

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	<b>Adoption of the Echo Lake Park Master Plan</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)</b>
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	<b>Dick Deal, Direct (PRCS) and Maureen Colaizzi, Project Coordinator</b>
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The City of Shoreline will receive approximately \$655,000 from the 2007 voter approved King County Trail Levy. Levy funds can be used for acquisition and development of regional trails and connectors to those trails. The Interurban Trail which runs north and south through Shoreline for 3.25 miles is one of those regional trails. The Echo Lake Park Improvement project is one of three Shoreline projects funded by this levy along the Interurban Trail/ Trail that meet the funding requirements.

Echo Lake Park is a great Interurban Trail access point in north Shoreline. On September 10, 2012, the City Council reviewed the draft master plan. The September 10 staff report can be found at: <http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/Council/Staffreports/2012/Staffreport091012-8c.pdf> . The master site plan identifies current and future improvements for the park that benefit the community and trail users. Since September there have been some minor updates to the plan, as discussed later in this staff report, to create the preferred master plan for adoption this evening. The master site plan is included as Attachment A to this staff report. Prioritized improvements which align with the goals of the levy funding will be designed with initial construction beginning in late 2013.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Echo Lake Park Improvement Project with a total budget of \$347,000 is identified in the adopted 2013-18 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). There is \$249,549 in the 2013 budget for this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council adopt the Echo Lake Park Master Site Plan. This will allow staff to initiate the design for Phase I improvements at Echo Lake Park.

Approved By:            City Manager **JU**    City Attorney **IS**

## **INTRODUCTION**

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Echo Lake Park is a great Interurban Trail access point in north Shoreline. A master site plan identifies current and future improvements for the park that benefit the community and trail users. Prioritized improvements which align with the goals of the levy funding are scheduled to be designed and construction initiated in 2013.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Project Area**

The area described as Echo Lake Park located at 1521 North 200<sup>th</sup> Street is approximately 2.4 acres which includes 0.85 acres owned by the City of Shoreline (parcel number 2227300144) and 1.5 acres of the Seattle City Light owned transmission corridor located east of the City owned parcel.

### **Public Information and Involvement:**

Since reporting to the City Council on September 10, 2012, staff informed the public of the project and solicited comments in the following ways:

- Echo Lake Neighborhood Association presentation of Preferred Master Plan on November 20, 2012. Staff received verbal comments from approximately 30 attendees.;
- Posted signs at the park announcing upcoming meetings;
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- December 6, 2012 Parks Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board meeting discussion and recommended approval of the Preferred Master Plan to the City Council.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Design Phase**

Since reviewing the draft master site plan with City Council on September 10, 2012, staff has modified the design based on feedback from the Echo Lake neighborhood, Seattle City Light (SCL), PRCS Board, City Council and park and public works maintenance staff. These changes are considered to be minor in nature. The revised preferred master plan is included as Attachment A.

The preferred design incorporates these changes from the draft master plan:

- Moves the restroom and play area onto City-owned property outside the wetland buffer zone;
- Creates walk-in access to the lake;

- Disperses benches and picnic tables throughout the site;
- Adds additional shade trees near the play and lawn area;
- Removes plantings along the east side of lake and replaces them with lower native planting beds;
- Provides accessible seating along the Interurban Trail;
- Adds hard surface paths outside the wetland buffer zone to access the restroom and play area; and
- Adds wooden fencing to create separation between trail users and beach goers.

### **Phase I Construction Design**

The phase I construction design would include: grading and seeding lawn areas, construction of pathways, seating throughout the park, entry signage and bicycle racks, and landscape modifications to improve views through the site.

### **Schedule**

- The project received a SEPA Determination of non-significance on Thursday, January 23, 2013.
- Vegetation modifications will begin February 8 through 20. A volunteer work party to plant native vegetation and remove invasive species will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Design of other Phase I improvements will begin in the second or third quarter of 2013. A small works construction contract is anticipated in late 2013 or early 2014.

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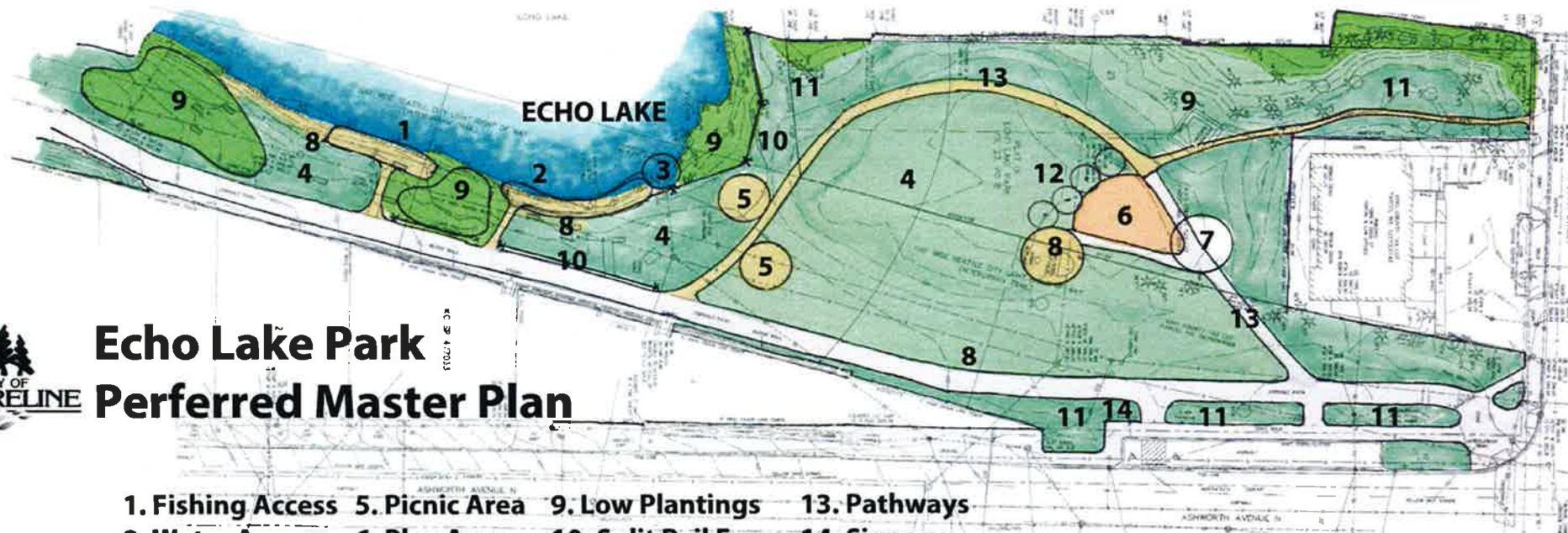
### **RECOMMENDATION**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Echo Lake Park Preferred Master Site Plan

Attachment A



# Echo Lake Park Preferred Master Plan



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|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Fishing Access | 5. Picnic Area | 9. Low Plantings     | 13. Pathways |
| 2. Water Access   | 6. Play Area   | 10. Split Rail Fence | 14. Signage  |
| 3. Lake Outfall   | 7. Restroom    | 11. Open Views       |              |
| 4. Lawn Area      | 8. Benches     | 12. Shade Trees      |              |