

Some Things to Know about the City's Plans for a Mountain Bike "Park" at the end of Park Drive (Kaiser Woods)

The City's publicity about "creating" some "mountain bike trails" is misleading. We already have some trails in the park that mountain bikers use. The current plan is to convert the park to a mountain bike "facility" with several skill-building/ practice areas and a network of trails, dedicated mostly to bikers. (None of the City's three concept designs incorporate the already existing trails.) All plans feature some trail sections shared by bikers and hikers—a collision risk. *Bikers will have the right of way on all trails at all times.*



Parking will be provided in only ten spaces on Park Drive at the park entrance. This means that parking is very likely to overflow into Westbrook Park. This could affect every home in the neighborhood because bikers can park anywhere and ride their bikes to the park, and get warmed up while doing it.

Bikers say we should expect a "huge influx" of bikers coming from Olympia and elsewhere in the region to use the new facility.



Wetland n Kaiser Woods
Photo: Evonne Hedgepeth

Wetlands, streams and wildlife of the park will be negatively affected. A stream and wetland habitat corridor runs through the middle of the park, connecting to other streams and wetlands in WBP and on to Black Lake Wetland. Wildlife travel this corridor to get back and forth between those areas and the 800 acres of timber lands above the park. The planned density of development and the great increase in human activity will disturb the ecosystem, wildlife and natural features of the park.

The quality of life and quiet atmosphere of Westbrook Park will be degraded. Standing in the road talking with your neighbor, walking your pet, skateboarding, sledding, running, biking and other activities many of us currently enjoy will become too high risk for colliding with a speeding vehicle passing through our neighborhood.



The re-sale value of our homes may decrease. A public park for everyone might attract a buyer. A park that is dedicated to mountain biking, with on-street parking, could be a turnoff to a potential buyer.



Sunset in Kaiser Woods
Photo: Evonne Hedgepeth

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? Get involved in the decision-making!

- 1. URGENTLY NEEDED!!** E-mail your name, address and contact information to: **Dan Lehuta at lehutd1@gmail.com OR CALL Janice Larsen at 360-956-9170 ***
2. Write letters to City staff and the City Council (Website: www.ci.olympia.wa.us)
3. Attend the public meeting on May 2nd at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
4. Tell other City residents about this issue, via personal contact and social media
5. **Volunteer to help! (Contact Dan or Janice)**

*** Please send this info, even if you think we already have it. We're updating the list!**

"Developments never die. They just come back in a new form."

Andy McMillan, the neighbor who led the fight against a developer and the City to stop housing developments, and make a public park possible.