



Preliminary Evaluation of Public Access Options – Survey Results

Overview

As part of the lower Taylor Creek public access options analysis process, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks) completed an initial survey in March 2013 to collect feedback from the community on the proposed public access options at lower Taylor Creek and the preliminary criteria that would be used to evaluate those options.

Following this initial community input opportunity, SPU and the City applied the evaluation criteria to the five public access options that were carried forward in the analysis. In early June, the preliminary evaluation was released to the public. An open house and a neighborhood drop-in session for nearby neighbors were held shortly after on June 13 and 18, respectively. The purpose of this second community input opportunity was to solicit constructive input on the evaluation and preferred public access options.

Participants could submit comments in one of three ways – in-person at the June 13 open house or June 18 drop-in session, via a mail-returned comment form, or online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/TaylorCreekSurvey2. Comments were collected between June 10 and June 28. Survey results are summarized below, along with summary responses to categories of comments and a conclusion. See Appendix A (page 14) or visit www.seattle.gov/util/taylorcreek for a complete list of responses.

Results at-a-glance

- 91 people participated in the survey (2 via email, 31 via comment form, 58 via SurveyMonkey)
- Criteria evaluations:
 - 86% of respondents agreed with the evaluation of *Habitat Improvements*
 - 90% agreed with the evaluation of *City Cost, Operations and Maintenance*
 - 86% agreed with the evaluation of *Community Amenities*
 - 80% agreed with the evaluation of *Potential Neighborhood Impacts*
 - 79% agreed with the evaluation of *Traffic Safety and Mobility*
- Public access options:
 - 10.5% preferred *No Access*
 - 4.7% preferred *Viewpoint*
 - 8.1% preferred *Scheduled Access*
 - 5.8% preferred *Limited Access*
 - **69.8%** preferred *Open Access*
 - 1.2% preferred none of the above
- Location of survey participants:
 - 35.3% live near lower Taylor Creek
 - 1.2% work near lower Taylor Creek
 - 8.2% live on the private drive
 - **42.4%** live in the broader Rainier Beach/Skyway Community
 - 12.9% other
- Key themes:
 - Many participants felt stewardship and education opportunities related to Open Access at lower Taylor Creek were underrepresented in the evaluation.

- Participants were generally in disagreement about whether the existing availability of open space and access to Lake Washington was sufficient.
- The majority of those preferring Closed Access referenced public safety, maintenance costs, protecting salmon, and/or investing these funds in existing open spaces as key priorities.
- The majority of those preferring Open Access referenced community benefits, educational and stewardship opportunities, social equity, and potential cost savings related to volunteer maintenance as key priorities.
- Several participants raised concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety getting to and from the site and the need for additional traffic assessment to improve overall safety of this section of Rainier Ave S where it meets with 68th Ave S, Cornell Ave S and the private drive.

Summary of Survey Results

1. For the criteria individually, do you agree with the benefits and drawbacks identified?

Habitat Improvements

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I agree with the evaluation	86.1%	62
I don't agree with the evaluation	13.9%	10
answered question:		72

Select comments on this criteria evaluation (see Appendix A for complete list of open-ended responses)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The evaluation doesn't include the potential for community stewardship. For example, there is a thriving group of community volunteers working to clean up Dead Horse Canyon, including the removal of invasive plants and the restoration of trails.</i> • <i>Open access does not mean frequent visitors! I live near Kubota Gardens and am amazed how few people visit this park which is a major amenity.</i> • <i>Not sure if Open Access will really support return of the salmon - feel if that is goal, some sort of limitations must be imposed i.e., dogs, boaters launching, etc.</i> • <i>The evaluation sounds fair but doesn't really address whether the change in plant types will have reduce the quality of the habitat to a degree that is of concern. It's not specific enough to really say whether access will be a problem.</i> • <i>No access! This would be detrimental to salmon.</i> • <i>I had no idea the pros and cons of such a project so the evaluation was really an education.</i>

City Cost, Operations and Maintenance

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I agree with the evaluation	90.0%	63
I disagree with the evaluation	10.0%	7
answered question:		70

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- *No access. Save tax payers money.*
- *I especially agree with the opportunity to offset costs with stewardship - i.e. garden club and other community organizations.*
- *The benefit of volunteer help, such as that which has occurred upstream with Friends of Deadhorse Canyon should be included in the cost analysis, reducing cost when the lower creek is open to public access.*
- *Is policing the place during off hours or closures included?*
- *I'd prefer the city spend money on the parks we have and not on one with limited access.*
- *Any access will dramatically increase cost of garbage collection and maintenance. Law enforcement cost will increase due to increased calls. Stewardship? Seriously? Who? Very few in this vicinity care for their own property let alone public space. Drug dealers, vagrants and trouble seeking youth are not stewards.*
- *I disagree that limited access will decrease the likelihood of invasive plants entering the area. It will have very little impact.*
- *I find spending \$2 million for land acquisition for this project as a total waste of money. The ongoing cost analysis is immaterial. I assume this was funded from the 2000 parks levy. If I knew we would spend this much for property acquisition for a stream restoration, I would have voted against it.*
- *People in the area will take pride in this unique area and help to keep it in great condition.*

Community Amenities

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I agree with the evaluation	85.7%	60
I don't agree with the evaluation	14.3%	10
answered question:		70

Select comments on this criteria evaluation (see Appendix A for complete list of open-ended responses)

- Although the street ends may provide water access in other parts of Seattle, very few if any of the street ends listed on Figure 1 on page 18 provide any water access. Please verify if the street ends provide access and/or otherwise modify the evaluation. The material is misleading as is. For Figure 2 on page 19, it would be helpful to enlarge the "Potential Shoreline Access" area to encompass the broader envisioned project area (e.g., to include the proposed SDOT improvement areas) - or perhaps to include a "primary" and "secondary" project area with related descriptions. Otherwise, this section is very good. Thank you for including connectivity between open spaces/park, improving environmental justice and service equity, and both educational and stewardship opportunities in the evaluation!
- Walking down 68th Ave S is currently a poor connection between the upper watershed and Lakeridge Park. IslandWood's Homewaters program is working with SPU to adapt a stream education program to Taylor Creek. Access to the creek is currently very limited and is a big limiting factor on the number of students we can bring to the site. Lower creek access would be a HUGE benefit to providing educational opportunities in the area. Your study does not mention the additional stewardship advantages to the creek that go beyond immediate maintenance of the site. Many of the students that have learned about their local creek are engaged by the return of salmon to it, and are aware of how their choices impact the creek, will make different choices that will have a longer term positive impact.
- Access to the lake exists today. Rainier beach and Coulon are accessible and funds should be used to upgrade and improve those sites not create yet another small poorly used or maintained site.
- Public awareness and education should be included and connected with the awareness that has come from the restoration of Deadhorse Canyon.

Potential Neighborhood Impacts

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I agree with the evaluation	80.0%	56
I don't agree with the evaluation	20.0%	14
answered question:		70

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- *Just tallying the number of people who are concerned about public access and those who want public access is not the best statistic. Look at these numbers in the context of where people live. Then you can have a clearer picture of representation and analyze responses as representative of 1) residents on the lake 2) residents in walking distance to the lake.*
- *Feasibility of policing illegal activity - loud music, unleashed dogs, drugs, parking on private property, lewd conduct not addressed - no statistics / data provided.*
- *The "no" access option should include the possibility of unpermitted use. Children and homeless people will still find ways into the site and lack of access increases the potential for homeless people taking up residence (urban camping). I also think you understate the property value benefit from providing lake access.*
- *If this space is valued, and well used, it may reduce the frequency of illicit activity. If no access was the program then you would only have illicit activity.*
- *I'm sure that some residences will think the neighborhood will be ruined. I think parking & road use should be addressed up front.*
- *Your evaluation does not strongly enough reflect actual experience of current lakeside residents who experience vandalism, prowling, noise and intimidation by transients. Stopping Bus service along this section of rainier has improved our quality of life. Add another secluded public space and disruptive activity will increase.*
- *The evaluation extensively covers potential adverse impacts. However, some of the impacts or effects from the project on the neighborhood will be positive. For example, access to the water for more citizens will be a positive effect from the project. The neighborhood will be enhanced by the proposed project. It would be helpful to add a section that addresses this in the evaluation.*

Traffic Safety and Mobility

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I agree with the evaluation	79.4%	54
I don't agree with the evaluation	20.6%	14
answered question:		68

Select comments on this criteria evaluation (see Appendix A for complete list of open-ended responses)

- *Would it be possible to put a walkway to the park under Rainier Avenue? It could be part of the culvert or separate.*
- *No room to park, so would need a walkway and traffic light to safely cross Rainier Ave. if open for viewing.*
- *Your evaluation does not reflect strongly enough the traffic risk to pedestrians and motorists. I didn't see any mention of a light controlled crosswalk. Limited sight and high speed traffic make access to the lake from the ball field high risk even with a traffic light. Based on the numerous times vehicles have mowed over the traffic islands, traffic moves too fast and is disrespectful of the turn lane. Attracting children to cross Rainier to access the lake at this location is irresponsible. The proposed site is on a private lane, sheltered from Rainier Ave. The property's seclusion attracts the illegal element as well.*
- *I am happy to hear that SDOT is considering improvements on 68th Ave. There is no sidewalk and cars tend to travel the road at high speeds. Improved access (trail or sidewalk) is important for safety in the area, especially for groups of children.*
- *Traffic aside from the Lower Taylor Creek project is a major concern. How do we encourage a walkable neighborhood next to a major arterial in and out of the city? Personally, I'd make pedestrian safety the highest priority of the project.*
- *Thus far it appears that there are early stage plans to control ingress & egress. However, as the project advances, we would appreciate more concrete information.*
- *Access to private drive currently unsafe. Adding pedestrian traffic will further impact ingress/egress of private drive.*

2. What is your preferred public access option?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No Access	10.5%	9
Viewpoint	4.7%	4
Scheduled Access	8.1%	7
Limited Access	5.8%	5
Open Access	69.8%	60
No Preference	1.2%	1
answered question:		86

Select comments on this survey question (see Appendix A for complete list of open-ended responses)

- *Great educational environmental opportunities for children/schools/community groups but also safeguards the habitat/potential wildlife here - not just fish but eagles etc...*
- *Needs to be a limit on what can be done there; how many people/what they are doing there/the time of day they are there.*
- *I believe that residents can have an improved neighborhood experience by having open access to Lake Washington. Having public access to such a beautiful natural resource is an asset that can improve lives and raise property values.*
- *There is very little access to Lake Washington anywhere south of Rainier Beach/Beer Sheva Park. If the impact is too much, access can later be curtailed or laws enforced to mitigate this.*
- *There's a lot of park area nearby and this one is primarily for the fish. By having a viewpoint it may cut down on the possible illegal uses of the lot and still maintain a safe place for the fish.*
- *Scheduled and Limited access could also work for educational programs, but I believe Open Access is the best choice for creating the long term connection between the community members and their stream that will result in increased stewardship.*
- *I think minimal or no access is best for habitat and fish restoration. I would propose No Access for a certain number of years and then construct the viewpoint but project cost may require construction up front.*
- *The Community Amenities section (and, in particular, the Environmental Justice and Service Equity elements - along with the educational opportunities and stewardship opportunities) make it clear that more access to the lake shoreline is not only a community asset but an environmental justice and service equity issue.*
- *Why? To allow any funds set aside for this site to be used to maintain existing parks. To reduce incidents of crime in our neighborhood. To remove this area as a dumping ground.*
- *It is a public resource and should be open to the public.*

3. Anything else you'd like to share with us?

Select Responses (see Appendix A for complete list of open-ended responses)

- *My priority would be plan that maximizes fish return to Dead Horse Canyon.*
- *This has been an impressive process that Seattle Utilities has undertaken. Thank you. Again, please interpret your survey by separating out those living directly on the lake and those living within walking distance. We know the bias exists and we should not hide it by lumping votes together.*
- *While we support public access to the lake, it needs to be in larger areas with regular service for maintenance. Parking and safety considerations need to be more seriously considered. Property owners will suffer if this land is accessible. We are abused by the public as it is today. This would make it worse.*
- *Low vegetation and maintenance. Must control traffic on Rainier to ensure safety of residents and guests. Would not be opposed to redoing entrance to neighbor to make it safer for ingress and egress.*
- *I live in one of the oldest houses near lower Taylor Creek. The house was built by the foreman of the Taylor Creek saw mill in 1909. My wife and I are in the process of restoring the house, including building a new foundation. The Taylor Creek restoration project represents an opportunity to strengthen community ties and provide a fresh foundation for community volunteers to further the goals of the project. Thank you for encouraging community input.*
- *I can't wait to take my kids to watch the salmon run up stream!*
- *The stream (Taylor Creek) will be more visible and therefore have more interest from people. We have lived in the area since 1961 and walk to Dead Horse Canyon and take relatives when visiting on the walk, The area is beautiful and one of the few places in Seattle without traffic noise. The opening of Taylor Creek will be wonderful.*
- *We're excited about the project and cannot wait for final plans & the work to commence.*
- *I have worked on several trail projects and neighbors concerns about safety, noise and other disruptions have been proven, even to the neighbors, to be unwarranted. I don't support exclusivity, a gated community, for the neighbors. I think an open access approach is the most affordable and sustainable. The landscaping design can assure the safety of the salmon.*

4. Tell us about yourself.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I live near lower Taylor Creek	35.3%	30
I work near lower Taylor Creek	1.2%	1
I live on the private drive	8.2%	7
I live in the broader Rainier Beach/Skyway area	42.4%	36
Other		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Near Deadhorse Canyon" (3) • "Bryn Mar" (1) • "Renton" (1) • "Lakeridge" (1) • "I do restoration work in Lakeridge Park" (1) • "Island Wood Homewaters program will be providing educational opportunities at Taylor Creek" (1) • "Walking distance" (3) 	12.9%	11
answered question:		85

Conclusion

Over 90 community members participated in the Preliminary Evaluation of Public Access Options survey, open from June 10 to June 28, 2013. Several participants expressed appreciation for SPU and Parks' efforts to involve the nearby community in this decision. Feedback from this survey will be used to further refine the Public Access Options Analysis Report and will assist the project team in developing a staff-level recommendation later this summer.

Criteria evaluation

In general, the majority of survey participants, over 80%, believed the evaluations presented were fair. The most agreed-upon evaluation was *City Cost, Operations, and Maintenance*, with about 91% of respondents in favor of the evaluation. The least supported evaluation was *Traffic Safety and Mobility*, with approximately 81% of respondents agreeing.

Options preference

- Approximately 70% of participants expressed a preference for Open Access at the site. The most commonly cited reasons in support of this access option were educational benefits, the potential for stewardship opportunities, the ability to offset maintenance costs, and the existing shortage of open spaces and access to Lake Washington in the neighborhood.
- Of those who preferred Scheduled, Viewpoint, or Limited access, the most commonly cited reasons were concerns over salmon habitat and the potential for salmon disturbance under Open Access. In addition, traffic/pedestrian safety concerns related to an increase in visitors on and near the private drive was a key factor in participants' support for more controlled access.
- Respondents in favor of No Access most commonly cited concerns about the potential for increased crime and nuisance activity in the neighborhood, cost to the City and taxpayers for operations and maintenance of an open site, negative impacts to salmon habitat, and traffic/pedestrian safety.

Response to Summary Comments

Survey results were reviewed and discussed by the project team. To address common questions and comments, responses are provided below. Comments are categorized into five different areas for response, though many comments addressed more than one comment category.

The comment categories include:

1. Salmon habitat
2. Operation and maintenance costs
3. Community amenities
4. Traffic and pedestrian safety
5. Project design

1. Salmon habitat

Comment	Response
<p>Salmon appears to be mentioned only twice in the entire evaluation. Since a major benefit to the project will be the potential to improve salmon habitat, it might be useful to make this point more pronounced.</p>	<p>Providing improved habitat to benefit salmon is a goal of the project. The Habitat Improvement evaluation criterion is based on salmon and their habitat needs, and there is some difference between public access options in terms of how access will affect overall habitat benefits. It is important to note that regardless of the public access option chosen, the project will substantially improve habitat and fish passage in lower Taylor Creek. The project will be designed to maximize habitat benefits, while balancing other design considerations (e.g., utility infrastructure, roadways). The final report provides additional recommendations for protecting salmon and their habitat if the site is open to the public, such as prohibiting dogs on-site, closing the site temporarily during spawning season, or installing fencing adjacent to the creek to prevent damage to in-water habitat.</p>

2. Operation and maintenance costs

Comment	Response
<p>I find spending \$2 million for land acquisition for this project a total waste of money. The ongoing cost analysis is immaterial. I assume this was funded from the 2000 parks levy. If I knew we would spend this much for property acquisition for a stream restoration, I would have voted against it.</p>	<p>The bulk of the property along lower Taylor Creek was purchased with Seattle Public Utility ratepayer funds as the result of a lawsuit settlement. The remaining land was purchased with support of a King Conservation District grant. Seattle Parks and Recreation funds were not used for acquisition.</p>
<p>Is policing the site during off-hours or closures included?</p>	<p>The City Costs, Operation and Maintenance section does not evaluate changes in police response to the project site or associated costs. The “Potential Neighborhood Impacts” section discusses nuisance and criminal concerns and the likelihood of those concerns becoming more/less prevalent given expected site conditions and users once the restoration project is built.</p>

3. Community amenities

Comment	Response
<p>No mention is made as to whether boat mooring, kayak launching, floating play toys, swimming, fishing and other type of shoreline activity will be allowed. This affects the impact on fish habitat and safe crossing on Rainier Avenue.</p>	<p>The intent of the project is to restore habitat for fish and wildlife in the area, as such, the site will be constructed and managed as a natural area.</p> <p>Boating facilities are not feasible given the shallow depth of the lake shoreline related to the stream delta and adverse impacts salmon habitat use and migration patterns. There will also be no swimming beach.</p> <p>Hand launching of boats will likely not be possible, given that there will be no parking or loading areas on the lake-side of Rainier Ave S and access may be difficult while carrying a kayak or canoe.</p> <p>Fishing is regulated by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the City of Seattle does not have authority to control that activity. However, regulations are protective of salmon that we expect to use the project site and no fishing facilities are planned.</p> <p>Further details will be developed during project design.</p>
<p>Neighborhood pride and educational outreach is under represented in the evaluation.</p>	<p>Throughout the analysis process, the project team has reviewed a number of research papers that support the idea that open spaces provide a community benefit, encouraging neighborhood ownership of the space, and fostering positive human and environmental connection. These resources are cited in the final report. We also added additional text to highlight stewardship, community, and educational engagement in the larger Rainier Beach neighborhood.</p>
<p>Although the street ends may provide water access in other parts of Seattle, very few if any of the street ends listed on Figure 1 on page 18 provide any water access. Please verify if the street ends provide access and/or otherwise modify the evaluation.</p>	<p>The evaluation was updated to reflect that most of the street ends near the project site do not provide visual or physical access to the lake. Parks and SDOT are planning to improve two street ends south of the project site (at 72nd Ave S and 75th Ave S) in the near future.</p>

4. Traffic and pedestrian safety

Comment	Response
<p>Would it be possible to put a walkway to the park under Rainier Ave S? It could be part of the culvert or separate.</p>	<p>We are currently considering this as an option. Separating pedestrians from vehicles would greatly increase the safety of crossing Rainier Ave S, however, a subsurface culvert also creates hiding spots for illicit activities and would be costly to construct. The final determination regarding pedestrian crossings will be determined during the design phase.</p>
<p>Access to the private drive is currently unsafe. Adding pedestrian traffic will further impact ingress/egress of the private drive. Your evaluation does not reflect strongly enough the traffic risk to pedestrians and motorists.</p>	<p>We agree that improvements are needed on Rainier Ave S to address pedestrian and traffic safety. We are also concerned about the adequacy of the private drive entrance for existing residents, even without adding pedestrians or errant vehicles to the situation. We have been coordinating closely with SDOT and plan to undertake a traffic study in the near future so that possible improvement solutions can be identified and hopefully incorporated into the project.</p>

5. Project design

Comment	Response
<p>As plans develop for the park, we would greatly appreciate the ability to provide feedback and input, particularly as it relates to vegetation. We hope for consideration with low-growth plants, shrubs, etc. to support salmon and minimize the impact on our property.</p>	<p>During the design phase, tentatively scheduled for 2014 and 2015, there will be multiple opportunities for the community to comment on the proposed site design, including what type of plants and vegetation will be placed at the site. The public will be notified in advance of these future community input opportunities. To follow the project's progress, please continue to visit the project website at www.seattle.gov/taylorcreek or join the project listserv at www.seattle.gov/lists/taylor_creek_restoration.htm to receive project updates via email.</p>

APPENDIX A

Preliminary Evaluation of Public Access Options Survey



1. Habitat Improvements:

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	If you don't agree, what did we miss?		21
	answered question		72
	skipped question		19

2. City Cost, Operations and Maintenance:

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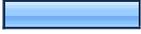
3. Community Amenities:

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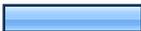
4. Potential Neighborhood Impacts:

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answered question	70
skipped question	21

5. Traffic Safety and Mobility:

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6. What is your preferred public access option?

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Scheduled Access		8.1%	7
Limited Access		5.8%	5
Open Access		69.8%	60
None of the above		1.2%	1
	Why?		64
answered question			86
skipped question			5

7. Anything else you'd like to share with us?

	Response Count
	38
answered question	38
skipped question	53

8. Tell us about yourself.

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Other (please specify)		12.9%	11
	answered question		85
	skipped question		6

Page 2, Q1. Habitat Improvements:

1	Since the major funding and purpose of the lower Taylor Creek restoration project is to facilitate fish habitat to go upstream in Taylor Creek, improve wildlife habitat and improve surrounding drainage, the priority and primary evaluation criteria used to evaluate each public access option should be the Habitat Improvement criteria. The other criteria should be considered secondary.	Jul 10, 2013 10:35 AM
2	The evaluation doesn't include the potential for community stewardship. For example, there is a thriving group of community volunteers working to clean up Dead Horse Canyon, including the removal of invasive plants and the restoration of trails.	Jun 28, 2013 8:47 AM
3	Please also incorporate into you analysis the Friends of Dead Horse Canyon. This group of volunteers has worked hard to restore Deadhorse Canyon to its native flora. Taylor Creek has benefited from this effort and could benefit in the future with continued public involvement. This will not happen if the lower Taylor Creek is fenced off.	Jun 28, 2013 8:27 AM
4	It must be realized that this is a Seattle Park and should be available for all people.	Jun 27, 2013 3:44 PM
5	I believe the COST/ BENEFITs cannot be justified in the present economic environment. This would also apply to the Cedar River project!	Jun 27, 2013 3:23 PM
6	Need to ensure new plantings do not block view from current home owners.	Jun 26, 2013 1:04 PM
7	No access! This would be detrimental to salmon.	Jun 26, 2013 12:48 PM
8	Overall it rang true. but i disagree that there would be a large difference between no access and limited or no access since design can concentrate areas if disturbance. Further more patch size is too small to contain interior habitat. Entire site would experience edge effects.	Jun 26, 2013 11:29 AM
9	Salmon appears to be mentioned only twice in the entire evaluation, both times on page 2. Since a major benefit to the project will be the potential to improve salmon habitat, it might be useful to make this point more pronounced. Otherwise, I agree with the evaluation.	Jun 25, 2013 10:51 PM
10	The evaluation sounds fair but doesn't really address whether the change in plant types will have reduce the quality of the habitat to a degree that is of concern. Its not specific enough to really say whether access will be a problem.	Jun 24, 2013 10:10 AM
11	50 Shades of Gray	Jun 20, 2013 4:02 PM
12	However, I think that with proper design there would not be a reduction in habitat benefits for open access.	Jun 20, 2013 3:42 PM
13	Dogs/other animals polluting water in stream?	Jun 20, 2013 2:55 PM
14	Open access does not mean frequent visitors! I live near Kubota Gardens and am amazed how few people visit this park which is a major amenity.	Jun 20, 2013 2:46 PM
15	Mostly agreed - but didn't seem to include what happens if start salmon fishing there (lots of fishing done on Lake WA)	Jun 19, 2013 5:00 PM

Page 2, Q1. Habitat Improvements:

16	I didn't realize when I made my comments online and until I actually looked at the map the benefits of having open access	Jun 19, 2013 4:32 PM
17	Also, greater access maximized environmental education opportunities.	Jun 19, 2013 4:23 PM
18	Too early in the process to know true impact.	Jun 19, 2013 3:00 PM
19	Not sure if Open Access will really support return of the salmon - feel if that is goal, some sort of limitations must be imposed ie dogs, boaters launching etc.	Jun 19, 2013 12:59 PM
20	I had no idea the pros and cons of such a project so the evaluation was really an education.	Jun 19, 2013 12:52 PM
21	Except open access shouldn't impact stream. If there is an impact it is to park area & shore.	Jun 19, 2013 10:17 AM

Page 2, Q2. City Cost, Operations and Maintenance:

1	For any of the public access options other than No Access, there is a possibility of cars turning into the private drive even though signs are posted no parking. People may not see the signs or want to drop off people or accessories (kayaks, coolers, etc.) in lieu of crossing Rainier Avenue by foot. The report does not address if one of the four options other than No Access is selected, it will be necessary to install remote controlled gates across each side of the private drive in order to prevent the public from driving onto the residential portions of the private drive. Even though there is no exit on the private drive, the public will use it to turn around or park illegally.	Jul 10, 2013 10:35 AM
2	Again, the evaluation does not include the value-add of community volunteers that works best and is encouraged under open public access.	Jun 28, 2013 8:47 AM
3	The benefit of volunteer help, such as that which has occurred upstream with Friends of Deadhorse Canyon should be included in the cost analysis, reducing cost when the lower creek is open to public access	Jun 28, 2013 8:27 AM
4	People in the area will take pride in this unique area and help to keep it in great condition.	Jun 27, 2013 3:44 PM
5	above	Jun 27, 2013 3:23 PM
6	No access. Save tax payers money.	Jun 26, 2013 12:48 PM
7	Any access will dramatically increase cost of garbage collection and maintenance. Law enforcement cost will increase due to increased calls. Stewardship? Seriously? Who? Very few in this vicinity care for their own property let alone public space. Drug dealers, vagrants and trouble seeking youth are not stewards.	Jun 26, 2013 10:00 AM
8	I find spending \$2 million for land acquisition for this project as a total waste of money. The ongoing cost analysis is immaterial. I assume this was funded from the 2000 parks levy. If I knew we would spend this much for property acquisition for a stream restoration, I would have voted against it.	Jun 25, 2013 10:22 PM
9	I especially agree with the opportunity to offset costs with stewardship - i.e. garden club and other community organizations.	Jun 20, 2013 3:42 PM
10	Found this part a bit vague but I would get an idea based on up keep.	Jun 20, 2013 2:55 PM
11	Is policing the place during off hours or closures included?	Jun 19, 2013 5:00 PM
12	I'd prefer the city spend money on the parks we have and not on one with limited access	Jun 19, 2013 4:16 PM
13	Are all these OVER engineered? ie: expensive?	Jun 19, 2013 12:52 PM
14	I disagree that limited access will decrease the likelihood of invasive plants entering the area. It will have very little impact.	Jun 10, 2013 8:09 PM

Page 2, Q3. Community Amenities:

1	The report does not address shoreline access for the Open Access option sufficiently. No mention is made as to whether boat mooring, kayak launching, floating play toys, swimming, fishing and other type of shoreline activity will be allowed. This affects the impact on fish habitat and safe crossing on Rainier Avenue. Transporting kayaks/canoes across Rainier Avenue or unloading kayaks/canoes on the private drive will be dangerous and unacceptable.	Jul 10, 2013 10:35 AM
2	Neighborhood pride and educational outreach is under represented in the evaluation.	Jun 28, 2013 8:47 AM
3	Public awareness and education should be included and connected with the awareness that has come from the restoration of Deadhorse Canyon	Jun 28, 2013 8:27 AM
4	The Taylor Creek area (east of Rainier Avenue has been private property and now is public property and should be used as a public property park.	Jun 27, 2013 3:44 PM
5	Most options RESTRICT the public access.	Jun 27, 2013 3:23 PM
6	Only one small pizza place in neighborhood - no advantage to other businesses.	Jun 26, 2013 1:06 PM
7	There is a public park and lunch area within 1 mile of the Taylor Creek area as well as street ends in closer proximity. Scheduled of limited access would be through schools or community groups (organized) - not originally intended for single families.	Jun 26, 2013 1:04 PM
8	No access. Potential for damage, there are lots of other available more extensive spots of interest.	Jun 26, 2013 12:48 PM
9	Access to the lake exists today. Rainier beach and Coulon are accessible and funds should be used to upgrade and improve those sites not create yet another small poorly used or maintained site.	Jun 26, 2013 10:00 AM
10	Although the street ends may provide water access in other parts of Seattle, very few if any of the street ends listed on Figure 1 on page 18 provide any water access. Please verify if the street ends provide access and/or otherwise modify the evaluation. The material is misleading as is. For Figure 2 on page 19, it would be helpful to enlarge the "Potential Shoreline Access" area to encompass the broader envisioned project area (e.g., to include the proposed SDOT improvement areas) - or perhaps to include a "primary" and "secondary" project area with related descriptions. Otherwise, this section is very good. Thank you for including connectivity between open spaces/park, improving environmental justice and service equity, and both educational and stewardship opportunities in the evaluation!	Jun 25, 2013 10:51 PM
11	Walking down 68th ave S is currently a poor connection between the upper watershed and Lakeridge park. IslandWood's Homewaters program is working with SPU to adapt a stream education program to Taylor Creek. access to the creek is currently very limited and is a big limiting factor on the number of students we can bring to the site. Lower creek access would be a HUGE benefit to providing educational opportunities in the area. Your study does not mention the additional stewardship advantages to the creek that go beyond immediate maintenance of the site. Many of the students that have learned about their local creek, are engaged by the return of salmon to it, and are aware of how their	Jun 24, 2013 10:10 AM

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choices impact the creek, will make different choices that will have a longer term positive impact.

12	See comments on reverse, too	Jun 20, 2013 3:42 PM
13	I would like to have a sit down meeting next time so that I can hear other peoples concerns. Perhaps a P&R "house" for someone to (once a week) for instance be there for field trips & or visitors.	Jun 20, 2013 2:55 PM
14	South end needs more access to the lakeshore.	Jun 19, 2013 4:23 PM
15	Are all these OVER engineered? ie: expensive?	Jun 19, 2013 12:52 PM

Page 2, Q4. Potential Neighborhood Impacts:

1	Likelihood of increased nuisance behavior, increased property damage and increased criminal behavior is understated and misleading in the report. The report states that "the future site conditions are not predicted to increase the likelihood of criminal activities". Anytime there is a public access there is the possibility of undesirable behavior. Even with a leash requirement, there will be dog feces from unleashed dogs. There is more potential for burglaries, vandalism and criminal activity as more public has access to the private drive and can see that there is not a good line of site from Rainier Avenue. Community-use people and neighbors are not likely to confront the criminal activity behavior. Police response takes so much time that the damage is already done.	Jul 10, 2013 10:35 AM
2	Impact should be weighted by value. Concerns of a few property owners should not outweigh the desires of many in the community interested in long term benefits.	Jun 28, 2013 8:47 AM
3	Just tallying the number of people who are concerned about public access and those who want public access is not the best statistic. Look at these numbers in the context of where people live. Then you can have a clearer picture of representation and analyze responses as representative of 1) residents on the lake 2) residents in walking distance to the lake.	Jun 28, 2013 8:27 AM
4	It is an exciting project for the neighborhood and will enhance the area and be good for property values.	Jun 27, 2013 3:44 PM
5	Feasibility of policing illegal activity - loud music, unleashed dogs, drugs, parking on private property, lewd conduct not addressed - no statistics / data provided.	Jun 26, 2013 1:06 PM
6	Only one business in area so other businesses 1 mile and away will not see benefit from increased use of this property. Public park directly across street gives parking to anyone who can then walk to new access area. Drug and drinking activity now in park can move to property below Rainier with no visibility - dogs off leash, adds problems - no statistics on why use impact would be minimal. No statistics on cost of policing the use and/or management of loud music, drug use, drinking, dogs off leash, illegal parking on private property.	Jun 26, 2013 1:04 PM
7	Public safety is a huge concern. This would be a death trap for a group of small kids, should a fire start.	Jun 26, 2013 12:52 PM
8	No access. It will multiply exponentially the numbers of accidents, cars, pedestrians and bicyclists all converging on this choke point.	Jun 26, 2013 12:48 PM
9	If this space is valued, and well used, it may reduce the frequency of illicit activity. If no access was the program then you would only have illicit activity.	Jun 26, 2013 11:29 AM
10	Your evaluation does not strongly enough reflect actual experience of current lakeside residents who experience vandalism, prowling, noise and intimidation by transients. Stopping Bus service along this section of rainier has improved our quality of life. Add another secluded public space and disruptive activity will increase.	Jun 26, 2013 10:00 AM
11	The evaluation extensively covers potential adverse impacts. However, some of the impacts or effects from the project on the neighborhood will be positive. For	Jun 25, 2013 10:51 PM

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example, access to the water for more citizens will be a positive effect from the project. The neighborhood will be enhanced by the proposed project. It would be helpful to add a section that addresses this in the evaluation.

12	The "no" access option should include the possibility of unpermitted use. Children and homeless people will still find ways into the site and lack of access increases the potential for homeless people taking up residence (urban camping). I also think you underestimate the property value benefit from providing lake access.	Jun 24, 2013 10:10 AM
13	I'm sure that some residences will think the neighborhood will be ruined. I think parking & road use should be addressed up front.	Jun 20, 2013 4:02 PM
14	The more access to creek (in park)/lake the more unwanted people you potentially attract. Don't count on people who live in the area to call the police.	Jun 20, 2013 2:55 PM
15	Same answer as habitat improvement (above).	Jun 20, 2013 2:46 PM
16	See also traffic comments. 1) Several traffic issues not addressed: increase of foot/car traffic from Dead Horse Canyon on already perilous road (potholes, poor visibility on curves) 2) Not enough parking for pizza place plus park w/increased use 3) Already awkward corner - then high accident probability w/ kids/bikes/pedest. crossing Rainier for access & from park	Jun 19, 2013 5:00 PM
17	Safety - drug deals. Street light for crossing Rainier Ave. Speed bumps on 68th Ave So	Jun 19, 2013 4:32 PM
18	Are all these OVER engineered? ie: expensive?	Jun 19, 2013 12:52 PM
19	But this is no different from that at other small parks in area and these have not adversely affected neighborhood.	Jun 19, 2013 10:17 AM

Page 2, Q5. Traffic Safety and Mobility:

1	The current configuration of the major north-south arterial, Rainier Avenue, near the project site already is dangerous. There is no mention in the report of the number of accidents that have occurred in the area. Within the past couple of months, a car went through the fence on the east side of Rainier Avenue just south of Cornell Avenue. There was no mention of many near misses in the center lane. Someone traveling south on Rainier Avenue who enters the center lane in order to turn left into the private drive can collide head on with someone traveling north who enters the center lane to turn left onto 68th Avenue. The blind curve contributes to this situation. Traffic safety and public safety crossing Rainier Avenue needs to be a major concern and one of the primary considerations when selecting the public access option.	Jul 10, 2013 10:35 AM
2	Safe pedestrian crossing is the most important concern and is easily achieved at minimal cost.	Jun 28, 2013 8:27 AM
3	Would it be possible to put a walkway to the park under Rainier Avenue? It could be part of the culvert or separate.	Jun 27, 2013 3:44 PM
4	Parking and ACCESS to Lakeridge Park on Rainier Ave should be improved.	Jun 27, 2013 3:23 PM
5	No room to park, so would need a walkway and traffic light to safely cross Rainier Ave. if open for viewing.	Jun 26, 2013 2:33 PM
6	Access to private drive currently unsafe. Adding pedestrian traffic will further impact ingress/egress of private drive.	Jun 26, 2013 1:06 PM
7	No public emerging vehicle access	Jun 26, 2013 12:52 PM
8	See comment on potential for unprecedented increase in accidents.	Jun 26, 2013 12:48 PM
9	My guess is use of space would mostly be by residences from surrounding neighborhoods. By increasing pedestrian connection between dead horse canyon across rainier ave will greatly reduce the need for vehicular facilities. This is a critical element in creating a successful design.	Jun 26, 2013 11:29 AM
10	Your evaluation does not reflect strongly enough the traffic risk to pedestrians and motorists. I didn't see any mention of a light controlled crosswalk. Limited sight and high speed traffic make access to the lake from the ball field high risk even with a traffic light. Based on the numerous times vehicles have mowed over the traffic islands, traffic moves too fast and is disrespectful of the turn lane. Attracting children to cross Rainier to access the lake at this location is irresponsible. The proposed site is on a private lane, sheltered from Rainier ave. the properties seclusion attracts the illegal element as well.	Jun 26, 2013 10:00 AM
11	I greatly appreciate SDOTs efforts to try to address nearby related traffic safety and mobility issues as part of the project. Related to the intersection of Cornell Avenue S & Rainier Ave S, I would like to have them consider the potential of moving the access one parcel (i.e., remove one house) to the south to square up the access road. I also think it would be useful to potentially move the crosswalk to the center of the curve so that people crossing the street can see both directions. Also, it would be useful for them to analyze the effectiveness and safety of the prior conversion from a four-lane road to a two lane plus turning lane road. During rush hour, the wait can be quite long at some intersections	Jun 25, 2013 10:51 PM

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(e.g., Cornell & Rainier) before it is safe to enter traffic, especially if heading northbound. It would be helpful to add a "transportation justice and service equity" section to the evaluation. It also would be useful to acknowledge the leverage element of the project (i.e., if the base project is funded and moves forward, it will facilitate SDOT investing funds to do other things in the area that would otherwise likely not occur for a long time if at all). This is a good thing! There have been numerous landslides along Rainier Avenue which have resulted in additional losses of sidewalks and pedestrian access. Although it may be beyond the scope of the current project, it would be useful to note them in the evaluation as an adverse impact on pedestrian access, mobility and safety. Otherwise I agree with this section.

12	I am happy to hear that SDOT is considering improvements on 68th Ave. There is no sidewalk and cars tend to travel the road at high speeds. An improved access (trail or sidewalk) is important for safety in the area. Especially for groups of children.	Jun 24, 2013 10:10 AM
13	it's hard to overstate how dangerous that section of Rainier can be, esp at commuter o'clock	Jun 21, 2013 2:08 PM
14	I think a pedestrian friends [illegible]. People, water, fish under Rainier Ave would work best, safest for ped & cars, kids, adults.	Jun 20, 2013 4:02 PM
15	Need more cross walks on Rainier for the people who climb the stairs and would, I believe, like to be able to extend their excursions to include a walk to the lake	Jun 20, 2013 3:42 PM
16	Huge concern. Traffic light on Rainier & Thatcher imperative!!! No night access to baseball area/new creek being diverted area.	Jun 20, 2013 2:55 PM
17	See previous under neighborhood	Jun 19, 2013 5:00 PM
18	Cross walk or other pedestrian row north of 68th for people walking from "upper" rainier beach	Jun 19, 2013 4:52 PM
19	Traffic aside from the Lower Taylor Creek project is a major concern. How do we encourage a walkable neighborhood next to a major arterial in and out of the city. Personally, I'd make pedestrian safety the highest priority of the project.	Jun 19, 2013 3:00 PM
20	Crosswalk would be good idea.	Jun 19, 2013 12:59 PM
21	Thus far it appears that there are early stage plans to control ingress & egress. However, as the project advances, we would appreciate more concrete information.	Jun 18, 2013 4:54 PM

Page 3, Q6. What is your preferred public access option?

1	We want to maintain our privacy and our quiet private drive. This is a residential area with small children. Any public access will negatively impact the privacy and character of this small secluded neighborhood. Introduction of more people to the area adds the likelihood of increased nuisance behavior, property damage and criminal behavior. No access option is the best for wildlife and fish habitat. This option results in the least City cost for operation and maintenance cost initially and on an ongoing long-run basis. Public safety risk and resulting legal liability for the City will be less under this option since it allows for no public access. Due to the location and size of the property, all public access will require crossing Rainier Avenue, a major arterial with a dangerous blind curve, by foot. Traffic and public safety will be impacted the least by the No Access option.	Jul 10, 2013 10:46 AM
2	We used public dollars to purchase the property. We the people are entitled to equal access.	Jul 10, 2013 10:12 AM
3	In SE Seattle, relative to more affluent areas of Seattle, there is minimal access to Lake WA. Open access will enable passive recreation, education opportunities and provide a linked access to the rest of the Lower Taylor Creek & Deadhorse Canyon park and preservation area. In addition to the benefits of preservation, it can also serve as a living link to early greater Seattle history (fish migration, lumber mill, train, summer homes, etc)	Jun 30, 2013 1:59 PM
4	Few opportunities like this exist. Most of the street ends have been taken over by neighbors further limiting access.	Jun 28, 2013 11:45 PM
5	The point of the project is to create habitat friendly to salmon and other wildlife. As much as it would be great to have lake access so close by, it seems that allowing public access would be counterproductive....	Jun 28, 2013 12:09 PM
6	Open access encourages community involvement and pride. The more the community is involved helps keep long term costs low and crime is minimized.	Jun 28, 2013 8:58 AM
7	We have already seen local neighborhood pride and community involvement and action in restoring Deadhorse Canyon to its native flora. The restoration of Taylor Creek as a salmon run is benefiting from this stewardship; Taylor Creek is healthy. This same pride, involvement, and stewardship can continue all the way to the lake if full open access is allowed. Public stewardship and pride can offset maintenance costs and serve as an public outreach with a few educational signs.	Jun 28, 2013 8:36 AM
8	For the benefits to stewardship opportunities.	Jun 27, 2013 11:04 PM
9	I do agree w/ the findings that SE Seattle, especially 98178, does not have the same proportion of green spaces and no real great access to the lake. I strongly agree that primarily the local community whom are already using Dead Horse Canyon and using the Cooper st steps down to Rainier for exercise, will be the ones using this small, but vital, access point. Also, this is a very active community, and I do imagine community stewardship will be factoring in prominently.	Jun 27, 2013 9:52 PM
10	I think minimal or no access is best for habitat and fish restoration. I would propose No Access for a certain number of years and then construct the viewpoint but project cost may require construction up front.	Jun 27, 2013 4:14 PM

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11	Ther stream that flows into Lake Washington which has limited access. Public funds are being spent so public access should be granted.	Jun 27, 2013 3:49 PM
12	Government is TOO restrictive and expensive.	Jun 27, 2013 3:24 PM
13	Lower maintenance/cost, in the long run, and less impact too, I believe, on neighbors and habitat. I doubt it will be a high-traffic area, not like Carkeek, where the park with long trails is the draw.	Jun 27, 2013 2:56 PM
14	It has always bothered me that too much of the lake front is inaccessible because it is in private hands. We need more public access! This little park will make for a nice end point to the Deadhorse Canyon Park.	Jun 27, 2013 12:04 PM
15	Would like access to the lake from my neighborhood	Jun 26, 2013 7:47 PM
16	It allows everyone equal opportunity to use the park.	Jun 26, 2013 5:46 PM
17	Eliminates unwanted activity in private single family residential area on private road.	Jun 26, 2013 1:07 PM
18	Noise, crimes	Jun 26, 2013 12:52 PM
19	School and other organized small groups during daylight hours & occational weekends.	Jun 26, 2013 12:43 PM
20	With pedestrian connection to dead horse canyon.	Jun 26, 2013 11:31 AM
21	Why? To allow any funds set aside for this site to be used to maintain existing parks. To reduce incidents of crime in our neighborhood. To remove this area as a dumping ground.	Jun 26, 2013 10:06 AM
22	It is a public resource and should be open to the public.	Jun 26, 2013 7:59 AM
23	The Community Amenities section (and, in particular, the Environmental Justice and Service Equity elements - along with the educational opportunities and stewardship opportunities) make it clear that more access to the lake shoreline is not only a community asset but an environmental justice and service equity issue. The negative impacts from open access to the lake, as evaluated, are fairly limited and are easily offset by the many benefits to the community from the open access option. PLEASE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT AND PROVIDE OPEN ACCESS TO THE LAKE!!!	Jun 25, 2013 11:00 PM
24	I think we have enough public access to parks and the lake at already established parks, for example Pritchard Beach and Seward Park. What we do not have enough of is protected areas for wildlife. I would like the City to take every opportunity to protect wetland and wildlife areas. Thank you	Jun 25, 2013 10:26 AM
25	There is very little access to Lake Washington anywhere south of Rainier Beach/Beer Shiva Park. If the impact is too much, access can later be curtailed or laws enforced to mitigate this.	Jun 24, 2013 7:49 PM
26	Because there is very limited to no public access via the Rainier Ave corridor.	Jun 24, 2013 7:36 PM
27	There is virtually no access to the lake for over a mile to the north, and three	Jun 24, 2013 6:09 PM

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miles to the south.

28	Scheduled and Limited access could also work for educational programs, but I believe Open Access is the best choice for creating the long term connection between the community members and their stream that will result in increased stewardship.	Jun 24, 2013 10:14 AM
29	There are many families living close to this area that would benefit from open access. From small children, to teens, to adults, to those walking dogs, open access would allow for more community (something our area is truly lacking!) The no access option would continue to deprive the south end residents from lake access within our area. Currently we drive to Renton (and spend our money there before and after) for access to the lake. It'd be lovely to walk to the lake and enjoy it, in our own neighborhood!	Jun 23, 2013 11:38 PM
30	This is one of the few areas in Seattle shoreline with very limited public access. I tried to find the street end access when I first moved here and was unable to. I end up driving to Seward Park everyday even though I live so close to the water.	Jun 23, 2013 10:08 PM
31	Access to that area is limited and difficult and will have a negative impact on the neighborhood. It will move negative activities from the lower lakeridge park to the waterfront and create parking and emergency access difficulties.	Jun 23, 2013 9:33 PM
32	I believe that residents can have an improved neighborhood experience by having open access to Lake Washington. Having public access to such a beautiful natural resource is an asset that can improve lives and raise property values.	Jun 23, 2013 9:11 PM
33	Salmon belong to the way of this bio-region. This will help make everyone more appreciative for the special place in which we live.	Jun 23, 2013 8:50 PM
34	People in the neighborhoods near to this site work. We are not going to be able to use limited access. This area of Lake Washington has the least public access of any other Seattle lakefront neighborhood. It will be wonderful for the neighborhood (in the larger sense - I'm barely upper Rainier Beach).	Jun 23, 2013 8:09 PM
35	I would welcome open access as long as visitors can have a neutral impact on the health of the habitat. Our neighborhood already has no respect for leash laws in dead horse canyon - so if this new project becomes a dog - swimming/informal off leash area, then I would be concerned about the habitat. I own dogs - not a canine hater. Just feel like these habitats deserve respect.	Jun 23, 2013 7:52 PM
36	Open access gives a sense of belonging - provides opportunity for people to conveniently use the park and enjoy Lake Washington. As it is now - one can really hardly see Lake Washington from Rainier Ave South - just a few places on the road where a pedestrian can stop on the sidewalk and loiter and look beyond private property to catch a glimpse of the lake. This will be a very grateful place for many people to enjoy open access. The more points of access to the Lake - the better - the less demand on any one point of access. Lake access within walking distance is a real asset to the community.	Jun 23, 2013 6:43 PM
37	It seems most reasonable.	Jun 23, 2013 5:49 PM

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38	There's a lot of park area nearby and this one is primarily for the fish. By having a viewpoint it may cut down on the possible illegal uses of the lot and still maintain a safe place for the fish.	Jun 21, 2013 2:10 PM
39	We're Lakeridge residents, and strongly in favor of the Open Access option. We take the optimistic view that "the public" will take good care of the proposed corridor. If unforeseen problems arise, it should be relatively easy to add a fence along Rainier Ave., and go to scheduled or limited access.	Jun 20, 2013 4:06 PM
40	You could fence it in but [illegible] big enough to get lg stolen [illegible] on kayak (it allowed) with [illegible] lock with phone number to to get number.	Jun 20, 2013 4:02 PM
41	Could be environmentally educational: story boards, signage, etc. Would be a nice entertainment to walk through Dead Horse Canyon.	Jun 20, 2013 3:44 PM
42	More places to walk our dog and clean up the area.	Jun 20, 2013 3:00 PM
43	Needs to be a limit on what can be done there; how many people/what they are doing there/the time of day they are there.	Jun 20, 2013 2:59 PM
44	I have visited the site and the lakefront point provides a respite from the urban bustle on Rainier Avenue South. This site belongs to the public and the public should get to enjoy the benefit.	Jun 20, 2013 2:49 PM
45	1) Scheduled Access, 2) Limited Access, 3) Open Access If you planted & planned as if moving towards open access habitat issues - then could try out for a while as scheduled before deciding on limited or open use. Also could gauge interest & usage that way.	Jun 19, 2013 5:03 PM
46	This option provides the greatest positive impact to the community	Jun 19, 2013 4:54 PM
47	Enjoy walking and running in our neighborhood & would be great to have access.	Jun 19, 2013 4:51 PM
48	We enjoy walking and jogging in our neighborhood and would really appreciate water access. All we are asking for is a little path to the water.	Jun 19, 2013 4:49 PM
49	So everybody can use it.	Jun 19, 2013 4:45 PM
50	There is no lake access between Bier Shiva park and Renton. I would like more access.	Jun 19, 2013 4:43 PM
51	They are public lands & we need more park in RB! Gorgeous area that more people should enjoy!	Jun 19, 2013 4:39 PM
52	Yes. As a neighborhood we need access to the lake. We would use this park.	Jun 19, 2013 4:30 PM
53	More availability for the nearby community.	Jun 19, 2013 4:26 PM
54	South Seattle lacks access to the lake. The city owns many road ends that are closed to access. Some part of public land on the shore should be open.	Jun 19, 2013 4:24 PM
55	Viewpoint with limited access. I don't believe this site would make a practical "park". Theres limited parking and awkward access from the upper	Jun 19, 2013 4:18 PM

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	neighborhood. Limited access for educational purposes seems nice.	
56	School kids & community should have the ability to see nature up close. It will give them a greater appreciation for the environment & even cooler that its in their neighborhood.	Jun 19, 2013 3:02 PM
57	It provides the most community benefit! Neighborhood is organized & can help maintain it. Will love to take my kids down to the lake front in our neighborhood & experience salmon spawning & natural habitats.	Jun 19, 2013 1:04 PM
58	Great educational environmental opportunities for children/schools/community groups but also safeguards the habitat/potential wildlife here - not just fish but eagles etc...	Jun 19, 2013 1:02 PM
59	I enjoy the outdoors & visit Dead Horse Canyon frequently. I would love to visit the recreation area of this new piece of land from time to time.	Jun 19, 2013 12:55 PM
60	Strongly prefer open access so that all in neighborhood can use it. I don't think there will be any problems but if there are the park could move to restrict access at that time.	Jun 19, 2013 10:23 AM
61	Scheduled access ONLY. As a homeowner who deeply cares about the neighborhood and environment, I am open to controlled access. As a homeowner who will be directly affected by the project, it is important to balance my use & enjoyment of our property with sharing the beauty and natural treasure of the creek.	Jun 18, 2013 4:59 PM
62	Limits impact on the area but doesn't restrict it totally.	Jun 15, 2013 5:16 PM
63	I strongly support open access. I believe that it is public property and should be open to reasonable access and the the potential problems are actually lessened by having more access.	Jun 10, 2013 8:11 PM
64	As long as it will have very little impact on the salmon project. Otherwise, keep it closed.	Jun 10, 2013 5:16 PM

Page 3, Q7. Anything else you'd like to share with us?

1	The approach to this project does not appear to be in the proper order. Because of the particular location of the project site in relationship to the current street configuration which has numerous problems and challenges, it would be beneficial to have an independent traffic study done first to determine the potential road improvements that can be made before determining the option of public access. Safe public access to the project site should be one of the major considerations when selecting the correct option.	Jul 10, 2013 10:46 AM
2	1. Pedestrian mobility needs to further evaluated and made a higher priority. There are no shoulders, sidewalks or paths to safely enable access to/from the Taylor Creek/Deadhorse Canyon trail head. 68th Avenue & Holyoke have cars, trucks and bike traffic. The City must leverage this final project improvement and provide for a safe pathway that is separate from the traffic/roadway. 2. Crossing Rainier Avenue to access the Lake Washington - Creek area will vary from challenging to dangerous. Please continue to coordinate with SDOT and share your thoughts on alternative solutions. 3. I'm impressed with the thoughtful, inclusive and transparent way the City is engaging on this project. It belies the sometimes negative perception of Seattle engagement and flexibility, especially SDOT.	Jun 30, 2013 1:59 PM
3	I have worked on several trail projects and neighbors concerns about safety, noise and other disruptions have been proven, even to the neighbors, to be unwarranted. I don't support exclusivity, a gated community, for the neighbors. I think an open access approach is the most affordable and sustainable. The landscaping design can assure the safety of the salmon. It is late and I can't find my materials from the VFW meeting and couldn't access them on the site. My comments in 6 & 7 will have to suffice, Thank You.	Jun 28, 2013 11:45 PM
4	I live in one of the oldest houses near lower Taylor Creek. The house was built by the foreman of the Taylor Creek saw mill in 1909. My wife and I are in the process of restoring the house, including building a new foundation. The Taylor Creek restoration project represents an opportunity to strengthen community ties and provide a fresh foundation for community volunteers to further the goals of the project. Thank you for encouraging community input. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.	Jun 28, 2013 8:58 AM
5	This has been an impressive process that Seattle Utilities has undertaken. Thank you. Again, please interpret your survey by separating out those living directly on the lake and those living within walking distance. We know the bias exists and we should not hide it by lumping votes together.	Jun 28, 2013 8:36 AM
6	Rainier Beach Moving Forward is a local resident organization with the goal to implement the Rainier Beach Neighborhood plan update. This project is another piece of a puzzle that will tie Pritchard Beach, the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, Beer Sheva Park and Lower Mapes Creek, Taylor Creek and Deadhorse Canyon, in one unique opportunity for stewardship and pedestrian activities. The neighborhood plan called for improved water front access, and this project is a key development in the overall goal.	Jun 27, 2013 11:04 PM
7	I do agree that the concerns over increased crime/nuisance are likely not going to play out. While criminals may like seclusion and no eyes on them, they don't seem likely to want to go out of their way by parking at Lakeridge Playfield and walking across Rainier to commit their crimes, and even less likely to walk or	Jun 27, 2013 9:52 PM

Page 3, Q7. Anything else you'd like to share with us?

bicycle to Taylor Creek. Before this project came up, I had already been dreaming about ways to get some Lake access in our area that connected closely to the different staircases that go down to Rainier Ave from the neighborhood. I had looked at which spots were actually publicly owned, and none of the sites looked like they would be easy to make happen. This by far, is the best local spot that would give us Lake access.

8	The stream (Taylor Creek) will be more visible and therefore have more interest from people. We have lived in the area since 1961 and walk to Dead Horse Canyon and takes relatives when visiting on the walk. The area in beautiful and one of the few places in Seattle without traffic noise. The opening of Traylor Creek will be wonderful.	Jun 27, 2013 3:49 PM
9	I would vote for a no-dogs-allowed policy (at least during runs) and "No foraging" signage (perhaps in a few languages)---I lived on Ravenna Park for years and every year, I saw people walking up (in) the creeks with big baskets picking some sort of greens along the creek beds (water cress or something similar). I also wonder if any consideration has been done to include local Native Americans in this evaluation process. I remember hearing about a ritual to welcome the salmon done in Calif around a restoration project and think it would be wonderful to have the NA voice in here somewhere. Thank you for a well-done report.	Jun 27, 2013 2:56 PM
10	I can't wait to take my kids to watch the salmon run up stream!	Jun 27, 2013 12:04 PM
11	Interested in how maintenance and policing costs will be funded long term.	Jun 26, 2013 1:07 PM
12	Low vegetation and maintenance. Must control traffic on Rainier to ensure safety of residents and guests. Would not be opposed to redoing entrance to neighbor to make it safer for ingress and egress.	Jun 26, 2013 12:43 PM
13	While we support public access to the lake, it needs to be in larger areas with regular service for maintenance. Parking and safety considerations need to be more seriously considered. Property owners will suffer if this land is accessible. We are abused by the public as it is today. This would make it worse.	Jun 26, 2013 10:06 AM
14	Thank you for your efforts to provide a well thought out study and evaluation - and for your efforts to coordinate between Seattle Public Utilities, Parks, Transportation, and other Seattle departments. Please proceed with a coordinated project that encompasses the strengths and resources of the multiple city departments! Thanks for an informative and well-organized open house!	Jun 25, 2013 11:00 PM
15	Sell the land once property values come back and use the money for more worth while projects.	Jun 25, 2013 10:23 PM
16	By preventing access you are really giving exclusive access to those that border it since who would be around to report it?	Jun 24, 2013 7:49 PM
17	There are specific access options that are beneficial to providing effective educational opportunities for school children and I would love the opportunity to talk about them with you further.	Jun 24, 2013 10:14 AM

Page 3, Q7. Anything else you'd like to share with us?

18	Thank you for doing this! This is what makes Seattle special.	Jun 23, 2013 8:50 PM
19	Do you know anything about the property at [address]? It has a "deck" on the lake, lots of signs to keep out, and "property of seattle public utilities." I would love to see this become shoreline access.	Jun 23, 2013 7:52 PM
20	Thanks!!!	Jun 23, 2013 6:43 PM
21	The open house at Rainier Beach VFW was good, and the written material supplied was thoroughly researched, leaving us with a very favorable impression.	Jun 20, 2013 4:06 PM
22	A good land scaping & path is both in/out of project to discourage people from trespassing, parking on private property. Rout creek through ball field not under builds.	Jun 20, 2013 4:02 PM
23	Please make it pet friendly	Jun 20, 2013 3:00 PM
24	*Traffic light @ Rainier & Thatcher *Speed bumps on 68th Street. This will help with the safety of visitors and insure happiness of residents.	Jun 20, 2013 2:59 PM
25	I would like to see the street ends opened as well to make the pedestrian experience on Rainier maximally enjoyable!	Jun 20, 2013 2:49 PM
26	By adding fencing & perhaps hedges/shrubs along fenced boundaries - don't think it will be a huge security issue for neighbors. Most people probably will only visit for a short time without any seating or tables.	Jun 19, 2013 5:03 PM
27	I run & walk in Dead Horse Canyon & near Taylor Creek multiple times weekly. This is a great project!	Jun 19, 2013 4:54 PM
28	Open access will allow the community to keep an eye on the park, the other options mean that the only people in the park are criminals.	Jun 19, 2013 4:49 PM
29	The Rainier Beach Neighborhood needs all the help it can get. Parks help	Jun 19, 2013 4:43 PM
30	Help support our community!	Jun 19, 2013 4:39 PM
31	I live across from the lake	Jun 19, 2013 4:35 PM
32	Rainier Beach needs a park right on the lake - even if it is small.	Jun 19, 2013 4:30 PM
33	We're excited about the project and can not wait for final plans & the work to commence.	Jun 19, 2013 3:02 PM
34	My priority would be plan that maximizes fish return to Dead Horse Canyon.	Jun 19, 2013 1:02 PM
35	I am overwhelmed at the options available. And a bit frustrated/disappointed. The very knowledgeable folks here almost out number we visitors! I understand clearly the city wants to involve neighbors, but so many studies and analysis.	Jun 19, 2013 12:55 PM
36	As soon as Kubuta Garden & Dead Horse Canyon were improved more people in the neighborhood used the parks. The neighborhood needs more parks.	Jun 19, 2013 10:23 AM

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37	As plans develop for the park, we would greatly appreciate the ability to have feedback/input, particularly as it relates to vegetation. We hope for consideration with low growth plants, shrubs, etc to support the salmon and to minimize the impact on our property.	Jun 18, 2013 4:59 PM
38	If you end up with open access, please do your best to include educational signage and be prepared to replace it when it is tagged. Education is more important than mere diversion in this case.	Jun 10, 2013 5:16 PM

Page 3, Q8. Tell us about yourself.

1	I live near Dead Horse Canyon, near Taylor Creek	Jun 27, 2013 9:52 PM
2	Rustic Road	Jun 27, 2013 3:24 PM
3	What's "near" - we're Upper RB, along Dead Horse Canyon	Jun 24, 2013 7:36 PM
4	IslandWood's Homewaters program will be providing educational opportunities at Taylor Creek.	Jun 24, 2013 10:14 AM
5	Lakeridge	Jun 20, 2013 4:06 PM
6	[Address]	Jun 20, 2013 2:59 PM
7	I would say I live within walking distance	Jun 20, 2013 2:49 PM
8	Live in Rainier Beach Community close to Dead Horse Canyon	Jun 19, 2013 4:30 PM
9	Cornell & Woodley (Bryn Mar)	Jun 19, 2013 12:55 PM
10	Renton	Jun 12, 2013 12:29 PM
11	I do restoration work in Lakeridge Park	Jun 10, 2013 8:11 PM