

Parks & Open Space Commission

Listening to the Land Open House

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Feedback Wall Comments

1. AFTER LOOKING AT THE PARKS BOARDS, WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD THE CITY TAKE?

- Although Pea Patches didn't rate high—some think an attractive Pea Patch, centrally located could be a nice attractor in Langley.
- Put Gail Fleming on the Commission—take the open seat.
- When developing or linking trails, keep the surfacing permeable and simple. Often all that is needed is markers and a few wood chips on muddy areas—gravel or asphalt not needed usually. Aged wood chips makes good trail surface—see Cemetery Ash Garden for example.

2. WHAT OTHER COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT PARKS?

- Work with LMS students on parkland behind LMS as educational project
- Noble Creek trail—Please find a way to have a trail/public access to connect along the old Edgecliff road—all the way down to Sandy Point community and reclaim the old Edgecliff Road access
- Find a way to have public beach trail/access somewhere near Sandy Point Community—so we can walk back to Langley along the beach after accessing the beach near Sandy Point.
- Find ways to protect (by access rights to existing trails)— in their natural form, connecting them into loops with little street walking.

3. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CORRIDORS & CORE AREAS CONCEPT?

- Love it! Great to have us all more aware of these critical areas — interested as to how we can connect them.
- Corridors & Core Areas are essential for the wildlife I love to watch.

4. WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE TO IMPROVE THE CORRIDORS & CORE AREAS CONCEPT?

- It's a fantastic concept and I can't suggest any improvement! The corridors are as critical as the core and both should be protected/ enshrined in the Comp. Plan.
- Love to have a trail to connect N. end of 1st St/De Bryn area open space to Beach so people could walk in a loop back along the beach to Langley—or at least have some beach access further north.

5. WHAT OTHER COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT OPEN SPACE?

- It would be helpful to accurately map the wetlands. The map in this presentation is incomplete.
- Right (referring to # 1] !...Superimpose both "critical areas" and "dedicated open space" (table 7) into one larger map so we can clearly see the gaps.
- Trails outside UGA. What about on Rod and Gun Club property?
- What about vistas? They are important, too.

6. WHAT QUESTIONS, OR OTHER ISSUES WOULD YOU LIKE THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS?

- The definition of open space should not include critical areas or the open space goal of 25% should increase so that we don't exceed our population goals [Larry].
- Share with the community examples of other cities/areas that have been successful at land protection.
- Can this exhibit be displayed elsewhere for the public to see?

7. DISCUSSION & EVALUATION TABLE

- We would like a strong philosophical vision statement "soul felt" that is included in this plan.