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Lake Forest Park Lakefront Improvement Project Community Workshop 2 | February 21, 2024

Welcome to the 2nd lakefront project community workshop!

In this workshop, you will see design concepts and ideas for the future of the lakefront park.

Each of the design options was informed by feedback and ideas from the community survey and the first community workshop, as well as guidance from the City Council and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Vote for your favorite design options at <u>www.lfplakefrontpark.com</u>



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How can I submit my feedback?

Visit the project website at <u>Ifplakefrontpark.com</u> or scan the QR code to record your favorite design options or submit feedback.

All the content shared at the workshop today is available online at the project website: <u>Ifplakefrontpark.com</u>. Scan the QR code to go directly to the website and survey.

Share your feedback by Wednesday, March 6th.



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Will permitting be required or can it be avoided?

Because of the nature of the lakefront property and the nature of this project, permitting will be required at the local, state, and federal levels. Early consideration can help to streamline permitting in later work phases. The design team developed each of the concept options with permitting in mind.



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What is the budget for park construction?

The city has not determined a budget for park construction; however, the Council provided two recent projects—Log Boom Park and λaxwadis (TI' awh-ahdees) Park in Kenmore-as reference points for potential project cost.

higher end \$8.1 million Xaxwadis (TI' awh-ah-dees) Park - Kenmore Accessible pathways **Picnic tables** Watercraft launch **Public restrooms** Life jacket loaner station Viewing decks Parking lot Walking paths Pedestrian bridge Watercraft wash station icnic benches Wetlands Picnic shelter Wooded areas \$7.1-8.7 million Lake Forest Park Lakefront Park - high **Big House - medium** Small lawn abin 6 renovation **Parking area** Picnic shelter 3 Staging area Grand gathering decl Play area All-activity dock Lyon Creek Preserve enhancements imall beach with soft launch **Beach Drive improvements** \$5.6-6.8 million Lake Forest Park Lakefront Park - low Large lawn **Big House - Small** Cabin 6 removal Parking area Picnic shelter 1 **Staging area Gathering deck** Play area Multipurpose dock with Lyon Creek Preserve enhancements separate swim dock **Beach Drive improvements** Maximum beach \$4.7 million Log Boom Park - Kenmore Accessible pathways **Picnic shelter and tables** Beach Playground **Boat rental building Public restrooms** Fishing Walking paths Lake access

Watercraft launch

Parking lot

Iower end

Public restrooms Walking paths Watercraft wash down station Wetlands Wooded areas



How much will the design options cost?

The design team obtained rough costs for each concept option. These planning-level estimates will guide the team in making cost-conscious decisions as the design advances. The rough estimates also provide fundraising targets for grant applications and funding requests.

For each design concept, relative costs are noted for each option presented. Relative costs are stated as "more than" (>), "less than" (<), or "approximately equal" (=).



Will the intersection of SR522 and Ballinger Way NE be improved?

Improvements to SR522/NE Bothell Way and to its intersection with SR104/Ballinger Way NE are proposed as part of Sound Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

The design team reviewed Sound Transit's draft design in context with the lakefront improvements and provided recommendations to the city.

The city is continuing to work with Sound Transit and WSDOT to ensure a safe intersection, pedestrian crossings, and transit connections are provided at this location.

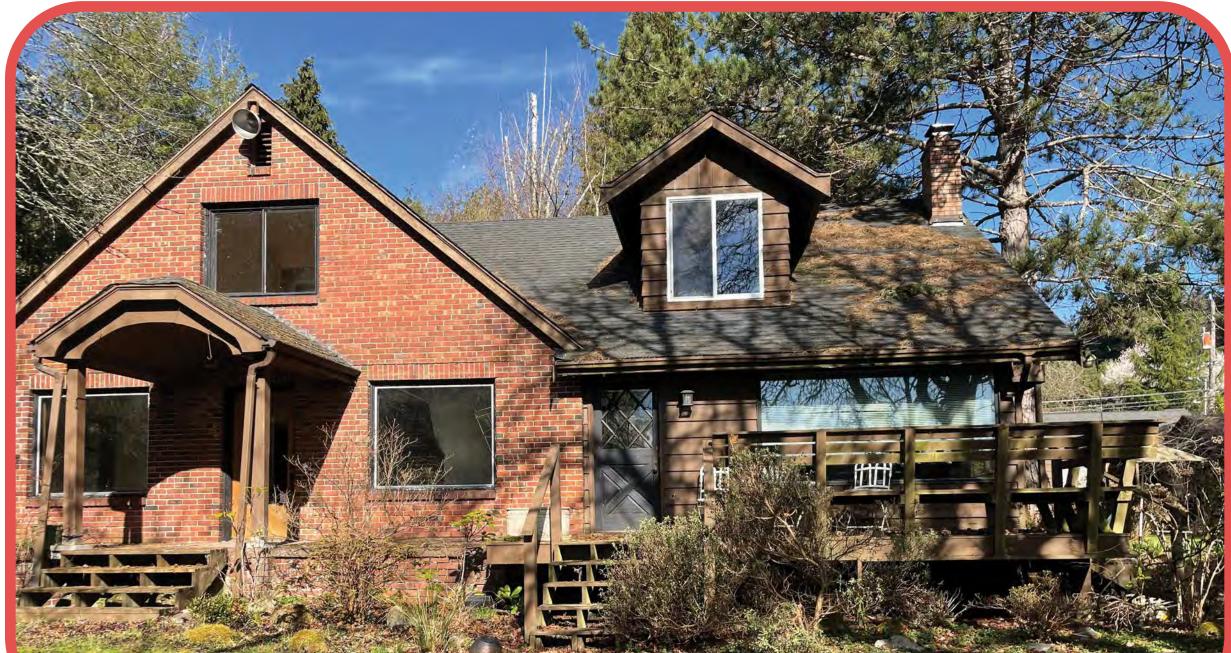


What will happen in the right-of-way on Beach Drive NE?

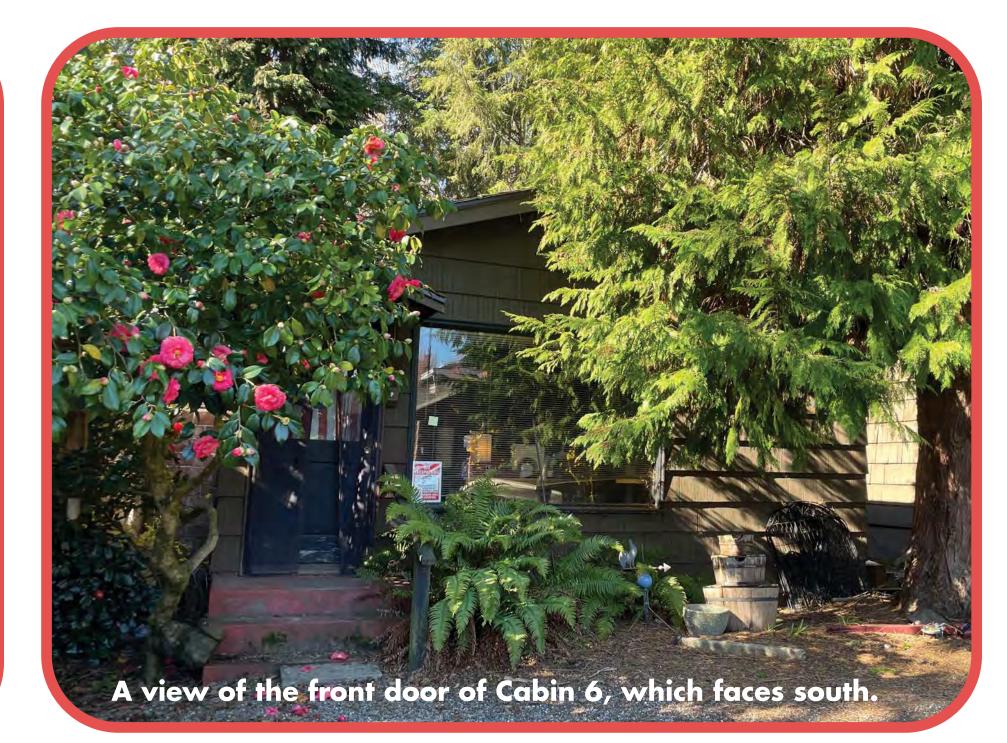
Project improvements will include a safe walking connection from the intersection of SR 522 and Ballinger Way to the park entrance. A new sidewalk connection and striped crosswalk is proposed at the end of Ballinger Way and along the south side of Beach Drive NE, terminating at the park entry.

Further, city code requires other updates to the bring this section of roadway to current standards.

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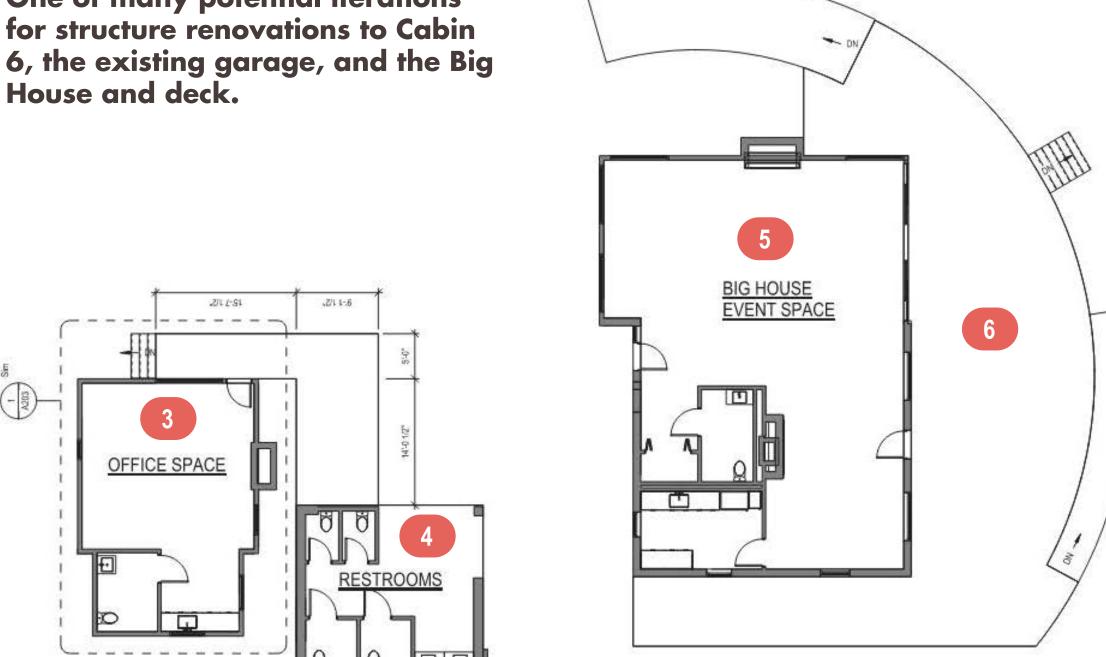


A view of the waterfront-facing façade of the Big House and existing deck.



One of many potential iterations





Floorplans and deck configurations will continue to be refined through the design process. Beyond the minimum requirements for structure renovations, the design team was asked to identify solutions that are cost effective, energy efficient, functional for city needs, accessible, and prioritize reuse of salvage materials.

Existing Buildings: Big House & Deck, Garage, and Cabin 6

Consistent with community feedback received from the survey and earlier workshop, the Big House and deck will be renovated into flexible space for community and civic uses. The design team is working with the city to provide guidance to assist with making decisions about the details of Big House and deck renovations. The adjacent garage will be renovated into the park restroom and bathhouse.

Key Considerations:

If kept, Cabin 6 could provide much needed office space for city and community operations.

The occupancy and use of both structures will influence the restroom and parking capacity.

- Final design will comply with Lake Forest Park standards and requirements for buildings and restroom facilities.
- ADA-compliant access paths and restrooms will be required.
- Access to the Big House community space will be managed by the city, such as by reservation or rental.
- Building design and programming can be combined with any other design options.



LAKE FOREST PARK **Design Concept Options for Onsite** LAKEFRONT PARK Parking





Parking Area

Specific details of the parking area, such as the number of accessible spaces, will be determined as the design progresses. Community input is needed to guide the main strategy for parking that will be provided.

Key Considerations:

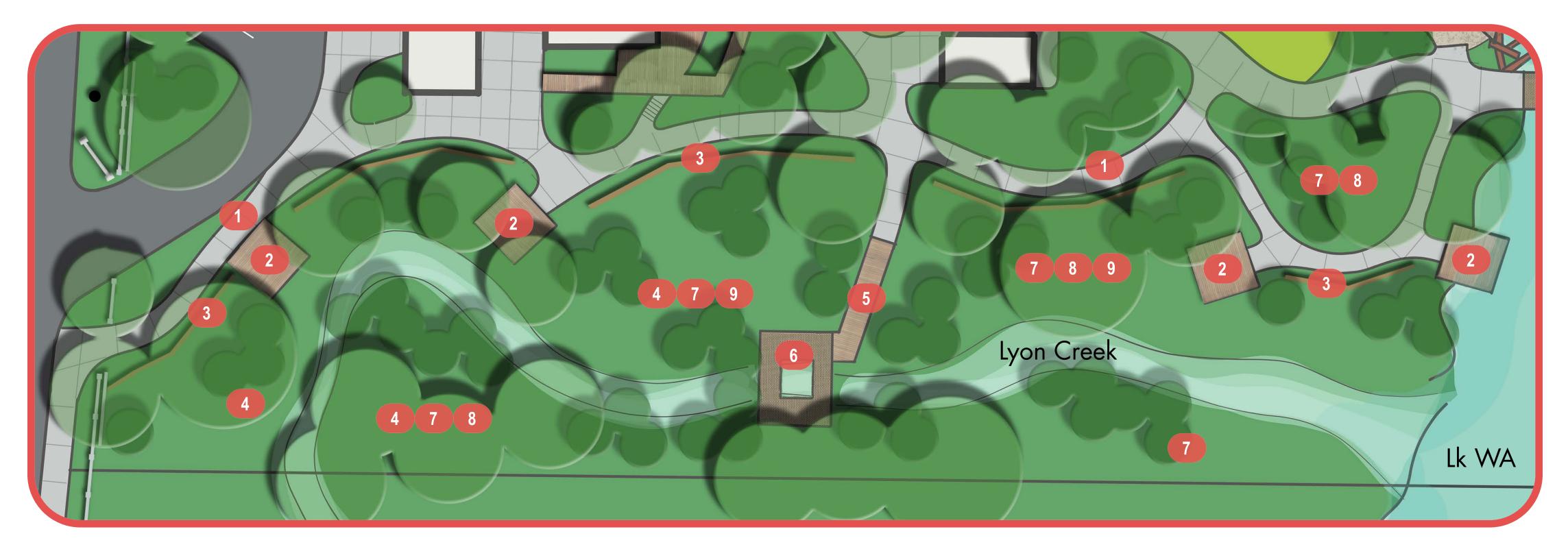
Should the design include the smallest parking footprint possible, providing only the minimum requirement for onsite space? Or, should the park design allow for additional parking, which may be operationally restricted (e.g., time limit, permit or staff only, or load/unload)?



- Final design will comply with Lake Forest Park standards and requirements for parking facilities.
- ADA-compliant accessible spaces will be required on-site.
- Non-accessible spaces may be operationally restricted(e.g., time limit, permit or staff only, or load/ unload).
- Additional parking will be located at City Hall.
- Parking options can be combined with any other design options.



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New split rail fencing





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Preserve and relocate existing bridge

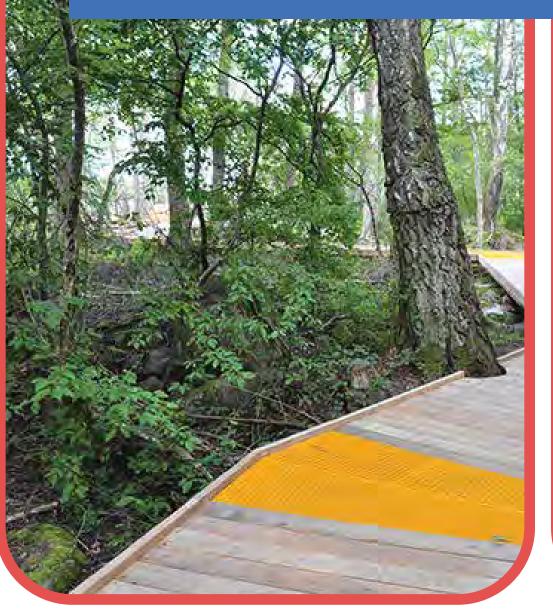
Preserve and update viewing platform



Preserve existing trees and native shrubs

Infill with native plants

Option 1: RESTORE FORESTED BUFFER





Option 2: RESTORE FLOODPLAIN MEADOW



Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve

Community feedback stressed ongoing and enhanced protection of Lyon Creek. Concepts show recreational impacts retreating away from the creek buffer with more opportunities for quiet observation, which was noted as a favorite experience at the preserve. The design also maintains the restriction from accessing the water from the preserve property.

Key Considerations:

Community voices diverged on the ideal character of the preserve's landscape. Many people expressed that they missed the shady forested condition of the preserve before the culvert restoration project. While others wanted a more

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open landscape of shorter shrubs, meadow plants, and grasses.

- Impacts to the preserve's natural habitat will be avoided or minimized.
- The existing dock will be removed, allowing more space for the creek mouth.
- The creek buffer will be restored and protected with wildlife fencing.
- The existing footbridge will be relocated to replace the at-grade trail across the floodplain.
- The existing viewing platform will be preserved and updated.



Design Concept LAKE FOREST PARK **Options for the Lake** LAKEFRONT PARK Washington Beach



Beach on Lake Washington

Community feedback was for large a beach for wading and swimming. Both options show a sizable beach area with a

Key Considerations:

large lawn area.

One option assumes swimming and wading as the primary use of the beach. Launching of paddle craft, if it occurs, would be a secondary use. Most launching would occur off the dock.

The second option provides a designated area for paddle craft launching at the beach, providing a layer of separation between swimming and wading activities and watercraft. If



included, the designated launch area would be composed of loose shoreline gravels.

- Impacts to the shoreline habitat will be avoided, minimized, or mitigated.
- The existing residential dock will be removed and replaced with a modern facility farther south.
- The shoreline buffer and wetlands will be restored and protected with wildlife fencing.
- The existing lawn will be preserved in place.
- Paddle craft launching will also occur off the dock.



LAKE FOREST PARK **Design Concept Options for the** LAKEFRONT PARK Lakefront Shelter



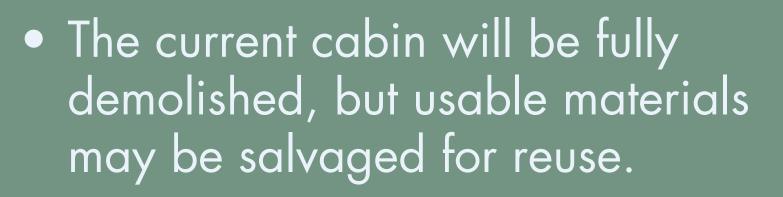
Lakefront Picnic Shelter

Community feedback was near unanimous that the existing cabin closest to the shoreline, aka "the lakefront shelter,"

Key Considerations:

should be renovated into a picnic shelter for community use. The design of the picnic shelter can be very simple, prioritizing cost management over ornamentation. Or, at higher cost, it can be designed to become a landmark and a showpiece within the park.

Amenities envisioned at the shelter might include running water, electrical outlets, tables and seating, prep areas or countertops, foot washing spigot and open shower, drinking fountain, or an air pump.



- The new picnic shelter will use the footprint of the existing cabin.
- The images shown are just ideas; the actual design will be refined as the project progresses.
- The lakefront picnic shelter design works with any of the other concept design options.





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Option 3:

FROM NATURE

Option 1: **BIG TIMBERS**



Central Park Area

The central area of the park provides key amenities that unite the park's many uses and functions. The main path connects the parking area to the waterfront providing easy movement for paddlers and swimmers, while doubling as an emergency vehicle path. A new staging area near the park entrance (constructed over the footprint of a current cabin) provides designated space for loading and unloading, with an air up station and kayak and bike racks, to discourage congestion at the park entrance.

Option 2:

NATURE-INSPIRED

Key Considerations:

A new play area is located under the canopy of two mature trees. Community members requested a natural or naturethemed play area. Select your favorite type of

play structure from the examples shown.

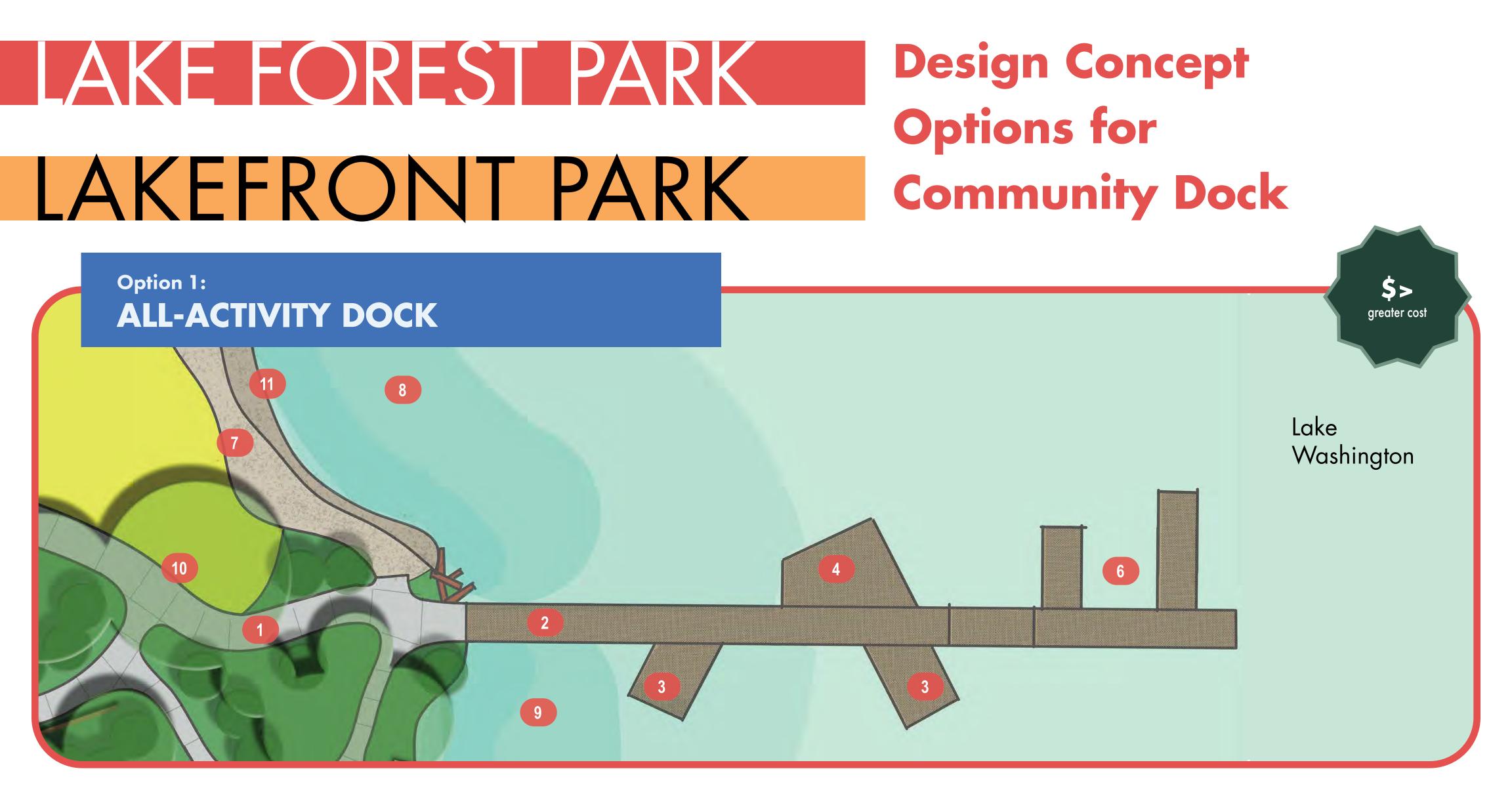
- Final design will comply with applicable Lake Forest Park standards and requirements.
- Impacts to the existing trees will be avoided or minimized.

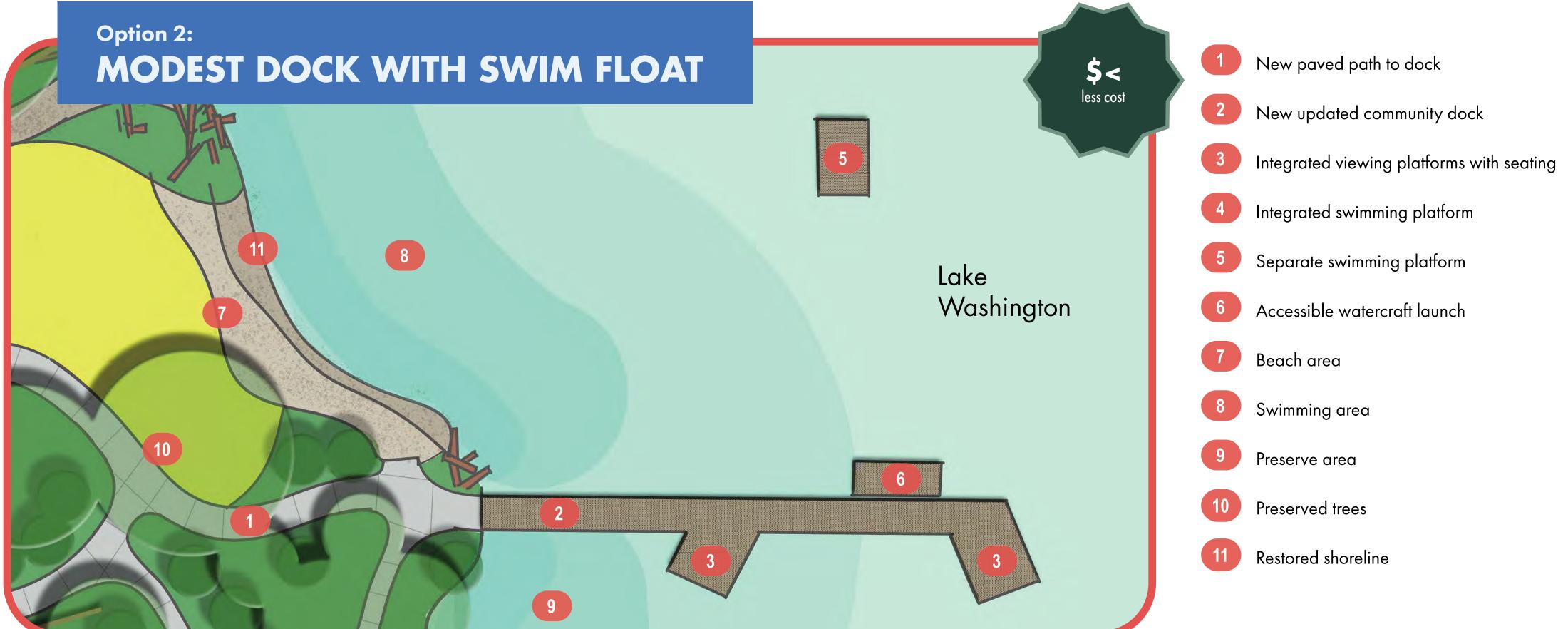
New entry plaza

New paved path

- The play area will have soft surfacing, such as wood chips, below.
- The play structures will be low, to preserve the view.
- The concept for the central park area works with any combination of the other design options.







Community Dock

Community members shared many visions for a future dock, including an array of activities that the dock could provide, such as viewing, swimming, kayaking, boating, and fishing. The design shows a new multiple purpose dock designed to accommodate numerous public uses. Consolidating the two existing docks allows more restoration of the lakeshore, including moving the dock away from shoreline wetlands and farther from the mouth of Lyon Creek.

Key Considerations:

One option shows a larger multipurpose dock that accommodates all uses.



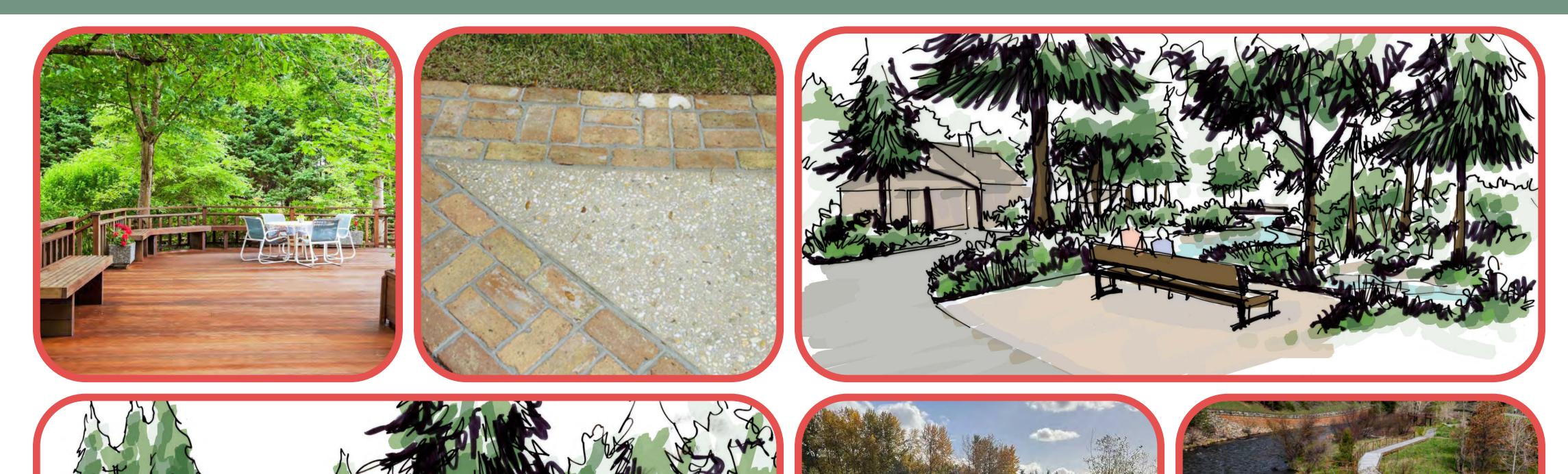
The other option shows a modest dock for nonswimming activities, along with a separate swim float.

- Final design will comply with Lake Forest Park standards and requirements for public dock facilities.
- Impacts to the shoreline habitat will be avoided, minimized, or mitigated.
- Swimming and boating will be allowed on the north side of the dock only; water access is prohibited at the preserve.
- Each dock option can be used with either beach configuration.



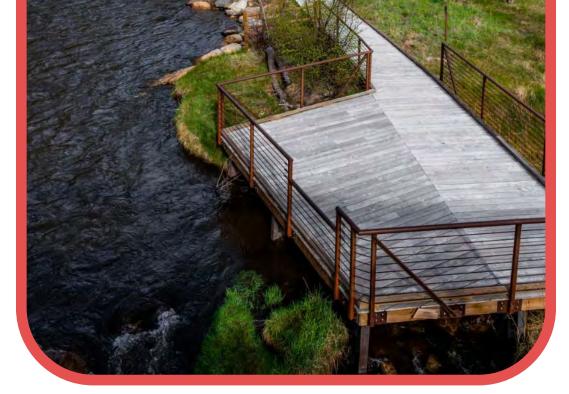
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Park Entrance, Preserve, and Park Interior









Lakefront Lawn, Beach, and Dock

