



## CHEASTY MOUNTAIN BIKE PILOT PROJECT

Jefferson Community Center  
Public Meeting – March 25, 2014

Information: On-line: [http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/cheasty/gs\\_bike\\_trail.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/cheasty/gs_bike_trail.htm)  
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Community proposal: <http://www.beaconbikepark.com/>

### Pilot Project

- Disappointed for specific use – Bikes
- Green space –
- Public Process – First time residences – Heard of project
- Thanks to organizer of bike project – not a specific use – Park for everyone!
- Erosion control – trail construction – Bring community together – great opportunity for Seattle
- Agrees that green space need cleaning – Bikes limit use!
- Friends of Cheasty – no parking – Access – large amount of people, animals. Voted for green space not Mt. Bikes. “Saying it’s a done deal.”
- Pedestrian access – ensure access to school. Kimbell School children walking/access. Eco sensitive area – support restoration.
- Is there a plan for parking? - No parking plan – not an attraction - Disturbs park.
- Where to volunteer – “How many actually volunteer” – “Yes”
- 98108 = 20+ at meeting
- For Mt. Bikes only - ? Build it in your own neighborhood!
- 98108 – Mt. Bikes are in favor
- Mt. Baker station – rezone – wash station
- Run through Cheasty – want to use the bike project – work as a naturalist – get support in our community – Department of Neighborhoods – e.g. food forest; would have had more support if it was a community driven project.
- If this doesn’t work out – then what will Parks Department do, make it whole/restore the greenbelt?
- Pilot project – Parks support project – review - internal/Board – public process – monitor wildlife measurement impact – Seattle and – as monitor partner.
- Wildlife baseline
- If project false/“Does not work” – Parks will take responsibility.
- Bikes in – natural areas – Parks policies.
- When will project start? Bikes need funding

- Plants - start planting – next month
- 4 coyotes in greenbelt
- Bikes will harm trees – better design for bike on Beacon Hill
- Keep it natural – against project
- Mt. Bikes – like the idea – more process for community input – needs to be clear.
- Volunteer at Cheasty – clean-up. Tough for her – wants to get kids involved. Process really bothers her.
- Need better process – feels like it's a "done deal" really bothers her.
- Seattle is a great place to do things outside – really excited about this opportunity – Rising kids trails – environment, community building.
- Birds – coming back in green space.
- This land was saved for wildlife – Breach of trust!
- If don't go through, land stays green space – forest area Cheasty restoration. Two end of Beacon Hill current in restoration – (north and south) – up to the community.
- In 98108 – Head of restoration – would be wonderful to get access to restore – forest. Walked forest – 7 years of restoration – bad need!
- Not enough to make a healthy forest – resources
- Concerned about pedestrian-walkers/trails – 98108.
- Invite public to go look at a evergreen bikes park – wildlife is there – share with walkers
- Opportunity – good family fun – process.....be better!
- Pilot project – could be suggested by Park forest steward.
- Greenbelt – remove the Douglas Fir trees and allow sun light!
- 98112 – Mt. Bike – evergreen trails – Lots of planning – Central District
- Process – kids to school
- Number 1 thing Parks brings is resources to kids – to be outdoors.
- Mt. Bike coach – Lots of rewards teaching kids Mt. Bikes – in wildlife areas – give back - kids build trails – Birthday parties are now trail building parties.
- Greg – lives adjacent to park – wants healthy forest. Is restoration only for Mt. Bike area? Is proposal plan (yes).
- Serves a certain class – special interest group.
- Sneaky in the process – only do restoration – community would agree.
- One of Cheasty greenbelt group committed to restore all of Cheasty Greenbelt.
- Mt. View group – great amount of work – more birds in restored areas.
- Room for public process
- Restoration pads – Great opportunity to get things done at Cheasty.
- Working with friends of Cheasty – members – projects is coming from Cheasty community – restores the forest – main reason.
- Bike project could bring good to the community/green space.
- Welcome a project like this – good opportunity.

- Not an anti-bike person – (Duthie Hill Park - King County Park). Built by Evergreen for Mt. Bike. “Why are we giving up Cheasty to Mt. Bikes?” Concerned of signs “for Mt. Bikes.”
- Walking areas being pushed out.
- Not a bike park!
- “Who did that” – Cheasty Bike Path?” “Natural critical area was not mentioned.” Won’t be a natural area – Process not done honestly – Concerned about kids getting hurt.

There will be another public meeting within 2 months...