially mutually-beneficial adjunct.
[Just ask the City Attorney where planning *failure* is most likely to lead to expensive lawsuits… .]

.. At all three meetings (but with special emphasis this week …) you *clarified* that input at these kinds of public meetings is "nice", ***but in the Department's considerations/planning it counts no more than the votes people submit on-line!!*** This comment (and, frankly, the 'haughty' manner in which you expressed and then reiterated it…) could not have been more insulting and dismissive. Basically, you told your audience – many of whom were well into their senior years and who had come out on a dark damp evening – that they might as well have stayed home and just 'voted' on their computers, that the six hours many of them have spent at three night meetings is worth no more than 4 minutes at one's computer at home. I've participated in- and run--these kinds of meetings all my professional life; I trust I have never been so dismissive of participants' presence and input! And what does that say about the efforts that You and your Colleagues have put into these meetings??! I truly hope you will take some opportunity soon to allay the anger and frustration you have engendered. You have earned – and this community planning process deserves – a far better 'aftertaste' for your participants.

I hope this feedback may prove helpful in achieving the positive outcomes we are all looking forward to.

Sincerely,

William ('Bill') Dalton

Toni Whitler

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of cls6275@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 4:17 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Battle Creek Master Plan Comment
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Cheryl Simpson
Your Email	cls6275@msn.com
Your Phone	
Street	
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	As neighbor that has lived near this site for over 30 years I cannot stress how important managing the water is to us. Although the recreational activities are cute. Protecting our home values by not saturating them with water is what's most important. Although this was mentioned in passing at the meeting a new FEMA study should be done. This one your hydrologists is using to make his models as he stated is very outdated. It does not take into consideration all of the new housing developments above the creeks that you're trying to manage. I know it's popular policy but I hope you will be not bringing in fill dirt to endanger the home surrounding the park with water to protect the homes downstream such as the Salem Hospital or Willamette University as was stated at the meeting. As was stated in the meeting we very much appreciate you moving the parking lot so that it makes the easier for law enforcement to drive by to see if there's criminal activity. Thank you very much

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From: Donna Shepard <greenhousebabe@gmail.com>
To: <battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net>
Date: 4/6/2016 7:48 AM
Subject: Battlecreek park

Do you have staff to maintain the park ——and do it well ? Or are you expecting volunteers to do most of the work ?

Toni Whitler

From: Robert Romanek
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:06 AM
To: Harry Owen
Cc: Battlecreek Input
Subject: RE: Battle Creek Park Update: Residents Help Shape Preferred Park Plan

Harry,

Thank you for sharing your concern. The existing entrance path from Doral Drive is not labeled because it is an existing improvement. It is included in the preferred option, meaning it is proposed to remain.

We heard similar concerns about traffic impacts along Doral Drive at the onset of this project. The proposed plan responds by placing urban park elements closer to Waln Drive and the proposed parking lot. In contrast, the entrances along Doral Drive are intended to provide access to close-to-home recreation to nearby residents that are within walking or bicycling distance. For example, a user in your neighborhood can easily go for a jog through the park without driving.

A process is now underway to adopt a master plan for Battle Creek Park. City staff will present the proposed park plan to the South Gateway Neighborhood Association on December 12, 2019. The plan will then be presented to the Salem Park and Recreation Advisory Board on February 13, 2020. As a last step, the plan is expected to be forwarded to City Council in late February or early March 2020. Adjustments and refinements to the proposed plan may occur through this process based on the comments that we continue to receive.

You can provide additional written comments by emailing battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net or mailing comments to Patricia Farrell, 555 Liberty ST SE, Room 325, Salem, OR 97301. Comments will become part of the project record and will be made available to the Park Board and City Council. You can also attend the meetings listed above to share your input.

-Rob | 503-588-6211 ext. 7385

From: Harry Owen <hojo@centurylink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Robert Romanek <RRomanek@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Re: Battle Creek Park Update: Residents Help Shape Preferred Park Plan

Robert
Thanks very much. I notice that the pathway off Doral just East of 13th St is not coded as a proposed entrance on the legend. Is that because it's already there or because the city does not plan for its use as an entrance to the park? My major concern is about parking on Doral and the increased traffic that will occur.
Harry Owen

> On Dec 2, 2019, at 4:16 PM, Robert Romanek <RRomanek@cityofsalem.net> wrote:
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> Hello,
>
> I have attached a PDF map that provides the context you requested. It shows the Battle Creek Park preferred option set on a basemap with a larger extent. We are certainly not trying to hide items off of

the graphic; the preferred option shows all improvements proposed for the Battle Creek Park master plan.

Please send any questions or comments to Battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net. This response was delayed as your message was sent to am unmonitored mailbox.

Rob Romanek
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From: Harry Owen <hojo@centurylink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:00 PM
To: NoReply <NoReply@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Re: Battle Creek Park Update: Residents Help Shape Preferred Park Plan

Help.
The information you've shown does not answer my questions as your map does not show enough of the surrounding area. I want to know how the plan will impact my property which is on Doral drive but outside the area shown on your map. The cynic in me thinks that you're hiding something. Your map should show the surrounding area including from Commercial/Madras intersection to 13th to Doral etc. As it is, I have no idea how the plan will impact my property because it is not included on your map. Yes, I know how to read a map. I don't care where you locate trails and docs golf fields; I care about where you plan access to this park. Please expand your map to show the whole area involved.
Thanks
Harry Owen

> On Nov 20, 2019, at 12:59 PM, City of Salem Parks and Recreation <noreply@cityofsalem.net> wrote:

Toni Whitler

From: Heather Cohen <heatherbcohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Patricia Farrell
Subject: Battle Creek park Option 1 Habitat

Good afternoon:

I support option 1 habitat for Battle Creek park. I live in Morningside and am part of the Morningside Neighborhood Association. Please let me know if there's anything further I need to do.

Thanks,

Heather Cohen
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Toni Whitler

From: Glenn Baly <glennbaly12345@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Chuck Bennett; Patricia Farrell; Jackie Leung; Peter Fernandez; SALEM Manager
Cc: Jake Krishnan; John Ledger; Jerry Sachtjen; Sylvia Machado; Mike Hughes
Subject: Battle Creek Park

On behalf of the South Gateway Neighborhood Association and Board, I am writing with several serious concerns regarding the Battle Creek Park Master Plan. With the new storm water plan being released in late October (with analysis in November), SGNA is asking the city to delay further planning on the park until the data can be adequately analyzed. Since the present storm water master plan is almost a decade old, we think that there is a possibility that with updated facts and figures, specific plans for the park may change. It would be wise on the part of the city to delay finalizing the plans for the park until all information and data can be considered by city staff, mayor and council.

Additionally, we and many neighbors were disheartened to hear that the city parks department issued a permit for a disc golf tournament to take place in Battle Creek Park (a park undergoing planning) for Sunday September 29. We feel giving permission for a disc golf tournament and communications from the local golf disc association give the impression that park uses are a done deal. See the disc golf association web site at https://www.discgolfscene.com/courses/Battle_Creek. We are asking the city to be transparent and responsible and take steps to correct potential misperceptions regarding the future of a disc golf course at Battle Creek since they taint the entire planning process.

We hope you will take immediate action on both concerns of the South Gateway Neighborhood Association. We believe these are serious issues impacting many homeowners and residents in the vicinity of the Battlecreek park and we believe their concerns need to be addressed expeditiously.

We look forward to an expedited response from the city. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Glenn Baly
Chair
South Gateway Neighborhood Association

From: Jean Lasater <gypsyguides@gmail.com>
To: <battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net>
Date: 6/7/2016 12:29 PM
Subject: Fenced Dog Park

Hello:
Our family has been long term residents of South Salem and would REALLY like to see a fenced dig park be put in as part of the Battlecreek park.
Thank you!
Jean Collins and Gary Lasater

Toni Whitler

From: Joshua Bagby <themuseteam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 4:38 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Battle Creek Park

I have been reading with interest about the latest plan for the Battle Creek Park project. As a resident of Battlecreek Commons which backs up to the southern border of the park property, I am concerned about the plan to place a disc golf course in the area.

I wonder about the potential for personal injury to passersby who may be walking along on trails, on a berm, or near places where children might play by Waln. In my complex, there are many elderly people. It is not inconceivable that one of them could be a victim of a misthrown disc.

In doing some research on injuries caused by disc golf (not involving the players but passersby) I found this:

"Frisbee golf discs are far different from the familiar plastic discs usually referred to as 'Frisbees.' The golf discs are heavy and come in variety of weights depending on the 'shot' the player is trying to achieve. Some discs are used for long-range 'drives' while others are used for shorter and more precision shots. The ultimate goal is a shot into the large metal basket that represents the 'hole.' However, as in traditional golf, the travelling object can reach high speeds over great distances and may not always fly as accurately as the player intends. This particular case was not about suing the individual player as misdirected shots are to be expected. Instead, the city has been forced to take responsibility for putting the public at risk."

https://www.lederernojima.com/case-results/3-000-000-injury-settlement-public-property-injury

Here is a different instance of injury to a bystander:

"We've had a lot of physical damage to campus and people injured," Spencer said. "In the best interest of public safety we decided to ban (the sport)."

http://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/damage-injuries-to-blame-for-disc-golf-ban/article_2bfdbe0f-a3a5-5c1f-b894-f2c0c9c28c3a.html

Here is an article not so much on injury to people as much as injury to the environment and why some San Francisco Bay Area counties have rejected disc golf proposals:

"The Golden Gate Park disc golf course was installed in 2003. Two years later the Division of Urban Forestry recommended removal of the course due to tree damage. Since then, there has been a constant effort to open a second course in San Francisco's McLaren Park, a less glamorous open space, to (in the words of one Recreation and Park commissioner) 'spread the damage'"

Much more in the article.

https://www.hmbreview.com/opinion/matters_of_opinion/disc-golf-not-as-green-as-it-seems/article_02d15fd2-8c20-11e2-9b5c-0019bb2963f4.html

There is actually enough concern about injuries to both players and bystanders that someone has come up with golf insurance:

https://www.sadlersports.com/frisbee-golf/

I noticed a comment from someone in Salem involved in disc golf that posted this statement to the Disc Golf Club. The well-intentioned statement inadvertently exposes a potential problem for a permanent course and nearby residents:

"Several of the holes do play close to residential homes and yards so if you throw a disc on to any private property, (i.e. over sidewalks or beyond tree lines) DO NOT enter private property to retrieve the disc unless you have been given verbal permission to do so! I will be going around after the event to ask to retrieve them and will make sure they get back to you!"

https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Rich_Ayers_Memorial_2019/comments

I can appreciate that disc golfers want good places to play. However, I wonder if a disc golf course would be better placed in a venue such as Minto Park which has much more open space farther away from trails and bystanders.

Thank you.
Joshua Bagby

From: Justin Burris <justburris@gmail.com>
To: <battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net>
Date: 4/6/2016 10:07 AM
Subject: Battle Creek Park - Disc Golf Course

Hello,

I think it would be amazing to bring back what was once there, golf! But this time turn it into a Disc Golf course. It's a great past time for thousands of people here in Salem and most of the courses here are getting to crowded. Adding another course to Salem would help relieve the stress of hundreds of people playing at Woodmansee and Cascade Gateway. I hope to see this in the future!

Thank you,
Justin Burris

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Justin Burris
Web & Software Developer

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www.justburris.com

Toni Whitler

From: Joshua Groat <jagroat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 8:01 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Battle Creek Park

The new preferred option looks great! I'm glad to see the 18 hole disc golf course and wetland preservation, overall it's a great option! Thank you for allowing everyone to weigh in!

-JA

Toni Whitler

From: jrose50@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: proposed park

I like the proposed plan for the park. My only concern is what kind of barrier may be put between the Battlecreek Meadows condos in which I live and the park area. Looking at the drawing, it appears that there will be no barrier at all--just existing trees where they are now. It's open now, and I love the view, so I think that's OK as long as having people visit the park doesn't encourage people to walk into my back yard area. If there is a barrier constructed, I hope that it will be pleasing to look at, such as a shrub fence and not a chain link fence, and that it will not be tall enough to obstruct my view into the park.

Thank you,

Joanne Schiedler

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Toni Whitler

From: Kilchis <kilchis@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Problems in the park

Since the proposed park will include restrooms I hope that during the presentation at Battle Creek school someone will address the City's plan to prevent the new park, and surrounding neighborhoods, from becoming infested with so-called “homeless” and their camps, occupied by junkies, drunks and the like.

Since there is an elementary school literally next door, if the City does not take affirmative steps to prevent such occupancy I can foresee significant lawsuits against the City when children get stuck with discarded “homeless” needles in the attractive nuisance the City created.

Just a thought....

J

Toni Whitler

From: Laurie <brdgrl@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 4:37 PM
To: Patricia Farrell
Subject: Re: Battle Creek Park Master Plan

I will hope for the best then and consideration of the homes here. Plans to have skate park, etc. right behind us invites crime as well!

-----Original Message-----
From: Patricia Farrell <PFarrell@cityofsalem.net>
To: Brdgrl@aol.com <Brdgrl@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Sep 23, 2019 11:18 am
Subject: Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Good morning,
I was forwarded your email regarding the park master plan. We have not settled on any plans yet for the park. We are asking for the public's opinion about different options. You can voice your choices and comments on the survey that is now available on the city's website:

https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/give-feedback-on-battle-creek-park-master-plan-options.aspx

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Toni Whitler

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of shazam57@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Lynn Albright
Your Email	shazam57@gmail.com
Your Phone	
Street	
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	How can I make sure I get the next survey, due after 9/11/19? For some reason I didn't even know about the first hearing or survey. I have strong feelings about what I'd like to see happen, and am horrified I've missed the entire process to date. Thanks!

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Toni Whitler

From: Lora Meisner <lmgb@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Battlecreek Input
Cc: Jackie Leung
Subject: re: acreage of recreation area Battle Creek

Expires: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 12:00 AM

Having viewed the "preferred option" of the park plan for Battle Creek. I would like to know what the acreage is of the recreation areas……just the acreage for disc golf, and the skate park etc. Not walking paths, wetlands or detention ponds. Thank you.

Lora Meisner

From: "Lora Meisner" <lmgb@earthlink.net>
To: ""Toni Whitler"" <twhitler@cityofsalem.net>
CC: "Peter Fernandez" <pfernandez@cityofsalem.net>
Date: 4/5/2016 4:45 PM
Subject: RE: battle creek

Another question is why isn't the city having the meetings out here where the park is……..they could use Battle Creek Elementary School, South Salem Senior Center even Greenside Village and Battle Creek condos have meeting rooms and a very large one at Battle Creek Lodges. Doesn't it make sense to have the meeting where the park area is located? We need to make it convenient for people who live here where the park is to be able to attend. You could also have a meet at the Lutheran Church on Baxter where South Gateway Neighborhood Assn meets. Let's get these meeting held HERE not on the other side of town. Thanks

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Lora Meisner

From: Toni Whitler [mailto:twhitler@cityofsalem.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 6:36 AM
To: lmgb@earthlink.net
Subject: re: battle creek

Hi Lora, Thank you, we will have something on the website soon, our desktop publisher is on vacation and I am hoping that she will be able to get an image or two up for by early next week.

Sincerely,

Toni Whitler
Parks Operations

City of Salem
Public Works Department
1460 20th Street, Bldg. 14

Salem OR 97302
503-588-6304
twhitler@cityofsalem.net

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." Plato

>>> "Lora Meisner" <lmgb@earthlink.net> 4/4/2016 5:37 PM >>>

It would be great to have some sort of map of the proposed park so people can visually see what area you are referring to. Thanks.

MeisnerFrom: "Lora Meisner" <lmgb@earthlink.net>
To: <battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net>
CC: "Chuck Bennett" <crbennett@cityofsalem.net>, "Steve McCoid" <s.mccoid@comcast.net>, "John Shepard" <emailjcs@comcast.net>
Date: 4/21/2016 2:19 PM
Subject: FW: Battle Creek Park Master Plan Process

Just received this email…….maybe it's just me but doesn't it seem ludicrous and a terrible waste of city staff time and city money that you are going to be doing "additional analysis of stormwater flows and groundwater levels is needed before beginning the park master plan process for Battle Creek Park" now when we're moving into the dry season when there will be little/limited rainfall????? If you really want to study stormwater flows come to our area in December and January, that's when you need be doing those analysis. Also, it has been 2-3 years since the state came in to delineate the protected wetlands on the property, which have expanded now that the property has been in its natural state for years and those wetlands need new assessments as well. Personally, I think it would be great to delay the plan until 2020 or later, by that time with more development in the south Salem hills and the 3-story apartment complex being developed on Waln, the entire property will be a lake most of the year and therefore any planning for a park will be unnecessary. J

Lora Meisner

From: Do Not Reply [mailto:donotreply=cityofsalem.net@mail90.suw11.mcdlv.net] On Behalf Of Do Not Reply
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 12:15 PM
To: lmgb@earthlink.net
Subject: Important! A Delay in the Battle Creek Park Master Plan Process

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Battle Creek Park Master Plan Has Been Delayed

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9c537ef0aeb7914e4fe4f6d5c/images/f7d9afa3-91d9-44d5-8607-24280c78d563.jpg>

Additional groundwater and stormwater analyses at Battle Creek Park property is needed.

City of Salem Public Works has determined that additional analysis of stormwater flows and groundwater levels is needed before beginning the

park master plan process for Battle Creek Park.

Battle Creek Park property is very unique in that it contains the confluence of four creeks: Waln Creek, Battle Creek, Powell Creek, and Scotch Creek. Although a significant amount of data has been collected, it has been determined that additional studies will need to be conducted.

Groundwater monitoring wells will be placed on the site to collect information over the next several months. Additional stormwater modeling will also be conducted over a similar timeframe. Please visit the Battle Creek Park Master Plan web page regularly for updated information: <http://cityofsalem.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9c537ef0aeb7914e4fe4f6d5c&id=3f9a559fcf&e=7952f37b94> http://www.cityofsalem.net/BattleCreekPark

Scheduled Public Meetings at Pringle Hall Have Been Canceled

The public meetings originally scheduled at Pringle Hall for May 4, July 20, and September 27, 2016 have been canceled.

Contact Us

Email

Please send us your questions and concerns about the Battle Creek Park Master Plan or planning process to the following email address: <mailto:battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net> battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net

Mail or Phone

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For more information on the Battle Creek Park Master Plan, please visit our <http://cityofsalem.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9c537ef0aeb7914e4fe4f6d5c&id=c8fa0b020b&e=7952f37b94> website.

You can send us your thoughts on the Battle Creek Park planning process through email at <mailto:battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net> battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net.

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You are receiving this email because you requested to be added to a list for future updates concerning Battle Creek Park or future park master plans.

Our mailing address is:

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Toni Whitler

From: Laurel Hines <laulehines@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 9:31 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: input re plan

I can't recall if I have given input on this plan, but I am interested, as I live in the south part of Salem and would use the park if it had features that were useful. The main thing that Salem lacks, and that Independence and Monmouth both have, and the Portland/Beaverton areas have in numbers, is a decent fenced dog park.

The dog park in Cascade Gateway park is un-usable and ugly; the fence is too short (anything but a very small dog could jump over it), there is no dog bowl water available, and it is generally not kept up.

The improvements planned for Minto dog park were never made: the parking lot is too crowded on nice days at peak times, and the lot was never paved and still gets muddy in winter. Mainly, it is otherwise a great park, but not usable for dogs not yet trained to come reliably when called, due to the lack of fence.

So, Salem really needs a decent, fenced dog park, like what is available in most other similarly sized cities, and even smaller cities.

Laurel Hines, Salem

Toni Whitler

From: Mary Schroeder <felines@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 4:42 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Battle Creek Park

Hi Patricia,

I've attended several of the public meetings regarding the park and have to admit I was surprised that this option was the popular vote but no doubt from people who don't live around the park. However, I am relieved that the skate park will be smaller and has been moved further east of Waln. While I would've preferred it remain as natural as possible, I understand that this plan includes features that interest many. However, my primary concern is for the wildlife so I hope that as many mature trees as possible will remain. Also, since I live in the property at the south end of the park (Battlecreek Commons), I'm also concerned about the disk golfers using our property so I would like to request that bushes be planted on top of or on our side of the berm to clearly define the south edge of the park and discourage the golfers and others from using our property as part of the park.

Best regards,
Mary Schroeder

Toni Whitler

From: Marisa Mercure <marisamercure@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 8:05 AM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: November plan presentation

Dear Patricia Farrell and committee,

Did attend the last meeting at Battle Creek Elementary and was very pleased with the proposal the architect and all of you have plan for this project. A well designed plan that will benefit the people looking for outdoors activities.

Thank you so much,

Marisa Mercure

Toni Whitler

From: Mit <geser@prodigy.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 10:53 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Disc Golf!

I'd love to let you know 4 of us would be happy to see a disc golf course in this new park.
Thanks so much for your time! Have a great day.

Toni Whitler

From: Thomas Daly <tbtweetie@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: BC Park

Disc golf and walking paths are not compatible. My wife and I have, over the years, walked in Woodmansee Park. There are very few times we have tried to walk there and not had to stop our walk to accommodate the disc golfers. Or, we are dodging frisbees.
The two together is not a good idea.
Tom Daly

Toni Whitler

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of stacey.witenberger@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Stacey Witenberger
Your Email	stacey.witenberger@gmail.com
Your Phone	
Street	
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97305
Message	I wanted to put in a request for the upcoming public meetings pertaining to The Battle Creek Master plan. When including disc golf images and ideas on displays, would it be possible to group them in to open spaces, or natural spaces, rather than with Active sports like Soccer, or skate parks? While disc golf is technically an active participation sport, it doesn't have the same impact on the natural surroundings, and has very little visual impact. Also, if at all possible...if you are presenting ideas for development, include a typical cost breakdown and you can show a complete 18 hole course costs less than 20K. Thank you!

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Toni Whitler

From: Robert Morehouse <sageman75@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Attn: Patricia Farrell

My compliments to the Salem Parks and Recreation staff.

My name is Robert Morehouse (81 years old) and I reside in Battlecreek Commons; my condo's backside directly facing the duck pond. Two years and three months ago I purchased my two bedroom one bath house because of its ideal location which gives me the pleasure of viewing the pond and it's residents, the ducks, the wild turkey family, the migration of the hundreds of geese and on occasion a beautiful heron standing on the fence which surrounds the pond, and of course the occasional deer that pass through our common grounds. As I have aged I find my pleasures in being so close to nature and it's wonderful wildlife residents.

I attended the open house #3 last night, my first, and was impressed with the presentation by your staff and the well thought out plans for the park. I thank you for your consideration and concern for the residents who live around this proposed park.

I was also pleased to see the vast majority of green stickers (mine included) alongside the "habitat" choice, in which I hope you will provide the acreage to maintain the protection of these beautiful creatures of nature that make my life better and worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Morehouse

Toni Whitler

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of richbloss@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Contact Patricia Farrell
Attachments: 100_4135 (2017_01_25 17_48_16 UTC).JPG

Your Name	Richard L Blosser (Rich)
Your Email	richbloss@comcast.net
Your Phone	!
Street	(
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	Good afternoon. re possible Battlecreek Park upgrade: my neighbor to my South & I have the most prime view of the West side of the park off of Doral, and direct view of the ponds from inside our homes. We see what others don't. I know of certain people doing mini-tours to generate improvement projects. And I have attended any other Parks meetings relative to this project. I believe we see this more specifically than Parks studies would, or when neighbors walk past. Beyond being a flood plain, in reality it is a nature preserve. Various type of duck, heron, deer, raccoon, hawks....not the least is thousands of cackling geese (not Canadian)! I would like to share the visual & discuss this with a Parks planner, plus show them various pictures (a few included). Would you assign someone to contact me in this direction...before the 9-11 public meeting? Thank you.....Rich Blosser

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 8/29/2019.

From: WVCGDGC DiscGolf <wvchaingang@gmail.com>
To: <battlecreekinput@cityofsalem.net>
Date: 4/6/2016 4:59 PM
Subject: Disc Golf Course at Battle Creek Park

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Zachary Teuscher and I am the President of the Willamette Valley Chain Gang Disc Golf Club (WVCGDGC). We currently have a Facility Use Agreement with the City of Salem and the City of Salem Parks Department and, on average, we volunteer over 50 hours per month to help maintain and improve the Disc Golf Courses at Woodmansee and Cascades Gateway Parks.

I am writing to you today to declare our club's eagerness, willingness, and intentions to have a Disc Golf Course installed at Battle Creek Park. We understand that the City is in the planning phases of the Master Plan for the park and we are currently directly all our members and as many disc golfers as we can to the survey located on the website and having them include their desire for a new disc golf course in the area.

As the property at Battle Creek used to be home to a ball golf course we feel this would be an ideal location for a top tier disc golf course that would attract the top level players from around the world. Our great relationship with local businesses and organizations have us confident that we could have the course designed, installed and maintained with little to no expense to the City of Salem and/or the Parks Department.

Please keep us updated with the status of a Disc Golf Course at Battle Creek Park. We will continue our efforts to be ready to install it at the earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Zachary Teuscher
President of Willamette Valley Chain Gang Disc Golf Club

Toni Whitler

From: Tara Noble <tara.noble@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 7:53 AM
To: Battlecreek Input
Subject: Comments on park plan

Greetings,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We prefer an even more low impact plan. Spruce up the natural area, add walking/running trails, perhaps small frisbee golf area. It's currently a peaceful, natural area and should remain as such.

In the absence of that option:

Entrance, parking lot, and skatepark should be moved closer to Commercial Street, to decrease disruption to wildlife, birds, and waterfowl along Waln Creek. Noise and activity will have a negative impact on the natural areas. Will there be a fence to prevent people from accessing the creek?

Will there be regular, timely maintenance of the park? Trash, pet waste, junk dumping come to mind.

We already have an increased level of criminal activity in the area. Who will enforce no camping, loitering, soliciting, etc? City parks staff or law enforcement? Restrooms are a whole other problem waiting to happen.

Parking lot will likely be used by parents of Battle Creek Elementary students; parking is already a neighborhood problem on event days. Additionally, a park entrance at the proposed location will add to the school traffic nightmare - it's already impossible to travel Waln and Madras during dismissal time.

Thank you for your time.

Tara Noble
tara.noble@icloud.com

Transcribed voice messages received by City staff on 11/20/19 from the same person submitting comments on the Battle Creek Park Master Plan. Transcription by staff is paraphrased.

Voice message #1 received 11/20/19

I am a resident in area of the development of Battle Creek Park. Gave input in October and is interested in the three ideas that were decided on. One of the reasons that I do not like skateboards is they are so noisy and bring in negativity. I'm telling you they echo and make a clap sound, and loud and disruptive. Especially [with] the old folks home just built there, don't think the folks will appreciate. Really like the natural wildlife, more paths and bridges. Not enough of parks that are natural and serene rather than manicured parkness. Interested in which of the three [was chosen], let me know.

Gabriella

Message #2 received 11/20/19

Gabriella, called earlier and left a message. Not too happy [with] a lot of concerns. Do not think skateboard is a good idea. Grew up in California, they are super noisy, bring drugs, swearing, delinquency activity, look at Marion Square downtown, no one uses it. It will be extremely noisy and rowdy. Has concern about the children's playground area near the 18th hole. Don't think it is a good idea to have a golf course because there are golf balls that are really hard. If a child gets hit in the head or eye that is a huge liability…if someone is sitting at the park they could get hit.

Don't know why it is next to the park, don't feel comfortable walking around a golf area. We use this area a lot. [Have] a big giant net or screen to keep the golf balls out.

Golf should be on the opposite side. This is why we have golf courses around by themselves and not near parks where people are walking around minding their own business and can get hit. Like the bridge ideas. But these are my two main concerns. Lots of wildlike in the area: deer, rabbit, beavers. Please take this as a priority. Not sure why everything has to be manicured and developed.

Gabriella

Toni Whitler

From: Patricia Farrell
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Toni Whitler
Subject: FW: Battle Creek Park Plan

One more

From: Glenn Baly <glennbaly12345@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Patricia Farrell <PFarrell@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Battle Creek Park Plan

Patricia,

I had a couple questions regarding the Battle Creek Park plan:

1) Will the park plan be implemented so it doesn't disturb existing wildlife, especially the beavers that live in the park?

2) How many trees does the Parks Department anticipate removing to implement the preferred option?

3) Are there any in the preferred option that can be roto-tilled to plant and milkweed and wildflowers to support butterflies?

Thanks for your help in answering these question

Glenn Baly
Chair
South Gateway Neighborhood Association

Patricia Farrell
Parks Planning and Natural Resources Manager
City of Salem
555 Liberty St Se Rm 325
Salem Or 97301

Dear Ms Farrell:

Capital City Disc Golf (CCDG) supports the City of Salem's effort to grow and support disc golf throughout the city. We believe that including disc golf in the Master Plan for Battle Creek Park would be a welcome and valued amenity for the park and city because disc golf provides a fun, cheap alternative to other park development options with less environmental impact. Disc golf also promotes a steady stream of park users to less utilized areas of the park, deterring crime and homeless encampments.

CCDG is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit that is dedicated to strengthening the community by supporting the development and maintenance of disc golf courses so families of all ages and skill levels can enjoy the sport. CCDG has been supporting disc golf in the community for over 12 years and worked with the city on the design and installation of the disc golf courses at Woodmansee and Cascades Gateway, continues to maintain these courses and would be interested in consulting on the design and assisting with te installation of the course for Battle Creek once it has been approved. We will also organize volunteers to help maintain the course once it has been installed moving forward.

Thank you for your support in bringing disc golf to Battle Creek,

Sincerely,

The Capital City Disc Golf Club Board of Directors
Stacey Witenberger, *President*, Daniel Schoonover, *Secretary*
Barry Bolliger, Marshall Dunst, Denzell Johnson, James Medley, Kayla Winslow

LETTERS FROM SWAN AND SGNA

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION LETTERS

SWAN
SouthWest Association of Neighbors
555 Liberty St SE Room 305
Salem OR, 97301

2-11-2020

Patricia Farrell
Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
Salem Public Works Department
555 Liberty St SE, Suite 325
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Ms. Farrell,

Thank you for your presentation of Battle Creek Park's Master Plan to SWAN Neighborhood Association on January 7, 2020. We appreciated your information and our discussion of the many aspects planned for the park.

It appears to us that there are a significant number of options within the park for the general public. The variety of designs provide different activities, drawing many park goers with differing interests. We like the many trails and were particularly pleased with the outdoor classroom. Placement of the 18 hole disc course at the East and South boundaries seemed appropriate and safer for all park users.

SWAN supports the Battle Creek Park Master Plan as presented and described to us.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Stice

Jeanine Stice, Chair
SWAN Neighborhood Association

South Gateway
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
555 LIBERTY ST. SE RM. 305 SALEM OR 97301 • 503-588-6207 • WWW.CITYOFSALEM.NET/NEIGHBOR

November 4, 2019

City of Salem
555 Liberty ST SE
Salem OR 9730

First, we want to thank the City of Salem staff for attending our October 10, 2019, meeting to discuss storm water management. It was very informative. After considering all the information provided by the city and other sources, we are asking the city to temporally suspend the planning process for the Battle Creek property. We make this request for several reasons: 1)The storm water management plan is not complete and will not be so until year's end; 2) Any plans or development of the Battle Creek property will significantly impact storm water management/flood control for the city; and 3) All aspects of both plans should be fully vetted by the Mayor and City Council before any decisions are made regarding the property. The public survey raises further concerns. Very few residents outside of "walking distance" residents understand the importance and implications of this property with regard to flooding. We feel that if all residents who participated in the survey more fully understood the role of this property the results could have reflected a different outcome.

Based on the above reasons we are requesting that planning be suspended until all aspects of the property can be properly assessed and we look for your input/reply regarding this issue.

Thank you,

Glenn Baly
Chair
South Gateway Neighborhood Association

CITY COUNCIL WRITTEN TESTIMONIES

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

APRIL 27, 2020

CITY OF SALEM

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Written Testimony

City Council

Monday, April 27, 2020 6:00 PM Virtual Meeting

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Add - Written Testimony.

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Councilor(s): Councilor Andersen
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Ward(s): 7
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Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Good Governance; Safe Community;

Recommendation: Adopt resolution no. 2020-20, extending the state of emergency within the city of Salem related to the COVID-19 Pandemic through June 30, 2020.

Attachments: Resolution No 2020-20

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Add - Written Testimony.

Amy Johnson

From: Dylan McDowell <dylan.d.mcdowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:37 PM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Toni Whitler; Patricia Farrell
Subject: Testimony regarding Battle Creek Park Master Plan
Attachments: McDowell Testimony Supporting Battle Creek Master Plan .pdf

Good afternoon,

I am writing with written testimony in support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan adoption at the upcoming meeting. See attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Dylan

--
Dylan McDowell

dylan.d.mcdowell@gmail.com

April 24, 2020

Testimony in Support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Dear Members of the Salem City Council,

My name is Dylan McDowell and I am writing in support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan. I serve as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board where we heard from community members and discussed the Master Plan in February. The Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Master Plan.

Battle Creek is classified as an Urban Park, meaning it is intended to serve the entire community. I am incredibly impressed with the extensive outreach City staff has done to ensure community voices are heard through three in-person meetings, two online surveys with over 800 people responding to each, and numerous responses to individual requests. Battle Creek is a large park at 56 acres, and the Master Plan balances a number of active and passive recreational opportunities that will allow users of all ages and abilities to enjoy the area.

The Park is especially important for its stormwater benefits. Both City staff and project consultants are working hard to ensure stormwater and park development plans are closely aligned. This topic was heavily discussed during the SPRAB meeting, and I was encouraged by the knowledge of the consultants incorporating planning from both projects.

Approving the Master Plan is an important first step in a long process of park development. A decision to not approve the plan would lead to extensive delays and risk missing out on both fundraising opportunities and immediate benefits. I believe the City has worked hard to balance community input, stormwater management, and the park layout to create a Master Plan that will be an incredible asset for everyone in our City.

Sincerely,
Dylan McDowell

Amy Johnson

From: daltfam@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:36 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Patricia Farrell
Subject: TESTIMOY REGARDING BATTLECREEK PARK
Attachments: BATTLECREEK PARK Testimony to City Council 4-27-20 meeting.docx

Dear City Council and Mayor Bennett.

I am attaching some perspectives and recommendations regarding the Plan for the new Battlecreek Park.

I have been involved from the early days of the public input process – as a South Salem resident, member of the South Gateway Neighborhood Association, and a Park 'neighbor' (at Battlecreek Commons, along the south Park boundary).
I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Park as a neighborhood and City resource.
By considering and addressing- ahead of time-- the complex issues associated with our planning and development, we can well-maximize that positive potential .

Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,

William Dalton

To: Salem City Council
From: William Dalton
Re: **Final Plan for *Battlecreek Park***
Date: Public Hearing – April 27, 2020

Dear City Council.

My comments and requests are directed at the Final Plan for Battlecreek Park:

.. The **Planning Process**, led by Park Planning Manager Patricia Farrell, has been excellent and sensitive. She and her staff have provided numerous opportunities for residents to express preferences and offer suggestions. Most importantly, it is obvious that the final Plan reflects much of that input (e.g., a 'moderate' – vs. 'intense'- level of development; emphasis on heavier utilization in areas north of Battlecreek; moving high-use portions of the park away from residences) = Much Appreciated!

.. The Park Plan reflects efforts to be sensitive to the highest priority need for this land, that is -- **water retention and control.** Those of us who have lived in the area - especially during the flooding events of the 1990's and early 2000's – are deeply concerned with any land improvements and development as they affect water flow/levels. The implementation of final Park plans must fully consider concurrent water issues (water table studies, effectiveness of proposed water-retention ponds) and the impact of high-level of current & future development in the South Salem water basin.

.. **Park Boundaries** are creating concern and anxiety for residents in the Park area. Fully three sides of the Park abut current homes, most of which have no buffer whatsoever between their property and the Park: The Park flows seamlessly into the backyards of the homes on Doral; the 'legal' south boundary of the Park is visually inseparable from the "commons" land and sidewalk of Battlecreek Commons (BCC). NOTE: Despite signage, BCC is already experiencing an increase in both vehicles & pedestrians accessing and utilizing the Park – even before the proposed improvements. This issue is further complicated by current planning, which includes a major public parking area only on the north side.

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATIONS

Process: As the Park is developed (likely in phases…) continue to be flexible – i.e., responsive to additional data and actual experience, such as the impacts of increased Park utilization and flooding. This is especially important with respect to the essential issue of **Water Retention/Control**, with Park planning dependent only on our best judgments concerning the complex interaction of the water table, weather events (e.g., heavy rains…), and continued development in the South Salem water basin area.

Boundaries: For both *sensitivity-to-livability* and *legal protections*, it is absolutely essential that planning for the park specifically include provisions for appropriate (e.g., non-fencing) boundary'ing. 1) All proposals for developed recreation (paths, disc golf, …) should include substantial setback from existent private property. 2) The Park should utilize and enhance existent 'natural' features as visual and physical borders between private residences and the Park – e.g., *allowing vegetation to grow along such borders;* and, re. BCC and the private east-side/Fairway condos, *planting low maintenance shrubs/bushes long the tops of the berms.* 3) Immediately begin addressing the issue of limited parking. Battlecreek is being proposed as a City-wide/Regional Park – Proposed use would dictate the necessity of including well-signed public parking, away from private property and already-overcrowded streets.

THANK YOU for your consideration. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the sensitive planning and development of this positive addition to our City's resources.

. *W.B. Dalton 4/24/20*

CITY OF SALEM

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Written Testimony

City Council

Monday, April 27, 2020 6:00 PM Virtual Meeting

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Ward(s): 2
Councilor(s): Andersen
Neighborhood(s): SEMCA
Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy

Recommendation: Authorize the City to apply for a Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for commercial air service development at the Salem Municipal Airport.

Attachments: Public Comments received by 10:30 a.m. 4-27-20

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Amy Johnson

From: Claudia Vorse <claudia@prsalem.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Chuck Bennett
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Please set aside Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Dear Mayor, City Recorder, City Counselors and all involved with the Battle Creek Park Master Plan,

First, I hope you and your families are safe and healthy.

Second, I would like to echo the concerns posted by Glenn Baly, Chair of SGNA, below. I would especially agree with point number 4, and encourage you to leave the property as is for now, and use those funds elsewhere in the City Budget if you can indeed vote to do so.

My condo, along with its full length glass sunroom, faces the park. The sunroom and it's full view of the park is the reason I purchased almost a year ago. I have been working from home since March 17th, and have witnessed hundreds of people using and enjoying the park, just as it is. Families, joggers, dog walkers, bicycle riders, wagons and strollers, even on the rainy days. I'm happy that so many find the park welcoming just as it is. It is not even the slightest bit distracting when on Zoom calls, and I pause to wave at neighbors walking by!

Please consider setting this project aside.
Thank you,
Claudia Vorse

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Glenn Baly** < glennbaly12345@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 9:43 AM
Subject: Battle Creek Master Plan - City Council Meeting

As you are aware, due to the Coronavirus there will not be an opportunity for people to attend city council meetings and testify at the April 23 meeting to approve/change/or not approve the Battle Creek Park Master Plan. Because most of the park will be used for storm water detention there are some serious questions regarding the city's assessment as to what should be done regarding development up in the South Salem Hills. As well as how much water (realistically) the park's detention ponds can hold and how helpful they will be. We need everyone to send their comments on the Battle Creek Master Plan by April 21

to: Citycouncil@cityofsalem.net; crbennett@cityofsalem.net; CityRecorder@cityofsalem.net

Please try to individualize your message to the city. It will make a bigger impact. Here are some comments and questions that can be asked. Please include your own perspective on the plan and the planning process.

1) Is there enough detention created on Battle Creek Park based on current storm water master planning with no on-site detention of new developments? Won't the lack of storm water detention in developing areas result in overruns of proposed detention ponds on Battle Creek Park? Will more than two detention ponds be needed for this property?

2) Does the present design reflect a detention plan that will have enough impact on flooding for the $6 million (price-tag) invested?

3) What happens to the groundwater as well as the natural spring water when the detention ponds are dug lower than known groundwater levels of 3 feet?

4) Shouldn't we be concerned about spending $6 million of city funds as we move into "unexpected" times? Maybe park and funds should be put on hold until outcome of how life will be/not be post-COVID-19 pandemic.

5) Under the circumstances, it may be worth considering that the Battle Creek Mater Plan be put aside. City may need to reprioritize $6 million for public safety and health and changes that are unknown at this time.

The South Gateway Neighborhood Association voted against the current park option in favor of the "Habitat Option" that would have less impact on the property and help maintain the property's storm water detention role.

We appreciate your assistance. Please pass this on to your friends and neighbors so they can comment on the Battle Creek Master Plan.

Glenn Baly

Chair

Amy Johnson

From: Diane Stout <sedona1234@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:12 PM
To: CityRecorder; Chuck Bennett
Subject: Postpone Recommendation of Battlecreek Master Plan

Dear City Officials,

Please postpone the approval and recommendation proceeding for the Battlecreek Master Plan!

Subsequent to COVID-19 Pandemic as well as continued building developments in the area of the Battlecreek Master Plan area, whereas further study and analysis needs to be conducted for water detention, the benefits of spending $6 million is not necessary and especially at this time. It would be foolish and highly irresponsible to spend this amount of money for this Battlecreek Master Plan Option which I do not support, when flood mitigation is the highest priority and when the city may need to fund and prioritize towards public safety and health!

Thank you for your consideration.

A long term South Salem/BCC resident.

Sincerely,

Diane Stout

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Francespurdy@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:17 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: L to City Council about Park 4-26-20.docx

Your Name	Frances Purdy
Your Email	Francespurdy@yahoo.com
Your Phone	
Street	
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	Attached is a letter representing the testimony of BattleCreek Commons regarding the proposed regional city park, Battlecreek Park. This is the testimony that represents 160 units and families who reside to the immediate south of the proposed park. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information, Thank you. Frances Purdy, Secretary for the BattleCreek Commons Board of Directors,

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 4/26/2020.

BATTLECREEK COMMONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
1823 Lexington Circle SE Salem, Oregon 97306 (503) 362-9284

April 26, 2020 Re: Testimony for the Final Plan for Battlecreek Park

Dear City of Salem Council Members:

Following are the comments of the BattleCreek Commons Association, a Homeowners Association of 160 units and families that shares the southern boundary of the proposed Battlecreek Park.

The Planning Process, led by Park Planning Manager Patricia Farrell, has provided numerous opportunities for local and citywide residents to express preferences and offer suggestions. The current recommendation provides for a moderate level of development and does reflect the highest priority of need: water retention, flood mitigation and control.

There are still unanswered questions about the efficacy of the proposed water retention areas since much of the design was based on past rain water amounts and no further construction to impact the watershed from the west and south of the proposed Park levels. BattleCreek Commons was greatly inundated by the creek overflow and adjacent flooding of the 1990's and early 2000's. We are deeply concerned with any land improvements and development because they affect water level and flow through the four creeks flowing through Battlecreek Park and the South Salem water basin from the west and south.

There is also serious concern about the increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic because the three sides of the Park abut current homes, most of which have no buffer whatsoever between their property and the proposed Park. The Park flows seamlessly into the backyards of the homes on Doral and the 'legal' south boundary of the Park is visually inseparable from the "commons" land and sidewalk of BattleCreek Commons.

This issue is complicated by current planning, which includes a major public parking area only on the north side even though trails and a disc golf course are adjacent to this "invisible border," BattleCreek Commons is already experiencing an increase in both vehicles, pedestrians and their dogs accessing and utilizing the Park by parking on and walking through private property, even before the proposed improvements.

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the final actual building specifications based on current and projected rain fall, construction and water flow, rather than past rain fall and current open space to the west and south of the park.
2. Approve the final development bid plan with additional specification for

enhanced “natural features: for the physical and visual borders on substantial setbacks for the south, west and east boundaries of the park. These borders should include

a. Wide border setbacks on or with high berms
b. Low maintenance shrubs/bushes long the tops of the berms.
c. Well signed public parking, away from private property and already-overcrowded streets and
d. Signs that warn park users to use public lands to exit the park and not to leave the park by trespassing on private property.

For the BattleCreek Commons homeowners, I thank you for your attention to this testimony. We look forward to continuing to be a part of the sensitive planning and development of this positive Salem addition, Battlecreek Park.

Frances Purdy

Frances S. Purdy, Secretary of the Board of Directors,
BattleCreek Commons Association

Amy Johnson

From: Glenn Baly <glennbaly12345@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:35 PM
To: citycouncil; CityRecorder; Chuck Bennett
Cc: Bailey, Glenn
Subject: Battle Creek Park Master Plan

With present extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic we feel that the City should set aside the Battle Creek Master Plan and consider shifting any related funding to relieve any economic and public health burdens on Salem citizens. The land is there for people to enjoy--and they do--money spent on a park seems like an extravagance at this time.
Lora Meisner & Glenn Baly

Amy Johnson

From: LEA SPENCER <lea-chan@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 6:40 PM
To: CityRecorder; cbennet@cityofsalem.net
Subject: April 27th City Council meeting - Battlecreek Park Master Plan

Please enter this into the record for public comment for the April 27th City Council meeting. And please send me an email verifying it has been done.

I request the City Council vote this proposed plan down or put it on hold. The plan and process was flawed and incomplete. In addition, due to the current health crises, the City should not commit to long term projects of this scope until the crisis is resolved.

*Cost - residents asked many times about approximate costs to maintain this property. We were never given straight answers. Only vague, dismissive responses. I see the draft plan now shows approximate cost of $6M to implement. Regardless of when or where the City of Salem expects to get funding, residents deserve an open, thorough dialogue about costs. Especially, since the city was operating in the red before this health crises. In addition, Salem has a reputation of not allocating adequate resources to maintain it's parks. It would be wasteful to move forward with this plan until concerns about costs and priorities are addressed.

*Flood mitigation - the property was purchased primarily for flood mitigation. The surveys that were conducted stated the #1 driver should be flood mitigation. This plan does not do that. It is secondary and it exacerbates the problem of flooding. At a presentation by the Stormwater Planning group in October 2019 to the South Gateway Neighborhood Assoc. residents asked, with development since January 2012 and in future plans, what will happen if there is another flood event. The response was "We don't know. We suggest you get flood insurance." Not reassuring! If you can get flood insurance, it is expensive, has high deductibles and has caps on what it pays. So, the consequence is homes and businesses would be under insured. A comprehensive stormwater plan needs to be completed and integrated into any plan, before this park is developed.

*Safety and security of residents and businesses - in addition to the impact on wildlife, which will not return if the park is developed as planned, there has already been a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods due to traffic, litter, trespassing and property crimes. In addition, a number of people are using it as an off leash park and owners are not picking up their dog's waste. Having more "eyes on the park" will not address this. This plan will exacerbate this problem, as well.

*Options - there was never a discussion about options. A few people want recreation at the cost of many. The latest information I have shows Salem has 48 parks, not counting undeveloped parks. The city just purchased 17 acres on Rees Hill Rd. Why not use an existing park to add recreation facilities? Or use the new acreage on Rees Hill Rd? It is important to note that there are dozens of disc golf courses in and around Salem they can and do utilize. Homes and businesses don't have the option of moving to another location or forgoing using their property, during inclement weather. Other options should be investigated thoroughly before moving forward.

*Communication - I heard from many people that they did not know anything about this process until well into the open houses and surveys. They learned about it by word of mouth. In addition, I

reviewed minutes for most of 2019 for the neighborhood associations in Salem and found only a few references to information about this plan. I don't believe there was a good faith effort to encourage public engagement and get information out that gave residents the full picture of the plan. The City needs to revisit this. In addition to details about cost, residents deserve the opportunity to be allowed to weigh in on the priority and use of this park before it is developed.

In closing, please review Figure 3.4 of your master plan report. It shows the park in December 2015. It is labeled during a flood. However, I have lived near the park nearly 17 years and have seen the park flood like this during normal rainy spells. What do you think it will look like with the development proposed here? And if you or someone in your circle wanted to live or locate their business around the park - or downstream - would you hesitate to recommend it? Think about that before you vote.

Please vote no on this plan. Set it aside until the health crises is resolved. City Council, and all residents. deserve full details about cost, flood mitigation and options and have opportunities for a more thorough a dialogue.

APPENDIX D

STAFF REPORTS

SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
STAFF REPORT

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

FEBRUARY 2020

FOR BOARD MEETING OF: February 13, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4a

TO: **SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

THROUGH: **ROBERT CHANDLER, PHD, PE**
ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

FROM: **PATRICIA FARRELL**
PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING MANAGER

SUBJECT: **BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN**

ISSUE:

Should the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) endorse the Battle Creek Park Master Plan and forward to City Council a recommendation for master plan adoption?

RECOMMENDATION:

Endorse the Battle Creek Park Master Plan and forward to City Council a recommendation for master plan adoption.

BACKGROUND:

Battle Creek Park is a 56-acre, undeveloped park property and classified in the Comprehensive Park System Master Plan as an Urban Park, meaning it serves a region-wide service area. The park is located adjacent to Battle Creek Elementary school in South Salem at the former site of the Battle Creek Golf Course. Four creeks converge on the site: Waln, Battle, Scotch, and Powell Creeks as well as a spring-fed stream referred to as Spring Creek, plus associated floodplains, delineated wetlands including a constructed pond left over from the former golf course. The park property was purchased with stormwater utility and Parks System Development Charges in 2008 and 2009.

Park master plans are intended to guide the park management and development for the next 20 years. The goal of the Battle Creek Park master planning process was to develop a multi-use park that balances recreational use with flood mitigation and natural habitat. Since flood mitigation is the community and city's top priority, the process involved coordination with concurrent stormwater master planning efforts including the Battle Creek Basin Plan. The anticipated outcome from the planning effort was to provide a master plan that serves as a comprehensive vision for stormwater and recreational improvements.

To assist the City, a landscape architecture firm, Greenworks, was hired. The master plan update included a significant public outreach process, including public meetings, online surveys, website and direct mail. The City website was updated throughout the process and people were provided the opportunity to sign up for email updates that included online survey notifications, and meeting reminders. The public was notified about meetings and public comment opportunities through a variety of means including: the aforementioned email list for Battle Creek Park Master Plan, neighborhood associations, the City's website and Facebook accounts, signs posted in Battle Creek Park, fliers at local venues and events, "Community Connections" electronic newsletter, and presentations to South Gateway Neighborhood Association (SGNA), Faye Wright Neighborhood Association, Morningside Neighborhood Association, and Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN). In addition, Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) assigned two board members as liaisons to the master planning effort and the Board was updated throughout the planning process.

Public Engagement Process – Public Meetings

Three public planning meetings were held. The first meeting was located at the South Salem Senior Center, but the facility's size was a challenge for over 100 attendees who participated. The following two public planning meetings were held at the Battle Creek Elementary School cafeteria. The meetings were held on June 5, September 11, and November 13, 2019. The first meeting provided an overview of the existing conditions of the park including the opportunities and constraints associated with the existing flood mitigation improvements, topography and natural resources, and adjacent homeowners and elementary school. The participants were then asked to rank their preferred program amenities.

The information received during the open house and from the associated online survey was analyzed and resulted in three park design options. The three park designs captured a range of recreational uses and footprints. All park design options included common features of flood retention areas, trails, parking, restroom, play/fitness stations, and enhanced habitat. The three design options were presented at the second public open house and included a habitat-focused plan; a recreation-focused plan; and a blended version of the two that included habitat with a moderate amount of recreation. The participants were then asked to indicate their preferred option and provide feedback on what was or was not desirable about each.

The third public meeting presented a preferred design alternative based on the combination

of desired amenities and programmed uses as indicated by the public through feedback received at the second public meeting and from the online survey.

Public Engagement Process – Online Surveys

Two online surveys were made available to the public through email notification, Facebook, Salem Community Connection, informational signs posted at Battle Creek Park, and the City of Salem website. The two surveys coincided with the public open house meetings in June and September. The intent of the surveys was to focus on the public's recreational desires and elicit feedback for proposed design options. Over 800 people responded to each of the two surveys.

Public Engagement Process – Neighborhood Associations

Staff met three times with South Gateway Neighborhood Association who was very involved throughout the planning process. Since Battle Creek Park is classified as an Urban Park with a regional draw, invitations went out to all neighborhood associations offering to present the preferred alternative and provide opportunity for feedback. Morningside Neighborhood Association, Faye Wright Neighborhood Association and Southwest Association of Neighbors asked for and received a presentation.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The feedback for the preferred alternative was predominantly positive, and only minor adjustments were needed in the creation of the draft master plan. Taking into account public feedback, the proposed master plan includes the following amenities and features for the park.

- Approximately 3,000 square foot skate plaza/skate spot
- Approximately 5,000 square foot neighborhood playground
- 40-stall parking lot
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Picnic shelter and picnic area
- Restroom
- Mounded overlooks
- Fitness/play stations
- Soft and paved trails including an interpretive trail loop/pollinator garden
- Outdoor classroom
- Potential public art locations
- Enhanced existing wetlands, re-meandered Powell, Scotch, and Spring Creeks with restored riparian buffers, restored Battle Creek bank benches and riparian buffer
- Enhanced year-round pond on Powell Creek

The new master plan will guide the park management and development for the next 20 years. Implementation of the master plan will occur over that timeframe and is dependent on available funding and timing of floodwater retention basins .

SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ACTION SHEET

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

FEBRUARY 2020

SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ACTION SHEET

February 13, 2020

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES

Present: Alan Alexander, Tony Caito, Diana Dickey, Woody Dukes, Dave Fridenmaker, Dylan McDowell, Paul Rice, Micki Varney,

ISSUE

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DATE OF DECISION

February 13, 2020

ACTION TAKEN

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Vote: All members voted in favor of the motion.

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BATTLE CREEK MASTER PLAN STAFF REPORT WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

STAFF REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 27, 2020

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Staff Report

File #: 20-53
Version: 1

Date: 4/27/2020
Item #: 2.3a.

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager

FROM: Peter Fernandez, PE, Public Works Director

SUBJECT:

Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Ward(s): Ward 4
Councilor(s): Councilor Leung
Neighborhood(s): SGNA
Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Welcoming and Livable Community.

ISSUE:

Shall City Council adopt the proposed 2020 Battle Creek Park Master Plan?

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed 2020 Battle Creek Park Master Plan.

SUMMARY:

The *Battle Creek Park Master Plan* reflects public input and community desires for a multi-function park that balances preservation of natural habitat with various recreational uses while providing areas for flood mitigation. Battle Creek Park is a 56-acre, undeveloped park property classified in the *Comprehensive Park System Master Plan* as an Urban Park, meaning it serves a region-wide service area.

The *Battle Creek Park Master Plan* was developed concurrently with development of the *Battle Creek Basin Plan*, a component of the City's *Stormwater Master Plan.* The *Battle Creek Basin Plan* provides recommendations for capital projects to reduce flood risks for the larger Battle Creek watershed and includes specific projects located in Battle Creek Park.

The proposed *Battle Creek Park Master Plan* was developed with significant public outreach and input, including three open houses and two online surveys. The master plan (Attachment 1) includes

the following amenities and features for the park:

- Approximately 6,500 square foot playground,
- 40-stall parking lot,
- Picnic shelter and picnic area,
- 4-stall Restroom,
- Approximately 3,000-square-foot skate plaza/skate spot,
- 18-hole disc golf course,
- Picnic shelter/picnic area,
- Fitness/play stations,
- Soft and paved trails including an interpretive trail loop/pollinator garden,
- Outdoor classroom seating area near Battle Creek Elementary School,
- Potential public art locations,
- Enhanced existing wetlands, and restored riparian buffers along creeks,
- Enhanced year-round pond on Powell Creek, and
- Two large flood detention areas as per the Battle Creek Basin Plan recommendation.

Individual park master plans are intended to guide park development and management for the next 20 years.

The *Battle Creek Park Master Plan*, including all public outreach materials and public comments, can be found via the City's website. Link to Battle Creek Master Plan: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/battle-creek-master-plan-report.pdf> Link to Battle Creek Master Plan Appendices: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/battle-creek-master-plan-appendix.pdf>.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

A planning-level cost estimate was done as part of the master plan. Costs are in 2020 dollars, include a 30 percent contingency, and do not include maintenance costs or the cost for constructing the flood detention areas and associated infrastructure. Flood mitigation measures will be constructed as a separate project using utility funds. The cost for the *Battle Creek Park Master Plan* is estimated at $5,806,141. Implementation of the master plan will occur over time and is dependent on available funding and will be coordinated with construction of the flood detention basins.

The master planning process involved significant public outreach, including three public open houses, eight neighborhood association presentations, two online surveys, website updates, emails, and direct mail. Over 800 people responded to each online survey. The City website was updated throughout the process and people were provided the opportunity to sign up for email updates that included online survey notifications and meeting reminders. Presentations were given to South Gateway Neighborhood Association (SGNA), Faye Wright Neighborhood Association, Morningside Neighborhood Association, and Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN).

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) assigned two board members as liaisons to the master planning effort and SPRAB was updated throughout the planning process. SPRAB unanimously approved the park master plan at its February 13, 2020, meeting and recommend City Council adopt the plan.

Because of the close relationship between park planning and stormwater planning, all the Battle Creek Park planning public open houses were attended by one of the City's Certified Floodplain Managers or the stormwater consultant (WEST consultants) involved with developing the basin plan, or both, to provide information to participants.

During the public process, most people expressed the desire for a balance between natural open spaces and recreational opportunities. A large number of respondents expressed a desire for a disc golf course and a skateboard park. Another group wanted only trails and natural areas for passive recreation and wildlife habitat. Some neighbors expressed concerns about noise, user conflicts, and loss of privacy. In response to neighbor concerns, staff made modifications to the plan, including moving some activities further away from adjacent residences. The South Gateway Neighborhood Association asked for the park master plan to be postponed until the *Battle Creek Basin Plan* was adopted by Council (Attachment 2). However, the *Battle Creek Basin Plan* is already in final draft form with no significant changes anticipated before that plan, along with a new *Stormwater Master Plan* and basin plans for Mill Creek and Pringle Creek, comes to Council later this year for adoption. SouthWest Association of Neighbors supports the park master plan (Attachment 3), as does the Capital City Disc Golf Club (Attachment 4).

The draft *Battle Creek Park Master Plan* was unanimously recommended by Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for Council adoption February 13, 2020 (Attachment 5).

BACKGROUND:

The City acquired the property in 2008 and 2009 using a combination of stormwater utility funds and park system development charge funds with the intent of providing both enhanced floodplain detention and recreational opportunities. The park is located, west of Commercial Street, east of Sunnyview Road, south of Waln Drive, and north of Battle Creek Commons subdivision. The property is surrounded by residential development with the Battle Creek Elementary School on the northwest boundary of the park. The site encompasses the confluence of four creeks: Waln Creek, Scotch Creek, Powell Creek, and Battle Creek. "Spring Creek" converges with Battle Creek just downstream of the park. The site also includes areas of wetlands and remnants of the previous golf course such as ponds and fairways. The site also contains the Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank restoration area.

<u>Public Engagement Process - Online Surveys</u>

Two online surveys were made available to the public through email notification, Facebook, Salem Community Connection, informational signs posted at Battle Creek Park, and the City of Salem website. The two surveys coincided with the public open house meetings in June and September 2019. The intent of the surveys was to focus on the public's recreational desires and elicit feedback for proposed design options. Over 800 people responded to each of the two surveys.

<u>Public Engagement Process - Neighborhood Associations</u>

Staff met three times with South Gateway Neighborhood Association (SGNA) who was very involved throughout the planning process. Staff also met once with SGNA specifically to address flood

detention and the draft Battle Creek Basin Plan. Since Battle Creek Park is classified as an Urban Park with a regional draw, invitations were sent to all neighborhood associations offering to present the preferred alternative and provide opportunity for feedback. Morningside Neighborhood Association, Faye Wright Neighborhood Association, and SouthWest Association of Neighbors (SWAN) asked for and received presentations.

Master Planning Process

Public engagement is a critical component in all park master planning. During the Battle Creek Park planning process public outreach included a variety of methods. The public was notified about meetings and public comment opportunities through a project-specific email list for Battle Creek Park Master Plan, neighborhood associations, the City's website and Facebook accounts, signs posted in Battle Creek Park, fliers at local venues and events, "Community Connections" electronic newsletter, three public open houses, and two online surveys.

The first open house was located at the South Salem Senior Center. The following two public planning meetings were held at the Battle Creek Elementary School cafeteria. The meetings were held on June 5, September 11, and November 13, 2019. In August 2019 a lecture about the history of the battle at Battle Creek by a state archeologist was held at Louck's Auditorium.

The first open house provided an overview of the existing conditions as well as opportunities and constraints to consider when developing the master plan. Site constraints included jurisdictional wetlands and streams, the Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank area, 100-year floodplains, desired flood detention areas per the draft *Battle Creek Basin Plan*, and riparian areas along streams. Adjacent residential areas bordering the property were also considered.

Per the *Comprehensive Parks System Master Plan*, site amenities in an Urban Park are wide-ranging and include standard features such as parking, restrooms, playgrounds, group shelters, and trails. Optional amenities include community gathering areas, sports courts, skate park, community garden, disc golf, and off-leash dog areas. While many of these options are allowed, site constraints limit the feasibility of many of these features; however, all amenities were presented to the public as options at this phase.

At the open house and in the following online survey, participants were asked to rank their preferred program amenities. Most people valued combining natural beauty with recreation. Of the activities the park could accommodate, a skate park, unpaved walking/jogging trails, and natural areas were the top three choices. Respondents were not enthused about sports courts. The main concerns involved increased traffic, congestion on adjacent neighborhood streets, and compatibility with adjacent neighbors.

More than 100 people attended the first open house and 828 people responded to the first online survey. The results from the open houses and survey informed the design of three park options. The three park designs captured a range of recreational uses and a variety of amenity sizes. All park design options included common features of flood detention areas, trails, parking, restroom, play/fitness stations, and enhanced habitat. The three design options were presented at the second public open house and included a habitat-focused plan (Option 1); a recreation-focused plan (Option 2); and a blended version of the two (Option 3) that included habitat with a moderate amount of

recreation. The participants were asked to indicate their preferred option and provide feedback on what was and was not desirable about each option.

The three options were presented at a second open house and in an online survey, along with precedent images and perspective views. Participants were asked to rank their preferred option and provide feedback about the three design options. Responses highlighted differences between adjacent residents' desire to have minimal development and the desire of broader Salem area residents for mixed recreation and natural, open spaces.

Forty-nine percent (49%) preferred Option 2 (Recreation); 29% preferred Option 1 (Habitat); and 21% preferred Option 3 (Blended). Based on these results, 70% of those responding preferred some level of higher recreation as shown in Options 2 and 3. Many respondents commented that only Option 2 provided a full 18-hole disc golf course, which was their main motivation for selecting that option. Trails were identified as a key feature for all options. As in the previous survey, some respondents expressed concerns with increases in traffic and with noise-related uses occurring near adjacent homes. Many respondents wanted flood mitigation to be a priority.

The preferred design was presented at the third public meeting that represented a combination of desired amenities and programmed uses based on the public feedback received at the second public meeting and from the online survey. The design reflected a combination of recreation and habitat values. Public feedback resulted in the relocation of the parking lot and skate plaza away from the northeast corner of the site to the north-central portion of the Waln Street frontage to minimize impacts to eastern neighbors. The southern basin was also reduced as a result of improved hydrological modeling that indicated a smaller area was needed. Powell Creek's existing pond was retained and enhanced as a result of desires not to eliminate year-round open water for wildlife. Disc golf fairways were moved off existing berms and away from adjacent residences, a pollinator habitat area was included near the interpretive trail, and potential public art locations were identified.

Robert D. Chandler, PhD, PE
Assistant Public Works Director

Attachments:

1. Battle Creek Park Master Plan 2020 Site Plan
2. South Gateway Neighborhood Association Letter, November 2019
3. SouthWest Association of Neighbors Letter, February 2020
4. Capital City Disc Golf Club Letter, undated
5. Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Action Sheet, February 2020
6. Public Comments

LEGEND

1. PARKING LOT (40 STALLS)
2. SKATE PLAZA (~3,000 SF)
3. RESTROOM (4 STALLS)
4. PLAYGROUND (~6,500 SF)
5. PLAY/FITNESS STATION
6. PICNIC SHELTER
7. PICNIC AREA
8. MOUNDED OVERLOOK
9. 18-HOLE YEAR-ROUND DISC GOLF COURSE
10. ENHANCED EXISTING WETLAND
11. FLOOD DETENTION AREA
12. PROPOSED BERM/EARTHFORM (TYPICAL)
13. EXISTING BERM
14. PAVED PATH (TYPICAL)
15. PROPOSED BRIDGE
16. SOFT-SURFACE PATH (TYPICAL)
17. PROPOSED ENTRANCE
18. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
19. INTERPRETIVE TRAIL LOOP WITH POLLINATOR GARDEN
20. STORMWATER FACILITY
21. POTENTIAL PUBLIC ART LOCATION

South Gateway
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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November 4, 2019

City of Salem
555 Liberty ST SE
Salem OR 9730

First, we want to thank the City of Salem staff for attending our October 10, 2019, meeting to discuss storm water management. It was very informative. After considering all the information provided by the city and other sources, we are asking the city to temporally suspend the planning process for the Battle Creek property. We make this request for several reasons: 1)The storm water management plan is not complete and will not be so until year's end; 2) Any plans or development of the Battle Creek property will significantly impact storm water management/flood control for the city; and 3) All aspects of both plans should be fully vetted by the Mayor and City Council before any decisions are made regarding the property. The public survey raises further concerns. Very few residents outside of "walking distance" residents understand the importance and implications of this property with regard to flooding. We feel that if all residents who participated in the survey more fully understood the role of this property the results could have reflected a different outcome.

Based on the above reasons we are requesting that planning be suspended until all aspects of the property can be properly assessed and we look for your input/reply regarding this issue.

Thank you,

Glenn Baly
Chair
South Gateway Neighborhood Association

SWAN
SouthWest Association of Neighbors
555 Liberty St SE Room 305
Salem OR, 97301

2-11-2020

Patricia Farrell
Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
Salem Public Works Department
555 Liberty St SE, Suite 325
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Ms. Farrell,

Thank you for your presentation of Battle Creek Park's Master Plan to SWAN Neighborhood Association on January 7, 2020. We appreciated your information and our discussion of the many aspects planned for the park.

It appears to us that there are a significant number of options within the park for the general public. The variety of designs provide different activities, drawing many park goers with differing interests. We like the many trails and were particularly pleased with the outdoor classroom. Placement of the 18 hole disc course at the East and South boundaries seemed appropriate and safer for all park users.

SWAN supports the Battle Creek Park Master Plan as presented and described to us.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Stice

Jeanine Stice, Chair
SWAN Neighborhood Association

Patricia Farrell
Parks Planning and Natural Resources Manager
City of Salem
555 Liberty St Se Rm 325
Salem Or 97301

Dear Ms Farrell:

Capital City Disc Golf (CCDG) supports the City of Salem's effort to grow and support disc golf throughout the city. We believe that including disc golf in the Master Plan for Battle Creek Park would be a welcome and valued amenity for the park and city because disc golf provides a fun, cheap alternative to other park development options with less environmental impact. Disc golf also promotes a steady stream of park users to less utilized areas of the park, deterring crime and homeless encampments.

CCDG is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit that is dedicated to strengthening the community by supporting the development and maintenance of disc golf courses so families of all ages and skill levels can enjoy the sport. CCDG has been supporting disc golf in the community for over 12 years and worked with the city on the design and installation of the disc golf courses at Woodmansee and Cascades Gateway, continues to maintain these courses and would be interested in consulting on the design and assisting with te installation of the course for Battle Creek once it has been approved. We will also organize volunteers to help maintain the course once it has been installed moving forward.

Thank you for your support in bringing disc golf to Battle Creek,

Sincerely,

The Capital City Disc Golf Club Board of Directors
Stacey Witenberger, *President*, Daniel Schoonover, *Secretary*
Barry Bolliger, Marshall Dunst, Denzell Johnson, James Medley, Kayla Winslow

CITY OF Salem AT YOUR SERVICE

SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ACTION SHEET

February 13, 2020

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Present: Alan Alexander, Tony Caito, Diana Dickey, Woody Dukes, Dave Fridenmaker, Dylan McDowell, Paul Rice, Micki Varney,

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Amy Johnson

From: becky ray <becky1217@centurylink.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Chuck Bennett; citycouncil; CityRecorder
Subject: Battle Creek Master Plan

Hello,

I am writing to ask that the Battle Creek Park plan be postponed at this time. Given the massive unemployment, revenue is going to decrease for government agencies. I worked for a local government agency over 20 years developing budgets, monitoring budgets and funding/spending. Every time there has been an economic downturn, revenue decreases and funding from Federal, State, County decreases. Given the estimated $6million price for this park, I think it would come across as poor use of funds as available funds decrease yet need remains the same or increases.

Please consider pulling the park plan until the result of this economic downturn is known or at least better understood.

Thank you,

Nancy Ray

Sent from my Verizon ASUS tablet

Amy Johnson

From: Carol Dare <carolalbrechtdare@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:54 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Battle Creek Master Plan

I'm concerned about the Battle Creek Master Plan for the following reasons:

Uncertainty about water retention and the impact on flooding and groundwater.

The cost of the project amid the coronavirus pandemic and a prolonged economic recession. Will city funds be needed for health and safety, especially among the homeless and minority communities?

A habitat option would be less disruptive and expensive and would preserve living space for wildlife.

Other parks in the area including on Rees Hill, Mildred Street, and another one planned for the South Gateway Neighborhood.

Carol Dare, South Gateway Neighborhood

Virus-free. www.avg.com

Amy Johnson

From: Kathryn Chambers <abbykats@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:16 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Chuck Bennett; CityRecorder
Subject: Battlecreek Master Plan

To the Salem City Council and Mayor Chuck Bennett:

As we all know, our country, county and city are in crisis due to the
Covid-19 virus emergency.
I was shocked to learn that in these times the City Council and Mayor are even considering going forward with the Battlecreek Master Plan to the tune of $6 million.

> Shouldn't we be concerned about spending $6 million of city funds as we move into "unexpected" times? Maybe park and funds should be put on hold until outcome of how life will be/not be post-COVID-19.

Right now, Salem needs to spend money on health, public safety and the still looming affordable housing crisis.

As we look to the future, we also need to address the environmental
concerns posed by the Master Plan. I listened to the engineers
explain the flood retention part of the Master Plan. Frankly, their
report did not inspire confidence that with more residential and commercial development in the areas, the planned retention will
prevent flooding.

I voted for the "Habitat Option" rather than the current option.
I did so to preserve undisturbed habitat, flood retention and to
reduce pressures caused by rampant development.

Please consider these points and vote to delay the Battlecreek Master Plan.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Chambers

Amy Johnson

From: Lora Meisner <lmgb@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:49 PM
To: citycouncil; Chuck Bennett; CityRecorder
Subject: re: stormwater management/Battle Creek Park

Expires: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:00 AM

The South Gateway Neighborhood Association voted against the present Battle Creek Park Master Plan, supporting the natural habitat plan. Additionally,
We think that the Battle Creek Park Master Plan is flawed, they don't think just addressing the issues of the park will solve the bigger issue—storm water management and flooding. The public works department with the engineering/hydrology firm came up with two scenarios: First scenario shows how flood waters disperse if there are no detention ponds on Battle Creek, and second scenario show how the flood waters disperse if there are the 2 detention ponds. What we need to request from the city is for them to develop a **Third** scenario which shows the effects of flooding with detention ponds on Battle Creek plus 100% storm water detained on new properties/developments as well as 50% of the trees preserved. We need to have this additional "mock up" so that the city can see—and it should show—significantly/noticeably less flooding than simply relying solely on the detention ponds.

Additionaly, Is there enough detention created on Battle Creek Park based on *current* storm water master planning with no on-site detention of new developments? Won't the lack of storm water detention in developing areas result in overruns of proposed detention ponds on Battle Creek Park? Will more than two detention ponds be needed for this property?

Does the present design reflect a detention plan that will have enough impact on flooding for the $6 million (price-tag) invested?

Also what happens to the groundwater as well as the natural spring water when the detention ponds are dug lower than known groundwater levels of 3 feet?

Shouldn't we be concerned about spending $6 million of city funds as we move into "unexpected" times? Maybe park and funds should be put on hold until outcome of how life will be/not be post-Covid-19 pandemic.

Under the circumstances, it may be worth considering to put Battle Creek Park plan aside. City may need to reprioritize $6 million for safety and health of public and changes which are unknown at this time—reallocate funding for new post-Covid 19 environment--where we will need to make changes that we are totally unaware of at this time.

We think that the Mayor and City Council need these questions and concerns answered before any final plans are voted on. Thank You.

Lora Meisner & Glenn Baly

Amy Johnson

From: Dylan McDowell <dylan.d.mcdowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:37 PM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Toni Whitler; Patricia Farrell
Subject: Testimony regarding Battle Creek Park Master Plan
Attachments: McDowell Testimony Supporting Battle Creek Master Plan .pdf

Good afternoon,

I am writing with written testimony in support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan adoption at the upcoming meeting. See attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Dylan

--
Dylan McDowell

dylan.d.mcdowell@gmail.com

April 24, 2020

Testimony in Support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Dear Members of the Salem City Council,

My name is Dylan McDowell and I am writing in support of the Battle Creek Park Master Plan. I serve as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board where we heard from community members and discussed the Master Plan in February. The Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Master Plan.

Battle Creek is classified as an Urban Park, meaning it is intended to serve the entire community. I am incredibly impressed with the extensive outreach City staff has done to ensure community voices are heard through three in-person meetings, two online surveys with over 800 people responding to each, and numerous responses to individual requests. Battle Creek is a large park at 56 acres, and the Master Plan balances a number of active and passive recreational opportunities that will allow users of all ages and abilities to enjoy the area.

The Park is especially important for its stormwater benefits. Both City staff and project consultants are working hard to ensure stormwater and park development plans are closely aligned. This topic was heavily discussed during the SPRAB meeting, and I was encouraged by the knowledge of the consultants incorporating planning from both projects.

Approving the Master Plan is an important first step in a long process of park development. A decision to not approve the plan would lead to extensive delays and risk missing out on both fundraising opportunities and immediate benefits. I believe the City has worked hard to balance community input, stormwater management, and the park layout to create a Master Plan that will be an incredible asset for everyone in our City.

Sincerely,
Dylan McDowell

Amy Johnson

From: daltfam@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:36 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Patricia Farrell
Subject: TESTIMOY REGARDING BATTLECREEK PARK
Attachments: BATTLECREEK PARK Testimony to City Council 4-27-20 meeting.docx

Dear City Council and Mayor Bennett.

I am attaching some perspectives and recommendations regarding the Plan for the new Battlecreek Park.

I have been involved from the early days of the public input process – as a South Salem resident, member of the South Gateway Neighborhood Association, and a Park 'neighbor' (at Battlecreek Commons, along the south Park boundary).
I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Park as a neighborhood and City resource.
By considering and addressing- ahead of time-- the complex issues associated with our planning and development, we can well-maximize that positive potential .

Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,

William Dalton

To: Salem City Council
From: William Dalton --
Re: **Final Plan for *Battlecreek Park***
Date: Public Hearing – April 27, 2020

Dear City Council.

My comments and requests are directed at the Final Plan for Battlecreek Park:

.. The **Planning Process**, led by Park Planning Manager Patricia Farrell, has been excellent and sensitive. She and her staff have provided numerous opportunities for residents to express preferences and offer suggestions. Most importantly, it is obvious that the final Plan reflects much of that input (e.g., a 'moderate' – vs. 'intense'- level of development; emphasis on heavier utilization in areas north of Battlecreek; moving high-use portions of the park away from residences) = Much Appreciated!

.. The Park Plan reflects efforts to be sensitive to the highest priority need for this land, that is -- **water retention and control.** Those of us who have lived in the area - especially during the flooding events of the 1990's and early 2000's – are deeply concerned with any land improvements and development as they affect water flow/levels. The implementation of final Park plans must fully consider concurrent water issues (water table studies, effectiveness of proposed water-retention ponds) and the impact of high-level of current & future development in the South Salem water basin.

.. **Park Boundaries** are creating concern and anxiety for residents in the Park area. Fully three sides of the Park abut current homes, most of which have no buffer whatsoever between their property and the Park: The Park flows seamlessly into the backyards of the homes on Doral; the 'legal' south boundary of the Park is visually inseparable from the "commons" land and sidewalk of Battlecreek Commons (BCC). NOTE: Despite signage, BCC is already experiencing an increase in both vehicles & pedestrians accessing and utilizing the Park – even before the proposed improvements. This issue is further complicated by current planning, which includes a major public parking area only on the north side.

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATIONS

Process: As the Park is developed (likely in phases…) continue to be flexible – i.e., responsive to additional data and actual experience, such as the impacts of increased Park utilization and flooding. This is especially important with respect to the essential issue of **Water Retention/Control**, with Park planning dependent only on our best judgments concerning the complex interaction of the water table, weather events (e.g., heavy rains…), and continued development in the South Salem water basin area.

Boundaries: For both *sensitivity-to-livability* and *legal protections*, it is absolutely essential that planning for the park specifically include provisions for appropriate (e.g., non-fencing) boundary'ing. 1) All proposals for developed recreation (paths, disc golf, …) should include substantial setback from existent private property. 2) The Park should utilize and enhance existent 'natural' features as visual and physical borders between private residences and the Park – e.g., *allowing vegetation to grow along such borders;* and, re. BCC and the private east-side/Fairway condos, *planting low maintenance shrubs/bushes long the tops of the berms.* 3) Immediately begin addressing the issue of limited parking. Battlecreek is being proposed as a City-wide/Regional Park – Proposed use would dictate the necessity of including well-signed public parking, away from private property and already-overcrowded streets.

THANK YOU for your consideration. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the sensitive planning and development of this positive addition to our City's resources.

. *W.B. Dalton 4/24/20*

Amy Johnson

From: Claudia Vorse <claudia@prsalem.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Chuck Bennett
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Please set aside Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Dear Mayor, City Recorder, City Counselors and all involved with the Battle Creek Park Master Plan,

First, I hope you and your families are safe and healthy.

Second, I would like to echo the concerns posted by Glenn Baly, Chair of SGNA, below. I would especially agree with point number 4, and encourage you to leave the property as is for now, and use those funds elsewhere in the City Budget if you can indeed vote to do so.

My condo, along with its full length glass sunroom, faces the park. The sunroom and it's full view of the park is the reason I purchased almost a year ago. I have been working from home since March 17th, and have witnessed hundreds of people using and enjoying the park, just as it is. Families, joggers, dog walkers, bicycle riders, wagons and strollers, even on the rainy days. I'm happy that so many find the park welcoming just as it is. It is not even the slightest bit distracting when on Zoom calls, and I pause to wave at neighbors walking by!

Please consider setting this project aside.
Thank you,
Claudia Vorse

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Glenn Baly** < glennbaly12345@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 9:43 AM
Subject: Battle Creek Master Plan - City Council Meeting

As you are aware, due to the Coronavirus there will not be an opportunity for people to attend city council meetings and testify at the April 23 meeting to approve/change/or not approve the Battle Creek Park Master Plan. Because most of the park will be used for storm water detention there are some serious questions regarding the city's assessment as to what should be done regarding development up in the South Salem Hills. As well as how much water (realistically) the park's detention ponds can hold and how helpful they will be. We need everyone to send their comments on the Battle Creek Master Plan by April 21

to: Citycouncil@cityofsalem.net; crbennett@cityofsalem.net; CityRecorder@cityofsalem.net

Please try to individualize your message to the city. It will make a bigger impact. Here are some comments and questions that can be asked. Please include your own perspective on the plan and the planning process.

1) Is there enough detention created on Battle Creek Park based on current storm water master planning with no on-site detention of new developments? Won't the lack of storm water detention in developing areas result in overruns of proposed detention ponds on Battle Creek Park? Will more than two detention ponds be needed for this property?

2) Does the present design reflect a detention plan that will have enough impact on flooding for the $6 million (price-tag) invested?

3) What happens to the groundwater as well as the natural spring water when the detention ponds are dug lower than known groundwater levels of 3 feet?

4) Shouldn't we be concerned about spending $6 million of city funds as we move into "unexpected" times? Maybe park and funds should be put on hold until outcome of how life will be/not be post-COVID-19 pandemic.

5) Under the circumstances, it may be worth considering that the Battle Creek Mater Plan be put aside. City may need to reprioritize $6 million for public safety and health and changes that are unknown at this time.

The South Gateway Neighborhood Association voted against the current park option in favor of the "Habitat Option" that would have less impact on the property and help maintain the property's storm water detention role.

We appreciate your assistance. Please pass this on to your friends and neighbors so they can comment on the Battle Creek Master Plan.

Glenn Baly

Chair

Amy Johnson

From: Diane Stout <sedona1234@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:12 PM
To: CityRecorder; Chuck Bennett
Subject: Postpone Recommendation of Battlecreek Master Plan

Dear City Officials,

Please postpone the approval and recommendation proceeding for the Battlecreek Master Plan!

Subsequent to COVID-19 Pandemic as well as continued building developments in the area of the Battlecreek Master Plan area, whereas further study and analysis needs to be conducted for water detention, the benefits of spending $6 million is not necessary and especially at this time. It would be foolish and highly irresponsible to spend this amount of money for this Battlecreek Master Plan Option which I do not support, when flood mitigation is the highest priority and when the city may need to fund and prioritize towards public safety and health!

Thank you for your consideration.

A long term South Salem/BCC resident.

Sincerely,

Diane Stout

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Francespurdy@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:17 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: L to City Council about Park 4-26-20.docx

Your Name	Frances Purdy
Your Email	Francespurdy@yahoo.com
Your Phone	
Street	
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	Attached is a letter representing the testimony of BattleCreek Commons regarding the proposed regional city park, Battlecreek Park. This is the testimony that represents 160 units and families who reside to the immediate south of the proposed park. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information, Thank you. Frances Purdy, Secretary for the BattleCreek Commons Board of Directors,

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 4/26/2020.

BATTLECREEK COMMONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
1823 Lexington Circle SE Salem, Oregon 97306 (503) 362-9284

April 26, 2020 Re: Testimony for the Final Plan for Battlecreek Park

Dear City of Salem Council Members:

Following are the comments of the BattleCreek Commons Association, a Homeowners Association of 160 units and families that shares the southern boundary of the proposed Battlecreek Park.

The Planning Process, led by Park Planning Manager Patricia Farrell, has provided numerous opportunities for local and citywide residents to express preferences and offer suggestions. The current recommendation provides for a moderate level of development and does reflect the highest priority of need: water retention, flood mitigation and control.

There are still unanswered questions about the efficacy of the proposed water retention areas since much of the design was based on past rain water amounts and no further construction to impact the watershed from the west and south of the proposed Park levels. BattleCreek Commons was greatly inundated by the creek overflow and adjacent flooding of the 1990's and early 2000's. We are deeply concerned with any land improvements and development because they affect water level and flow through the four creeks flowing through Battlecreek Park and the South Salem water basin from the west and south.

There is also serious concern about the increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic because the three sides of the Park abut current homes, most of which have no buffer whatsoever between their property and the proposed Park. The Park flows seamlessly into the backyards of the homes on Doral and the 'legal' south boundary of the Park is visually inseparable from the "commons" land and sidewalk of BattleCreek Commons.

This issue is complicated by current planning, which includes a major public parking area only on the north side even though trails and a disc golf course are adjacent to this "invisible border," BattleCreek Commons is already experiencing an increase in both vehicles, pedestrians and their dogs accessing and utilizing the Park by parking on and walking through private property, even before the proposed improvements.

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the final actual building specifications based on current and projected rain fall, construction and water flow, rather than past rain fall and current open space to the west and south of the park.
2. Approve the final development bid plan with additional specification for

enhanced “natural features: for the physical and visual borders on substantial setbacks for the south, west and east boundaries of the park. These borders should include

a. Wide border setbacks on or with high berms
b. Low maintenance shrubs/bushes long the tops of the berms.
c. Well signed public parking, away from private property and already-overcrowded streets and
d. Signs that warn park users to use public lands to exit the park and not to leave the park by trespassing on private property.

For the BattleCreek Commons homeowners, I thank you for your attention to this testimony. We look forward to continuing to be a part of the sensitive planning and development of this positive Salem addition, Battlecreek Park.

Frances Purdy

Frances S. Purdy, Secretary of the Board of Directors,
BattleCreek Commons Association

Amy Johnson

From: Glenn Baly <glennbaly12345@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:35 PM
To: citycouncil; CityRecorder; Chuck Bennett
Cc: Bailey, Glenn
Subject: Battle Creek Park Master Plan

With present extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic we feel that the City should set aside the Battle Creek Master Plan and consider shifting any related funding to relieve any economic and public health burdens on Salem citizens. The land is there for people to enjoy--and they do--money spent on a park seems like an extravagance at this time.
Lora Meisner & Glenn Baly

Amy Johnson

From: LEA SPENCER <lea-chan@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 6:40 PM
To: CityRecorder; cbennet@cityofsalem.net
Subject: April 27th City Council meeting - Battlecreek Park Master Plan

Please enter this into the record for public comment for the April 27th City Council meeting. And please send me an email verifying it has been done.

I request the City Council vote this proposed plan down or put it on hold. The plan and process was flawed and incomplete. In addition, due to the current health crises, the City should not commit to long term projects of this scope until the crisis is resolved.

*Cost - residents asked many times about approximate costs to maintain this property. We were never given straight answers. Only vague, dismissive responses. I see the draft plan now shows approximate cost of $6M to implement. Regardless of when or where the City of Salem expects to get funding, residents deserve an open, thorough dialogue about costs. Especially, since the city was operating in the red before this health crises. In addition, Salem has a reputation of not allocating adequate resources to maintain it's parks. It would be wasteful to move forward with this plan until concerns about costs and priorities are addressed.

*Flood mitigation - the property was purchased primarily for flood mitigation. The surveys that were conducted stated the #1 driver should be flood mitigation. This plan does not do that. It is secondary and it exacerbates the problem of flooding. At a presentation by the Stormwater Planning group in October 2019 to the South Gateway Neighborhood Assoc. residents asked, with development since January 2012 and in future plans, what will happen if there is another flood event. The response was "We don't know. We suggest you get flood insurance." Not reassuring! If you can get flood insurance, it is expensive, has high deductibles and has caps on what it pays. So, the consequence is homes and businesses would be under insured. A comprehensive stormwater plan needs to be completed and integrated into any plan, before this park is developed.

*Safety and security of residents and businesses - in addition to the impact on wildlife, which will not return if the park is developed as planned, there has already been a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods due to traffic, litter, trespassing and property crimes. In addition, a number of people are using it as an off leash park and owners are not picking up their dog's waste. Having more "eyes on the park" will not address this. This plan will exacerbate this problem, as well.

*Options - there was never a discussion about options. A few people want recreation at the cost of many. The latest information I have shows Salem has 48 parks, not counting undeveloped parks. The city just purchased 17 acres on Rees Hill Rd. Why not use an existing park to add recreation facilities? Or use the new acreage on Rees Hill Rd? It is important to note that there are dozens of disc golf courses in and around Salem they can and do utilize. Homes and businesses don't have the option of moving to another location or forgoing using their property, during inclement weather. Other options should be investigated thoroughly before moving forward.

*Communication - I heard from many people that they did not know anything about this process until well into the open houses and surveys. They learned about it by word of mouth. In addition, I

reviewed minutes for most of 2019 for the neighborhood associations in Salem and found only a few references to information about this plan. I don't believe there was a good faith effort to encourage public engagement and get information out that gave residents the full picture of the plan. The City needs to revisit this. In addition to details about cost, residents deserve the opportunity to be allowed to weigh in on the priority and use of this park before it is developed.

In closing, please review Figure 3.4 of your master plan report. It shows the park in December 2015. It is labeled during a flood. However, I have lived near the park nearly 17 years and have seen the park flood like this during normal rainy spells. What do you think it will look like with the development proposed here? And if you or someone in your circle wanted to live or locate their business around the park - or downstream - would you hesitate to recommend it? Think about that before you vote.

Please vote no on this plan. Set it aside until the health crises is resolved. City Council, and all residents. deserve full details about cost, flood mitigation and options and have opportunities for a more thorough a dialogue.

Amy Johnson

From: Joan Bechtel <jellybearcorner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Chuck Bennett
Cc: CityRecorder; citycouncil
Subject: Fwd: Battlecreek Park

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Joan Bechtel <jellybearcorner@gmail.com>
> **Date:** April 27, 2020 at 3:12:29 PM PDT
> **To:** citycouncil@ofsalem.net
> **Cc:** cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net, cbennett@cityofsalem.net
> **Subject: Battlecreek Park**
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> To Whom It May Concern,
>
> I am writing to you as a homeowner and Board member of Battlecreek Commons. I am concerned that what you have planned regarding the flood water detention will not be adequate for our protection here at Battlecreek Commons. I would like to suggest putting the final decision on hold until further study can be done.
> We also are very concerned about trespassing on our property. Even now we are seeing an increase of people and their dogs entering through Battlecreek Commons. This is private property and is posted as such at each street entrance but is disregarded causing our residents and their pets to be confronted with aggressive and unleashed dogs being taken through our property to run in the park. Also, the Frisbee Golf participants have caused problems by coming into private yards as well as common areas. We would appreciate it if there could be some low maintenance shrubs or bushes to delineate our property line from the park.
> Thank you for considering the huge impact on our community as you go forward.
> Joan Bechtel
> Battlecreek Commons
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: Mary Schroeder <felines@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Chuck Bennett; citycouncil; CityRecorder
Subject: Battle Creek Park Master Plan

As a homeowner in Battlecreek Commons, which borders the south end of the park, I'm concerned about the flood water detention if this park is developed with the current proposed plans, which could impact our community. With Climate Change, it's getting harder to predict the amount of rainfall and, with the Covid-19 pandemic, it also doesn't seem like a good idea to spend millions of dollars of the City's funds with things being so unstable at this time, including the looming potential of a major earthquake. I would prefer to keep the park as a natural habit and then maybe put in a playground and some parking spaces on the north end of the park in a few years, scrapping the plans for a skate park and Frisbee golf, and save the funds for infrastructure needs.

Thank you,
Mary Schroeder

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BATTLE CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

VIRTUAL MEETING

APRIL 27, 2020

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council

****Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being conducted virtually, with remote attendance by the governing body. No in-person attendance is possible. Interested persons may attend the meeting online at City of Salem Facebook, CCTVSalem You Tube Channel, or watch on Comcast Cable CCTV Channel 21. Please submit comments on agenda items by 5:00 p.m., or earlier, on the day of the meeting at cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

WORK SESSION

None.

1. OPENING EXERCISES: (Includes call to order, roll call, pledge of allegiance, announcements, proclamations, ceremonial presentations, and Council comment)

Call to Order

6:11 p.m.

Roll Call

The City Council convened remotely.

Present: 9 - Councilor Kaser, Councilor Andersen, Councilor Nanke, Councilor Ausec, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Hoy, Mayor Bennett, Councilor Leung, and Councilor Nordyke

1.1 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Hoy, seconded by Councilor Ausec to approve the addition, a revision to item 5.a., changing the ward number from 7 to 4.

Comments by: Councilor Hoy.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Kaser, Andersen, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, Leung, and Nordyke

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

1.2 COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER COMMENT

Comments by Councilors Andersen, Nordyke, Leung, Nanke, and City Manager Powers.

1.3 PROCLAMATIONS

1.3a. 20-152 Proclamation recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Mayor Bennett read the proclamation.

Comments by Mayor Bennett.

1.4 PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR: (Includes approval of minutes, adoption of routine resolutions, and items of business requiring Council action)

A motion was made by Councilor Hoy, seconded by Councilor Ausec to approve the consent calendar with the pull of item 2.3a by Councilor Leung.

Comments by: Councilor Hoy.

Councilors Andersen and Leung registered "no" votes on item 2.3d.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Kaser, Andersen, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, Leung, and Nordyke

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

2.1 MINUTES

2.1a. 20-142 March 23, 2020 Draft City Council Minutes

Action: Approved.

2.2 RESOLUTIONS

None.

2.3 ACTION ITEMS

2.3a. 20-53 Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Ward(s): Ward 4
Councilor(s): Councilor Leung
Neighborhood(s): SGNA
Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Pulled by Councilor Leung - See item 4.d.

2.3b. 20-138 Ratification of Interim Intergovernmental Agreement supporting the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Good Governance; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Ratified the City Manager's execution of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and amendments formalizing participation in the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance ("Alliance").

2.3c. 20-140 Ratification of Assignment of Community Development Block Grants from Center for Hope and Safety to HOPE Plaza LLC

Ward(s): Ward 1
Councilor(s): Kaser
Neighborhood(s): CANDO
Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

Ratified the assignment of Community Development Block Grants from the Center for Hope and Safety to HOPE Plaza LLC.

2.3d. 20-144 Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Grant Application for Commercial Air Service Development

Ward(s): 2
Councilor(s): Andersen
Neighborhood(s): SEMCA
Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy

Authorized the City to apply for a Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for commercial air service development at the Salem Municipal Airport.

Councilors Andersen and Leung registered "no" votes on item 2.3d.

2.3e. 20-153 Collective bargaining agreement between the City and Salem Police Employees' Union

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Approved a four-year successor collective bargaining agreement between the City and Salem Police Employees' Union (SPEU), for a period from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024.

2.3f. 20-157 Municipal Judicial Compensation

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Adopted the recommendation from the Judicial Compensation Review Commission to:

1. Maintain the current total compensation for the Municipal Judge.
2. Make a market adjustment for the Judges Pro Tempore to increase the rate to $75.00 per hour.
3. Effective July 1, 2020, the Municipal Judge shall receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as the unrepresented classifications.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.a. 20-108 Exemption from Competitive Bidding Process and authorization of an Alternative Contracting Method, and adoption of Resolution No. 2020-15 declaring a public need to acquire easements for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Improvements Project at Woodmansee Park.

Ward(s): Ward 3
Councilor(s): Nanke
Neighborhood(s): Faye Wright
Result Area(s): Safe, Reliable, and Efficient Infrastructure

The public hearing began with a staff presentation by Brian Martin, City Engineer, Public Works.

No written testimony was received.

Questions or Comments by: Councilors Andersen and Lewis.

A motion was made by Councilor Nanke, seconded by Councilor Andersen to conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No.'s 2020-15 and 2020-16 in support of an exemption from the competitive bidding process and use of a Construction Manager / General Contractor contracting method for the improvements to the City's ASR System.

Comments by Councilors Nanke.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Kaser, Andersen, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, Leung, and Nordyke

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4.d. 20-53 Battle Creek Park Master Plan

Ward(s): Ward 4
Councilor(s): Councilor Leung
Neighborhood(s): SGNA
Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Welcoming and Livable Community.

A motion was made by Councilor Leung, seconded by Councilor Hoy to send the Battlecreek Master Plan back to staff for further review.

Questions or Comments by: Councilors Leung, Lewis, Mayor Bennett, and Peter Fernandez, Public Works Director.

A substitute motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Nanke to approve the staff recommendation.

Questions or Comments by: Councilors Kaser, Andersen, Hoy, Leung, Nanke, Mayor Bennett, and Peter Fernandez.

The substitute motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kaser, Andersen, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, and Nordyke

Nay: 1 - Leung

Abstain: 0

5. INFORMATION REPORTS: (Items that require no Council action)

5.a. 20-136 Planning Administrator Decision - A tentative partition plan to divide approximately seven acres into two parcels. - Approved.

Tentative Partition No. PAR20-03 - Pacific National Development, Inc. - 6994 Sunnyside Rd SE.

Ward(s): 4
Councilor(s): Leung
Neighborhood(s): South Gateway

This Informational Report was received and filed.

APPENDIX E:

WETLAND DELINEATION LETTER OF CONCURRENCE

Oregon
Kate Brown, Governor

Department of State Lands
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-1279
(503) 986-5200
FAX (503) 378-4844
www.oregon.gov/dsl

State Land Board

Kate Brown
Governor

Bev Clarno
Secretary of State

Tobias Read
State Treasurer

November 26, 2019

City of Salem
Attn: Patricia Farrell
555 Liberty St. SE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: WD # 2019-0473 **Approved**
Wetland Delineation Report for Battle Creek Park
Marion County; T8S R3W S23B, TLs 200 and 400
Salem Local Wetlands Inventory, Wetland BC-F

Dear Ms. Farrell:

The Department of State Lands has reviewed the wetland delineation report prepared by Pacific Habitat Services for the site referenced above. Based upon the information presented in the report, a site visit on November 21, 2019, and additional information submitted upon request, we concur with the wetland and waterway boundaries as mapped in revised Figure 6 of the report. Please replace all copies of the preliminary wetland map with this final Department-approved map.

Within the study area, 12 wetlands (Wetland A-H; Ditch 1-4, totaling approximately 3.94 acres) and 3 waterways (Battle Creek, Waln Creek, Powell Creek) and a pond were identified. They are subject to the permit requirements of the state Removal-Fill Law. Under current regulations, a state permit is required for cumulative fill or annual excavation of 50 cubic yards or more in wetlands or below the ordinary high-water line (OHWL) of the waterway (or the 2-year recurrence interval flood elevation if OHWL cannot be determined).

This concurrence is for purposes of the state Removal-Fill Law only. We recommend that you attach a copy of this concurrence letter to any subsequent state permit application to speed application review. Federal or local permit requirements may apply as well. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will determine jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act, which may require submittal of a complete Wetland Delineation Report.

Please be advised that state law establishes a preference for avoidance of wetland impacts. Because measures to avoid and minimize wetland impacts may include reconfiguring parcel layout and size or development design, we recommend that you work with Department staff on appropriate site design before completing the city or county land use approval process.

This concurrence is based on information provided to the agency. The jurisdictional determination is valid for five years from the date of this letter unless new information necessitates a revision. Circumstances under which the Department may change a determination are found in OAR 141-090-0045 (available on our web site or upon request). In addition, laws enacted by the legislature and/or rules adopted by the Department may result in a change in jurisdiction; individuals and applicants are subject to the regulations that are in effect at the time of the removal-fill activity or complete permit application. The applicant, landowner, or agent may submit a request for reconsideration of this determination in writing within six months of the date of this letter.

Thank you for having the site evaluated. If you have any questions, please contact the Jurisdiction Coordinator for Marion County, Daniel Evans, PWS, at (503) 986-5271.

Sincerely,

Peter Ryan Digitally signed by Peter Ryan
Date: 2019.11.26 10:46:07
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Peter Ryan, PWS
Aquatic Resource Specialist

Enclosures

ec: Carlee Michelson, Pacific Habitat Services
Salem Planning Department (Maps enclosed for updating LWI)
Kinsey Friesen, Corps of Engineers
Mike DeBlasi, DSL
Patricia Farrell, City of Salem Public Works
Zach Diehl, Kyle Anderson, City of Salem GIS

WETLAND DELINEATION / DETERMINATION REPORT COVER FORM

Fully completed and signed report cover forms and applicable fees are required before report review timelines are initiated by the Department of State Lands. Make the checks payable to the Oregon Department of State Lands. To pay fees by credit card, go online at: https://apps.oregon.gov/DSL/EPS/program?key=4.

Attach this completed and signed form to the front of an unbound report or include a hard copy with a digital version (single PDF file of the report cover from and report, minimum 300 dpi resolution) and submit to, **Oregon Department of State Lands, 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100, Salem, OR 97301-1279.** A single PDF of the completed cover form and report may be e-mailed to **Wetland_Delineation@dsl.state.or.us**. For submittal of PDF files larger than 10 MB, e-mail DSL instructions on how to access the file from your ftp or other file sharing website.

Contact and Authorization Information

☒ Applicant ☐ Owner Name, Firm and Address:
Patricia Farrell
Parks Planning and Resources Manager – City of Salem
555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Business phone #
Mobile phone # (optional)
E-mail:

☒ Authorized Legal Agent, Name and Address:
Same

Business phone #
Mobile phone #
E-mail:

I either own the property described below or I have legal authority to allow access to the property. I authorize the Department to access the property for the purpose of confirming the information in the report, after prior notification to the primary contact.
Typed/Printed Name: Patricia Farrell Signature: [signature]
Date: Special instructions regarding site access:

Project and Site Information

Project Name: Battle Creek Park	Latitude: 44.8621 Longitude: -123.0236 **decimal degree** - centroid of site or start & end points of linear project Tax Map # Section 23B, Township 8S, Range 3W Tax Lot(s) 200 and 400
Proposed Use: Property Improvements	Tax Map # Tax Lot(s)
Project Street Address (or other descriptive location): South of Waln Dr SE, East of Doral Dr SE City: Salem County: Marion	Township 8S Range 3W Section **23B** QQ NW1/4 Use separate sheet for additional tax and location information Waterway: Battle Creek River Mile: NWI Quad(s): Sidney

Wetland Delineation Information

Wetland Consultant Name, Firm and Address:
Pacific Habitat Services
Attn: Carlee Michelson
9450 SW Commerce Circle, Suite 180
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Phone # **503-570-0800**
Mobile phone #
E-mail: **cm@pacifichabitat.com**

The information and conclusions on this form and in the attached report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Consultant Signature: Carlee Michelson Date: **8/13/2019**

Primary Contact for report review and site access is ☒ Consultant ☐ Applicant/Owner ☐ Authorized Agent

Wetland/Waters Present? ☒ Yes ☐ No | Study Area size: 56 acres Total Wetland Acreage: 3.94 Waters: 2.42

Check Applicable Boxes Below

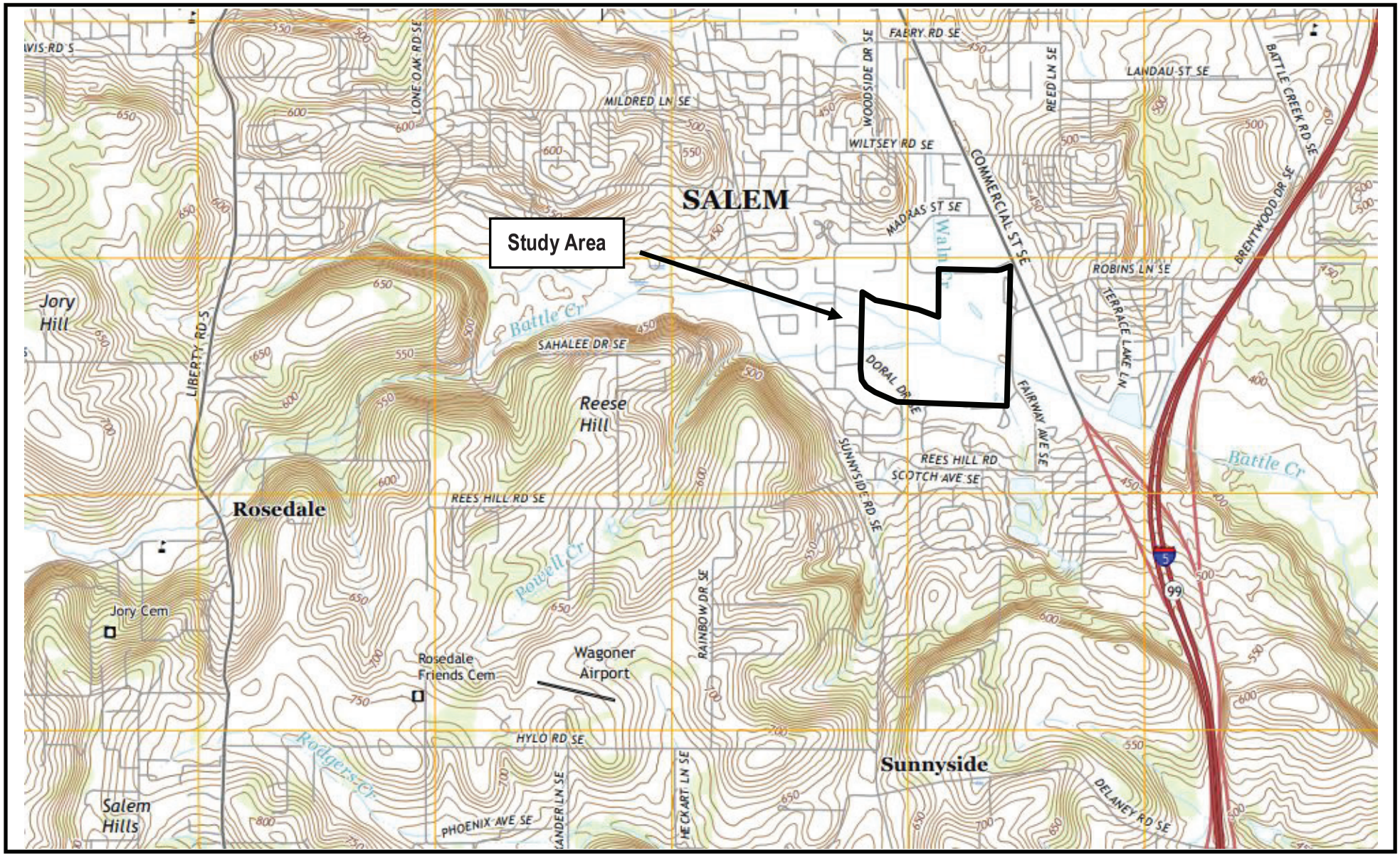
☐ R-F permit application submitted
☐ Mitigation bank site
☐ Industrial Land Certification Program Site
☐ Wetland restoration/enhancement project (not mitigation)
☒ Previous delineation/application on parcel?
If Known, previous DSL # **WD08-0034, ADD-6/6/2011**

☒ Fee payment submitted **$454**
☐ Fee ($100) for resubmittal of rejected report
☐ Request for Reissuance. See eligibility criteria (no fee)
DSL # _____ Expiration Date _____
☒ LWI shows wetlands or waters on parcel?
Wetland ID Code **BC-F**

For Office Use Only

DSL Reviewer: DE Fee Paid Date: ___/___/___ DSL WD # 2019-0473
Date Delineation Received: 8 / 15 / 19 Scanned: ☐ Final Scan: ☐ DSL App. # _____

Electronic Submittal



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General Location and Topography
Battle Creek Park - Salem, Oregon
United States Geological Survey (USGS), Sidney, Oregon, 7.5 Quadrangle, 2017
(viewer/nationalmap.gov/basic)

FIGURE
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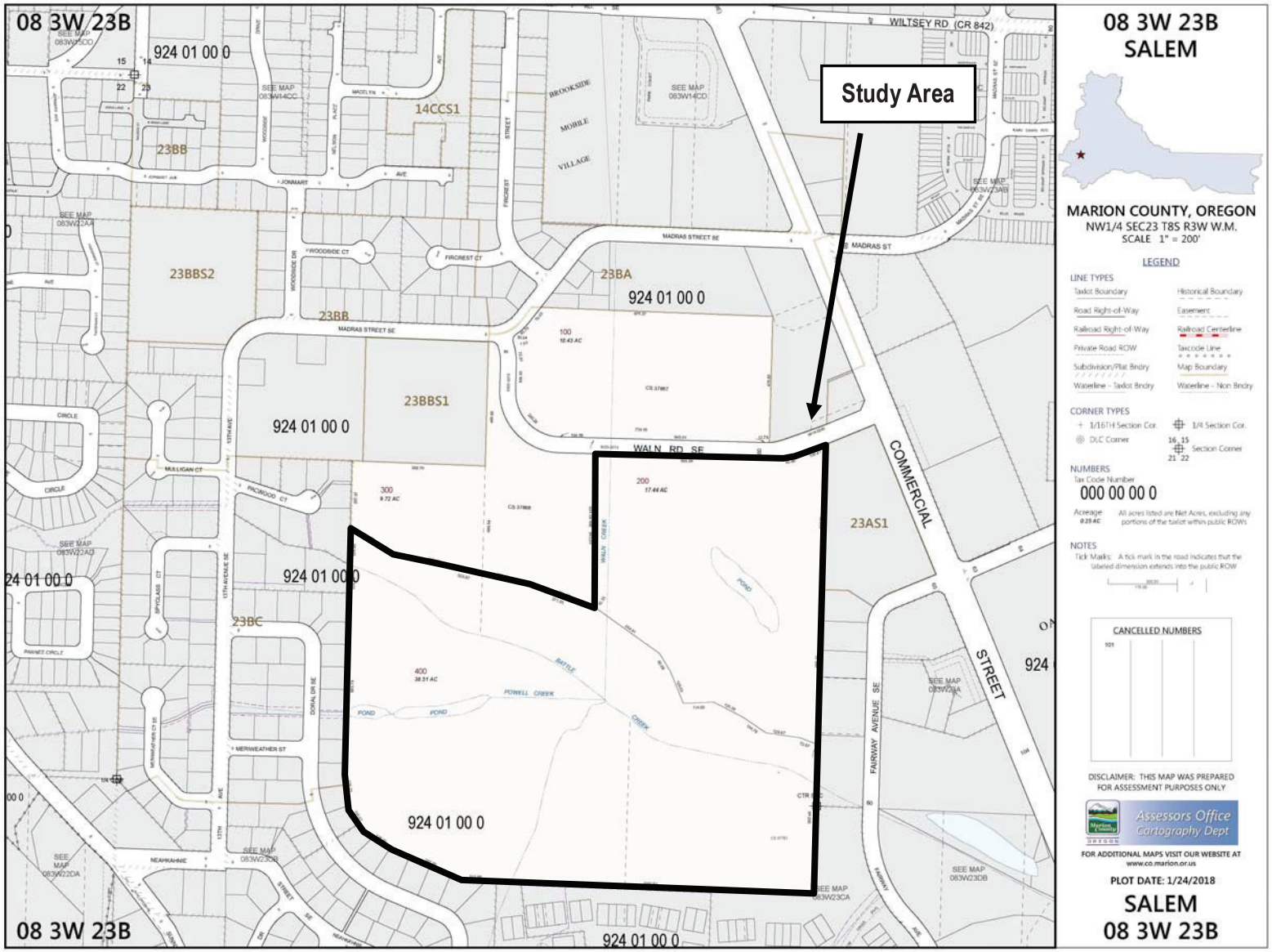

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Tax Lot Map
Battle Creek Park - Salem, Oregon
The Oregon Map (ormap.net)

FIGURE
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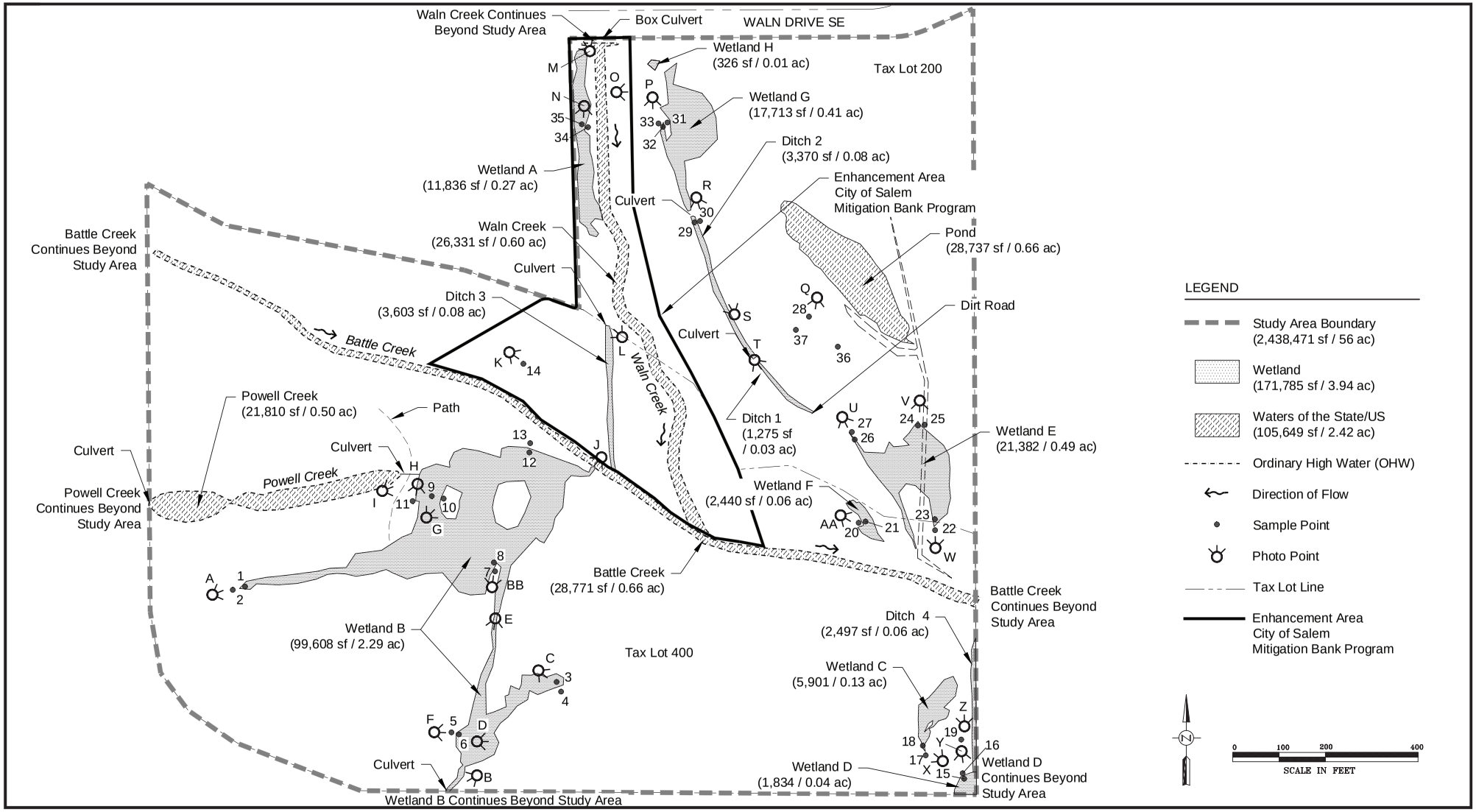

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Survey provided by
Barker Surveying
Survey and Sample point accuracy is sub-centimeter, except sample points 3,14,15,19, 31, 36, 37 and Wetland H which are ± 3 feet.
Culvert locations are approximate.

Wetland Delineation
Battle Creek Park - Salem, Oregon

FIGURE 6

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