

- Last year the Issaquah School Board inquired if any new sports should be introduced for students. As a former rower who started in high school and rowed through college and well into adulthood I proposed crew be added. In looking at how this could be accomplished I realized there is no facility close enough that would provide this opportunity. Lake Sammamish Rowing Club is located at the north end of the lake and is not conducive to students getting to, especially those who attend and feed into Liberty HS. One solution would be to row out of the State Park. I am not aware of the impact this would make on the park or how this would work. My question is would this be something that's would be considered? I am from Detroit, MI and rowed out of the Detroit Boat Club which is located on a State Park property known as Belle Island. Therefore the concept of a club on a State Park land is not foreign and I believe would be a great success give. The rich history of rowing in the greater Seattle area and the lack of facility near Issaquah. I look forward more to hearing a reply. Thanks.
- Outdoor spray park: Would be awesome to have elaborate outdoor spray park with a variety of interactive play features (buckets, multiple players' sprayers, slide etc). Would be nice to have large grassy picnic area around the spray park where parents can relax watching their kids play and socialize with other kids. Splash park can be turned on manually by anyone for a set time for water preservation.
- When considering an update to the master plan, I would urge you to consider the success of the business that already has the kayak rental and concession at swim beach. Kayak Academy has brought quite a lot of business to the park, has provided excellent service to both recreationalists and serious boaters, and they are a small, family owned business that should have first right of refusal on the contract. They also should be a part of the infrastructure plan for swim beach, as they know firsthand what would work there and how the erosion has impacted that area
- The proposed area for the retreat center would be disasterous to the wildlife that depend on this land. Hopefully as more research is done, it will be determined that it is essential to not build the retreat center here. Thank you.
- We live near Lake Sammamish SP. Our family plays disc golf, and we noticed that the nearest disc golf courses are 30 minutes away -- in Carnation or Bothell. It seems like Lake Sammamish SP would be an excellent location for a disc golf course. Disc golf courses are a wonderful, low impact way to attract a wider community to natural spaces. Please email me if you need more information. We are connected with the community and could help find a course designer if need be
- The Hans Jensen Group Camp at Lake Sammamish State Park contains the most highly-concentrated wildlife that we at the Conservation College has ever studied in the Puget Sound region, outside of wilderness areas and saltwater preserves.

Reasons for this may include it being a corridor between the mountains and Lake Sammamish, with tree “snags” left untouched, providing myriad habitat for the smallest of creatures feeding bigger animals the food chain. We have documented two bear dens on the site, one on each side of Laughing Jacobs Creek. We regularly observe bobcats hunting rabbits after sunrise. We’ve documented cougar scratching posts. We bring students up to experience the most prolific owl nest (hundreds of pellets surrounding an old Big Leaf Maple tree) we have ever found in our 25 years of work. We have found no better place to teach animal-tracking “sign” in a forested setting. Our list of highly-concentrated wildlife sign is extensive, and we plan to map wildlife sign on the property while teaching there this summer. Further, we are on a 100+ member list of conservation groups monitoring critically-endangered Kokanee (Sockeye Salmon) numbers in Lake Sammamish. Hans Jensen’s Laughing Jacobs Creek is reported to be one of only 3 streams where Kokanee spawn, and only 7 of them were found to have returned this past fall. I will defer more comments on that crisis to the Snoqualmie Tribe, Trout Unlimited, and other experts with full-time biologists specializing on Lake Sammamish and its Kokanee. But practically speaking, it would seem that none will endorse any development on the Hans Jensen site on the level of the 2007 proposed retreat center. Hans Jensen Group Camp brings in somewhere between \$200 and \$800 per day to Lake Sammamish State Park from summer camps and other groups which rent it, depending on number of people/day on site. The park currently only allows rentals from May-October because the site is too wet during the rainy season. This is clear testament to the inconsistency of a retreat center on the property. However, if a wetlands delineation were conducted, there may be some unforested areas of the property which may be suitable for enhancing substrate to tolerate wintertime use, thereby increasing revenue to be year-round. There are also “improvements” like invasive species removal, open space shading, erosion control, and perhaps a small elevated building could be considered outside of riparian and forested zones to serve as a wintertime education center, or if placed near East Lake Sammamish Pkwy, as a year-round place to escape increasing traffic noise which plagues the lower field during commuting hours. There are also other zero-impact ideas for increasing revenues with the Hans Jensen Group Camp, and further, the Conservation College is open to looking at future contractual partnership with the state to provide year-round lease income as we transition the Conservation College to Issaquah where the majority of our clientele reside. The Hans Jensen entrance driveway would also need to be expensively improved (turn lanes, etc) by the city and state if a facility were built, because turning into and out of Hans Jensen has become extremely risky. We mitigate that risk by sending advanced, detailed driving instructions to camp parents. So far, we’ve had to respond to three accidents we noticed in the last two summers between the boat launch and Hans Jensen entrances which are located exactly across the Parkway from one another. Instead of a retreat

center, we suggest the property become part of the trail system between Lake Sammamish and the East Plateau Trail, with trailside interpretive markers and a pedestrian/wildlife overpass (or additional fish underpass) connecting Hans Jensen to the boat launch. Currently, it is nearly impossible to safely cross the Parkway there anytime during daylight hours, so another way to increase use of Hans Jensen would be to have people park by the boat launch (usually is plenty of parking on that side next to the parkway away from the boat trailer area) and walk over to a Hans Jensen - East Plateau Trail via an over/underpass. We have also responded to two vehicle vs. deer kills next to the Hans Jensen entrance. Having a wildlife over/underpass would increase healthy wildlife (and human outdoor) connections between Lake Sammamish and the Cascade foothills. My final comment is about a couple enhancements to the Master Plan meetings. One suggestion is that before asking people to "vote" on whether a concept is consistent with the mission of the park, that the meeting facilitator give one minute to a person to speak on positives about an idea, and one minute to a person to point out problems with an idea. At the first meeting on March 29th, by the time we realized that there was even a Hans Jensen retreat center concept poster-board where people could "vote," other people in attendance had placed several red dots on the "yes" side of the retreat center concept proposal, I would guess most without ever having stepped foot on the Hans Jensen site since so few members of the public go there. My other meeting suggestion is that word needs to be spread about the next meeting to more local users of the park, and therefore a larger meeting space should be secured. Thanks so much for running a great meeting yesterday, and for opening this process to public input.

- I would like to keep part of the "wildness" of the park - that is part of the charm. It would be wonderful to have a leash free dog park.