



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 02, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Meeting Location: In Person and Virtual / Zoom
17425 Ballinger Way NE Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

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The meeting is being recorded.

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. REVIEW / APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A. February 24, 2026 PRAB Minutes

5. BUSINESS

- Lakefront Park Update and Design Discussion with Consultant
- Blue Heron Park Updates

- eNews Article Submission for May
- 2026 Community Events
- Votes for Chair and Vice-Chair (or Co-Chair)
- Other

[A.](#) Facet PowerPoint for Lakefront Park Project Discussion and Updates

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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7. ADJOURN

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**City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
February 24, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Dittman, Linda Holman, Maurice Jones Jr, Steve Feth, Mike Veteransneck

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Cory Mattson – Community Programs Planner

Matt Mulinberg – Councilmember

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Joshua Anderson – LFP Business Owner

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Round Table of Introductions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Linda motioned to approve the agenda, Steve seconded the motion to approve, the agenda was approved unanimously.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Linda motioned to approve the January Meeting Minutes, Steve seconded the motion to approve, the minutes were approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

- **Park Board Meeting Time and Day**
Park Board agreed to try out meeting the first Thursday of the month at 4:00PM. Next PRAB meeting will take place April 2, 2026, 4:00PM.
- **Blue Heron Park Project Update**
Group is continuing to do cleanup of the park, focusing on two planting bed areas and invasive removal in general. Linda is looking to meet with a restoration specialist to chat more. The Blue Heron Project received a grant with King County Parks of \$10,000 to get started. Interact and climate action kids are helping out on the project. Work Parties are taking place the second Saturday 9:00AM to Noon.

- **Lakefront Park Project Updates and History Sign Project**

Board discussed the project and agreed on the following possible topics to look at for including pictures and history signage into the Park Project.

- Water Recreation
- Railroad/Burke Gilman Trail
- The Gates Family (with highlighting Pearl)
- History of people who stayed on site in cabins
- Industry of the Lake Washington – Steamboats/Ferry system
- Lowering the Lake – Ballard Locks
- Morris Family – Acknowledge of the Preserve Property
- Indigenous Community
- Building History
- Founder Families of LFP? – Original Houses

- **Other**

Tyler let the Board know the presentation to Council on what the Board completed in 2025 and plans for the upcoming 2026 year went well and were appreciative of the Boards contributions.

Board discussed that each month someone bring a Park news article monthly for the board to review to get into City social media and eNews, will start in April and assign each meeting for the following month.

Cory will look back into the Yoga in the Park requirements and report back to get a series going this year. Board will also discuss 2026 Community Events Calendar next meeting for Board to discuss as a group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN: 8:05 PM

Lake Forest Park Lakefront Improvements

Design, Engineering, Environmental, and Permitting

Schedule

Phase 2 – Design & Permitting

Completed:

- Early Works Demolition / Design & Construction
- Design Development (50%)
- Construction Documentation (70%)

In progress:

- Permitting – local, state, federal
 - Awaiting – land use permit approval, inc. hearing examiner decision and conditions

Next steps:

- Construction Documentation (100%)
- IFC / Bid Set
- Bidding and award
- Future work:
 - Construction and Construction Administration (Phase 3)

Agenda

Placemaking & Interpretation

Themes

- Review themes
- Integrate PRAB topics

Exhibits

- Review prior draft
- Refine designs, inc. topic integration
- Options for content expansion

Naming

- (Cory)

Next steps:

- Content gathering
- Draft submittal at next design milestone
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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

● This main theme resonates with me the most.

Section 5, Item A.

●● These subthemes should be featured strongest in the park's interpretation.

main

INTERPRETIVE THEME:

- Reconciliation work begins by acknowledging past damage done to communities and ecosystems connected to this site.

INTERPRETIVE THEME:

- By better understanding the natural systems connected to this shoreline, people can restore those systems to more self-sufficient conditions.

INTERPRETIVE THEME:

- Throughout history, people have connected with each other and the environment through their presence and activities near the lakeshore.

secondary

SUBTHEMES:

- ▶ Indigenous knowledge of this place is critical to the resilience of the watershed.
- ▶ Lake lowering and development displaced communities and damaged the environment.
- ▶ All people who visit this park can make movements toward peace and restored relationships with each other and with the earth.

SUBTHEME:

- ▶ Current restoration strategies are bringing back the wildlife community.

SUBTHEMES:

- ▶ Social gathering and leisure activities support personal connections and build community culture.
- ▶ Outdoor experiences and nature immersion foster mental and physical wellbeing.
- ▶ Contemporary activities can contribute positively to Lake Forest Park's long history as a destination for lakefront leisure and recreation.

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from public comments

from PRAB

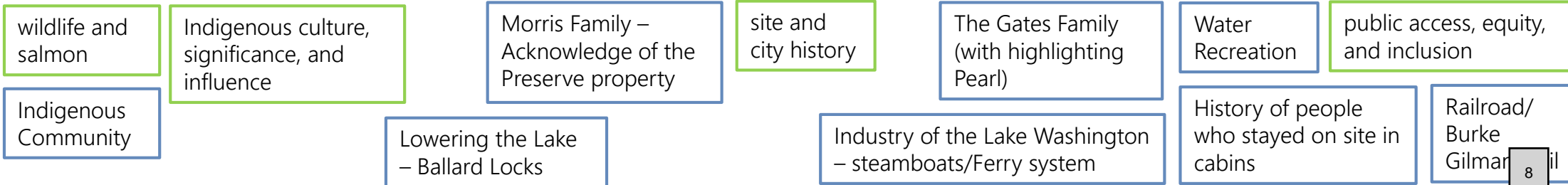


Exhibit 1 Historic Lake Level Markers

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wildlife and salmon Lowering the Lake – Ballard Locks Water Recreation

Indigenous Community public access, equity, and inclusion

site and city history Industry of the Lake Washington – steamboats/Ferry system

Exhibit 2 Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

INTERPRETIVE THEME:

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SUBTHEME:

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wildlife and salmon Indigenous culture, significance, and influence

Lowering the Lake – Ballard Locks site and city history

Exhibit 3 Historical Viewpoints

Section 5, Item A.

INTERPRETIVE THEME:

Throughout history, people have connected with each other and the environment through their presence and activities near the lakeshore.

SUBTHEMES:

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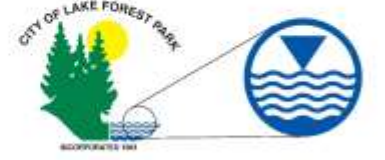
The Gates Family (with highlighting Pearl) Industry of the Lake Washington – steamboats/Ferry system

Morris Family – Acknowledge of the Preserve property History of people who stayed on site in cabins Railroad/Burke Gilman

30% Concepts

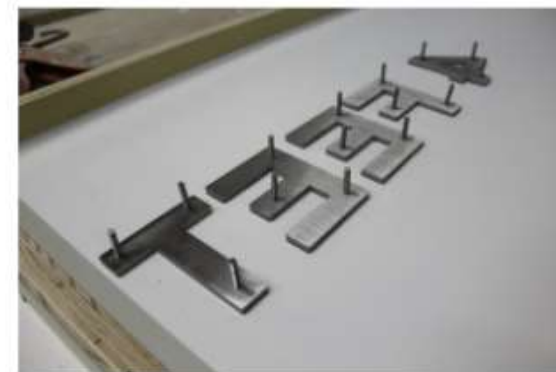
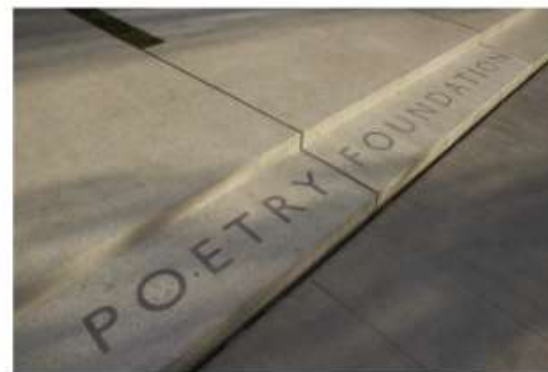
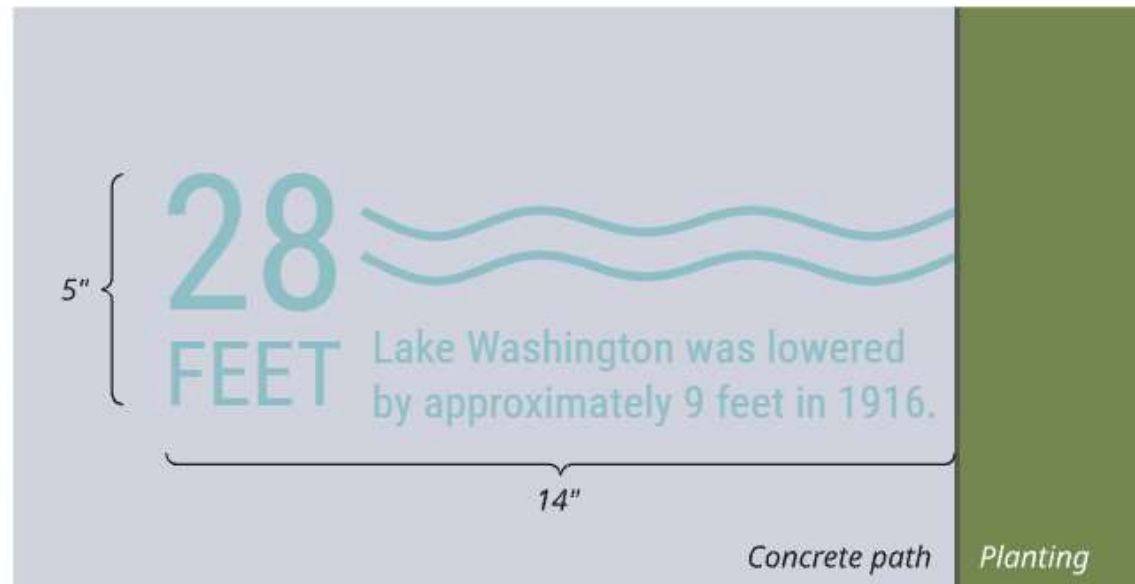
Historic Lake Level Markers

Exhibit 1



Park Identity & Interpretation







Corten steel

Raised letters, text, and wavy lines made of blue metal



Dimensions = standard size of a brick

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Exhibit 1

Lowering the Lake – Ballard Locks. The creation of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and the lowering of Lake Washington had a major impact on the landscape and ecosystem. The project lowered the lake by nearly 9 feet, dramatically remaking the lakeshore.

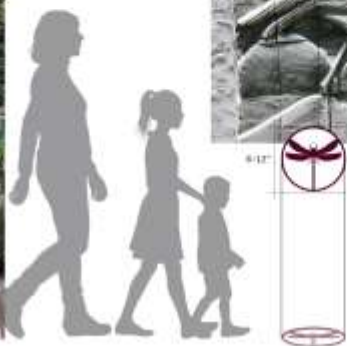
Industry of Lake Washington, steamboats/ferry system. Lake Washington's ferries operated from about 1876 to 1951. Until the 1910s, 'Mosquito Fleets' carried passengers to emerging cities along the lakeshore, including Lake Forest Park. The lowering of the lake in 1916 reshaped the shoreline, altering shipping docks and ferry terminals.

Water Recreation. Lake Washington is a community center, and water recreation at different lake levels is an important aspect of the site's history and future.

30% Concepts

Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

Exhibit 2



 Park Identity & Interpretation



Art Concept



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Exhibit 2

Indigenous Community. Indigenous knowledge of this place is critical to the resilience of the watershed. Many plants and animals found on the site have ethnobotanical and cultural significance.

Candidate fauna species:

- Chinook Salmon
- Kokanee Salmon
- Pacific tree frog
- River otter
- Beaver
- Great blue heron

Candidate flora:

- Western redcedar
- Camas
- Salal
- Salmonberry

Suggested content:

- Name – original, scientific, common
- Distinguishing characteristic
- Critical habitat needs
- Species interdependencies
- Evidence – song, tracks, scat, nest, seed pod

30% Concepts

Historical Viewpoints

Exhibit 3



Park Identity & Interpretation



Exhibit 3 Historical Viewpoints

Railroad/Burke Gilman Trail. John Fish's logging railroad was built along Lyon Creek in 1901.

The Gates Family (with highlighting Pearl). The original house was built by Pearl Gates Hagar around 1930.

History of people who stayed on site in cabins. Pearl Gates Hagar rented the five cabins on her property primarily to educators.

Morris Family – Acknowledge of the Preserve property. The Morris family lived on the property from 1944 until they donated it to the City of Lake Forest Park in 1998.

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Historical Viewpoints

Exhibit 3



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Leisure on the Lakefront

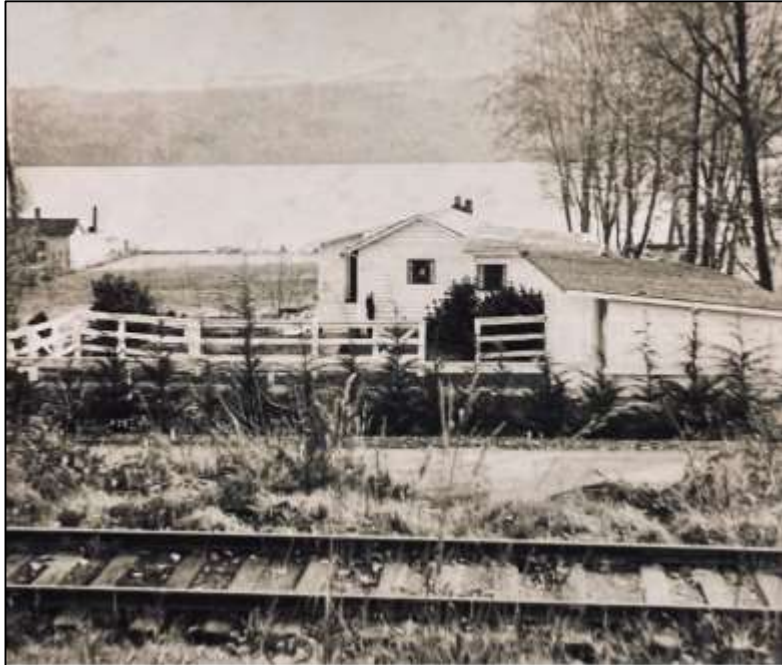
1910



Throughout history, people have connected with the environment through lakefront recreation. This photo was used in a promotional brochure for summer camping.

6"

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The Logging Railroad

1948



A railroad was built along Lyon Creek to support the region's growing logging industry. The Burke Gilman Trail now runs along these railroad tracks.

3



The Gates Family

1932



This property was originally part of land owned by William Gates Sr. and later developed by his daughter, Pearl Gates Hagar. Pearl built the original house between 1929–1932.

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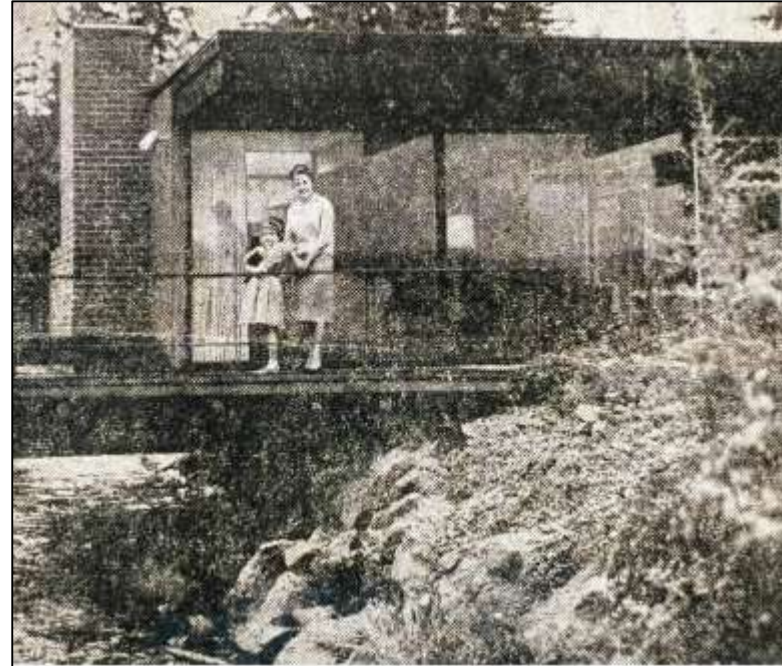


Five Educator Cabins 1932



Five cabins were built on this property between 1929 to 1932, each with a yard and view of the water. Pearl Gates Hagar rented the cabins primarily to schoolteachers.

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The Morris's Modern Home 1961



Nancy and Marcia Morris view Lyon Creek from the deck of their midcentury modern home. The Morris family donated this property to the City of Lake Forest Park in 1998.

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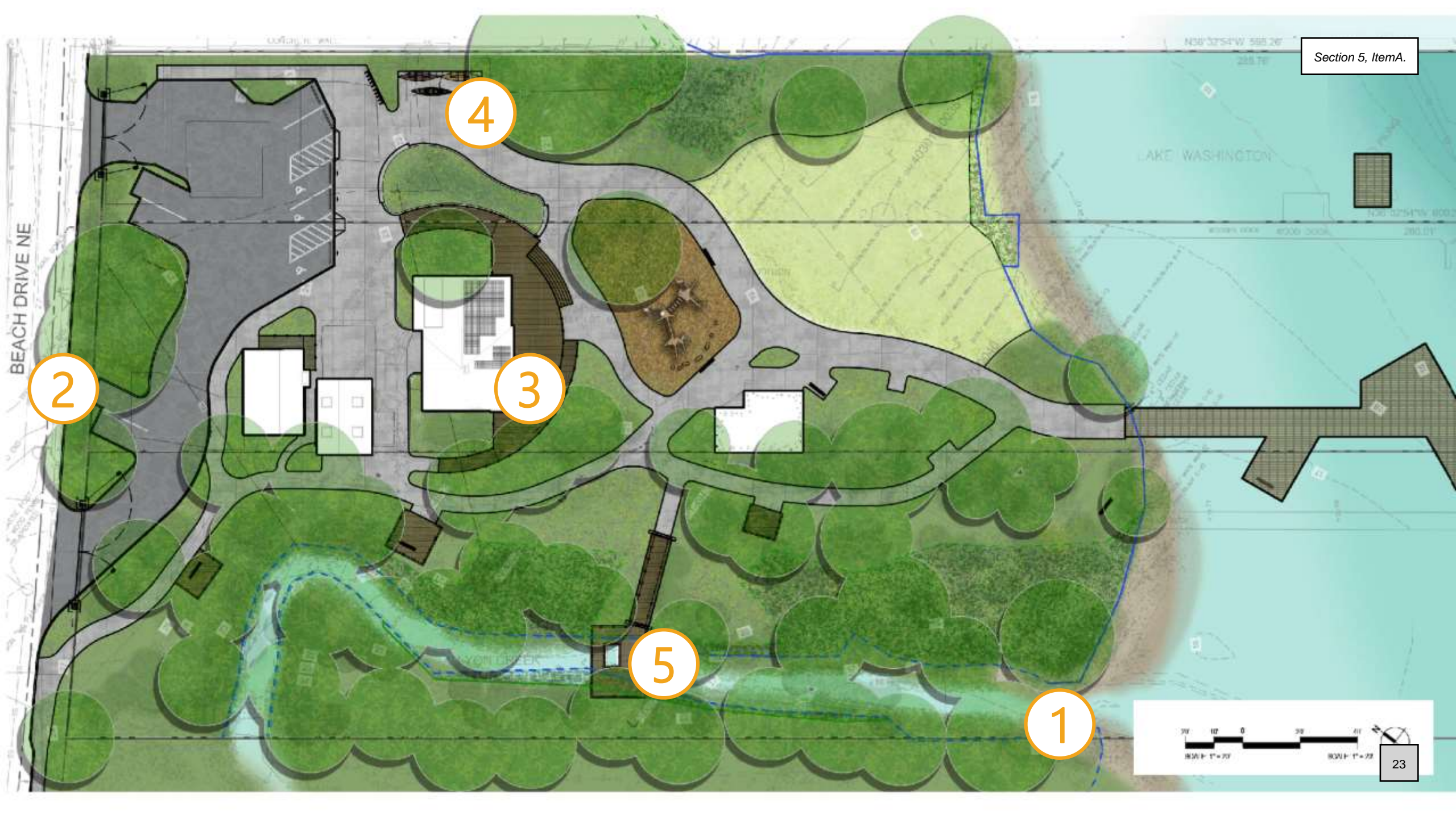
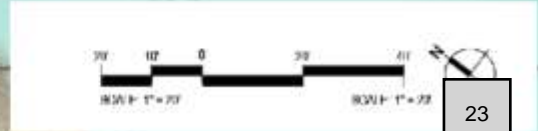
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