

Fort Williams Park Master Plan Update

Questionnaire

The following questionnaire has been developed to assist the Fort Williams Advisory Commission in updating the 2003 Master Plan. The Master Plan is a guide used for short and long term management and maintenance of the park. The plan identifies goals and objectives for maintaining park features, identifies needed improvements and management of the park.

The objective of the questionnaire is to obtain user input to identify user groups, passive and active recreation needs, perceived and real safety issues, opportunities for expanded use, economic opportunities to help defray the cost of maintaining the park and user comments.

Your responses will be kept confidential and will be tabulated with those of other respondents to form aggregate opinions.

1. How do you use the park? Please mark all answers that are relevant.

- Walking
- Dog Walking
- Running
- Passive Recreation
- Active Sports
- Beach Use
- Picnicking
- Playground
- Sight-Seeing

Other (please specify)

2. How do you access the park?

- Automobile
- Bicycle
- Walk/Run

Other (please specify)

3. How frequently do you use the park?

	Once	More than Once
Daily	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weekly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monthly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yearly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4. What areas of the park do you use the most? Select up to five areas and rank 1 through 5 according to frequency.

	Least Frequently				Most Frequently
Ship Cove Beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beach Picnic Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic Shelter Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Main Entry Meadow and Chapel Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goddard Mansion to Battery Keyes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cliff Walk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Portland Head Light Grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Green at Battery Garesche	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Pond to Parade Grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Former Officers Quarters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Battery Knoll Lawn Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Battery Blair	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Southwest Woodland Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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5. What do you like most about Fort Williams Park?

6. Do you have safety concerns in the use of the park?

- Yes
- No

If so, what concerns do you have?

7. What other type(s) of activities and/or resources would you like to see available at the park?

8. What type of conflicting uses, if any, have you experienced in using the park?

9. Do you feel the park has adequate parking?

- Yes
- No

If no, please specify

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10. Do you agree that the Town should increase revenue generated from the park to defray costs to manage and maintain it?

- Yes
- No

11. Should the Town consider expanding the opportunities to rent areas of the park for functions?

- Yes
- No

12. If you answered yes to the previous question, would you support the following options?

	Yes	No
Construct a second picnic structure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make additional areas available for rent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Utilize an Events Manager to promote and coordinate new revenue opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand food services beyond push carts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)		
<input type="text"/>		

13. Assuming available funding, should the Town consider the following improvements to the park?

	Yes	No
Construct or Convert an Existing Building into a Visitor Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make a Facility Available for Function Use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create Permanent Restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve Fortifications (Batteries)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve the Goddard Mansion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restore the Garden Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restore the Parade Ground Bleachers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)		
<input type="text"/>		

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14. Should renting of designated open areas and facilities be limited to regular established hours?

- Yes
- No

Comments

15. Should renting of open areas and facilities be limited to designated days during the year?

- Yes
- No

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16. If you answered Yes to the previous question, how often should areas of the park be made available?

- Daily
- Weekends Only
- May through October
- Established Schedule (only select dates)

Comments

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17. The goals of The Arboretum at Fort Williams Park include: eradication of invasive plants, restoration of native plants and habitat, volunteerism and community education. Are there other goals, or specific design elements, of the Arboretum that are of interest to you, i.e. formal gardens, childrens gardens, outdoor classrooms, etc.?

18. Do you feel that the park is well maintained?

Yes

No

Comments

19. Would you support Volunteer Days to help provide general maintenance and cleanup of the park to help defray maintenance costs?

Yes

No

Comments

20. What would you like to see remain unchanged about the park?

21. What is the single most important change that you would like to see at the park?

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22. What is your age range?

- Under 25
- 26 to 35
- 36 to 50
- 51 to 65
- Over 65

23. Are you a resident of Cape Elizabeth?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how long?

24. The Park is an important part of the community fabric for residents and visitors alike. Your opinion and comments are very important to maintaining the vitality of the park. Some key issues to consider are: maintenance, access, user needs, means of funding and financing maintenance of the park, etc. Please take a moment to offer your comments.

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