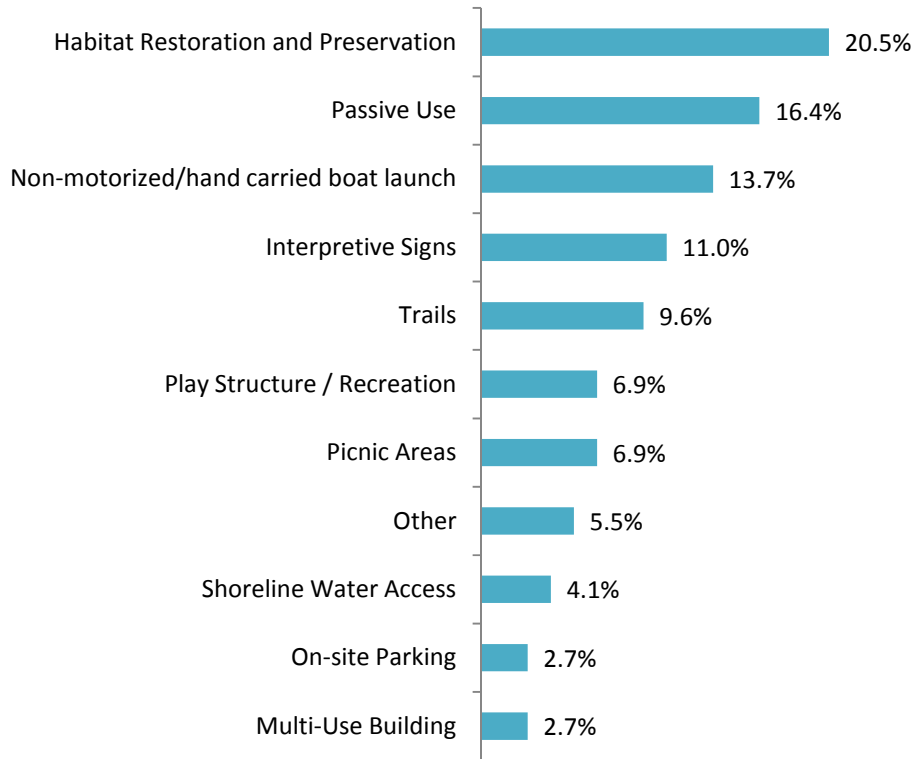


PROPOSED USES

Charrette participants were asked to describe three proposed uses for the Strawberry Plant Park site. The comments were then organized based on a more general theme. The following summarizes the particular themes and the participants' individual comments:



Frequency of Comment Theme

Habitat Restoration and Preservation (15 comments)

- Utilize wetlands as training resource for/with BISD [Bainbridge Island School District]
- A *natural/wild site* (with on-site enviro-ed). Maximize: eco-restoration-education. Minimize: general recreation.
- Retain cover and habitat for birds, deer, etc. Retain the poles (*pilings*) in the water.
- Shoreline restoration to natural conditions
- Remove all hard surfaces slowly – let kids do it and lead eco-restoration, let adults help kids
- Natural shoreline environment versus working shoreline
- Remove all nonnative plants. Slowly let kids and adults work together to identify and tackle removal of invasives
- Remove creosote pilings. I know you plan on it but... publicize event and give tours and lectures to public explaining, "Why?"
- Stream restoration. Could we get fish back? Would be great!
- All future planning should keep as many trees as possible
- Wetland and habitat restoration
- Remove the *uglies* (creosote pilings, concrete relic, asphalt parking lot). Restore creek and salt marsh with a pullout for hand powered craft on west side of beach (*non-motorized/hand carried boat launch*).
- Restore habitat for nesting Canadian geese and other wildlife
- Would like to see opportunities to observe and appreciate the free ranging wildlife in their native habitat
- Remove weeds, cleanup

Passive Use (12 comments)

- Remove parking and autos
- Keep a large open meadow located on existing parking lot. This meadow can be used for pickup games, Frisbee tossing, general play. No developed facilities in this area
- Limit activities to passive use
- Remove much of the parking lot
- Absolutely passive, quiet uses – no noise, few people
- Just clean it up and clear the park. For passive use... nothing
- Maintain open, sunny area probably as a grassy area for play
- Park should be passive recreation and contemplation
- Limit automobile access/eliminate giant parking lot and create non-motorized access
- Non-motorized use
- Design passive activity area close to the water – set back from the road
- Ability to unobtrusively experience wildlife: viewing sites, photographic birds, promote learning and public education, interpretive trails, promote quiet activities

Non-Motorized/Hand-Powered Boat Launch (10 comments)

- A gravel padded path from high water to low water for small boat launching
- Pull-out site for small, hand-powered craft with no boat trailers (not sailboats, they have other access and would compete with parking for park users, with their trailers)
- All ages small boat activity area – sail, row boats, canoes, kayaks, float(s), ramps, pier(s)
- Small pier (*launch site*) for kayak use only
- Ability to launch non-motorized water craft (canoe, kayak, etc.) would be an asset
- Future place to launch small water craft – has plenty of parking
- Non-motorized boat access?
- Create a good kayak (hand powered watercraft) launch / pullout site with some amount of parking. Waterfront Park is a problem due to lack of nearby parking.
- Kayak beach and ramp, picnic tables, bridge, trail extension
- Kayak beach and ramp

Interpretive Signs (7 comments)

- Interactive interpretive elements about history of site
- Interpretative sign about Strawberry Plant and history of Japanese canning of berries
- Education components: include a viewing platform with information regarding the salt marsh, its natural history, human history and restoration process; connect with Shig Moritani's historic farm on Winslow Way West, which was the original strawberry farm that transported produce to the plant on this park site.
- Historic Native American use? Or nature center/interpretive center for/about Eagle Harbor
- A design goal: emphasis on public environmental education through participation in hands-on shoreline restoration, exhibits, tours by volunteers
- Develop shoreline trail and provide historic signage (midden sites, Strawberry Plant, adjacent fish conservancy)
- Picnic area near with restroom at interpretive historical site

Trails (8 comments)

- Extension of, and connection to Waterfront Trail is desirable. A bridge across the ravine (*stream*) could be a fun and attractive feature.
- Good access to surrounding neighborhoods
- No extension of 'public' access trails from Leslie Landing into Strawberry Park
- Plan for future bridge on Waterfront Trail (*footbridge*)
- A bridge to cross the creek and connect the trail to the easement leading to Eakin Drive and beyond
- Build walkway/footbridges over stream to connect with Waterfront Trail
- Kayak beach and ramp, picnic tables, bridge, trail extension
- bridge, trail extension

Picnic Areas (5 comments)

- Picnic area near with restroom at interpretive historical site
- A few picnic tables near water's edge. No trash cans or BBQ pits here
- picnic tables
- Group picnic area
- Picnic areas

Play Structure/Recreation (5 comments)

- Family friendly areas. There are a lot of young families in the area
- Great place for a "tot lot" playground
- One simple play element – maybe – and volleyball court... do not try to be everything for all people!
- Neighborhood park concept including: play structure, tennis court and/or basketball court
- Tennis court

Shoreline Water Access (3 comments)

- Public access to natural shoreline environment
- One simple campsite, minimal – grassy site / picnic table and signage. Make it a part of the Washington Watertrail. This would need shoreline access for hand carried boats.
- Natural landscaping and simple natural space – a rest stop on the trail and chance to be on the water. Maximize natural surface. Minimize landscaping.

Multi-Use Building (2 comments)

- Small multi-purpose facility, hobby/art
- Combined building for a wood shop, boat building, historic small boat storage, small boat storage

On-site Parking (2 comments)

- Good parking for access to park
- Create a good kayak (hand powered watercraft) launch / pullout site with some amount of parking. Waterfront Park is a problem due to lack of nearby parking.

Other: (1 comment each)

- No alcohol
- Homeless housing
- Would be interesting to explore if pilings could be used to expand park into the water (aka pier), uses could vary
- Future concern. Security – I won't let my family go to waterfront park alone