Edgewater Park Improvement Project

Project Overview

Equity for all residents is a major goal of the Lakewood City Council and providing public access to every major body of water in the City will help meet this goal. The City has prioritized access to Edgewater Park as a major City initiative. Edgewater Park is undeveloped and is the only public boat launch to Lake Steilacoom, the second largest lake in the city. The park has largely been untouched since Lakewood incorporation in 1996.

In 2019 the City of Lakewood began developing a master site plan for the park. In 2023, an extensive community engagement process was implemented along with surveys, studies and other planning efforts. The City has approved the park master plan and is ready to make equitable access to this park and the lake a reality.

Request

The City requests \$350,000 to provide and protect equitable water access to this public space, enhance safety for people and the environment and build a sense of place for the community. This funding will support the following improvements to the park which total \$7.2 million dollars

- Boat and Trailer Parking
- Public Restroom
- Boat launch with floating pier
- On street parking and boat and trailing parking stalls
- Creation of 9 (nine) street parking stalls and 5 (five) boat and trailer parking stalls
- Shoreline restoration and Wetland Plantings
- New ADA Accessible Pathways and gathering areas
- Enhanced Beach with New Seat Wall
- Diversity of Recreation
- Picnic Shelter and Plaza Space
- Benches and Bench Swings

The City applied for competitive grant funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The project is competing in three separate grant programs. The City asks for the state's direct investment to complete this project in its entirety.

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 Edgewater Park totals is a linear 2.8 acre park on the shore of Lake Steilacoom

| Ranked Grants | Amount | Ranked | |
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| WWRP – Water Access | \$2.22M | 2 nd out of 12 | |
| Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account | \$500,000 | 3 rd out of 15 | |
| Boating Facilities Program | \$1.00M | Pending end of 2024 | |

- Lake Steilacoom is the 2nd largest lake in Lakewood (306 acres)
- The only public boat launch on the lake is at this site.
- The lake is stocked each year with rainbow trout for year-round fishing.





Final Master Plan

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