



Concept #1 | Restore + Preserve

- Focuses on restoring ecological health and function and environmental protection.
- Identifies areas of the park in need of attention that can be addressed in a low-impact manner.
- Aims to integrate elements and activities that engage the broad range of Brooklake park user groups to promote environmental stewardship.

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1 Protect and Restore Ecologically

Protect and retain existing tree canopy and native vegetation coverage. Remove invasive plants, re-vegetate disturbed areas with native plants, and implement erosion control where needed to rehabilitate any areas that have been degraded by human activity over time. Support community involvement and ownership to promote environmental stewardship.

2 Highlight the Site's Ecological Functions

Using art and interpretive signage, highlight the important ecological functions that the site provides and its role in maintaining water quality, providing wildlife habitat, and storing stormwater runoff. Highlight how these ecological functions impact the annual *Storming the Sound with Salmon* fry release event.

3 Define Public Access and Circulation

Create a trail network that provides connectivity among site amenities. Include pedestrian wayfinding signage in key areas such as trailheads and junctions that identifies distance to other amenities. Implement one-way circulation using vehicle oriented wayfinding signage and establish a main vehicular entrance. Demarcate gravel roadways using split rail fencing and natural features. Limit public vehicular access with gates.

4 Delineate Parking and Bus Drop Off Areas

Develop a gravel parking area with approximately 30 marked parking stalls and define a bus drop off area that allows for other vehicles to pass when in use or within the area only accessible by staff.

5 Improve Park Staff Access and Facilities

Provide exclusive park staff access. Gate off and sign staff only entrance and roadways. Maintain the existing storage area and improve with staff accommodations as needed.





Concept #2 | Discover + Gather

- Focuses on promoting and supporting interactive environmental education.
- Identifies unique park features that currently or could support environmental learning.
- Aims to integrate new park features that accommodate and engage families and school groups of all ages.

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1 Foster Environmental Learning

Construct a new environmental learning center building with outdoor play and learning activities. Extend access to the West Hylebos Wetland boardwalk linking to a new proposed viewing deck with seating. Include outdoor classrooms and activity stations throughout the site for both instructor lead and self guided learning.

2 Provide Gathering Areas

Create areas that support gathering for groups of all sizes such as picnic tables, shelters, outdoor classrooms, and/or an open lawn. Accommodate gathering in the elements by providing covered options.

3 Relocate Cabin

Move cabin to West Hylebos Park to be collocated with the other Federal Way historic structures in order to focus Brooklake Park programming on environmental learning.

4 Add Community P-Patches

Provide the opportunity for community members to gather and garden by developing P-Patches, a tool shed, and picnic tables/shelters collocated within the existing Blueberry Farm.

5 Delineate Parking and Bus Drop Off Areas

Develop a gravel parking area with approximately 75 marked parking stalls with ADA or priority parking near the proposed environmental learning center entrance. Include additional ADA parking near the proposed restroom facilities and P-patches. Define bus parking areas to accommodate multiple school groups.





Concept #3 | Learn + Play

- Focuses on promoting and supporting interpretive education and play.
- Includes programming intended to engage park users of all ages and abilities.
- Aims to create an inclusive and welcoming environment accessible to all.

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1 Welcome Park Visitors

Create a more welcoming environment and sense of arrival for park users by developing a welcome center at the park entrance. Visitors can orient themselves and gather information at the welcome center which could also improve security with on site staff and provide more office space for park staff or to be leased as a source of revenue.

2 Develop an Interpretive Center

Expand and adapt the historic cabin into an interpretive center to provide a venue for school groups and families to learn about the environmental and cultural history of the site and broader region. Include indoor and outdoor exhibits, activities, and gathering areas for groups of all sizes and ages throughout the site.

3 Develop a Nature Play Area

Using natural on site materials construct a nature play area that allows kids of all ages to explore and manipulate their environment.

4 Prioritize Accessibility

Pave/resurface parking areas, walkways, and trails to be accessible to those with limited mobility. Widen and regrade and/or provide ramps where needed. Provide designated ADA parking near building entrances and trailheads. Work with community to develop signage indicating trail accessibility information such as trail surface quality, steep grades, etc. Ensure play areas, exhibits, and activities are also adaptable and inclusive.

5 Delineate Parking and Bus Drop Off Areas

Develop a large paved parking area with approximately 125 marked parking stalls and define a bus parking area to accommodate multiple school groups.

