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Welcome



Welcome to the Oak Harbor Windjammer Park online open house. This open house is available from January 12 - 26, 2017. Here, you can give feedback on design ideas and elements for the future Windjammer Park, which will follow construction of the Clean Water Facility.

How to use the online open house

- Each tab above represents a section of this online open house.
- Navigate the sections by either clicking the "Next" button or the tabs above.
- Share your ideas and feedback.
- You can take notes at the bottom of the page as you move through the open house and then submit them on the Final thoughts page.



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The future Clean Water Facility in Windjammer Park

Please sign in

1. What is your name?

2. What is your email address?

3. How often do you visit Windjammer Park? Choose the option that best fits your habits.

- Once a week or more
- Every other week
- Once a month
- Every other month
- Only in the summertime
- A few times per year
- Never

4. What is the most common reason you visit Windjammer Park (select one)?

- Personal activities/events
- Attending public events
- Hosting public events

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Current phase

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The City of Oak Harbor is beginning the initial phase of design and construction on Windjammer Park. Funding is already secured for some elements in this phase, as mitigation for Clean Water Facility construction. Construction of the new facility does have impacts to the park facilities, structures, equipment, access and other features; these elements must be replaced with new facilities, structures, and equipment that meet the current codes. Specifically, these include: landscaping and irrigation, an event plaza, enhanced wetlands, and parking.



Project schedule - click to enlarge

Looking at the whole park, City staff and designers are working to create a citywide asset for the City of Oak Harbor, while remaining fiscally responsible and securing funding for the remaining elements. One example is applying for park grants. Each element listed below is included in this phase, and will be designed. To potentially prioritize their implementation and construction, the City wants to get a sense of which elements are most important to the community.



The current design phase for Windjammer Park.

Why now?

The Windjammer Park Integration Plan (WPIP) is the synthesis of past planning efforts, existing reports, and required mitigation for the Clean Water Facility (CWF). There were three master plans that preceded the WPIP including, the City Beach Park Master Plan from 1987, the Windjammer Plan from 2005, and the Revised Windjammer Plan in 2007. Existing reports include the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan of 2009. These plans and reports contain park elements and park improvements that have been considered and integrated into the WPIP. Each of the plans identified upgrades needed in Windjammer Park that were subsequently reiterated in the WPIP – from cracked pavement, to wind shelters eroded away, to safety improvements that meet current standards, etc.

Prioritizing elements

1. Please list the order in which you would implement these park elements, based on your personal uses and priorities.

Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- Basketball/sport courts ↔
- Kayak launch ↔
- Kitchens ↔
- Maintenance facility ↔
- Nature play area ↔
- Network of walkways ↔
- Park furnishings (benches, lighting, picnic tables, etc.) ↔
- Park parking ↔
- Plaza ↔
- Restrooms ↔
- Splash park ↔
- Wetland enhancements ↔
- Wind shelters ↔

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This phase includes the following elements:

- Two (2) kitchens
- Two (2) restrooms
- One (1) plaza
- Network of walkways
- Three (3) wind shelters
- Park furnishings, including picnic tables, lighting, benches, and bike racks
- One (1) splash park
- Two (2) basketball courts
- One (1) nature play area
- Wetland enhancements
- Park parking
- One (1) maintenance facility
- One (1) kayak launch

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




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Final thoughts

The City of Oak Harbor appreciates your time and feedback. Please visit the [Clean Water Facility](#) website for more information about the future of Windjammer Park and the new wastewater treatment facility.

1. Do you have any remaining comments on the initial design phase?

2. What are you most excited to do in the future Windjammer Park?

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Design of the park means we will start to get more specific about what given elements will look like. Please use the survey below to share your thoughts on how various park elements might look. In this survey, you will see multiple concepts for eight different park elements. Your feedback on these concepts will provide general design direction to the project team regarding the future plaza, splash park, nature play area, wind shelters, kitchens, restrooms, paths, and park furnishings.

The inspiration for how these spaces may look is taken from Oak Harbor's proximity and relationship to the Puget Sound and its coastal landscapes. The utilization of local materials and plantings has multiple benefits. A native plant palette not only provides for a healthy, thriving landscape but will also support indigenous wildlife. Other benefits include lower maintenance, lower plant mortality rates, and a healthy ecosystem.

1. The plaza is located directly south of the future Clean Water Facility. Which style inspiration do you prefer for the plaza?



A



B



C



D

2. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for the plaza?

3. The splash park will be centrally located near the plaza and nature play area. Which style inspiration do you prefer for the splash park?



A



B



C



D



E

Inspiration for future Windjammer Park design





4. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for the splash park?

5. The nature play area will be located near the splash park. The area will provide a safe, fun place for children to play on structures that reflect Oak Harbor's natural beauty. Which style inspiration do you prefer for the nature play area?



A



B



C



D

6. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for the nature play area?

7. Wind shelters will be located near the beach. Which style inspiration do you prefer for wind shelters?



A



B



C



D



8. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for the wind shelters?

9. The current kitchens in Windjammer Park are older, with simple amenities and exteriors. The new kitchens will feature updated exteriors and new amenities. Kitchens will be featured throughout the park. Which style inspiration do you prefer for park kitchens?



A



B



C

10. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for the kitchens?

11. The current restrooms, like the kitchens, are older and feature simple amenities. The new restrooms will feature updated exteriors. Restrooms will be located throughout the park. Which style inspiration do you prefer for park restrooms? Each inspiration is a different type of restroom facility. The City's goal is a restroom that is safe, easily maintained, and uses potentially-manufactured products, such as a "Portland Loo," shown as B below.



A



B (a standard "Portland Loo")



C



D

12. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for restrooms?



13. A network of paths and walkways will wind through the future Windjammer Park. Which style inspiration do you prefer for the path/walkway network?



A



B



C



D



14. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for the walkways and paths?



15. Lastly, smaller park furnishings will be distributed throughout Windjammer Park. Furnishings include benches, picnic tables, trash cans, lighting, bike racks, etc. Which style inspiration do you prefer for park furnishings?



A



B



C



D



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16. Why do you prefer the style inspiration you indicated above for park furnishings?









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Park programming and operations

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Windjammer Park is a valuable asset to the Oak Harbor community, and as defined in the Windjammer Park Integration Plan, park elements must be flexible to accommodate as many types of activities as possible. With you (and/or your family and events you organize) in mind, please answer the following questions.

1. What do you do in the park now? (Check all that apply.)

- Attend large events
- Cook/grill
- Exercise (i.e. running/walking on paths)
- Host large family/organization events (renting spaces)
- Picnic
- Play sports
- Rest
- Swim
- Use the playgrounds
- Viewing/casual seating
- Walking along the beach
- Other - Write In

2. What do you wish you could do in the park? (Check all that apply.)

- Concert (listen or perform)
- Cook/grill
- Host large family/private events
- Host large community events
- Play a sport
- Swim
- Other - Write In

3. What makes the activities you listed in question 2 difficult to do today?

4. Which of the following features would make the park more useful? (Check all that apply.)

- Additional load/unload areas
- Different kitchen/grill equipment
- More power outlets
- Other utility options (e.g. water)
- Speaker system
- Other - Write In

5. To what extent do the existing rentable spaces fit your needs? (Please select the option most applicable to you.)

- I always find/am able to rent the space I need; they are adequate for my events.
- When I plan ahead, I am able to rent the space I need for my events.
- I am never able to reserve the space I need; they are always reserved.
- I would reserve/rent space, but they are too big for my gatherings.
- I would reserve/rent space, but they are too small for my gatherings.
- Other - Write In

6. Current kitchen facilities in Windjammer Park rent for \$25 per day, with limited, rudimentary amenities (i.e. sink, counter, stove). Increasing amenities could require additional rental fees. To what degree would you be more or less likely to rent these facilities, if additional amenities were offered?

- Very likely to rent with more amenities and additional cost
- Somewhat likely to rent
- No opinion
- Somewhat less likely to rent
- Will not rent with more amenities and additional cost

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Purpose and history



Windjammer Park is the foundation of Oak Harbor's waterfront and a beloved community space. Building the Clean Water Facility in the park presented a unique opportunity to develop a long-term plan for the park. The Oak Harbor community provided feedback on the [Windjammer Park Integration Plan \(WPIP\)](#) last year. As part of the city's commitment to work with the community, a Community Advisory Group (CAG) representing the diverse interests within Oak Harbor was convened in January 2016. City Council adopted the Plan in mid-2016.

The following community feedback was thematic throughout the process, and is reflected in the Plan, as follows:

- The waterfront park is a resource and asset for the City of Oak Harbor; it should be welcoming for locals and visitors.
- The following park elements should be considered a given: canopies, existing wetlands, kayak campsite, kitchens, parking, restrooms, site furnishings, and the iconic windmill.
- Family-friendly elements and activities should be prioritized, especially installation of a new splash park. An event plaza, stage/amphitheater, waterfront trail, and renovation of the existing lagoon also had high priority.
- Flexibility of spaces is important, as is spacing between them to maximize the number of activities while providing connections.
- Removal of the existing RV park was preferred over renovating it to current standards.
- Views of the water from the park are important everyday casual users, and formal events, for example 4th of July and Race Week.
- Removal of the current, formal ball fields can allow for other activities within Windjammer Park, when another in-city venue is found for these fields.
- Neighbors of Windjammer Park should be considered during final design.

For more information on how the community influenced the Windjammer Park Integration Plan, check out the [project webpage](#).

The WPIP will be realized through an ongoing, dedicated effort to identify funding sources, establish opportunities for community and broader partnerships, and complete final design. The plan recognized that initial work following adoption of the plan would be to design areas that require restoration following Clean Water Facility completion in 2018. While any portion of the park could feasibly be built at any point after the initial phase, the plan illustrated how a series of six phases could be constructed, concluding with relocation and renovation of the existing ball fields. The initial phase is detailed on following portions of this online open house.

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Oak Harbor residents at a Windjammer Park Integration Plan open house in March 2016.



The final WPIP as adopted by City Council in mid-2016.



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