Point Defiance Park

The Next 100 Years: Protecting The Legacy

Preferred Concept Plan

February 2008

VISION - *To Develop a Plan for the Future while staying True to the Vision of the Past*

MISSION - *Achieve a balance of: Past, Present, and Future... Recreation, Leisure, Education, Conservation, Preservation, History, and Progress*

OBJECTIVES :

1. ***Preserve, respect, and enhance the integrity of the Park's history and natural beauty***
2. *Create an exceptional pedestrian environment*
3. *Enhance the visitor experience through education, recreation, leisure, and safety*
4. *Create a destination and gathering space*
5. *Provide financially sustainable opportunities to enhance revenue for maintenance and operations*
6. *Encourage water related / dependent activities*
7. *Complete missing link between Ruston Way and Point Defiance*

STRATEGIC PARKS AND PROGRAM SERVICES PLAN :

- *Provide accessible, convenient, safe and attractive parks and facilities.*
- *Support active living that contributes to a healthy community.*
- *Protect and restore the natural environment for conservation and learning.*
- *Foster stewardship of historical / cultural assets for experience and learning.*
- *Provide affordable and high-quality recreation and educational experiences for a diverse community.*
- *Partner in responsible economic and community development.*
- *Create an innovative, efficient and effective organization that is responsive to changing community needs.*
- *Create diverse, stable, and predictable funding strategies to provide the resources required to build, maintain, and operate our system of parks and programs.*
- *Maximize the benefits provided by Tacoma's unique park and recreation resources.*
- *Maximize community resources through partnerships to provide a system of parks and recreation opportunities.*

7 GIG HARBOR VIEWPOINT

CONCEPT: To develop a destination that showcases the spectacular scenery and offers visitors a diverse range of recreational opportunities.

- OUTER LOOP TRAIL TO BE RELOCATED TO FORMER ROADBED
- CONSTRUCT NEW TRAILHEAD
- RELOCATE FIVE MILE DRIVE AWAY FROM GIG HARBOR VIEWPOINT AND ERODING BLUFF
- UPGRADE EXISTING FACILITIES
- FULL SERVICE PICNIC AREA
- PLAYGROUND

6 FOREST AREA 2

CONCEPT: To create an exceptional pedestrian environment while preserving and enhancing the native forest and wildlife habitat

- ENCOURAGE LOW IMPACT PEDESTRIAN TRAILS
- ENCOURAGE FOREST AND WILDLIFE PRESERVATION
- RESTORATION OF DISTURBED AREAS
- INTERPRETIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

5 FOREST AREA 1

CONCEPT: To create an exceptional pedestrian environment that invites users to participate and learn in the forest environment

- ENCOURAGE LOW IMPACT PEDESTRIAN TRAILS
- STRONG PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BETWEEN HISTORIC ZONE AND THE ZOO
- ENCOURAGE FOREST AND WILDLIFE PRESERVATION
- CREATE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
- POTENTIAL FOR LESS-INVASIVE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CANOPY ZIP LINE

4 BAKER TRACT

CONCEPT: To encourage forest preservation and minimal impact activities

- FOREST PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION
- POTENTIAL MAINTENANCE FACILITY RELOCATION
- POTENTIAL OFF-LEASH DOG PARK
- POTENTIAL SATELLITE PARKING FACILITY
- POTENTIAL FOR LESS-INVASIVE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ROPES COURSES
- POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF HISTORIC ZONE INTO BAKER TRACT

8 FIVE MILE DRIVE

CONCEPT: To develop an exceptional pedestrian environment

- ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BY INCREASING PEDESTRIAN-ONLY TIMES
- RELOCATED AWAY FROM BLUFF WHERE BLUFF STABILITY IS A HAZARD
- MINIMIZE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIAN TRAIL AND ROAD CONFLICTS

9 OWEN BEACH AND PROMENADE

CONCEPT: Develop a destination that encourages recreational activities and allows visitors to celebrate the history of the waterfront

- ADD SEATING ALONG PROMENADE TRAIL
- CONSTRUCT NEW TWO-WAY VEHICULAR ENTRY TO OWEN BEACH
- CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN / BIKE SKYBRIDGE
- POTENTIAL WATER TAXI STOP
- ADD FULL SERVICE COVERED PICNIC SHELTER AND ENLARGE PICNIC AREA OVERLOOKING BAY WITH TOWER ACCESS TO BEACH
- CONSTRUCT VIEW TOWER
- UPGRADE EXISTING FACILITIES
- ENHANCE BEACH RENTAL AND CONCESSION OPPORTUNITIES

10 MARINA AND FERRY TERMINAL

CONCEPT: To preserve the history and educate visitors while upgrading facilities to promote access to the waterfront

- CREATE MARITIME VILLAGE, RETAIL, AND RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITIES
- RETAIN FERRY TERMINAL IN CURRENT LOCATION
- CREATE ADDITIONAL PARKING
- CREATE ADDITIONAL BOAT MOORAGE FACILITIES
- EXPAND BOAT RAMP FACILITIES
- ENHANCE FISHING AND WATER ACCESS

11 PENINSULA PARK

CONCEPT: To create a unique, passive, and dramatic recreation area for users to participate in while enjoying the waterfront

- BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS
- CREATE OPEN SPACE FOR SEASONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

12 TRIANGLE

CONCEPT: To create a mixed-use development through public / private partnership that accommodates parking and public open space

- CREATE PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE
- CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN / BIKE ONLY BRIDGE CONNECTION TO FERRY AND OTHER PARK AMENITIES
- CREATE GATEWAY AT PEARL STREET ENTRANCE
- BELOW GRADE PARKING FOR 1000 + CARS
- NEW PARK SPACE ON LANDSCAPE LID OF PROPOSED BELOW GRADE PARKING
- PUBLIC ART AND FOCAL POINT
- CREATE OPEN SPACE FOR SEASONAL EVENTS
- USES MAY INCLUDE LODGE / CONFERENCE CENTER AND RETAIL

3 MAIN GARDENS

CONCEPT: Develop a spectacular garden experience while integrating more event opportunities

- ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN / BIKE ACCESS TO WATERFRONT AND PERIMETER ZONES
- MINIMIZE NUMBER OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN CONFLICTS
- CREATE NEW FACILITIES SUCH AS VISITOR CENTER AND GREENHOUSE
- UPGRADE AND CREATE NEW EVENT SPACE OPPORTUNITIES
- INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITIES
- CREATE NEW GARDENS

2 ZOO AND AQUARIUM

CONCEPT: To integrate and expand educational opportunities of existing Zoo and Aquarium Zone with adjacent park uses

- POTENTIAL AQUARIUM EXPANSION

1 HISTORIC ZONE

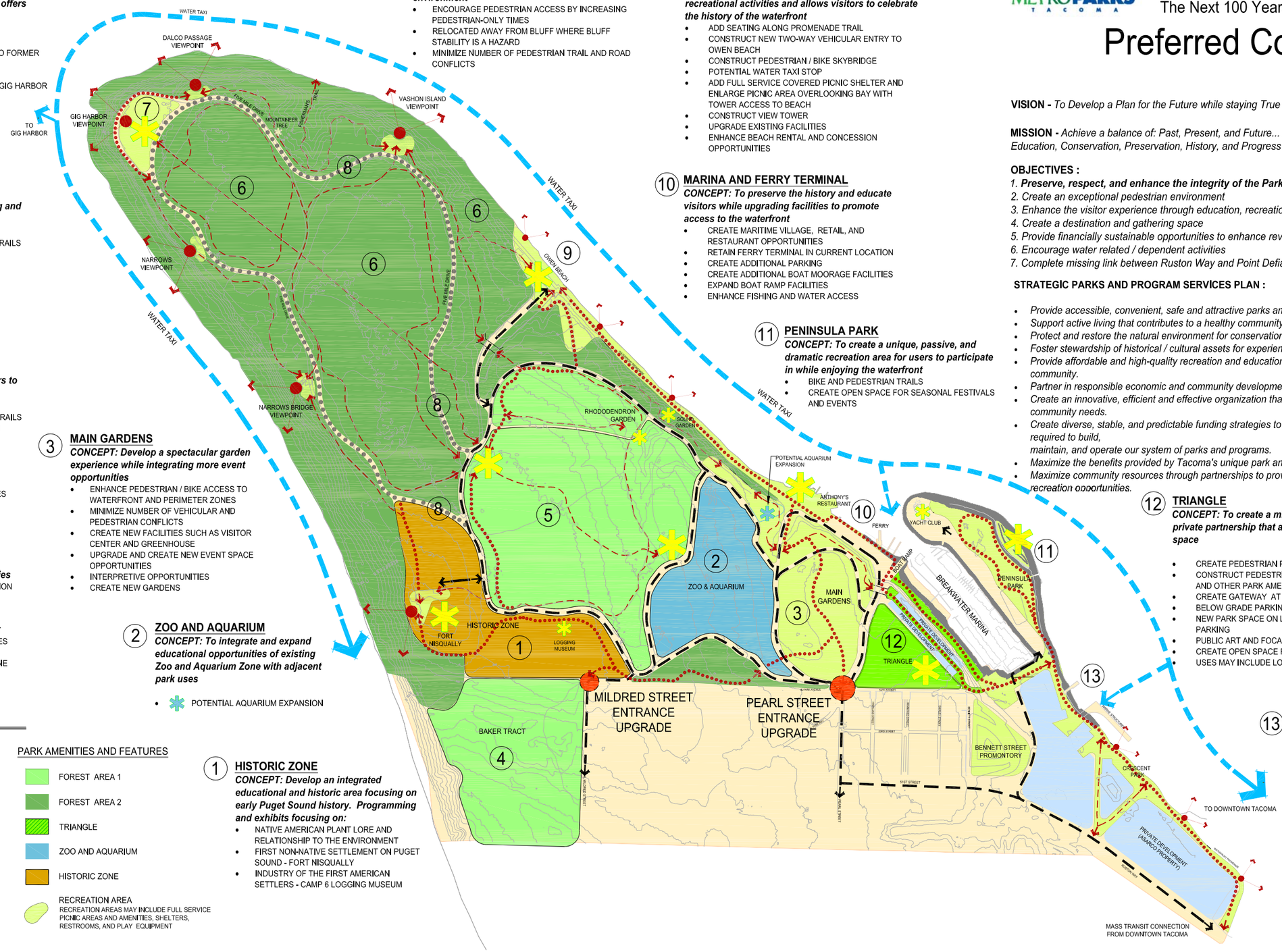
CONCEPT: Develop an integrated educational and historic area focusing on early Puget Sound history. Programming and exhibits focusing on:

- NATIVE AMERICAN PLANT LORE AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE ENVIRONMENT
- FIRST NON-NATIVE SETTLEMENT ON PUGET SOUND - FORT NISQUALLY
- INDUSTRY OF THE FIRST AMERICAN SETTLERS - CAMP 6 LOGGING MUSEUM

13 WATERFRONT PROMENADE

CONCEPT: Create a significant pedestrian and bicycle trail system along the waterfront

- CONNECTION TO RUSTON WAY TRAIL SYSTEM
- POTENTIAL WATER TAXI STOP
- MASS TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES TO AND FROM DOWNTOWN TACOMA
- UPGRADE EXISTING MARINE STRUCTURES
- ENHANCE CONCESSION OPPORTUNITIES



LEGEND:

CIRCULATION AND ACCESS

- VEHICULAR ACCESS
- LIMITED VEHICULAR ACCESS
- MAIN PEDESTRIAN TRAIL
- PEDESTRIAN TRAIL
- WATER TAXI
- DESTINATION
- PRIMARY PARK ENTRANCE
- VIEWPOINT AND PARKING
  VIEWPOINT MAY INCLUDE PICNIC AREAS

PARK AMENITIES AND FEATURES

- FOREST AREA 1
- FOREST AREA 2
- TRIANGLE
- ZOO AND AQUARIUM
- HISTORIC ZONE
- RECREATION AREA
  RECREATION AREAS MAY INCLUDE FULL SERVICE PICNIC AREAS AND AMENITIES, SHELTERS, RESTROOMS, AND PLAY EQUIPMENT

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