







ST. VRAIN CORRIDOR TRAIL EXPANSION & LOOP TRAILS



PLAYGROUND AREA



NATURAL OUTDOOR PLAY AREA



WHITEWATER PARK



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



POND RECREATION ACCESS



## COMMENTS CARDS

### Town of Lyons Parks Flood Recovery Planning Process

Public Meeting #2 - Lyons Valley River Park

August 12, 2015

#### General Comments

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- 1 It would nice if there was an elevated boardwalk if you re-build the ponds.
- 2 Create one large pond with adequate flow-through of river water. Swimming beach should be informal and not have parking to dissuade non-residents. Focus should also be on fish and wildlife habitat. Keep current river channel
- 3 Please keep ponds where they were pre-flood
- 4 The area could become the most beautiful attraction in town.
- 5 Put ponds back in same place.
- 6 Keep for light use, natural area. Healthy fish habitat! Informal tubing, kayak can take place upstream in Meadow & Bohn Park
- 7 Will use this park more often when completed. Nice to have stretch to walk with bare feet and test my strength with a fitness loop. Elders need to exercise in safe ways and be in & out of the water feature
- 8 Keep the river adjacent to the highway, pond(s) adjacent to housing. Appropriate flood mitigation features in pond(s). Do NOT treat the Lyons Valley River Park as a revenue generator.
- 9 Lyons outdoor games, keep heavy use away from homes
- 10 I would love to see Lyons Valley River Park kept as a natural park. I think it would be a nice balance to the more developed infrastructure of Meadow and Bohn. Nature trails, maybe wooden bridge walkways? A place to preserve the wildlife that is there now. In favor of no additional parking.
- 11 Lyons Fire & S2O Designs would like to meet and discuss with Town of Lyons, Parks, and citizens regarding a rapid swiftwater course and further development of whitewater rescue
- 12 Restore original ponds and trail with native vegetation. Keep it simple. No additional parking. Restore riparian habitat. Kids outdoor classroom. Consider parking and congestion if too many activities are planned. Safety. Keep it simple.
- 13 Please get on with getting the ponds filled. One large pond (instead of three). Fresh water coming into ponds
- 14 Please no interpretive signs. Please no exercise stations
- 15 No south side parking. Access only by trails. Keep them as natural as possible, let Meadow / Bohn be developed but not the ponds.
- 16 Replace ponds in original location
- 17 No parking, limited beach, only access by walking path
- 18 Buffer the homes from the trails (Privacy). Decrease crime.
- 19 Natural / Nature. The ponds in Longmont. No city park look - but flat area biking
- 20 No exercise equipment!!!
- 21 Please no exercise equipment along the pond or river corridor. It will detract from the natural beauty
- 22 No Parking or drive up access to ponds
- 23 Ponds where they were before flood - all as natural as possible for wildlife
- 24 Find a new home for beavers in ponds (Beaumont is continuing to take down all the trees)
- 25 Provide plenty of rock to shore up pond bluffs by McConnell homes (backyards)
- 26 Can we re-examine pros/cons of river corridor placement? More of a close-up study instead of a 10,000 ft master planning effort. This should not be based on resistance to change and green work
- 27 Preserve existent mature trees in Lyons River Park (Black Bear hole to McConnell)
- 28 Use 2012 Master Plan. Leave river as-is.
- 29 Make Highland Dam safer (at Highland Ditch Co.'s expense)
- 30 Avoid pavement / asphalt additions to perimeter of ponds. Natural habitat and footpaths as was pre-flood
- 31 Ensure ponds are not stagnant. Build wetland filtration at both west and east edges of pond.
- 32 Rapidwater rescue course = Lyons Fire Dept & S2O Designs
- 33 Keep Black bear hole as-is and repair. Replace October hole access points. Access points for ponds with parking nearby. Keep McConnell more natural than developed
- 34 Add one whitewater feature, take one from Meadow Park, put near McConnell Bridge
- 35 Year round white water / rapid whitewater park (S2O) ( damfed, recirculation) for canoe / kayak slalom. Option for USA canoe & kayak athletes (Olympians), revenue from USOC, for winter training for better performance on national / international stages
- 36 Leave Black Bear Hole as-is no change. Replace October kayak hole. Slow water above highland dam. One large pond, keep the heavy use and trails away from homes. Parking off of US 36, not in neighborhood
- 37 Build healthy fish habitat. Keep whitewater features in Meadow Park
- 38 Make the Highland Dam safer (warnings / get rid of it? / it is not safe!)
- 39 Keep LVRP as natural as possible with trails kept away from the McConnell homes.
- 40 Safe passage above and around Highland Dam. Expand existing parking lot to east along US 36. Access to island - YES. One Pond.



# Town of Lyons Parks Flood Recovery Planning Process - Project Website Comments

10-Sep-15 Lyons Valley River Park

33 comments

Summary

resident	restoration of McConnell Ponds	one pond	two ponds	swimming area in pond	fishing	swimming hole in river	no additional parking	flat water recreation (paddle boarding)	in stream recreation/ kayaking	peflood location of ponds and river	beach area	no beaches or development south of ponds	less devleopmnet/ limit trail access around ponds	wildlife preservation/ enhancement	river walk	natural trails around ponds	Main paved trail for accessible surface to ponds	parking on Second Avenue	bear proof trash cans	riparian restoration/ flood mitigation	keep it natural	low maintenance	buffer homes from trails/ pond access on north	workout station at parcel off of McConnell	Wildlife viewing	concerns with Highlands Dam	maintain accessibility	
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