



CHEHALEM RIDGE NATURE PARK MASTER PLAN

Stakeholder Input

Web Intake, Phone Calls, Chicas Tour, Community Event #1

Comment Period: Project Initiation – Visioning (December 2015 – March 2016)

Public input is an essential component of the master plan process. Throughout the Chehalem Ridge Nature Park planning effort, a variety of opportunities will be made for the public to contribute information, share ideas, evaluate options, express concerns and ask questions.

Desired Uses

- Strong support for a variety of trails at Chehalem was heard.
- Trails for walking, hiking, running, and quietly enjoying nature.
- Trails for riding horses. Support facilities such as separated (single use) trails, dedicated parking facilities and and natural surface paths emphasized.
- Mountain biking facilities.
- Accessible trails to meet a wide range of abilities. A firm, well compacted surface is important to those with limited mobility.
- Access to accommodate visitors. Accommodations for vehicles (parking) and bicycle access.
- Camping including areas for schools or educational groups.
- The site is bound to become a bird watching hotspot for the region.
- A place for star viewing, away from city lights.
- Viewpoints.
- Support amenities: shelters, picnic areas, benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountain, restrooms.
- Bi- or multi-lingual information.
- A play area for kids.
- Dog walking.
- Quiet, peaceful areas for meditating and relaxing.

- Volunteer offers for habitat restoration and trail building work.

Education Interests

- Opportunities to learn about the plants, wildlife and restoration activities.
- Group areas for tours, schools and educational activities.
- Accommodations for buses.
- Outdoor school.
- Guided walks led by naturalists.
- Environmental education classroom or facility.
- A partner supported research facility.

Conservation Interests

- Multiple positive comments about the active restoration of the forest and streams.
- Keep the park as natural as possible with a minimum of development.
- Restore the site to native habitat.
- Minimize development of the site. Restore the area for the benefit of the wildlife.
- A very special and sacred place to visit. Visitors need to respect the site and Metro needs to actively manage it in order to keep environmental impacts to a minimum.

Questions and Concerns

- What is a nature park?
- Can we access the site now?
- Will there be tours and how can I sign up?
- Where will vehicle access occur?
- How will friction between activities be minimized?
- Will there be a place for walking dogs? How will the no pets policy be maintained?
- The nature park will be adjacent to agricultural fields. How will crop lands be protected?
- How will increased use affect medical calls and incidents of fire and accidents?
- How will crime and fires be controlled?
- Who will patrol the site?
- How is the work funded?