

Items for Further Discussion

Discussion of possibility of allowing multiple users on some or all trails.

Staff recommends holding a wider community conversation on the topic, as well as additional research into best-practices in other wilderness trail areas.

Single track cycling – possibility for Wilderness? Where could it be provided?

Staff recommends continued evaluation of where this activity, which is highly desired by many cyclists, might be provided in the future, but does not recommend it for Wilderness Park.

Development of a comprehensive sign plan for Wilderness.

This plan should include some sort of informational signage in parking and trailhead areas, as well as directional and locational signage within the park. Staff recommends additional research into successful signage plans in similar areas.

Encroaching vegetation on trail segments that will limit future mowing.

Staff has identified several areas where encroaching vegetation will limit mowing to this year alone and in some areas will likely only allow a single mowing this year. In almost all cases this is due to invasive shrubs and cedar growth. These areas need to be targeted for vegetation removal in order to maintain access for mowers and emergency vehicles.

Consideration of vacation of a segment of 1st Street and Calvert.

The potential of vacating a segment of S 1st Street, from the old Van Dorn Bridge to Calvert Street, and a portion of Calvert Street from the Epworth Parking Lot to the Day Camp entrance may provide an opportunity to regulate undesirable activity in the north end of the park. Staff would like to discuss and get input from the committee on this topic.