

Parks & Trails

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Attending: Walt Elliott and Bobbie Moore, Joel and LeLe Schwarcz, Karl Compton, Joe Lubischer, Shep Griswold, Carol Price, Bill Beaudoin

1. What do you believe is the problem we are trying to solve?

Describe the issue, problem, or challenge facing our community.

- Safe Bike Routes
- Walkability of Kingston, including to schools
- Improve wooded area in VG Metropolitan Park District to control invasives, and improve park trails
- Preserve natural areas within the 818 acres of land in NK Heritage Park
- Assure accessibility of quiet natural spaces such as Eglon Forest
- Within Parks, designate selected trails as dedicated to feet, paws, wheels or hooves
- Damage to PUD trails by motorcycles (install aesthetically appealing barriers)
- Safety of trails
- Safety of pedestrians crossing Hwy 104
- Invasive species eradication

Summary: Need Community Trails with Walkability, bikeability, access to natural spaces

2. What are some of the possible short term solutions (1-3 years) to the problem(s)?

- Establish a long term planning group to create a list of issues and work them, and perhaps establish a group for independent advocacy that partners with existing groups
- Apply for grants under State and Federal Safe Routes to Schools Program
- Update 2018 Trail Plan - Mark Libby will send out the 2018 Plan to the group
- Get attention of Public Works to address urban walkability and bikeability
 1. Develop addendum to Kitsap Plan, subarea Kingston Plan to address:
 1. Connecting current bike routes
 2. Participating in STO Study to address connectivity, source, and destinations, and we should participate public meetings
- Communications to officials and community members:
 1. Write letters and emails to appropriate officials (Public Works, commissioners) using a short template that could be shared with community neighbors
 2. Invite appropriate officials to local meetings to discuss issues and solutions

3. Write letter to the editor of the Kitsap County newspaper and Community News on a specific issue
 4. Write & Publish monthly column featuring a park or issue
 5. Post signs at the library, Village Green, grocery store and Post Office, to engage community in conversations and meetings about our concerns
 6. Conduct studies to better define problems (i.e.: speed on Barber CutOff Road)
 7. Conduct surveys to identify user priorities
 8. Provide better access to Parks and Trails plans and documents
 9. Develop a webpage for Parks and Trails
3. **What are some of the possible long term solutions (4-10 years) to the problem(s)?**
- State Goals and Trails Projects in KC Comp Plan. Include a set of local “Walkability” Assessments, Wish List and Plans for various regions in the more populated parts of the community. This information to be shared with the KC Non-Motorized Citizen Advisory Committee and the KC Parks Department.
 - Compile a matrix of previous TIPs submissions and track status
 - Track and publish progress on Goals and Projects
4. **How will the people and organizations represented here be involved in working on these solutions in 2022?**
- Communicate with one another via email
 - Each participant will be added to the KPTOS distribution list
 - Establish and distribute templates of letters to officials on issues discussed
 - Develop, post and maintain a website

How did you find out about the Community Conversations?

- This group was not asked about how each attendee found out about the Conversation.

Other thoughts/notes: