



Tuesday February 27, 2024 5:30 p.m.

HOW TO ATTEND

- **In-person:** American Lake Conference Room (First Floor), Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW.
- **Virtually:** Online or by phone. Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92038046123>. Or dial (253) 215-8782 and enter participant ID: 920 3804 6123.
- **Livestream:** YouTube.com/CityofLakewoodWA

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WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi- Vice-Chair, Alan Billingsley, Anessa McClendon, Kate Read, Janet Spingath, Sheldon Thiel

Youth Council: Alexandra Corona-Hernandez, Bridget Holbrook, Irie Henkle, Lucille Asadi McLaughlin

Council Liaison: Ryan Pearson

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approving the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of January 23, 2024 and February 6, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Edgewater Master Plan Public Meeting Recap

NEW BUSINESS

2. Fort Steilacoom Park Boundary Line Adjustment Update

DIRECTORS REPORT

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall,
6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

ADJOURNMENT



City of Lakewood

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 23, 2024

City of Lakewood – Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi- Vice Chair, Alan Billingsley, Anessa McClendon, Janet Spingath, Shelly Thiel

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Excused: Kate Read,

Staff Present: Mary Dodsworth – Director, Nikki York – Office Assistant

Youth Council Liaison Present: None

City Council Liaison Present: Ryan Pearson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALAN BILLINGSLEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2023. SECONDED BY VITO IACOBAZZI. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect Chair/Vice Chair

Alan Billingsley made the motion to have Jason Gerwen and Vito Iacobazzi continue in their respective positions of chair and vice chair. Shelly Thiel seconded. MPU

Special Event Update

Lani Neil gave a special event update sharing highlights of the years events including the Welcome Walk, MLK Virtual Video Series, Parks Appreciation Day, Youth Fishing Event, Street Festivals, Farmers Market with healthy bucks, SNAP/EBT and new in 2024

themed pop up market days, Summer Concerts overlap with the Market, SummerFEST, Fiesta de la Familia, Truck and Tractor Day, Holiday Parade of lights and the possibility of partnering on a Juneteenth event. Mary Dodsworth recognized that Sally Martinez is a creative visionary and wonderful at building relationships and procuring sponsorships.

Directors Report

Mary Dodsworth provided a report with updates including: Tensler Log and Nisqually Partnership Program

NEXT MEETING

The next special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Billingsley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Shelly Theil seconded. MPU.

Jason Gerwen, Chair

Nikki York, Office Assistant



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CALL TO ORDER

Vito Iacobazzi called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: Vito Iacobazzi- Vice Chair, Alan Billingsley, Shelly Thiel

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Excused: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Anessa McClendon, Kate Read, Janet Spingath,

Staff Present: Mary Dodsworth – Director, Nikki York – Office Assistant

Youth Council Liaison Present: None

City Council Liaison Present: Ryan Pearson

Guests: Stacey Reding, Paul Bucich, Councilmember Brandstetter

NEW BUSINESS

Edgewater Master Plan

Mary Dodsworth reviewed the 2018 Master Plan process including: issues, concerns, potential solutions, and the preferred plan. Mary reviewed the 2023 update including: issues, concerns, potential solutions, survey data, wetland assesment, traffic study and traffic conversion benefits. Stacey Reding presented the three alternative designs addressing: parking, pedestrian access, critical areas, boat launch improvements, water access and site amenities. The public was invited to review large images of each plan at the front of the room prior to comment period. Public input and the three alternatives are attached. Next steps include: reviewing public comments, finalizing a preferred alternative, developing a cost estimate and phasing, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board review of the preferred alternative plan will be at the March 26, 2024 meeting and anticipate Council review at the April 8, 2024 Study Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Jason Gerwen, Chair

Nikki York, Office Assistant

PRAB Edgewater Master Plan Public Meeting Feb 6th, 2024

Public Comment:

Enforcement/ Safety Comments:

- Concerned regarding safety and lack of lighting
- Concerned lighting will draw unwanted activities after park hours
- There should be cameras included in the plans
- Not convinced the added parking will work- more use will block the road and add debris to the neighborhood
- This is a neighborhood park- these improvements will draw too many people to a small area/park
- Launch signage is required by City code
- There are more people moving to Lakewood and the City hasn't expanded open space to account for more use

Traffic Revisions Comments:

- Mail delivery or trash service- will one-way conversion impact services?
- Where would mail delivery & trash be located w/ revisions?
- One-way conversions creates least impact to existing trees
- Concerns about widening road & impact to trees
- Spread out the parking
- Move parking on Foster to north side of street
- One-way traffic on Edgewater should be northbound
- One-way southbound on Edgewater continued south of Foster?
- There should be speed bumps to slow traffic on Edgewater
- There are 2 lanes now- if converting to one way with parallel parking why do these roads need expanded into the ROW?
- Traffic from Steilacoom Blvd along Edgewater southbound speeds through the neighborhood- if traffic was one way northbound that traffic would need to bypass the park on another road
- Woonerf (option 3) not desired as rollerblading and bikers block traffic- that's what happened in California

Parking Comments:

- Like the off-street parking in southern expansion area (away from the park)
- Too much parking in a consolidated area
- A gate and fencing should be included in the parking lot and new launch option
- Fishing in the AM would take up parking

- South expansion parking for fishing would consolidate impact to neighbors
- Load/Unload Area off launch on Edgewater Dr. not feasible
- Where would boats/ trailers park after south lot full? (option 3)
- Concerned about the function of the south parking area (option 3)

Launch Comments

- Concerned more people using the launch will back up traffic
- How would cross traffic be managed with maintaining the launch location on Edgewater while someone is backing up?
- Could we shift the alignment slightly of the launch off Foster- were there other locations to relocate the launch?
- We need more signs for launch and lake rules at the park
- The one-way entry & exit (option 3) for the launch weren't clear and would need clear signage to support proper use
- Improvements to the launch will mean more use- we should move the launch
- The fishing area on option 3 is too close to the launch
- The launch needs to be longer to be more functional
- Concerned about lake depth for the relocation area (option 3)
- Concerned about the stumps in the lake for boaters and swimming- 54 stumps in the lake were surveyed in 1977 & the County did not want to pay for removal so we assume they all remain
- Please mark the stumps if they are to remain so they're visible
- Is removing the stumps permissible?
- Can the City dredge the lake or create a bulkhead along the shoreline- the launch is too shallow to be functional
- Can the City create more shoreline
- There should be a fee to launch boats- boaters need to pay their fair share
- There should be signs in the lake for speed and direction of boat traffic in the cove

Swim Area Comments

- There should be signs for a 'no wake zone' in the cove so boaters slow down
- Options 1&2- this swim area is a stagnant area of the lake that collects garbage and debris due to prevailing winds and water quality is a safety concern for the public
- The current launch area is a better location for a swim area

- Options 1&2- it's not easy to see this area and supervise children/youth
- A spray park somewhere else in the City will be a more appropriate solution to water access
- Algae blooms in the lake are not safe for families to have a designated swim area
- Will the City pay to manage the algae blooms and lake water quality management?
- An increase in launch use could endanger swimmers in the cove at private residences

Landscape Comments

- Could there be other edible plants incorporated into the design for urban foraging since we're removing the blackberries?
- Is there irrigation included in the plan for the lawn areas?
- There is too much lawn in these options if we are to include native plantings in the restoration
- The majority of the existing landscape features (trees / rocks / logs) should be maintained and disturbance to vegetation should be minimized
- The shoreline should not be altered or expanded
- Concerned that increased maintenance or boat use would pollute the lake
- Concerned about the impervious surface cap on shoreline improvements & the scope of this project

Amenity / Program Comments

- We need a restroom- boaters and park users are going in the lake and on private property currently

Other Comments

- The City should spend resources on a youth center instead of these park improvements
- The City should spend resources for water access on other lakes- ie Gravelly Lake which has no public access
- Has the City considered the equity for the homeowners on the lake and near the park?
- The lake water quality is expensive to manage via homeowners- Does/ Can the City pay more?
- Concerned these improvements won't work

- Public land is for the public- there are other users around the City that appreciate these improvements and value lake access
- The City should take only what they need and develop this park conservatively/ in phases / slowly
- These plans should be simplified and development phased- who is paying for these improvements?
- Are there other properties the City can purchase in the neighborhood to expand parking?
- Opposed to expansion of the park

Comments via email

- There is a lot of wildlife at the lake including ducks- will the plans account for duck habitat?
- Lakewood has plenty of other lakes to improve for water access- lake Steilacoom has limited capacity to support additional use
- Road improvements / widening / parking expansion will require extra resources to retain the existing slopes/ expansion will cause significant expense to the City
- The park abuts a small cove which is not part of the main lake. Development at the park would concentrate use on this cove and impact residents on the cove negatively
- The lake / cove is too shallow to support increased use
- Additional or expanded park use will require additional neighborhood business (food, public restrooms etc) and park amenities (showers, restrooms)
- Development, increased use and boat activity will cause pollution and there are concerns for adequate maintenance resources for these improvements

DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Road Conversion Summary:

Edgewater one-way (Sacramento to Foster)

Foster one-way (Edgewater to Waverly)

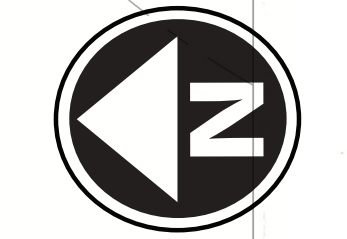
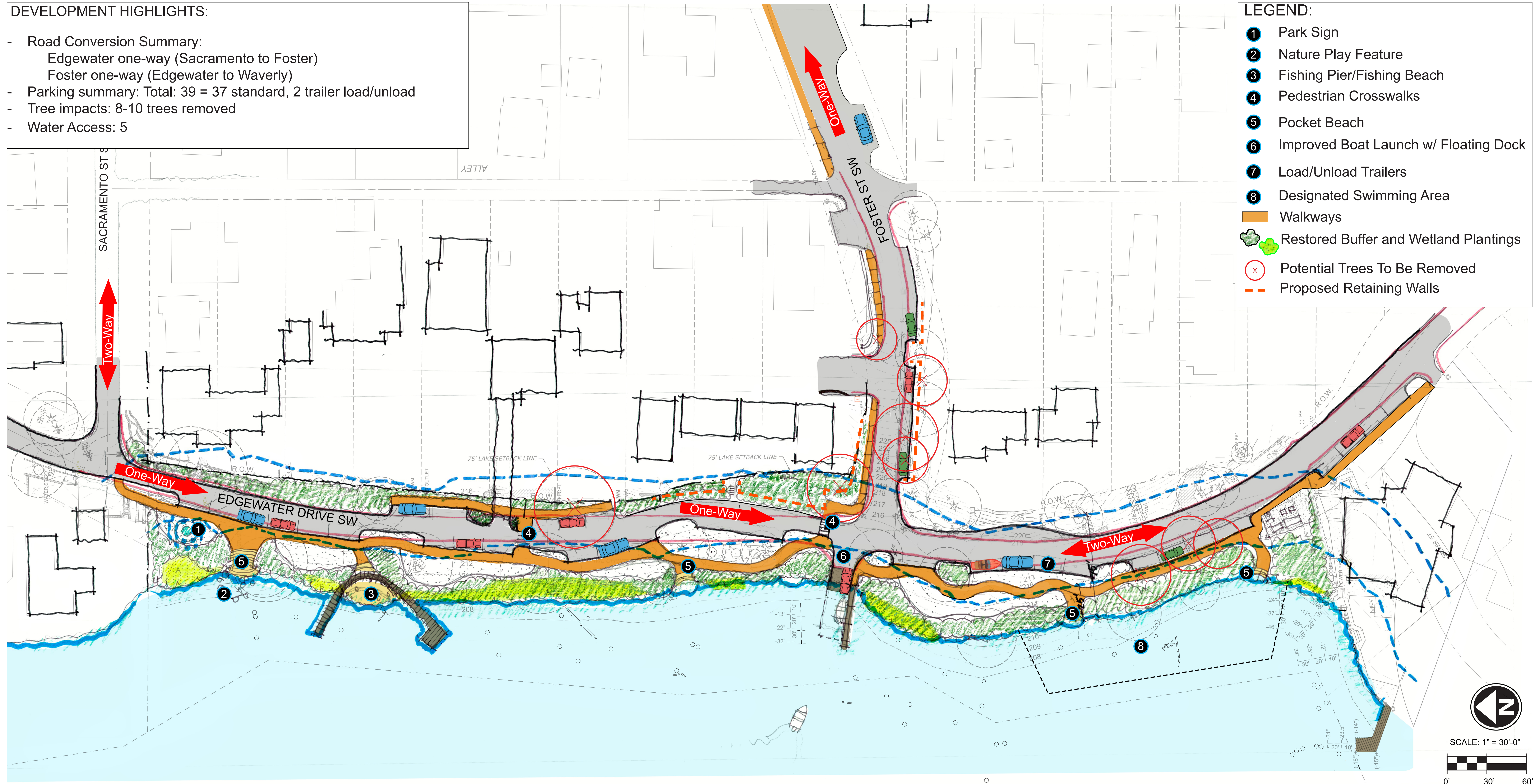
Parking summary: Total: 39 = 37 standard, 2 trailer load/unload

Tree impacts: 8-10 trees removed

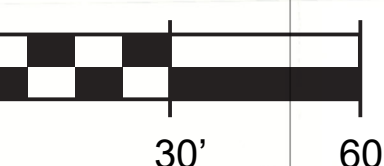
Water Access: 5

LEGEND:

- 1 Park Sign
- 2 Nature Play Feature
- 3 Fishing Pier/Fishing Beach
- 4 Pedestrian Crosswalks
- 5 Pocket Beach
- 6 Improved Boat Launch w/ Floating Dock
- 7 Load/Unload Trailers
- 8 Designated Swimming Area
- Walkways
- Restored Buffer and Wetland Plantings
- Potential Trees To Be Removed
- Proposed Retaining Walls



SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"



Option 1

January 31, 2024

DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Road Conversion Summary:

Edgewater one-way (Sacramento to Foster)

Foster one-way (Edgewater to Waverly)

Parking summary: Total: 31 = 27 standard, 4 trailer, 2 trailer Load/unload

Tree impacts: 6-8 trees removed

Water Access: 6

LEGEND:

- 1 Stepping Stone Nature Play Feature
- 2 Pedestrian Crosswalks
- 3 View Point
- 4 Improved Boat Launch w/ Floating Dock
- 5 Hand Carry Boat Launch/Pocket Beach
- 6 Load/Unload Trailers
- 7 Pocket Beach with Designated Swimming Area
- 8 Expanded Boat and Vehicular Parking
- 9 Waterfront Lawn with Picnicking Area
- 10 Existing Dock/Fishing Pier
- Walkways
- Restored Buffer and Wetland Plantings
- Potential Trees To Be Removed
- Proposed Retaining Walls
- Potential Expansion Area



Option 2

City of Lakewood - Edgewood Park

January 31, 2024



DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Road Conversion Summary:
Edgewater one-way (Sacramento to Foster) – Promenade Street
Foster two-way
- New boat launch. Existing boat launch to remain until new launch is completed.
- Removed existing boat launch as required mitigation for new/relocated launch.
- Parking summary: Total: 33 = 26 standard, 5 trailer, 2 trailer load/unload
- Tree impacts: 7-8 trees removed
- Water Access: 7

LEGEND:

- ① Park Sign
- ② Pocket Beach with Designated Swimming Area
- ③ Pocket Beach/Hand Carry Boat Launch
- ④ Picnic Shelter
- ⑤ Pedestrian Crosswalks
- ⑥ Car and Trailer Parking
- ⑦ New Boat Launch with Floating Dock
- ⑧ Existing Dock/Fishing Pier
- ⑨ Stormwater, Interpretive Signage and Landscape Improvements
- Walkways
- Painted Roadway/ Traffic Calming
- Restored Buffer and Wetland Plantings
- ⊗ Potential Trees To Be Removed
- Proposed Retaining Walls
- Potential Expansion Area



Option 3

January 31, 2024