

June 26, 1996

INTRODUCED BY LOUISE MILLER

PROPOSED NO. 96-557

MOTION NO. **9935**

A MOTION related to the King County Park and Open Space System; adopting the Lake Joy Park Program Plan as a guide for volunteer improvements.

WHEREAS, in 1937 King County accepted a dedication of approximately 3,000 square feet as public access on Lake Joy , and

WHEREAS, sections of an existing desire path to the Lake edge have become unusable due to a high water table and a meandering stream, and

WHEREAS, in February 1995 the surface water management division awarded a \$5,000 grant for a volunteer project at Lake Joy under the Community Stewardship Program in Waterways 2000 to stabilize the desire path and construct a boardwalk, and

WHEREAS, at two public meetings in November 1995 and February 1996 the Lake Joy community expressed concerns regarding trespassing, illegal dumping and other illegal and inappropriate behavior by Lake Joy Park users.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The attached Lake Joy Park Program Plan narrative and graphic are hereby adopted.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this day of 1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY WASHINGTON

Gene Hague
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

Attachment: Lake Joy Park Site Plan

Lake Joy Park Site Plan

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Introduction:

The purpose of this site plan is to formalize the volunteer project enhancements to this undeveloped neighborhood park. Due to the park's small size (approximately 0.8 acre) and sensitive natural features it has served local Lake Joy Community residents within walking distance. This plat was dedicated to the King County Parks System in 1937 by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company and is located at 350 & East Lake Joy Road, Carnation, Washington. Park dimensions are approximately 100' wide x 300' deep with a meandering unclassified stream flowing through a class 1 wooded wetland.

Currently, users of the undeveloped park can enjoy walking along an existing desire path to the lakefront for views of Lake Joy. Sections of the path become mucky during wet periods of the year causing users to deviate from the path and trespass onto drier neighboring property in order to view the lake. Earlier this year the Parks System installed chain-link fencing along the north park boundary to discourage trespassing onto the adjacent private property. Over the years, this site has experienced some misuses that include illegal dumping, use after dusk and disturbances of the stream and sensitive habitat features.

Enhancements:

Volunteers will work to stabilize the existing 48" wide desire path with curb logs, geotextiles, and crushed rock or wood chips to encourage park visitors to stay on the trail and for soil stability. An approximately 100' boardwalk will be built over the mucky areas of the existing trail in order to protect the natural features of the site and discourage trespassing onto neighboring properties. Interpretive signage providing educational information on lakes and wetlands will be installed away from the roadside and near the trail. Native vegetation will be planted at the northwest park boundary to increase the natural physical and privacy buffer for the neighboring property owner. To screen the site from the road, additional native vegetation will be planted along the park where it borders East Lake Joy Drive. The Adopt A Park Program will work with interested Lake Joy Community residents in helping to maintain and steward the site over the long term.

Conclusion:

The King County Park System's concept for Lake Joy Park is as a passive, natural resource based neighborhood park. This very small site is not intended to be a long distance destination park and therefore will not have on-site parking, restrooms, docks, or other amenities that would be more appropriately provided at larger waterfront locations. The Parks System plans to preserve this site by working together with volunteers in the Adopt A Park Program. This partnership will encourage the appreciation and preservation of the sensitive natural areas of the park, improving privacy for adjacent property owners and promoting education and stewardship of the site by local residents.

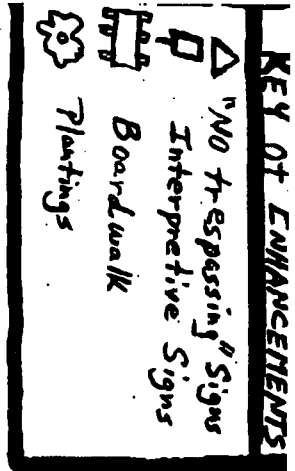
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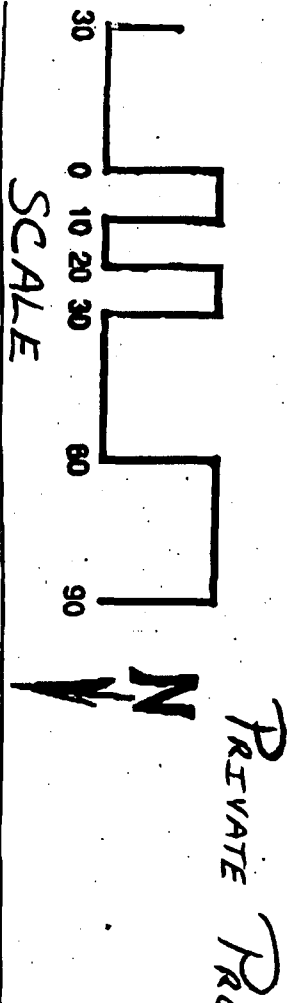
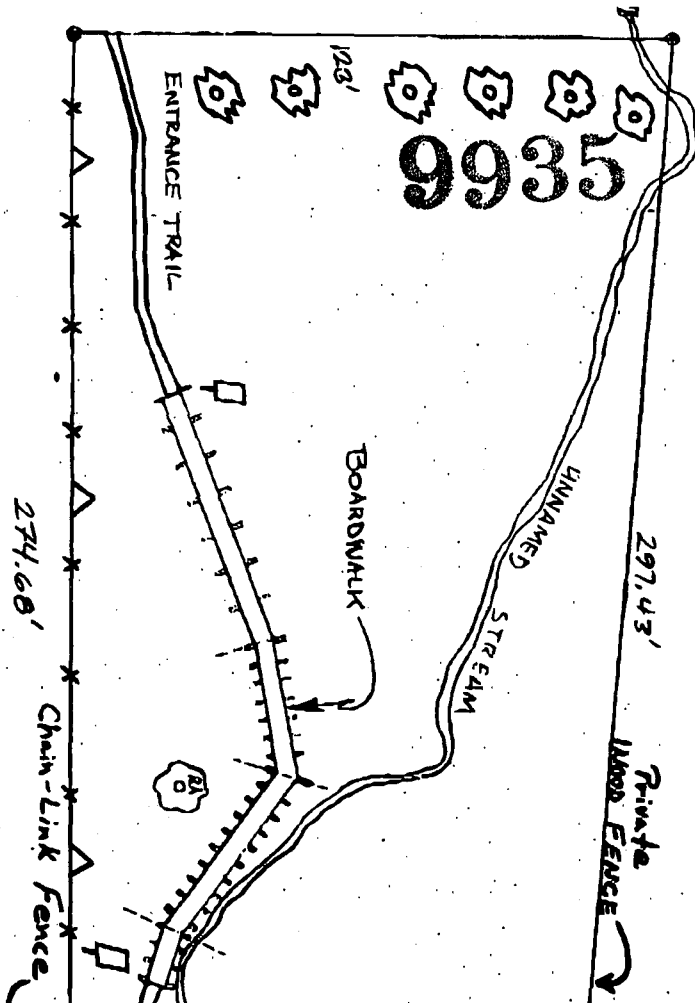
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Lake Joy Site Plan Overview

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- February 1995** Surface Water Management (SWM)
Community Stewardship Grant Awarded
- Permit process begins for project.
- October 1995** Project Begins To Evolve
Changes are made to project after public comments are made (through letters received) and a site visit made by SWM. Park's maintenance responds to trespassing issues by erecting a fence on north park boundary.
- November 1995** 1ST Open House
Facilitator hired by SWM. Various questions and concerns by lakefront property owners expressed along with support for project by nonlakefront property owners. SWM & Parks promise to research information to questions and report back to community.
- Louise Miller's aide, Monica Clark, attends meeting and reports to Parks that after a briefing with Louise that Councilmember Miller supports the project.
- February 1996** 2ND Open House
SWM & Parks show final product of volunteer project after it's evolution with public input and reports back on questions that needed researched from first meeting. Lake front property owners ask for a guarantee of no more development on property. Parks promises to do a site plan and mail it with the answers to questions concerning the project.
- Linda Dougherty and Parker Xander meet with Louise Miller and her aide to show final project plan and coordinate site plan being sent to Utilities & Natural Resources Committee for adoption.
- April 1996** Site Plan sent to Program Development and Land Management
- May 1996** Mailing sent to Lake Joy residents. Mailing includes: Site plan and a cover letter stating that this is Parks final plan for the site and thanking residents for their input which enhanced park & project. The written answers to their questions will also be included.

Note: Louise Miller is expecting this site plan so timing is crucial. If there are citizens who want to speak at the committee meeting please keep us informed so we can make sure there is a balance set of views represented. We do have a mailing list. Thank you!