

Project Overview

Location / Context

Lacamas Park is located along Lacamas Creek below Lacamas Lake. The 297-acre county regional park property contains eight acres of developed recreational amenities (shelter, restrooms, picnic tables, parking and playground) at Round Lake and provides more than six miles of trails through the remainder of the wooded park land as guided by the 1980 park master plan. To the south, the City of Camas owns additional park land (Lacamas Creek Park) across the Lacamas Creek bridge connecting to NE 3rd Avenue and a small parking trailhead.

The Challenge

Over the years, enthusiastic trail users have created a number of unauthorized trails throughout the site. These trails were made without county involvement or review for compliance with environmental regulations. Existing unauthorized trails have not always respected sensitive ecological habitats and cannot be maintained by county parks staff under their current budget limitations. Some trail groups (including Washington Trails Association & Lacamas Trails Advocacy Group) have volunteered to help maintain and re-align existing trails to offset the shortfall of county labor forces. However, without review and acceptance of the additional trails, county parks cannot endorse trail work beyond the official trail network. The park could support the maintenance of “unofficial” trails and additional recreational trails if some process can be followed to establish and confirm sustainable alignments.

Anticipated Timeline

The study process could be completed within several months with proposed **draft** trail alignments and trail development &/or decommission targets available for review by the end of March 2016. Stewardship agreements could follow within two months to be completed by May or early summer. Potentially, volunteer trail crews could be at work on existing/endorsed trails and new/proposed trails before the summer season.

Lacamas Park Trail Planning Timeline	2015			2016		
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Project Initiation						
Communications/Proj. Mgt						
County/Camas Coord.						
Public Involvement						
Stakeholder contacts						
Public Stakeholders' Mtg						
Base Mapping/MP review						
Trail Design Criteria						
Trail Alignments						
Trail Mapping						
Trail MOU agreements						
Trail Crew(s) Activities						

Lacamas Park Trail Alignment Study

CLARK COUNTY PARKS
Stakeholder Meeting
January 11, 2016

