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Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project Update

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to update City Council on the Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Integrated Site Project (ISP) for OSMP-managed lands in the Wonderland Lake area (**Attachment A**). Through this ISP, OSMP seeks community input about how best to implement the North Trail Study Area (NTSA) Plan goals (**Attachment B**) for the Wonderland Lake area, along with ways to improve nature education opportunities in the area and update operational buildings at the trailhead housing the city's Junior Ranger Program.

Community engagement for this ISP began in the fall of 2018 when OSMP sought feedback on a set of preliminary alternatives (actions) for the Wonderland Lake area. The preliminary alternatives included both NTSA recommended actions and some preliminary ideas related to the Wonderland Lake Trailhead and adjacent OSMP facilities that were only generally addressed by the NTSA. Although public engagement for this ISP is expected to continue throughout 2019, OSMP has already received abundant, constructive and valuable feedback. Peak Facilitation has produced a report of the public comments and feedback received through January 22 (**Attachment C**). This feedback has greatly informed the department's understanding of community concerns, needs and

interests for the Wonderland Lake area as well as ways staff can better engage and partner with the community going forward.

Based on public feedback received thus far, several decisions have been made regarding this ISP:

- OSMP has set aside the preliminary alternatives that were designed last fall.
- A pier and a boardwalk will no longer be considered as means to achieve NTSA Plan goals for the area.
- OSMP has made a commitment to the community that any future design of specific actions as part of this project will not occur until OSMP has robustly engaged the community and has appropriately incorporated input received. Community conversations are expected to continue throughout 2019.
- OSMP will not initiate or implement any associated changes or actions with this ISP in 2019, however regular maintenance and traditional educational activities will continue.

OSMP recognizes that the ISP community engagement process that was undertaken in the fall was inadequate and focused on a too-narrow range of on-the-ground alternatives which resulted in a lot of community concern and angst. OSMP also failed to adequately communicate to the public the steps involved in the ISP process and how community feedback would be considered. However, going forward, the department is confident that through a more comprehensive community engagement process staff can affirm goals and find alignment with the community on actions that can be designed, phased and implemented in a way that will enhance ecological protection and improve visitor experience.

BACKGROUND

Purpose of ISP

OSMP is currently developing ISPs for several specific locations. ISPs are developed taking into consideration all of the City Charter purposes for Open Space and services relevant for a specific geographic area; including natural, agricultural, passive recreation, cultural and scenic resources as well as programming for education, patrol, and maintenance operations. In summary, ISPs strive to achieve:

- How best to implement on-the-ground, previously-approved OSMP plans.
- Sustain natural areas.
- Improve visitor experiences.
- Improve operations, services and programs in the area.
- Address other open space values as outlined in the Boulder City Charter.

The goal is to achieve alignment with the community in order to proceed to the implementation phase.

Public Engagement Process to Date

Engagement for the Wonderland Lake ISP began in late October 2018, to discuss several sets of preliminary alternatives for the area. OSMP heard from many community voices in November and December expressing concern about the alternatives presented and specific content included in the alternatives resulting in staff scheduling a meeting on Jan.

15, 2019 to further hear community concerns, hopes and ideas for the area. The public engagements conducted for this process are outlined below:

- Trail-side engagement on Oct. 27 to discuss concepts for Wonderland Lake area (**Attachment D**).
- Initial Public Meeting on Nov. 14 to reveal initial preliminary alternatives for the area (**Attachment E**).
- Online questionnaire on ideas for Wonderland Lake open from Nov. 15 through Dec. 4 (**Attachment C, page 53**).
- School children engagement on Dec. 18 to gather ideas on how to implement NTSA education goals (**Attachment C, page 132**).
- Meeting on-site with local neighbor leaders on Dec. 19 to discuss concerns over preliminary alternatives, specifically fishing pier and boardwalk.
- Community listening session on Jan. 15 to hear from community members (**Attachment C, page 88**).

ANALYSIS

Community Feedback: What We've Heard

Since the initiation of the community engagement for the Wonderland Lake ISP, OSMP has received hundreds of comments from community members through emails, community meetings, trailhead contacts, phone calls and pass-through comments coming from a community-created website. A summary of the comments received by staff from the January 15 meeting has been compiled by Peak Facilitation. Peak Facilitation's Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project Community Input Report (**Attachment C**) also contains the responses to a questionnaire that was available last fall (page 53), comments from a community-administered website (page 29 & 50), along with comment cards from the Jan. 15 public meeting (page 88). The report also includes a community petition (page 126), and youth input from classroom engagement (page 132). Additionally, staff provided answers to questions asked at the Jan. 15 meeting on the project webpage ([link](#)).

Peak Facilitation's report summarized from the extensive community input OSMP received, that the feedback fell under four major topic areas, with significant overlap between topics:

Access and Crowding:

- Adding educational and/or recreational amenities will make an already heavily-used area too crowded. Crowds bring trash, traffic, noise pollution, crime risks, and parking difficulties to the area.
- Certain components of this project will increase equitable access to the area for groups like children, those with disabilities, immigrants, members of low-income communities, and the wider public.

Ecosystems and Wildlife:

- Wonderland Lake is one of few places in Boulder designed to protect wildlife and should remain such a place.

- Wildlife could suffer negative impacts from new infrastructure and increased use.

Infrastructure:

- Adding more infrastructure features (e.g., a pier, a bird blind, a boardwalk, etc.) could harm wildlife and reduce the natural quality of the area. There were comments made supporting OSMP's decision (announced at the January 15 meeting) to drop the pier and boardwalk from consideration.
- New infrastructure at Wonderland Lake would change the way visitors interact with nature and wildlife at Wonderland Lake, which could have damaging impacts.

No Need for Change:

- Wonderland Lake is already meeting the needs of the community.
- Wonderland Lake is a beautiful and tranquil place that should be left alone.

OSMP Response to Community Feedback

Community input on the preliminary ISP alternatives presented last fall has resulted in a high level of community concern for several of the concepts/ideas contained in the alternatives as summarized above in Peak Facilitation's Report. Community feedback also included suggestions for additional goals and interests to be considered for the area.

Given these concerns and the significant community interest in determining how NTSA Plan goals and other emerging goals are integrated into the vision of the Wonderland Lake area, staff has made these commitments to advance future community conversations:

- OSMP has set aside the preliminary alternatives that were designed last fall.
- OSMP will no longer consider a pier and a boardwalk as a means to achieve NTSA Plan goals for the area.
- OSMP has made a commitment that the implementation of actions as part of this project will not occur until OSMP has robustly engaged the community and has appropriately incorporated input received.
- Community conversations are expected to continue throughout 2019.

With broad community involvement in discussing ways that goals can be accomplished that also fit the character of the Wonderland Lake area, staff is confident that we can find alignment with the community on actions that can be designed, phased and implemented in a way that will enhance ecological protection and improve visitor experience.

NEXT STEPS

Along with this update to City Council, OSMP will also discuss this project with the Open Space Board of Trustees in April and will update the community about the future direction of this project after input from Council.

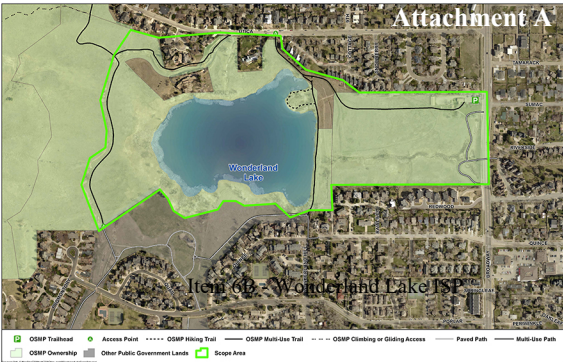
After receiving Council feedback and updating the Open Space Board of Trustees, OSMP staff intends to integrate what we've heard about how the community would like to be involved in the process moving forward and will develop and initiate a robust community engagement process. Going forward, OSMP staff will more thoroughly integrate the City's engagement strategic framework, and consult both city and external expertise in the development of a more comprehensive engagement plan. Considering that any changes to Wonderland Lake will be of high community interest, the engagement strategy needs to incorporate adequate time and opportunity to allow for staff to work directly with the public to ensure public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered. Future community outreach to share information about the next steps with the project will include direct mailings to houses adjacent to the lake, signage at various access points around the lake, NextDoor posts, email notices to stakeholders and updates to the ISP webpage.

Staff is committed to ensuring that the public's concerns and visions are reflected in any alternatives and will be prepared to share feedback on how the public input influences any future decisions. Community engagement is expected to continue throughout 2019 and staff will provide Council with updates prior to any implementation of ISP-identified actions.

ATTACHMENTS

- **Attachment A – Map of Wonderland Lake ISP Scope Area**
- **Attachment B – North Trail Study Area Goals**
- **Attachment C – Peak Facilitation Community Input Report**
- **Attachment D – Community Input from Oct. 27, 2018, Trailside Engagement**
- **Attachment E – Community Input from Nov. 14, 2018, Community Meeting**

Attachment A



North Trail Study Area Plan Goals Related to Wonderland Lake ISP Area

Ref #	Wonderland Lake Related North TSA Plan Goals	NTSA Plan Recommended Action
T21	Provide managed public access to designated trails to encourage visitors to use designated trails.	Designate undesignated access points that connect with new or existing designated trails.
T22	Increase trail sustainability to protect the OSMP trail system over the long term while providing a quality visitor experience.	Bring all trails up to standards.
T23	Install appropriate and functioning infrastructure at each trailhead and access point to provide a safe, consistent and quality visitor experience.	Bring all trailheads and access points up to standards.
T25	Create larger areas of unfragmented habitat by closing, revegetating or restoring undesignated trails that have not been designated through the North TSA process	Allow natural revegetation or restore all undesignated trails not integrated into designated trail connections.
T26	Conserve and restore high-quality native plant communities and rare plant communities.	Assess and prevent the introduction and spread of priority invasive plants.
T27	Share information with visitors about the ecology, natural features, habitats, plants and animals in various locations throughout the North TSA, including North Foothills HCA, Boulder Valley Ranch and Wonderland Lake.	Create interpretive information and messages about unique, rare and sensitive resources.
W1	Support the creation of places designed for children on Parks and Recreation properties to gain a greater appreciation for, and awareness of, the natural environment.	Collaborate with Parks and Recreation to support nature play experiences on their adjacent properties.
W2	A separate building and site assessment process will determine potential changes to the Foothills Nature Center and Trailhead.	Assess vision for Foothills Nature Center.
W3	Provide a shaded area where education and other groups can gather when accessing the Wonderland Lake area.	Construct a shade structure near Wonderland Lake Trailhead.
W4	Encourage and support creating a safer and more visible way to cross Broadway for visitors accessing Foothills Nature Center and Wonderland Lake by bus.	Improve safety at Broadway crossing.
W11	Provide more inclusive access to all types of visitors at Wonderland Lake Trail.	Improve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access on Wonderland Lake Trail.
W13	Creates consistent visitor access regulations and increases visitor safety	Prohibit ice skating on Wonderland Lake

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W14	Provide sledding access in an area that does not damage natural resources or have safety concerns	Allow sledding on Wonderland Lake dam.
W15	Protect sensitive wetland resources on the south, west and north shores of Wonderland Lake.	Do not provide access to Wonderland Lake's south, west and north shores.
W16	Increase opportunities for education and interpretive experiences, especially for families and youth.	Provide access to the cattail marsh on north side of peninsula.*
W17	Increase and define opportunities to access water to foster education and interpretive experiences.	Establish hardened pullout areas on the peninsula for educational programming and a hardened wading access.
W18	Provide a special water access opportunity for improved visitor experience and nature study for youth.	Allow Wonderland Lake wading access from designated areas on the peninsula.
W19	Increase opportunities to fish, access water and provide education and interpretive experiences.	Create Wonderland Lake fishing pier. *

*OSMP is no longer considering these actions to achieve the goals from the North Trails Study Area.

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project



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**Community Input Report
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February 1, 2019**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP) Community Input Report Executive Summary

Background

The City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department is developing an Integrated Site Project (ISP) for the Wonderland Lake Open Space. OSMP's goals for the ISP include determining how best to implement previously-approved OSMP plans, improving visitor experience, sustaining important natural areas, and fulfilling other open space values as defined in the Boulder City Charter. In response to concerns expressed by community members about certain components of the Wonderland Lake development plans, OSMP has collected and processed a wide range of community input and ideas. OSMP held a community meeting on January 15 to address the concerns and gather ideas for future engagement. During this meeting, OSMP stated that the plan for Wonderland Lake will no longer involve a boardwalk or pier in the Wonderland Lake area. There will be no implementation of any project alternatives in 2019; instead, OSMP staff are committed to ensuring a robust community engagement process.

This document provides a high-level summary of the key themes from public input received the Wonderland Lake ISP as of January 22, 2019, and accompanies detailed records of that input in its various forms. This report was prepared by Peak Facilitation Group using public feedback compiled from the following sources:

1. **A questionnaire** in which community members answered questions and provided feedback on preliminary alternatives for the Wonderland Lake ISP (November 15-December 4, 2019). OSMP administered this questionnaire and sent the results to Peak Facilitation Group.
2. **Emailed public comments** submitted between November 30, 2018, and January 22, 2019, and subsequently sent to Peak Facilitation by OSMP.
3. **Written comments** provided on comment cards and as handouts from community members at the January 15 community meeting. Peak Facilitation Group captured this information directly.
4. **Verbal comments** provided at the January 15 community meeting. Peak Facilitation Group captured this information directly.
5. **Drawings and comments** of student visions for the Wonderland Lake area provided by Boulder Journey Preschool and Foothill Elementary School to OSMP, which shared the documents with Peak Facilitation Group.
6. **Comments from the Keep Wonderland Lake Wild Petition** sent to OSMP, which sent the results to Peak Facilitation Group.

These community inputs were all compiled to ensure complete transparency regarding public comment.

Wonderland Lake ISP: Selected Engagement Timeline

October 27, 2018	OSMP staff conducted trail-side engagement on the Wonderland Lake ISP.
November 14, 2018	OSMP held a meeting for members of the public to share their thoughts about the project.
November 15-December 4, 2018	Community members responded to an OSMP questionnaire on the preliminary alternatives created by staff on the Wonderland Lake ISP.
November 30, 2018-January 22, 2019	Public comment emails and webform responses were processed for this document.
January 15, 2019	OSMP held a public meeting to provide community members with the opportunity to share feedback on the ISP and how OSMP can best engage with the public.
February 19, 2019	City council will discuss Wonderland Lake and will review this report on the public comments received as of January 22, 2019. Council will take no formal action.

Key Themes

Below are key themes within four major topic areas that emerged from community input received by January 22, 2019. Note that there was significant overlap between topics.

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- Adding amenities will make an already heavily-used park too crowded. Crowds bring trash, traffic, noise pollution, crime risks, and parking difficulties to the area.
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- There were also comments made opposing OSMP's decision to drop the pier and boardwalk from consideration.
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EMAILED COMMENTS:
November 30, 2018 to January 15, 2019

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP)

Record of Public Comments from Email and City Webforms from 11/30/2018 to 1/15/2019

Note: This document provides a record of public comments submitted to the city of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department staff between November 30, 2018, and a community meeting on January 15, 2019, concerning a proposed project at Wonderland Lake. For ease of reference, the comments have been grouped broadly by the topic primarily addressed in each comment, although there is some overlap between categories within most comments. The comments are included in their original form with occasional corrections for spelling, grammar, commenter anonymity, acronyms, and abbreviations.

Access

- I'm a city resident and grew up here in Boulder (I have also been working for the city these past 21 years) and I'd like to add my perspective that I'm thrilled to pieces that you all are considering adding more parking along the Broadway trailhead for this area; it's gorgeous and should be accessible for community members who do not live nearby and who are not able to easily take transit to get there, which I believe is a pretty large number of folks. Please add my name and my family's names to the list of people who support the plans for trail access improvements in this area.
- I am an 18-year-old resident of Wonderland Hills. I am thrilled to hear about the plan for the development of Wonderland Lake. This development would make Wonderland Lake more enjoyable for me personally, but it would also create more opportunity for everyone to enjoy the sights and experiences I am privileged enough to see and have on a daily basis. I also think that the plans were created with an eye towards environmental protection and sustainability. As such, I am in full support of this project, because it will create equity and allow more people to develop an appreciation for nature. Thank you for all that you do!
- This is a fantastic proposal! It provides better opportunities for us to commune with nature, richer interactions for children to learn about the natural environment, and better trails and facilities that allow mobility-challenged folks to still enjoy this beautiful venue. Furthermore, living in a high desert environment, we badly lack water-centric recreational amenities; for those of us that can't seem to get enough time near the water, this is a great thing! I can't wait for it!
- I am a North Boulder resident. I often run around the lake and have fished at the lake with my 9-year-old son. I think the proposed changes are well thought-out and will bring much-needed improvements to the area that will be seen as a benefit by the majority of Boulder residents while minimizing any environmental impacts.
- Please further reconsider cancelling plans for more access and inviting pressure on the sanctuary. There are plenty of parks in Boulder that provide easy access. However, there are few that offer untouched wildlife habitat.
- While I realize there are clear benefits to creating as many opportunities for people to get out in nature and recreate as possible, I am opposed to the changes being proposed for Wonderland Lake. Although I have lived in Boulder for over 20 years, I also lived in Jackson, Wyoming and watched as the nature of giant National Parks got distressed by the ever-growing population who wish for and deserve these opportunities. Nature cannot survive the pressure we keep putting on it. Boulder has such a wonderful amount and diversity of open space that provides opportunities similar to Wonderland Lake; please, can we just leave it like it is and not "access" it to death? All the construction will have a negative effect on the flora and fauna of that area, and a pier into the lake just seems an unnecessary intrusion. I realize that it isn't a pristine, native ecosystem, but there is something special

about Wonderland Lake and the limited improvements. I can't imagine how hard it is to balance all the needs and desires of Boulder residents, but I urge you to limit improvements at Wonderland Lake. It ain't broke, so maybe don't fix it.

Crowding, Parking, and Trash Concerns

- We could not be more against this plan! This plan takes direct aim at undermining the tranquility and open space that is afforded by the lake, wetlands, surrounding hills, and trails. The trails are already congested, and, at peak times, the current volume of pedestrians and cyclists almost make the trails unsafe. This plan will exacerbate the trail problem and increase traffic on an already congested North Broadway Street. Taking a left onto Broadway from Poplar Avenue, Redwood Avenue, or the current trail parking lot is nearly impossible now! What is next, adding more stoplights to accommodate the changes to Wonderland Lake? Currently, there is more than adequate space and parking at Foothills Park. Foothills Park affords the type of experienced (pavilions, bathrooms, playgrounds, picnic areas, open fields, soccer fields, dog parks, access to the trails, etc.) that this project will only duplicate. We do not need or want another Foothills Park! This is a bad idea that does not serve the residents of Woodland Hills, the surrounding area, or the Boulder public in general. It will open Woodland Lake and the Woodland Hills residents to a significant increase in traffic and trail use that will destroy the current attributes that make it so WONDERLAND (no pun intended). We look forward to your support in stopping this project.
- I use the lake for walking with friends, family, and visitors; walking the dog; and for bird watching. I would have to say that there is very little of the proposed plan that I like. There are already quite a lot of people coming and going through the area and, as a resident, I spend time asking people to obey the rules (stay away from the north, south, and west shores, keep your dog on the leash, etc.). My concerns are that increased density will diminish the very thing that makes Wonderland a great sanctuary for wildlife. I contend that what needs to happen is that the split rail fence be continued along the south border (actually bordering parkland) with additional signage alerting people to the fact that it's not an area for people to walk, fish, have photo shoots, run their dogs off-leash, etc.
- I believe the increased foot traffic, car, and parking increases; trash and damage to the landscape will lead to the destruction of a beautiful and natural area in the middle of the city. This is an unneeded change that will not benefit the area.
- This plan is unacceptable to the residents of this and adjoining neighborhoods. It will attract more traffic to an already congested area with not enough parking as it is.
- I run around the lake probably four times a day, and we drive on Broadway almost every day. While Wonderland is getting busier (there are cars parking on Broadway now on the weekends), making it an even busier park will make traffic problematic on Broadway and will ruin the "natural" feeling and appeal of Wonderland. Our and our children's lives are becoming increasingly artificial; isn't it better to preserve the natural beauty for as long as possible?
- One of the reasons we chose to live on Quince Avenue was Wonderland Lake. We walk at 5:00 am during the week and at least one day on the weekend. Even at 5:00 am, we see people using the open space. On a Saturday, nice weather or not, there are hundreds of people out. The Lake is not going to last unless the sort of improvements in the plan are carried out. We are all in favor of the plan.
- The best way to ruin nature is to add more man-made stuff. Please don't change this beautiful place and make it an overused playground. Please don't add more parking, either. Why do you want to encourage more people to use this place? Do you think there are not

enough people coming to enjoy this beauty, so you want to destroy the beauty to get more people out in "nature" to destroy it even more?

- I walk my dog around Wonderland Lake every day. There has been a huge increase in litter, including long strands and tangles of fishing line and hooks which are very dangerous for dogs and wildlife. There is broken glass in the lake where my dog likes to wade. There has been a huge increase in discarded dirty diapers in the weeds--especially along the Utica Avenue entrance where the fishermen/women park (even though garbage cans are just a few yards away from Utica). When I've seen a ranger, I've reported broken beer bottles, fence damage, and debris over in the park along the south side of the lake at what was turned into a "party site," where the picnic tables were dragged behind some trees. I am very concerned about furthering "development" at Wonderland Lake. It is way too small and fragile to become a regional destination.
- I have many concerns regarding adding multiple, additional parking spots. The traffic on Broadway during much of the day is already massive, loud, and highly polluting. It is very dangerous for pedestrians crossing at the entrance to the trailhead, and left hand turning into the trailhead parking will be very congested and dangerous. Please don't add additional parking!! Whether they were originally intended to or not, the existing buildings act as a buffer for the transition from Broadway to the Open Space. Please recognize that there are many homeowners that intentionally bought their homes here to be on open space. A constant flow of additional parking, cars, headlights, tailpipe pollution, and a marked increase in noise will detract from all those that bike, run, or hike to the trailhead! I urge you to keep any additional parking directly adjacent to Broadway and not to place it deeper into open space!!
- While I do not live near the lake, I am offended that the proposed items are even being considered. My use is related to walking with my family and pets. The suggested plans are not well thought-out, will create too much usage and traffic, and will lower the quality of the area for EVERYONE. I strongly suggest you do not move forward with any of the proposed items.
- We've noticed a huge increase in people whenever we walk around the lake, especially in the warmer seasons. The development being planned sounds like it will commercialize the lake and trail areas even more, which will impact wildlife negatively. I plan on being at the meeting on January 15.
- I am concerned about the delicate wildlife and natural beauty being disturbed, and (with the large north Boulder population surge we are currently experiencing) I don't believe we want to try to draw more people to the lake. It is already buzzing. More people, more trash.
- When I first moved here in 1990, Chautauqua was my go-to hiking place (I hike or walk three or four times a week.) When I could no longer find parking there, I went to Sanitas. When that parking lot was full, I found Lion's Lair. Now it is difficult to find parking there as well. I usually go to the Wonderland Lake area once a week and have for many years. Now I find that the parking lot there is sometimes full! So, I now park in the neighborhood (the neighbors probably don't like that). I'm sure the plan will be beautiful, as are all the other open space areas in Boulder. I just want you to know how discouraging it is for a 30-year Boulder resident to keep getting pushed out of my favorite hiking places because of the crowds and parking. I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way.
- The kind of outdoors people that require or are drawn to a nature center and water access via a dock are often people who don't respect 'leave no trace' principles. They are more concerned with personal access and their ability to conquer nature than with protecting nature. I'm afraid that creating this proposed scenario would lead to heavier foot traffic

with even educated people feeding birds, ducks, and other wildlife; create litter; and disturb the peace and the ecosystem. I have seen it happen before.

Ecosystems and Wildlife

- I enjoy the natural setting and the birds, so it does bother me to see people abuse the area by walking into protected areas (I saw someone snowshoeing in there last week). I want to keep an open mind and see what the planners are proposing. Providing improved access and repairing the trails while maintaining the spirit of the area is acceptable. Given the number of people who fish from the dam, providing a safer and more comfortable area could be a good thing. I am not so sure about wading. We don't want to turn this into Boulder Reservoir. I would like to see better marking of the trails leading up into the hills.
- I took the survey online, but I do not like either Concept A or B at all. I am wondering where the concession stands, deer hunting blinds, petting zoo, animal feeding machines, canoe/ice skate rental, and other theme park attractions are? Please let me know why those were forgotten. The plan as submitted is beyond absurd. What makes Wonderland Lake so special is that although it was man-made many years ago, nature has begun to take over. It is just beautiful because of that, unlike Viele Lake in south Boulder, which is not lovely like a Frederick Law Olmstead park and just ends up as a poorly-planned, sad excuse for a park. There are signs at Wonderland Lake warning us that the shoreline is fragile and to stay off and I see that people generally respect that. Yet somehow, your plan seeks to put people right there on the fragile shoreline in many areas. Perhaps you are unaware that many animals have populated the area. There are many types of birds (in addition to ducks) that live and breed in the marshes. Many more birds live in the trees on the peninsula. There are deer that regularly graze by the creek that flows from the dam. I think that the numerous trails that you are building down to the creek will scare the deer as you invade that space with trails. I never see deer on the loop around the lake, nor do I see them by the Broadway underpass. The idea of the dock is appalling; actually, there are three enormous built structures, all of which are out of scale and character with the surrounding area. There is the enormous building you plan to erect there, which is again out of scale with the surroundings. The idea of a picnic area, while nice, is again out of place. Perhaps placing the picnic area down by the parking area would work without marking the natural character of the lake. Please remember that we have problems with bear, raccoons, and skunks up here that scavenge food. The community works hard to prevent these creatures from becoming a nuisance. A picnic area is in opposition to that. I live on open space by the creek. I love how peaceful and natural this looks. I watch people on the trails, hiking, biking, running, and paragliding. I watch the deer graze in the fields by the creek every day. The development proposed simply belongs in another more urban environment such as Denver. I had thought that a mission of the Open Space Department was nature preservation; this is not at all what is proposed.
- I will keep this short. Please cancel any plans for the expansion of people into the Wonderland Lake area. I do live in the vicinity and have often thought how nice it was that it was not overdeveloped. The open space area east of the lake has become a wild area, and people are rarely in there. We have often chased people out of the "closed" areas around the lake so that the birds and animals could be left in peace. If more people are encouraged to come to the lake area, these areas will be overrun and compromised. At the moment, the area is occupied by deer, fox, mice, coyotes, and the occasional bear, just as it should be. Fishing is already a problem at the lake. People leave trash, fishing line, hooks, and all of that junk. More than once we have had to pull the hooks out of the dog's paws. Check for yourself to see the trash left behind by the "fishermen." It is awful. Nobody in Boulder needs

to be in the wild areas around the lake. Please leave a little bit of open space for the animals! Humans do not need to occupy every square inch of the planet! The Wonderland Lake area is very nice the way it is. There is plenty of space for people along the foothills and in the mountains. Please let me know what I can do to stop this invasive project. I and the creatures of the area will greatly appreciate it.

- Have you considered these issues?
 1. The question I have is, if you add activity-specific areas, what is the impact on the ecosystem? If you officially label something a "wading beach," then it seems like you are inviting people to, for example, put on sunscreen and hang out there. The sunscreen, etc. gets in the water and then what? I don't know; I'm no expert. But on the surface, it feels like that is more impactful on the environment than leaving it as is. I'm not against improvements for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) purposes (for sure), but if they are marking this as a project to "help ensure the conservation of the area's special natural resources" (as stated on the Boulder website), then I want to know how adding a dock and allowing wading achieves that goal.
 2. Anyone who thinks Wonderland Lake is crowded now really needs to rethink their stance on moving forward with the proposed changes. The changes will draw exponentially more people to the park and, frankly, it sounds like that is the intent of the proposed changes. Again, please consider Eben G. Fine Park (west of downtown along Boulder Creek) on a weekend pretty much any time of year except winter. People are camped out on every inch of available land, there is loud music, and there is leftover food strewn about. Is that really what we want Wonderland Lake to become? Also, I'll defer to the environmental experts, but I can't imagine a man-made lake as small as Wonderland could sustain swimming. It doesn't refresh itself naturally, and the sunscreen will pool up in stagnant areas. There is so much wildlife dependent on the lake and the ditches; I can't see how that could be allowed. Also, as to the argument that the area should be available for more people to enjoy, I don't see what's stopping them from enjoying it as it is. If picnic facilities are required for some people to enjoy a place, then there are plenty of other parks in Boulder to accommodate those folks. Thank you for considering this matter.
- I'm writing regarding the OSMF's North Trail Study Area (NTSA)-related planned development immediately around Wonderland Lake. I am heartened by your email from December 23, in which you indicated that the process is not as set in stone as many of us have come to believe. Even though I plan on attending the January 15 meeting, I would like to make sure I get my voice on the record. The wildlife habitat and conservation area around Wonderland Lake is one of Boulder's success stories. I live on Rainlilly Lane and have for almost 30 years. My home backs up to the open space immediately east of the Wonderland Lake dam, and I walk the trails around the area extensively. From my walks and even from my house, I see daily how well the area is visited and enjoyed. I find the NTSA plan for Wonderland Lake very disturbing. I'm reminded of the Joni Mitchell song, "they paved paradise and put up a parking lot," and, even more poignantly, "you don't know what you've got till it's gone." After several meetings and numerous emails, I am not convinced that we are all on the same page as to the degree to which the NTSA plan is "set in stone." Dan Burke's email of 12/11/18 to City Council stated that the NTSA as drafted was approved by Council during a June 2016 meeting and that the plan includes "creating a Wonderland Lake fishing pier and interpretive boardwalk." My meeting with Tom Isaacson, Chair of the OSMF board (as well as another meeting with OSMF staff involved with this project) left me with the sense that tweaks to implementation might be possible. However, the plan calls for a fishing pier, boardwalks, additional trails east of the dam, "hardened areas" on the peninsula, and a wading area. While the plan includes many other items, these

are of particular concern to me. I'm opposed to a fishing pier. It's inappropriate and runs counter to the goal of limiting impacts to this ecologically sensitive area. Construction and maintenance will adversely affect the wildlife and the scenic characteristics of the lake. Long-term maintenance or lack thereof is particularly concerning. Fishing is already available from the dam. There are also safety issues. While this area may be closed at night in theory, it is in a semi-urban area with minimal patrolling that is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I have similar concerns regarding the access boardwalks.

"Hardened" areas on the peninsula and additional trails in the open space east of the dam are needed nor are they in keeping with minimizing impacts to a conservation area. The idea of encouraging wading, which will lead to deeper water intrusions, is very troubling. This is a bird sanctuary. The migratory avian population has been increasing year over year. Why would we encourage more competition with that? Why would we let dogs swim out into the lake? It is also very unsafe for humans. I have a background in raw water management. The water inflows and outflows from Wonderland Lake are very low to nonexistent. The buildup of contaminants from birds is harmful to humans. Google "duck poop in lake water" and you get 2,830,000 results. Is the city going to bear the cost of conducting daily water testing and posting if water is unsafe for wading? Wading by humans or dogs is in direct conflict with the interest of maintaining Wonderland Lake as an avian migratory stop and habitat. The Wonderland Lake area attracts a lot of visitors, as it should: it's a beautiful slice of nature surrounded by semi-urban neighborhoods and is accessible to all of Boulder. Let's not spoil it with overdevelopment.

- I am writing to express my extreme disappointment upon learning of your plans to develop Wonderland Lake. I am heartsick imagining the permanent changes that will forever alter what is one of the few remaining open space gems located in the city. There are many areas in Boulder that already have the facilities you plan on adding here: in fact, literally less than five minutes away is Foothills Park, which has ample parking, bathrooms, shade structures, a playground, picnic tables, etc. There is easy walking access to Wonderland from Foothills Park for most people. If you wish to make this area more accessible, even out several small parts of the path and it will be ready to go. There are already handicap parking options, and you could increase those spaces if you wish. Others who are unable to find parking there can park elsewhere and walk (there is already a handy underground pass under Broadway), park at Foothills, take the bus, or come back another time. Sometimes you just have to accept that things work just fine the way they are; not everything has to be "improved." Wonderland is one of, if not the only, the most undisturbed locations left in Boulder and it would be a travesty to turn it into yet another "attraction." People love, and already heavily use, Wonderland because of what it is. It does not need improving; it needs protecting. The mission of Boulder's Open Space Department is to protect and preserve, and these plans seem to run exactly counter to that mission. Encouraging people to congregate around the lake and wade (which will, without question, lead to actual swimming and people letting their dogs swim) will have a profound impact on the ecosystem and on the character of the area. It will be forever changed; and not for the better. You are proposing changes that will lead to more trash, more noise, and more harm to the fragile ecosystem. The uninterrupted views of Wonderland from Broadway, the trails, and the neighborhoods on either side of the lake are iconic Boulder images. It is unthinkable that OSMP would consider adding shade structures and a pier (not to mention the nature center) that would ruin views from every angle. Shade structures already exist; they are called trees, and they are plentiful. Please do not pour cement and remove trees to create something that already exists. This is not a city park; it is an open space, and it should be treated as such. The idea that the city needs an outdoor educational center (in a very small space like Wonderland of all places) seems seriously misguided. The best way to teach children and others to enjoy and respect open

space is to actually take them outside; children do not need to sit in a room to learn about open space. This is a seriously misguided use of your resources, and I beg you to reconsider your plans. Once you do this, you cannot go back. You will have permanently altered one of the most serene and beautiful places in Boulder, and you will be accountable to everyone who lives near or visits Wonderland, not to mention future generations who will never get to experience its unadulterated beauty. If OSMP decides to change its mind, forego these plans, and put its resources into a more sensible project, the vast majority of the community will be forever grateful and will remember OSMP as actually doing what it was designed to do: prevent plans like this from coming to fruition and prioritize the preservation of a beautiful and fragile ecosystem that attracts countless happy visitors just as it is. Thank you for taking the time to read this and to actually consider changing your mind.

- Thank you for taking my call yesterday regarding my concerns for the Wonderland Lake Trail. I have looked more closely at the pier project, which you say has been approved. I am horrified to see how large that pier is. I have lived on the lake for 28 years, and this year is the very first year that there have been flocks of widgeons, scaup, and redheads in the lake along with the geese, occasional grebe, and blue heron. This was the first year in 28 years that there have been groups of varied bird species! Might that be because there are more and varied fish in the lake? Even if there are invasive fish species, I cannot find any rationale to warrant disrupting the ecosystem by putting in such a massive structure that would bring invasive people into the natural habitat. Swimming and boating are prohibited in the lake for the very reason of not disturbing the wildlife. A 50-foot platform and a 60-foot pier are much more regular presences and disturbances to the wildlife than the occasional dog or person in the water. Once again, even though the pier has been approved, I beg you to reconfigure the size and shape of it to reduce the human footprint on this gorgeous treasure in North Boulder. Many thanks for considering input from those who actually live on and use the lake trail.
- I am a concerned resident of the Wonderland Lake area. I have recently been made aware of the proposed changes to the Wonderland Lake area. I am in favor of expanding the Nature Center. However, I am strongly against the pier for fishing. I think the Nature Center would be a great asset to Wonderland Lake. My concern about the proposed pier is the potential danger to the native birds posed by disrupting their ecosystem. I frequently walk the lake loop with my children and dog, probably five times a week. I always see fishing debris along the ditch path. As someone who has been nearly hooked by a casting fishing line, I still think the pier is a bad idea. I guess the only way I could be in favor of the pier is if there were increased patrols of the area by rangers, but honestly, I am not optimistic about that because there are never rangers monitoring the area. Off-leash dogs that aren't well behaved are often walking the lake with their negligent owners. Frequently, I have had to tell the owners that this is a leash-required path, which is often met with entitled arguments that this is their area and that they can do what they want. Secondly, if there is money to spend for the Wonderland Lake area I would rather it go to making the path more handicap-accessible. I have a quadriplegic brother who visits often. We tried to walk the path on two separate occasions, and both times he fell out of his chair because of the unevenness of the path. I believe the Wonderland Lake loop is supposed to be handicap-accessible and I can assure you that the path is not handicap accessible from firsthand experience. I sincerely hope that the proposed plan is carefully examined according to what makes sense and is safe and not for pure recreation purposes. For the most part, Wonderland Lake is cared for by the locals. Have you met the "poop fairy"? She is a woman who is not a dog owner and who picks up the dog poop along the path. Additionally, if there is money to spend, the homeless situation needs to be addressed. I know many families, including mine, that don't use the underpass by Quince Avenue because of unsafe scenarios of homeless people taking

shelter and demonstrating questionable behavior. Thanks in advance for reading my concerns.

- I am appalled that the City (or whomever) wants to make the peninsula on Wonderland Lake an amusement area! I see the natural cattails are to be removed as well? This is a natural wetland area! I have been living in north Boulder for 40 years, and this idea is an atrocity to nature. There are geese, ducks, and turtles that come to this little peninsula to rest on the shore or lay their eggs. It is a peaceful spot, and now you all want to change this and also install a covered seating area? Whose idea is this, some newcomer to the Boulder area from New York or California? I have beautiful pictures of the serenity, and you all want to destroy that? People go there to meditate in the morning and listen to the birds sing, but you all want to turn this into Grand Central Station. I am livid! P.S. I saw someone's dog attack a goose and it was awful. Please acknowledge receipt of this email and respond!
- I walk around the lake almost daily and have for ten years. I take photos each trip around the lake during every season. I can tell you what birds return to which trees to nest and I can tell you where the painted turtles live. I have pictures of mountain lions, fox, deer, coyotes, and many types of birds. I can tell you all of the different birds that visit during which times of the year. I have photos of the osprey who returns each year, and I know what times of day it visits the lake to grab a fish meal. Two years ago, there were five ospreys visiting each day. I was told by a ranger two years ago that the plans were to PROTECT the peninsula and to protect the shorelines. I want it to remain as "wild" as it can be, even though it's surrounded by neighborhoods. Protect the shorelines and preserve the Open Space for wildlife, for birds, and for all of us to learn how to live with nature.
- I think it's extremely important to cease encroaching on the ever-shrinking amount of land available to wildlife and flora. It's our most precious natural gift. It would be criminal and thoughtless to expand into this area. There will always be more people. If the line doesn't get drawn now, expansion will never end. People can visit less often.
- This lake is a key place of rest, beauty, activity, and relaxation in Boulder. I am strongly against building a pier on this local treasure. I am concerned about toxic chemicals affecting the vegetation and animals, as well as unnatural materials such as concrete being introduced to this ecosystem. Similarly, this poses safety concerns such as drowning, infection, and hazard to the fish. There are many other poorly maintained areas with access to water, and there is no need to add another! Let's leave Wonderland Lake as the perfection it is. Thank you.
- Please allow nature and the delicate ecosystem to remain respected and protected from overdevelopment. Tourism is not the priority. This jewel deserves preservation!
- I was a University of Colorado (CU) student and used the lake as a study site for aquatic invertebrates. The shoreline is delicate, and shallow benthic areas are full of live forage for birds, fish, and some mammals. Wading would invite too many people and make the destruction of habitat inevitable.
- This has always been an ecosite.
- My concerns about the proposed development concern the potential negative environmental impacts.
- Walking around the lake, my concerns are that we have already encroached on animal habitats a lot and that it is important to share with them and not take up more of the resources that they need. It also is a very peaceful place and creating more recreational opportunities there would completely change the energy. There are abundant recreational opportunities already available at Boulder Reservoir, which is close by, so I don't see the need or advantage of this development. It is just a costly endeavor that benefits few.

- As a volunteer naturalist for Boulder, I have been leading trips for school groups for many years. The opportunity for teaching the advantages of wetlands, land protected for wildlife, and observing deer and water birds (ducks, cormorants, grebes) is difficult to find elsewhere. There is joy in seeing and hearing the first bluebirds and meadowlarks of the season. Please preserve one of the only natural areas for students and nature lovers alike.
- I would like the city to leave Wonderland Lake alone. It is not appropriate to have a wading beach in a wildlife refuge. Human use of this water will hurt the wildlife. People can go to the reservoir.
- I appreciate city staff's basic intent, which is to improve the user access of Wonderland Lake in various ways. However, my personal feeling is to leave it as it is for people to visit without man-made additions that will cause heavier traffic use (foot, car, bicycle, etc.) of the area and thus affect wildlife in a way that is detrimental to nature altogether over time. Man-made structures tend to have a negative impact on nature at multiple unforeseen levels with unanticipated, often irreversible consequences both at a coarse level and at a subtle level. The maintenance and upkeep of manmade structures also has a negative impact on animals of all kinds, including humans. Wonderland Lake is doing just fine as it is. Humankind, often with the best intentions, seems driven to dominate nature. We should follow the protection guidelines that are followed with the Sandhill Cranes in Nebraska and minimize any impact on nature, be it structures, chemicals, or the tendency for humans to destroy nature to one degree or another. Following nature's law, whatever is made should be able to be unmade with zero pollution or negative impact.
- Please keep this as a natural area while holding respect for the environment. Look to Germany, where they preserve the forest next to the city. Can we keep some places sacred to nature, please? I've lived here in the city for 20 years, and we are making changes too fast with little regard except for short-sighted goals. Please stop development and give nature a place.
- I hike every day there. I admire the wildlife sanctuary of birds, coyotes, and bears.
- I don't mind a few improvements to the lake area, but what you are proposing will destroy the natural habitat of the wildlife that call the area home. It is important to keep the wetlands as they are because they are populated by a lot of wildlife.

Infrastructure

- Overall, I think the Integrated Site Plan (ISP) looks good. The only things I might change are:
 1. I don't think the bird blind is of much use since it is set back so far from the water. In its place, you might put up some information signs describing the birds that inhabit the lake.
 2. I would leave the cattails near the Overflow Weir.
 3. The Fishing Dock looks fine as long as it does not go out too far.
 I have been living in North Boulder for over forty years. I find that some of the complaints about the ISP seem to be from people who consider the area their own and would prefer to keep others out. Thanks for your work on the ISP.
- This is just a quick note to say that I support the more modest development plan (the one without an on-site daycare).
- I have lived in the Wonderland Lake neighborhood on the north end of Promontory Court for 26 years. I do appreciate having the open space next to my home and also the efforts being made by the city to preserve these natural habitats, while also making it accessible to the public. BUT: regarding the proposed lofty plans for the Wonderland Lake project, I have significant concerns which are summarized below:

1. I would vote for Concept A over Concept B. Why so many parking spaces? Offering to accommodate so many visitors at one time will overwhelm this natural habitat!
2. Peninsula concepts: Bottom line: minimize infrastructure along the shore.
 - I. NO fishing dock: it would be obtrusive and scare away the waterfowl that usually frequent this shore. For fishing, perhaps offer better access along the dam where most people fish now anyway due to the fish beds being just offshore. For handicapped access to fish, etc., simply improve the stability of the trail on the peninsula.
 - II. MOVE the proposed wading beach concept over to where the proposed fishing dock was located. Placing and encouraging wading on the proposed northwest side of the peninsula is too close to the cattails where the territorial red-winged blackbirds nest.
 - III. NO boardwalk on the northeast side over by the cattails. Again, this structure is too close to the cattails where red-winged blackbirds nest and thrive
 - IV. NO cantilevered shade structure; perhaps a wooden platform at that location, but no roof. It is too obtrusive! If the weather is inclement, then people may seek shelter there if it is a roofed shelter. In such conditions, they shouldn't be out there anyway since inclement weather in this area is typically accompanied by lightning.
3. Along the western side of the Wonderland Lake Open Space:
 - I. NO bird blind: rather, simply place placards on some of the current fence posts that highlight the type of flora and fauna the visitors might see. Don't encroach on the wetlands buffer!! This is a drainage area that shouldn't be disturbed!!
 - II. One bench should be sufficient while minimizing disturbance of the current environs.
4. Summary comments:
 - I. We should not disturb/disrupt the current wetlands buffer. If we do, we put at risk the current wildlife habitat, e.g., by scaring away the red-winged blackbirds that nest in the cattails all around the lake, disrupting the free flow of waterfowl around all shores of the lake, diverting or discouraging the currently unencumbered roaming of deer, coyotes, fox, raccoons, and bobcats within this buffer as they seek water, nourishment, etc.
 - II. The current buffer provides a safe screen distance for the wildlife. If visitors want to get up close to see the wildlife, then recommend that they bring binoculars.
 - III. Just maintain the current trail system and perhaps improve the stability of these trails for the handicapped. No one, not even the handicapped, needs to get any closer than they are currently able to.
 - I think better parking, a nature center, wading area, and a fishing dock are all great amenities for Boulder's kids.
 - I would like to describe to you a hypothetical situation that may help you understand the position the city has thrust upon the residents in the Wonderland Lake area. Imagine one day receiving by the following official OSMP message:
 "To protect your home and enhance the way visitors experience the area, we have declared it to be an Integrated Site Project. We have embarked upon the North Trail Study Area Plan behind your back. Please choose which of the two renovations below you prefer:
 - A bus stop and 36 new parking spaces just off your property, with paths (A) in your front yard to an education building (orientation A) and to the interior of your home.

- A bus stop and 18 new parking spaces just off your property, with paths (B) in your front yard to an education building (orientation B) and to the interior of your home.

In either case:

- Choose between the access and new pathways leading to your front door or a new one we will install on the side.
- Choose one of two locations on your front lawn for the new education building.

We are so happy to provide you with these improvements so that all of Boulder can come enjoy the beauties of your home. Please be aware that your property taxes will remain as high as before these renovations (despite the invasive, unwanted changes) and the tremendous influx of people crowding out the beauty that you love. Thank you for your input on this exciting project. Oh, by the way, this was all approved before we gave you the opportunity to comment."

Please express to your superiors the full force of indignation and outrage you would feel under these circumstances. Wonderland Lake is beautiful and beloved just as it is. The intrinsic beauty of its natural state is a major reason many of us chose to buy property here. The proposed plans will NOT protect and preserve wildlife habitat, unique geologic features, and greenways, as described in your mission statement; they will destroy all three. We don't need or want the proposed changes in pathways and architecture, nor all the additional foot traffic that expanded parking will bring. This travesty will be the end of OSMP if it goes through.

- I live near Wonderland Lake on Promontory Court; I walk around the lake many times each week and frequent all of the nearby trails. I won't be able to attend the public meeting next Tuesday, January 15th, so I would like to share my feedback with you in this email. I have looked at the plans and read the text of proposed changes at Wonderland Lake, and I am very unhappy with some of the plans. I very much want to make the lake accessible to those with mobility issues, and the path around the lake definitely needs improvement. The path gets very muddy in spots after precipitation, and I like the proposed re-routing of the path on the northeast side of the lake. That little 'hill' gets very icy in the winter! I also like the proposed 'bird blind' on the west side of the lake, and all the benches that are proposed. There are no places to really sit and enjoy looking at the lake right now, so that would be awesome. Basically, I fear that some of the proposals will destroy the 'nature' aspect of the lake (with the wildlife, birds, and tranquility). I'm very much against the fishing pier, the shade structure, the wading beach, and the boardwalk. I will briefly outline my thoughts on each:
 - The fishing pier is too long, will damage the lake when constructed, and will do nothing to enhance tranquility and nature!
 - The shade structure will again do nothing to enhance tranquility and nature; in fact, it will detract from it. I believe any "man-made" structure (including the pier and the boardwalk) makes the lake lean toward being an "amusement park" and not nature. More people, more noise, fewer birds, less wildlife, less enjoyable.
 - In addition to my comments above, I can't believe the plan is to destroy the cattails in order to build a boardwalk!! The red-winged blackbirds LOVE those cattails as do other birds & animals. If the cattails in front of the small dam need to be cleared for water control, that is one thing, but to destroy them to put a boardwalk in???
 - The wading beach is also contrary to nature: kids bathed in sunscreen going into the water is not good for the birds in the lake. Lots of screaming children are not conducive to tranquility and nature. Boulder Reservoir already has a beach, I believe, if kids want to wade in water other than a pool.

- I also don't like the enlarged parking lot; I thought Boulder was encouraging people to ride their bikes, take the bus, or walk? Encouraging all these cars & people will harm the lake, the neighborhood, and the oasis of nature we currently have.
- The newly proposed paths coming from Broadway to the lake are unnecessary & will destroy this wildlife habitat. I'm always seeing deer and other critters hanging out there, and we can't continue to destroy their habitat and encroach even more into their territory.

I really don't want to sound like a NIMBY (not in my back yard), but I have lived here for over 14 years and so I appreciate the natural feel of Wonderland Lake. It's truly an oasis in the city, and I don't want to see it destroyed for future generations. In the past week, I have talked to many neighbors about this project, and almost 100% of them were even more against the plans than I am! I wish I could attend the meeting next week in order to convey my feelings more effectively, but this will have to suffice.

- I use the lake for serenity, meditation, peaceful reflection, walking, and running. I like the plans that include a crosswalk on Sumac Avenue, an educational component, and cleaning up the beach area. I have concerns about the bus routes, the fishing docks, and the comprehensive educational center. I'd like to see education enforced without additional structures and picnic areas. Nature signs along the path (similar to Coot Lake) offer a great way to teach while preserving the peacefulness of the park. Any footprint built should model the existing footprint of the park. There are two structures already in place near the northeast side of the park by the parking lot. These structures should be refurbished and put to good use but should not be expanded on (this is similar to other Boulder building codes). Additional parking is not necessary: I observed the parking lot last Sunday on a beautiful, sunny, 50-degree day. Spaces remained vacant for 45 minutes during prime time at 11:00 am. With the addition of a Sumac crosswalk, more people can access the trail safely without parking on the west side of Broadway. The fishing dock is concerning as the beauty of the lake is realized by the undisturbed reflections. I've seen other fishing ponds in Boulder with poor maintenance, extreme litter, and pollution. I want to keep the peace and beauty at Wonderland without disruption. The bus route is most concerning. People visit the lake because of the fresh air and serenity. A bus route in the middle of a dense neighborhood brings sound and air pollution. Now that there is a crosswalk on Sumac with these plans the bus route can be used along Broadway where there are several existing RTD stops in extremely close proximity. The "wading" beach is also concerning; this water is not meant for swimming. Additional trails in the wetlands would be interesting, should the city be able to provide the infrastructure needed to support the water control in the area. This would keep visitors focused in an open space (and away from high-density housing around the lake).
- I cannot make the meeting, but I want to share my opinion. I live on the path around the lake. We want to keep it a natural wildlife area, and many of the elements suggested by the ill-informed consultant you hired would serve to keep the animals away. Let's allow beautiful natural space to stay natural! I do not want a nature center, bird blind, or boardwalk built! They would be fake and unneeded structures that would stick out like sore thumbs!!!! The only parts of the proposal I support are widening and improving paths and the additional benches. You should update the existing small children's park area by fixing the surface and perhaps adding some nicer equipment, too. Please add my comments to those already submitted.
- I've been visiting and walking around the trails of Wonderland Lake for 15 years. I love its quiet natural state. The fishing youngsters do off of the banks is charming and non-intrusive. Everyone gets along. In the winter, the ice freezes and people walk out on and often across the lake. The dock would be an eyesore of intrusion during the fishing season

and would be crowded with people and dogs jumping into the lake (check Coot Lake for a good example – Wonderland is too small at this point to handle this.). During the winter, the ice would be less secure and firm, inviting people to go out onto weak, cracking ice at great detriment to them. Please, it is so simple and lovely as it is. Please: do not extend the dock, pollute the view, or disturb the peace and serenity of the natural world. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

- I have heard some recent resistance to the proposed Wonderland Lake updates, so I want to express my support of the changes. I believe these changes do a good job of balancing preservation with access and education goals. Specifically, I believe the peninsula updates, including the fishing pier and other improvements, will be nice additions to Wonderland Lake. As a 15-year resident of the Wonderland Lake area, it is an amazing local resource, but I have seen a notable increase in people enjoying it, and I think these upgrades will help preserve that experience for the next 15 years. Thank you.
- Right now, Wonderland Lake Open Space is a relaxing space that feels like being a part of nature. Man-made structures will destroy this feeling. It will feel like we just can't stop ourselves from exerting control. Also, please don't put in a bigger parking lot. Parking lots are ugly, and Wonderland lake is already crowded. If you want kids to have a structured nature experience with an educational component, do it without creating new trails or putting in educational stations. Don't destroy the laidback, relaxing feeling of a nature space with limited human construction. Alternatively, do it in a park. But please just leave Wonderland Lake alone. It is great the way it is. Thanks.
- Thanks for talking today about some of my concerns about the expansion of people-oriented infrastructure at Wonderland Lake. I would love to be included in the upcoming outreach event in January. As a resident on the lake, I am already seeing the effects of increased use of the area, particularly in the following ways:
 1. People's reluctance to stay within the designated area even after they notice the signs and fencing.
 2. Bike groups who speed on the trails shouting out "on your left" when they are coming up behind pedestrians.
 3. The increasing need of trail users to bring their own invasive soundscape.
- I'm a resident of the Wonderland Lake area (20 years), and I am hoping to get in some feedback about the proposed changes. I know it's past the survey date, but I learned about it late, and then was out with the flu for two weeks. Hopefully, better later than never. My biggest concerns are that I don't think adding structures in natural spaces enhances the enjoyment of places, especially for children's experience of nature. I particularly object to the proposed boardwalk and bird blind right along the trail. The buildings and facilities up near Broadway don't seem as intrusive and seem useful for education programs, but I don't want to see new signs and structures otherwise. Even though there are houses surrounding the park, the best part of enjoying the trails and views around here is that the human intervention is relatively low-key. Please keep it as pristine as possible even though it's a highly used facility.
- I was just made aware of the planned Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project. If the planned project is as described, it will involve a long pier and a boardwalk. If this is accurate, then I want to voice my opposition to those elements of the project. I have enjoyed Wonderland as a nearby neighbor for over 30 years, and my wife and I are happy with the way the lake is without the described "improvements."
- I'm writing about my concerns over proposed changes (which are alleged to be improvements) to the Wonderland Lake open space area. Frankly, I'm dismayed and very concerned. First, let me address the proposed peninsula plan with its new fishing dock,

cantilevered shade structure, and benches. All I can say is: why? Currently, it's a quiet place to walk where one can get close to the water and see a variety of waterfowl, especially migrating ducks. I've even seen osprey fishing and hunting from a nearby tree, not to mention the mule deer, rabbits, and coyotes. What makes the area attractive is its simplicity and its naturalness. I don't want to see structures there. The water, grasses, and birds (and peace and quiet) are enough. Sometimes less is more. A fishing dock will intrude into the area being used by waterfowl. Why try to make Wonderland more of a destination than it already is? I don't think the trails and the neighborhood can really support more human and other traffic. It's busy (it's used), but there is nothing wrong with the way it is working now. Moreover, as someone who walks around the lake almost every day, I can attest to the fact that at certain times of year, especially around the beach, I already see trash, fishing line, empty beer cans, etc. Adding a dock and other structures is going to encourage behavior that is detrimental to what makes Wonderland special. It's a haven within the city. Please don't try to make it into a more formal park. There are benches and picnic areas on the far side of the lake already. We don't need more crap on the beach area. Moreover, the last things we need are more parking spaces and restrooms there along Broadway. Please, please, please leave well enough alone.

- The plans as proposed are a massive overbuild and would really hurt the wildlife refuge and critical habitat of Wonderland Lake. We support some thoughtful improvements and upgrades, but this is way too much. It is interesting that in the last five years, the city has never repaired the flood damage on the existing Foothills Trail, which posed a major safety risk to bikers.
- The only item I like is improving the peninsula.
- There should be no pier of any size. I think boardwalks are a good idea because they can decrease the impact of foot traffic. There should be no wading beach or shading structure; this should not be developed as a picnic destination.
- Please do not build anything on the land surrounding the lake: no pier, no boardwalk, nothing that will increase foot or bike traffic in this last unspoiled area. The only thing that would be useful would be a proper restroom improvement at the visitor center/trailhead. Wonderland Lake is a wildlife refuge for real wildlife, not for the folks who will come in droves after the "improvements" and who may not understand its value. Please do not spoil it!
- I come here to go running or to go on a walk with friends. I've been coming here for years. It's a nice, quiet, relaxing spot to have access to. I feel that it is unnecessary to add a fishing pier, boardwalk, or the whole beach thing, especially its structures. I am definitely not a fan of adding a nature center. I love nature, but I am not for adding more buildings, especially so close to the Foothills. One of the great things about this area is that it has unobstructed views of the mountains. I'm OK with adding trails, but everything else is not needed, and it sounds like you are ruining a good thing.
- Wonderland Lake is one of the most pristine water bodies close to neighborhoods in Boulder. There are other water bodies that are available for fishing and recreation that are not being cared for adequately due to a lack of resources. There is no need to increase human-built structures around Wonderland Lake. Education and enjoyment can be found in the natural habitats without disrupting flora and fauna with construction and additions. Let's minimize our footprint, not increase it.
- My concerns with the plan would be mitigated by using non-wood planking to eliminate toxins.
- I like hiking in the area and think that the current plans do not represent an appropriate use of the area. We don't need an amusement park in that area. A dock into the deepest part of

the lake is a tragedy waiting to happen as a child falls in and drowns. One can view the wildlife in the cattails without a boardwalk. In fact, it would drive away the birds. Limited parking keeps the number of users at one time in check.

- I support the changes to the nature center, including additional parking. People coming to the lake use the neighborhood to park, and the additional parking would be appreciated.
- Why not build out parking by Lee Hill Road and/or create a new entry point to the north for walking into the Wonderland Lake area?
- I do not approve of the changes, which will result in trails, boardwalks, structures, etc. in what are now undisturbed natural areas.
- I would like to submit a comment in favor of proposed improvements to Wonderland Lake including shade, the fishing pier, and improved boardwalk trails.
- I'm deeply concerned about the plan for development of the Wonderland Lake area. Of particular concern to me are the new structures and the trails between Broadway and the lake.
- Please, please NO pier, boardwalk, or shade structures. Do not add anything that will intrude on the pristine setting we all cherish. There are other already-developed places in Boulder that can be expanded. Thank you.
- I don't know why we need a wading beach?
- I would recommend that you choose only ONE of the proposed additions.

Maintenance and Park Management

- I enjoy walking around the lake and watching the ducks, the birds, and the geese. I enjoy the quietness of the area and the native landscape. I also enjoy hiking up the trails off the Wonderland Lake Trail. The native landscape and the naturalness of the area are treasures. I understand that more people are coming to town and that the area is getting more crowded, but there have been many times in the recent past that I've been one of only a handful of people enjoying the solitude of the area. If more people coming to the lake is producing more trash, etc. I would like to see Open Space rangers in the area educating these newbies about trail etiquette, dogs on-leash, and other rules of the area. We don't need to have another developed urban playground in Boulder. I would like to see an information center at the beginning of the hike off Broadway by the parking area staffed by a ranger or a volunteer to educate the public on taking care of our natural spaces and what it means to leave no trace. This is an area for a walk or a hike, not for a large family gathering. We already have the Foothills Community Park north of the lake area for restrooms and picnicking. There's also plenty of parking at that location for large family gatherings.
- There should be more maintenance of trails and fences. Wonderland is the last place in the city where nature can be observed and enjoyed. There is currently no adequate monitoring, so let's start there. Two snowmobiles were tearing up and down on New Year's Day, causing dangerous interactions between families with toddlers, strollers, seniors, runners, and walkers. We have a natural jewel; let's protect it, not destroy it.
- I use the Wonderland Lake open space on a daily basis, often multiple times per day. Although I do like the fact that consideration has been given to make the area more accessible and educational given the importance of nature in our lives, I am concerned by the intrusion into some of these relatively undisturbed spots, as well as by the upkeep of proposed structures. As it currently stands, more people are leaving big traces of their visits with litter (bottles, food, papers, etc.) scattered by the east end rocks that border the lake. There are fishing lines and bobbins hanging from trees or floating in the water left for unsuspecting marine life to die a slow death if they become entrapped (I witnessed that

over the course of a few days - it was very sad) and there is coastal wear-and-tear as people continue to access the lake at whatever point they want to without concern about the plants beneath their feet. To address these concerns and future ones that will arise with increased visitation, I would suggest discreetly placing more educational signage so as not to take away from the treasured natural beauty, creating possible new "trails" or "slim single line"-type indicators at lake access points, and an annual city budget item to indefinitely maintain any new construction (whatever that may be) and education. What I do not want is more police activity and increased ticket issuance for violations (that will just add more unnecessary stress for all).

- Please make Wonderland Lake more resilient. It is getting well-worn. Make sure it can sustain the usage.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- We feel that Wonderland Lake is a wonderful place just as it is. There are so few places in Boulder anymore that have a feeling of wildness, that aren't overly manicured, and where children and others can feel a sense of closeness to nature. Please do all you can to leave it natural and wild.
- My husband and I have walked the lake trail nearly every day for 29 years. Its quiet, natural serenity is a great gift to north Boulder. There is no need to "improve" anything about the lake trail. More parking would increase more traffic, and there is already a crowding situation on the trail.
- My wife and I walk around the lake almost every day. PLEASE do not destroy the quiet, contemplative, and natural state of this lake by trying to develop it and build structures to "improve" it. This will destroy the quality that is most precious here: the natural environment.
- This plan takes direct aim at undermining the tranquility and open space that is afforded by the lake, surrounding hills, and trails. This will not serve the residents of the area but will open the area to a significant increase in traffic and use which, on the surface, will destroy the current aspects that make it so wonderful (no pun intended).
- My concern is that it will ruin the natural, simple beauty. I was recently in New York City and went to the Freedom Tower. It is a horrible memorial; too commercial. The reflecting pool is much better, simple, and a beautiful tribute. The tower is a perfect example of American greed and control.
- Boulder does not have many natural sanctuaries; Wonderland Lake is close to being one. People visiting the area are, for the most part, respectful of the fragile nature of the birds and wildlife there. More visitors would disrupt that stability and tranquility. I am strongly against any "development" of the Wonderland Lake location. Please respect what we have.
- These plans are absurd. What is driving the requirements and the perceived 'need' for changes or improvements to this area? The park seems to fit the needs of the community as it is. It is a haven for many types of wildlife. Also, we have plenty of existing alternatives within the current OSMP system to serve the proposed function. If the lot is full, I move on to a Plan B and walk/hike someplace else. We don't need to overrun this area as has been done in so many other areas, like Sanitas.
- In lieu of attending the citizen meeting tomorrow night, I wish to convey the following comments regarding Wonderland Lake: I have been using the Wonderland Lake trails for running and walking for several decades, and I continue to do so despite currently residing in Gunbarrel. The primary value of that area is closeness to nature. Any further development would detract from the simplicity that remains. There is no pressing need to use this property to serve needs other than the quiet enjoyment of the place as it is. It is

good for the heart and soul. Any other purposes can be served, or are being served elsewhere in the OSMP system, or at a place like the Nature Education facility south of Arapahoe at 63rd Street. I urge you not to undertake any "improvements" or development at Wonderland Lake, other than modest upgrades at the Broadway trailhead.

- Leave the lake alone! Please do not build structures into it. This is the last "wild" lake in our city and will be ruined as a wildlife area and a look into the past if you and the city staff make this into a Disney-type attraction. I repeat, leave the lake and its shores alone!!
- DO NOT DO THIS! Wonderland Lake is one of the most magical places in Boulder. Those who saved our open spaces would be horrified. Shame, shame, shame!!!!
- I walk the trails around the lake and sometimes just sit near the lake for quiet and serene moments to look at the beautiful wildlife. I think the plans to build a shade structure, wading area, and fishing dock (and to widen and build more trails in the wetlands) are not only not needed but are also in no way friendly to the environment. Adding more parking spaces and spaces for bus traffic is going to turn the beautiful preserve of wonderland lake into a mob scene. There will end up being more crime in the parking lots and in the area in general. There will be trash strewn around that will only attract bears and mountain lions into the area. The geese and ducks will suffer from people feeding them. How about just enjoying nature for what it is without messing with the ecosystem? This is a poor idea that will create many problems down the road. Please re-think this and let folks just enjoy the lake and trails as they are. A better use of money would be to fix the beat-up streets in Boulder's many neighborhoods and to replace aging city sewer lines.
- Wonderland Lake is one of the few remaining wild places to hike and contemplate our beautiful scenery. I am appalled that the city wants to develop it. Please don't!! It's perfect just the way it is.
- Keep the Wonderland Lake area as natural as it can be. Don't develop this natural beauty with more human-made structures.
- This area is very special in Boulder in that it is used primarily for reflective and quiet time with nature by those who walk, run, bike, and hike the area. The proposed development threatens that quiet and natural connection to the area and invites noise, congestion, and activity that will disrupt the quiet of the lake and its animal inhabitants. I also agree with many of my neighbors that there is not adequate maintenance and enforcement capacity to support this degree of additional development. The Wonderland Lake area isn't a large area unlike, say, the Chautauqua Park area. It's not so much a destination as it is a local park where residents might get out and into nature, walk their dog, go for a run, and breath the fresh air. It seems, however, that the proposal aims to build up Wonderland Lake to make it more of a destination park. My main question is: why?
- Do not do this.
- It ain't broken.
- Leave the area as it is! Our tax dollars are needed elsewhere in the city! More parking is not needed!
- I lived in Wonderland Hills from 1975 to 1999 and visited the lake daily. I have watched as the area has become less and less natural. The proposed development breaks my heart. Please don't make Disneyland out of one of the few municipal natural wonders we have left.
- Reading the city of Boulder's website: "We're working to improve visitors' enjoyment of Wonderland Lake"... I have to honestly say, that in the past 22 years that my family has been using the lake area, I cannot think of a single person who said that their enjoyment needed to be improved. Do not fix what is not broken. This is one of the last areas where children can enjoy the (nearby) outdoors that are mainly "unmanaged." That exactly IS the attraction of the area: sitting quietly behind a bush watching all kinds of critters, skipping stones, and

feeling to be IN nature because it does NOT look like Eben G. Fine Park or Sawhill Ponds. The city website states: ... “to help youth and families connect with nature” ..., Well, that's exactly what is going to be disturbed and changed. If you have spent as much time at the lake as our family, our neighbors, you would see that that is going on every single day in a beautiful, (mainly) unmanaged way. Even our out of town visitors LOVE the Lake area because it feels so far away. It feels rural, rugged, natural (although we know it's not), and so connected to nature. You really are IN nature. I don't know anyone who would go to Eben G. Fine Park to connect with nature. Please do not fix what is not broken and conserve this sanctuary for the next generation of little guys who find it amazing when a little turtle nose pops up in the water or who enjoy a little race with their 5 year-old buddies OFF their parents' hands (and the parents don't have to worry about it.)

- I've frequently enjoyed the lake for 35 years: swimming, fishing, and ice skating as I grew up. I was devastated when trees were cut down along the damn. The lake was emptied for a project of fortifying the damn. I watched fishes flop around to their death, which was sad. I also watched the greenbelt disappear to housing and park development on the south side. I would prefer the lake be left the way it is.
- Please just leave it be! Do you people not have anything else to do or spend your money on than ruining one of the last little bits of nature left in North Boulder? I left the area because of all the upscaling and development. This disgusts me.
- I vote for leaving the natural features of this area as intact as possible.
- I know from having lived in Boulder for over 30 years that this is a pristine area. It would be a travesty to develop it as proposed, destroying the treasure that it is to the residents of Boulder. Please abandon these plans!!
- I bike from my home in lower Chautauqua to Wonderland Lake a couple times a week in warm weather. I listen to birdsong and often eat lunch watching the lake. It is perfect just as it is. Keep the lake and surrounding area as natural as possible. It is well-used and, like every open space in Boulder, in danger of overuse. Please just leave it and the wild things that live there alone.
- I love this area for its quiet and natural beauty and would hate to see it become overcrowded or made into a less wild place. Going forward with extensive development would make me less interested in visiting.
- I am a 25-year property owner on Wonderland Lake and my purchase of my house 25 years ago motivated predominantly by the quiet scene at the lake. I have looked at the prospective plans for development of the lake area and see nothing in it that I would support or be happy to see come to pass.
- I appreciate that the city is looking to improve Wonderland Lake and make it more accessible to the Boulder community. What makes Wonderland Lake really special is the peaceful serenity of the space - the fact that the lake has uninterrupted reflections of the mountains, that it feels like a nature preserve meant for birds and wildlife, and that the trail systems blends nicely into the geographic features of the area. I think a few parts of this plan are highly disruptive to what makes this place special. The T-Shaped fishing dock would reduce the reflective quality of the lake and its feeling as a natural habitat for birds. The Nature Center seems like it would be a very large man-made structure introduced into the area. I think a series of signs explaining the nature throughout Wonderland Hills might be better and less intrusive. Perhaps the city could create a nature walk through the preserver that guests could follow; an example is the signage at Coot Lake. The boardwalk in the cattails on the north side of the peninsula could be nice if done in a subtle way that blends the feature with the natural environment.

- I live in the Wonderland Hills neighborhood and am distressed to hear that there is a plan to develop it, which means more noise and more people. It is beautiful the way it is...can't we leave it alone? Boulder is losing its charm and turning into a mini-Aspen. Please leave Wonderland Lake alone. I would hope that we, the neighbors who live here, would have a say in the matter. Please, please don't do this development! Thank you for your time.
- PLEASE LEAVE WONDERLAND LAKE ALONE. Its simplicity and quiet beauty should be preserved, not built up. Not everywhere in Boulder's natural areas has to be expanded and made more accessible/busier. Places can be loved to death in Boulder (like Sanitas Trail and Chautauqua). Don't do this to the Lake. The Lake is wonderful as it is. Don't ruin it, please. Thank you.
- LEAVE WONDERLAND LAKE AS IT IS. If there is a need to get closer to the water, Coot Lake or Boulder Reservoir are the locations. Picnic shelters exist at Wonderland Lake Park and at Foothills Community Park. Wonderland is ideal as is. More walkways will mean more maintenance needs in the future which will need a greater budget. City Council will ask city staff for five or ten percent reductions of service in the future as they currently do. There are already too many filled and discarded dog poop bags along other trails like Chautauqua. This increased access can only lead to further degradation of the Lake area. The Lake is wonderful as it is. Please don't ruin it.
- I just spoke with you; thank you for your returned call and input. As I've mentioned, we are not seeing Wonderland Lake Wildlife Park as a good place to highly promote more activities, as there are already hundreds of people fully using the area on a daily basis. We have fully enjoyed the beauty and peace of watching the wildlife, as it brings such calm to our overly busy lives. If it can continue to be viewed and respected on a calm level, we think it would continue to benefit all as a wildlife sanctuary that supports the animals and birds and serves as a place of solitude for people that is so needed. I'm emailing in response to the proposed.
- We feel strongly that the scale and ambitions of plans for Wonderland Lake must be minimized. This is a wild area and needs no "improvement" other than that necessary for safety. Please leave the Lake alone!
- I am a frequent user of the trail around Wonderland Lake and take my grandchildren to the children's recreation area. Having lived near the lake for more than 30 years, I have appreciated the proximity to it and my walks with my wife and guests. Its major attraction is the opportunity to be in a natural habitat (except for the houses that are unfortunately located along the north side). Adding any sort of non-natural "amenities" would be inappropriate. As a side note, it appears that the cattails growing along the shore are getting out of control, and some form of intervention should take place.
- Please don't do this. I understand the interest and urge to "build, build, build," but part of what makes Boulder so special are places like this: somewhat hidden gems where you can get away from the crowds. Keep this area serene and special and don't develop it.
- The lake is fine as it is. Please don't ruin it with overdevelopment.
- I would love to have just one beautiful place not developed. Boulder is developing almost any space that it can, so please leave this beautiful, pristine lake alone and let the birds and other wildlife that wander about have it.
- Don't destroy/lessen this lovely piece of this special city.
- I run/hike/walk almost daily in that area. I would like to see it kept the way it is. Thank you.
- I walk my dog around the lake very often. It would be a shame to lose the natural, pristine quality of Wonderland Lake as it is. I love seeing the large variety of birds, which I feel would be affected by the increased human density with the new plan.

- I run, hike and walk Wonderland Lake. It is an ideal place to see wildlife like deer, rabbits, and birds. It is calm, quiet, and a good place to go to be away from the busy Boulder streets. Adding your suggested plans would change all of this and make it a crowded, built-up area with trash. Wonderland Lake will lose its charm. The trails that are currently available meet the needs of the hikers, bikers, joggers, and walkers I see every day. The trails are never crowded. I do not understand why more trails through the wetlands are needed.
- My wife and I hike around the lake several times a week (we live a few minutes away).
- I love the quiet and pristine nature of the lake. I've been frequenting the lake for over 30 years. It is quite sad to think of the destruction the plans are considering for the area. Just leave it alone.
- Hi, sorry, I do not like this at all. There are so many areas of Boulder that need improvement, while this little secret paradise is perfect as it is. Please don't mess with it. There are already so many visitors at all times of the day, please don't make it even more crowded. It is my oasis to connect with nature, to run, to get away from the business of life, and here you're going to exploit it further and make it like "anywhere USA," like the rest of Boulder. I love going to the lake to steal a tiny moment when no one else is around. I can take a deep breath- for just a moment of peace before someone walks up. Boulder is already changing so much, and it is SO overcrowded and noisy now. Please just leave it alone. I pay so much to live nearby. I don't see the appeal of making it as busy as Sanitas. How about instead investing in crime prevention and helping the homelessness that is happening all around here too? That is where this investment needs to go. Just please don't.
- I use the area for hiking and would like to see it stay the way it is. I am concerned about the wildlife and about destroying the peace and quiet.
- If there are accessibility issues and general trail maintenance concerns at Wonderland Lake, those should be addressed. However, as someone who has enjoyed contemplative walks around this lake for decades, I cannot support making this an urban destination and attraction. It is one little oasis of serenity in what has become a Boulder some of us old-timers hardly recognize anymore. It is a rare wildlife refuge within city limits, and increased development will affect the ecosystem in negative ways. This proposal is a "solution without a problem."
- I walk around the lake four to six times a week. Its beauty is inspiring to me. I love the fact that it is quiet and attracts a wide assortment of wildlife. Our neighborhood is quiet with an older population. Bringing in busloads of school children in here would completely change the tenor of our community. We bought into this community because of the quiet beauty and the fact that it was a sanctuary for wildlife. Your plan would destroy both of these qualities, or, at the very least, seriously compromise both. I wonder who came up with this plan and why they insist on spoiling the quiet beauty that it possesses. My guess is that it was people from outside of this community who have no clue about what our Wonderland Lake community is about. I wonder whose concerns you are referring to. I seriously doubt the concerns are from the people that live here. Most people I know are very happy with how it is now and are against this plan for development. In our culture of greed and excess, sometimes people overlook the simple truth that less is more. Please stay out of our community. Let us be. My suggestion is to leave our lake the way it is.
- My family live on Wonderland Hill Avenue and enjoy walks in that area. Please leave it undisturbed.
- It was always designated as a wildlife preserve, and those of us in the neighborhood always respected that, appreciated it, and did just fine without seeing the need for any fancy upgrades. As a former resident, the thought of all the fancy improvements is alarming and weighs heavily on my heart. I would hate to see the lake developed. It's just fine as it is.

- Please keep this rural paradise intact for wildlife and quiet contemplation. The only thing that has to be added is a bathroom!
- The lake represents a real public treasure. It should NOT be prostituted for short-term gains. It is a wildlife sanctuary. It is a place where Boulderites come to jog, walk with their families and dogs, and let the stress ooze away.
- Please keep Wonderland Lake in its untouched state. It is a wildlife preserve, not a tourist attraction. Anyone can walk its trails or fish along its banks all year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week: why should it become an overbuilt theme park????
- I live close enough to the distance to walk but just far enough that sometimes I will drive. I visit several times per week, generally. I've lived in Boulder for 11 years and am beyond upset about these potential plans. Wonderland is one of the few (only?!) remaining semi-natural outdoor areas in the city and its charm and appeal is that it is simple and natural. It does not need to be turned into a zoo like Chautauqua with a visitor center, expanded parking, dock, etc. It is teeming with wildlife, and I fear that adding all of these structures will have a major negative impact on them. The shade structures, fishing dock, and pier, in particular, are outrageously out of touch with what makes Wonderland so enjoyable to so many people. Wonderland is great because it is so natural and simple and allows one to feel like they are in nature. There is no reason to spend money to "improve" it; you can't improve upon nature by adding unnatural features. Once you do this, you can't take it back. I beg you to reconsider these plans; clearly, the city or OSMP had some extra funds and decided to come up with a project to use them. This is not the right application at all. Also, I keep being told that these plans were made public a long time ago and that citizens were given a chance for input; well, I have lived here for over 10 years in North Boulder and have never once heard about this. This is your opportunity to actually think hard about whether what you are doing is right for Boulder, right for the wildlife around the lake, and right for the majority of citizens who live nearby and to decide that you can change your mind and take back this disastrous plan. There is no going back once you do this; this will be a watermark moment that drastically changes the character of Wonderland Lake and the surrounding neighborhoods. Please, please, please, please reconsider.
- This "improvement" is a big mistake. Wonderland Lake is fine just as it is. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." We should be spending (limited) money for OSMP on maintaining existing trails, not on introducing structures that are inconsistent with open space and the natural conditions of the lake and the land surrounding it.
- I am writing with the hope that I can discourage many of the changes that have been proposed at Wonderland Lake. I live in a neighborhood surrounding the lake and appreciate its natural beauty, the quiet, and the wildlife that live here. I feel that the proposed changes will alter forever these special qualities and that the area will be turned into a recreational area rather than a place of protection and preservation of one of the few somewhat natural spots left within city limits. I am curious how this proposal came to be. I understand that it is part of the 2016 North Trail Study Area project, but how was this specific plan developed? Was it citizen-instigated? Is there data supporting the need for the changes? Is there research on how these changes will affect wildlife, traffic, and the surrounding neighborhoods? I would really appreciate your thoughts on this, and if you can pass along my thoughts to Open Space officials, I would be grateful. I have written to the Boulder City Council, advising them that I am against all changes that directly affect the lake: the dock, the bird blind, and the shade structure on the peninsula, in particular.
- As a frequent user of the area, I have a few comments. First, I would like it to remain as it is: "wild," simple, and quiet. I live on the southeast end of town but really enjoy running and walking the lake and upper trails. I hope you will listen to the local residents. Please do NOT

over-enhance Wonderland Lake with entertainment and play. I read somewhere that you were considering a simple (but safe) fishing dock of some sort; that might be ok. Add nature signs identifying waterfowl and maybe the history of the area. Whatever changes you make and add, please keep them simple and unobtrusive accoutrements. If people want a destination "park," there are others they can go to. Wonderland Lake is a residents' area; we like it wild, simple and quiet! The biggest addition the area needs is bathrooms! We need something at the lake with a sink, something smaller at the upper trailhead on Lee Hill. There's nothing worse than looking for a bush after jogging three or four times around drinking water.

- I have lived in Boulder since the 1970s and have resided in the Wonderland Lake neighborhood since 1985. For 30-plus years my family and I have enjoyed the incredible offerings of the Wonderland Lake area, including the children's play-structure area, the grassy park areas, and the paths/trails that encircle the lake, allowing one to enjoy serenity and beauty of the lake itself as well as the wildlife in its natural areas.
 - Please support LIMITING additional development of the lake area. The fishing dock, the sheltered picnic area on the peninsula, and the 70-foot beach wading area could have such a NEGATIVE impact on the integrity and current state of Wonderland Lake as a natural wildlife area preserve.
 - Please support PROTECTING the Wonderland Lake area in its NATURAL state. Wonderland Lake is a real treasure, and SO many people use its well-maintained paths throughout the day as they enjoy the natural beauty of the area.
 - Please help to keep the Wonderland Lake area wonderful as it is!!

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

- I am writing with regards to the proposed improvements to Wonderland Lake. I have many thoughts and concerns, and I plan to attend the meeting in January. However, there is one particular concern that I wish to voice now to you. I am a resident of the neighborhood. My property backs to the trail. I live on the north side on Cottage Lane. My husband and I are out on the trail at least once a day, if not twice a day. In looking over the plans, I am very concerned about the realignment of the trail on the east side along the peninsula. As it is now, the path is straight across the dam and passes the peninsula. There is a rough trail that goes out into the peninsula that is rarely used. You are proposing realigning the trail to "improve the experience." This proposed improvement frankly scares me. There are many of us that frequent the trail in the morning or at dusk. With the realignment of the trail, you will be pushing us into the bushes and trees, where it is not safe in the morning or evenings. I have seen vagrants camping there. Create the alternate route if you will, but please, please keep the current straight path along the dam so we do not have to put ourselves at risk by having to go through the shrubs and trees.
- Either my wife or I walk our dog around the lake almost every day, sometimes in the morning and at night.
- We live in the foothills of Pinebrook Hills and use the lake for quiet hiking and enjoying the area's nature and wildlife.

Other Recreation

- I called earlier, but I know you're busy, so I'm sending you this email. I am quite concerned about a 50-by-70-foot structure being built on this lake. I am the original owner, having lived here on the south shore for 42 years. I am also a realtor and have sold most of these

houses that front the lake, so I'm getting quite an earful from the neighbors. When I originally moved here, this was just a pond with people running willy-nilly, swimming, boating, windsurfing, using model and remote-control boats/seaplanes, and you name it. We even had a rubber raft that we dragged down to the water occasionally. The wise people who converted this to a wildlife sanctuary with restrictions would be aghast at the idea of a Coney Island-like atmosphere on the peninsula. As it is now, all spring, summer, and fall there are hundreds of people that come to the peninsula with their dogs and kids. Kids swim in the water and their dogs stand on the shore and bark at them constantly, or they go out and swim with them. Sound carries extremely well across water, and it not only disturbs the residents that live here who were expecting peace and quiet in a wildlife sanctuary, but I'm sure also chases off the blue heron, night heron, ducks, geese and anything else that lives here. We have even seen tents there with people camping, using boom boxes, and using barbecues. I am sure you have visited the peninsula during the season and have seen what all goes on, which would only increase many times if you make attractions to welcome more people to that area. As it is now, people don't just fish the dam and peninsula; every week, we see people along the shoreline fly-fishing or fly-fishing in the water off the peninsula in waders. If you were to do such a thing, I think you would need to have a full-time ranger there to police the masses and keep things under control. But after all, isn't this supposed to be a wildlife sanctuary? Why invite this behavior in the first place? Maybe Coot Lake would be a better place! What we could really use here is some additional split-rail fencing to keep people out of the nesting areas and additional signage. There used to be several signs about not disturbing the nesting birds, but most of those signs have disappeared over the years. I hope you don't consider this message too harsh, but I really am getting bombarded by people who live around here, and I can't blame them. This lake is nationally known as one of the few wildlife sanctuaries in a major city, so let's please keep it that way. Thank you for your consideration, and please call me if you want more information.

- I use the lake area to walk my dog on a leash. I have lived in Wonderland Hills since 1977, and I own my home there. Wonderland Lake is a wetland treasure.
- I used the trails for walking, birding, meditating, and getting a fix of calm from the frenzy. I like the plans overall. I would worry about crowds and increasing use. I especially like the expansion of the trails.
- I walk the trail for enjoyment for myself and my dog. This is my route to the store. I also enjoy doing plant identification and taking photos.
- I walk the trails almost daily and have been doing so for the last 30 years.
- Will stand-up paddleboards be allowed? I'm cautiously optimistic that this is a good idea to make this area more accessible to the public.
- I am and have been a daily user of Wonderland as a pedestrian, a runner, a fisherman, and an educator of my two sons and, in turn, two grandsons in the art of fishing and appreciating the wonderful lake and trails.
- Fishing at Wonderland Lake should be 100% catch-and-release and flies and lures only (no barbs). Implement a slot limit on the fish catch. Almost everyone out there is doing catch-and-release already. OSMP does not have to put in a pier, but please adjust the rocks on the dam in places to better allow people to get down the dam face and get closer to the water. An individual also let me know that he caught an 11-inch bluegill and caught over 21 fish in an hour while fishing on the 4th of July.

Other

- If you try to educate people about the environment by destroying it, you will educate them to think it is a good idea to destroy the environment.

- This is a catastrophic move.
- I purchased a home on Promontory Court in 1992, which I owned until 2009. My husband and I purchased a townhome in Wonderland Hills IV two months ago.
- We will not be able to attend the January 15 community meeting regarding this project, so I would like to provide some input here. We fear that since this OSMP activity has already been given the status of a named "project" and apparently already has a project staff, there may be no stopping it. Hopefully this does not prove to be the case, and hopefully, OSMP will listen to the Wonderland Lake users. In short, the Wonderland Lake open space area is currently beautiful and perfect, and any OSMP effort to alter the area will only make it less perfect. No good will come of it, no matter what the pie charts say. I know you and your colleagues are hard-working and well-meaning folk, but I think you will find that this project will prove to be anathema to many, many citizens. Please leave the Lake alone and find other ways to improve Open Space. Thanks.
- I am sure you have heard this from others, but the plans include land that belongs to the Cottages at Wonderland Lake Homeowners' Association. I am pretty sure that you cannot take that land for park use.
- My big concern is that we don't turn the area into a money sinkhole like the project in the Civic Center (by the library.) We had a perfectly fine park there, but the City went on to spend millions to "improve" what didn't need improvement. While it is undoubtedly nice, it seems an almost criminal allocation of dollars when we know there is a much bigger problem in affordable housing that needs our dollars. How many people could we have housed with all those millions? Let's stop talking about affordable housing and putting our money where our mouths are. I've looked over the plan for Wonderland Lake, and it doesn't look outrageous, but I hope that we dispense with niceties and do only what is needed to preserve the environmental integrity of the space. I don't know about wading and fishing areas; do we really NEED those compared to affordable housing? As I said there are LOTS of things that can be nice, but we need to prioritize our dollars on the city's big problem: affordable housing. I am also a senior, and I have to host two renters in my home to pay taxes. This gets very sensitive for me when I see my government more concerned about niceties than in keeping the city affordable for those of us who have lived here for decades. Please exercise restraint. By the way, isn't this the same city government that was forced into drastic budget cuts last year due to sales tax shortfalls? That mindset would be a good one to continue.
- Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend tonight's public meeting due to a previous commitment, so I am submitting my comments to be included in the public record for consideration in the decision-making process for the Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project.
- I concur with a number of the opinions expressed by our neighbors in the surrounding Wonderland Lake neighborhoods. I may not be able to attend the public meeting on Tuesday, January 15th, and I want to ensure my thoughts are included.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM WONDERLANDLAKE.COM:
November 30, 2018 to January 15, 2019**

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES PROVIDED ON WONDERLANDLAKE.COM

Many residents provided input to OSMP via comments submitted on wonderlandlake.com, a community website. In addition to general comments, the website collected information on two additional questions about respondents' relationship to Wonderland Lake and the proposed project. Responses to those questions are provided below.

How often do you visit Wonderland Lake?

Category	Number of Responses
Weekly/several times per week	53
Daily, almost daily, or multiple times per day	34
Other	11
Monthly/several times per month	6
Frequently	5
Infrequently	5
Total Number of Responses	114

Additional provided information, by category

- *Daily, almost daily, or multiple times per day*
 - I run around the lake each morning!
 - Almost daily for at least ten years.
- *Frequently*
 - All the time; I live right by it.
 - Often over the past 35 years.
- *Weekly/several times per week*
 - 4-7 times every week for the past 22 years.
 - Many times a week, since we live right here on Poplar Avenue.
- *Other*
 - 2 times a year.
 - 12 times a year.
 - 2-3 times per year.
 - 3-4 times a year.
 - A few times per year.
 - Several times a year.
 - I lived in the North Boulder neighborhood for 17 years and took daily morning walks around the lake and/or up the trails on the hillside
 - I lived on the lake for nine years. I visited multiple times per day. This plan is a terrible idea. The wildlife is already suffering from the removal of prairie dogs, which affected coyotes, birds of prey, etc. This would destroy those who we love.
 - Twice a year.
 - Whenever I can.
 - Regular dog walks.

Are you a Wonderland Hills resident?

Category	Number of Responses
Yes	47
No	43
Other	23
Total Number of Responses	113

Additional provided information, by category

- *Yes*
 - Yes; the dead-end cul-de-sac of Quince Avenue.
 - Yes, for 35 years.
 - Yes, Quince Avenue.
 - Yes, nearby.
 - Yes, Forest Glen.
 - Yes, I live on Newport Lane, which is basically one block away.
 - Yes, I am living on Poplar Avenue.
- *No*
 - No, Briarwood North.
 - No, I live on the east side of Broadway near Lucky's.
 - No, Orchard Park across Broadway and Poplar.
 - No, but I live nearby.
 - No longer.
 - No, Old Stage Road.
 - No, but I live in North Boulder.
 - No, but I live just east of there.
 - No, I'm a North Boulder resident.
 - No, Uptown Broadway.
 - No, I live in north Boulder.
 - No, I am a north Boulder resident with easy access to the Wonderland Lake area.
 - Not at this time.
- *Other*
 - Dakota Ridge.
 - Every day.
 - Every day of the week.
 - I grew up there; my parents still live there.
 - I have lived just east of the lake for 30 years.
 - I have lived on Utica for 33 years.
 - I live in the Holiday Neighborhood.
 - I live near the Hawthorn Gardens.
 - I live nearby.
 - I used to be.
 - I was, but not now.
 - I was for 7 years.
 - Linden Avenue.
 - Linden Avenue.

- I live on Quince Avenue east of Broadway.
- Nearby; Newlands.
- North Boulder resident.
- North Briar.
- Quince resident.
- Does Redwood Avenue count?
- I used to be a neighbor.
- I was a resident for 9 years until June 2018.
- Within a mile.

EMAILED COMMENTS:
January 15, 2019 to January 22, 2019

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP)

Record of Public Comments from Email and City Webforms from 1/15/2019 to 1/22/2019

Note: This document provides a record of public comments submitted to the city of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department staff between a community meeting on January 15, 2019, and January 22, 2019, concerning a proposed project at Wonderland Lake. For ease of reference, the comments have been grouped broadly by the topic primarily addressed in each comment, although there is some overlap between categories within most comments. The comments are included in their original form with occasional corrections for spelling, grammar, commenter anonymity, acronyms, and abbreviations.

Access

- My vision for Wonderland Lake is that it remains a place for everyone to interact with nature on their own terms and in the way that meets their needs (within reason of course), especially those individuals that have limited access to natural areas. It is great that Wonderland Lake is open to the public and was set aside from its inception for everyone to enjoy. I believe nature should be free, accessible, and inclusive for all. I support changes to Wonderland Lake that would further allow children to explore and play freely in natural areas, especially those areas that are unique to this dry climate such as lakes and streams as well as wooded areas. I also support efforts to increase the quantity and quality of environmental education at Wonderland Lake and all open space properties. It is no longer enough for us to hope that youth grow up to care about the environment. We need to PLAN for it! There are more opportunities and distractions for our children than ever before. We MUST provide experiences that can compete with YouTube and video games. I believe we can accomplish this without any long-term damage to the ecosystem.
- I live by Veile Lake, which also a MAN-MADE lake like Wonderland Lake. We have piers extending out into the lake. No parties take place on the piers, and I've yet to see a single person sleep on one(!). Both of these lakes were built by the city or County decades ago, for use by the people. The use was likely water retention at the time of their construction, and it may still be. It's important that these lakes are maintained and enhanced in ways that citizens can use. The organization skills of NIMBY (not in my back yard) neighbors throughout Boulder (while impressive with websites and meetings) should never trump the needs and enhancements that will benefit the wider city citizenry. The lists I have seen of reasons to avoid any work around Wonderland Lake are classic NIMBY laundry lists (noise, parties, teenagers, hobos!!! The horror).
- Thank you and all the OSMP staff for arranging the January 15 meeting. I am sure it was not how you would have preferred to spend a Tuesday night, but the time to connect on Wonderland Lake was much appreciated. I was not able to complete the questionnaire that was distributed on Tuesday, and I wasn't sure they were going to be made available online. I also didn't get a chance to read all of the questions, but I believe there was something about 'what is your vision for Wonderland Lake.' I would like to provide some input:
 - Vision:
 - A wildlife sanctuary
 - Serene
 - Leave no trace
 - Preserved, protected, and respected
 - Maintained
 - How to achieve it:
 - Close the area to fishing
 - Temporarily and periodically close the peninsula for a restoration period

- Prohibit human access to the area east of the lake and west of Broadway
- Keep the lake closed to swimming and wading consistent with current city regulations
- Assign a full-time ranger
- Improve and repair Sawhill Ponds as an alternative for fishing, wading, picnics, etc.
- Instead of a "Nature Center," refresh the existing building and call it an "Environmental Center," where people of all ages can learn about:
 - Climate change
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
 - Plastic's impact on the environment, emphasizing water pollution
 - Carbon footprint and how to reduce it
 - Endangered and protected species
 - The environmental importance of picking up dog poop
 - Composting
 - Wildlife and birds in the area
 - Respecting nature in all forms in a 'hands-off' way (including fish & flora); mantra: nature is not a toy.
- The Environmental Center can be equipped with binoculars for visitors to rent (i.e., leave a driver's license as a deposit, not money). The center can provide visitors with compostable trash and poop bags to pick up trash/poo along the path and return to the center, or deposit in one of the four receptacles that are currently along the path (six if Wonderland Lake Park is included). If they return trash to the Environmental Center, the visitor is compensated with a stainless steel straw. Create an app or podcast that can be downloaded and used to describe the area and provide information on what to look for around the path (reiterating the importance of staying on the designated paths). Those without phones can rent audio devices and headsets with the podcast. This would reduce the need for educational signs.

If this is the type of approach that can be implemented instead of man-made structures, additional trails, disruption, and destruction, then this would truly be a Wonderland. Thank you again.

- I was unable to attend last week's meeting (I attended that City Council meeting about the Waldorf School concept plan instead; it would have been nice to have different dates for sessions on big issues for our neighborhood!), I wanted to say that the only thing I want to have done to Wonderland Lake is better enforcement of rules and better maintenance of trails. Let's give the wildlife refuge a break; no new structures and no new trail through the eastern field are needed. They would do harm, not good. The City is already going to disturb and stress wildlife by putting the new sections of the North Trail through the eastern side of Broadway and US 36. Please don't increase the stress on life at Wonderland Lake! It is a treasure that should be protected.
- Thank you to you and the staff at OSMP for your dedication to serving both the public and the environment. I have a number of ideas and comments regarding the Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project. Please share these comments publicly, including with city council. I was a nature camp counselor last summer with kids ages 6 to 16, and I am a writer and business person. I walk around Wonderland Lake a couple times a week, fish occasionally, birdwatch, and live a couple blocks away.
 - Equity and Inclusion: OSMP needs to get input from children, people with disabilities, and immigrants who are important current and future users of the lake. The January 15 meeting attendees were nearly all old white people.

- Timing: “Let’s do this!” as the Home Depot buckets say, starting in 2019, not some other time. It is a great idea to improve public access at Wonderland Lake.
- Location: There are hundreds of lakes and ponds in Colorado. Wonderland Lake is in the middle of a city, accessible by public transit and near both high- and low-income communities and elementary schools Foothill and Crestview. Therefore, this lake should be used with public access as a higher priority than conservation. We need to make it better for both people and nature. We need to encourage the next generation of nature lovers. Give kids a place to play in the mud with sticks and rocks and touch bugs!
- Human access:
 - Parking and trails: Improve access with a parking area, nature center, new paths along the lake’s outflow creek, and a wheelchair-accessible path around the lake.
 - Marsh boardwalk This would be great for kids and people with disabilities! The mud around the edge of Wonderland Lake is like deep pudding, awful to “wade” in. From the boardwalk, kids and adults could catch water insects, observe marsh plants up-close, and feel what it is like to be IN a marsh. Kids love to mess around on boardwalks.
 - No duck blind: Don’t do the duck blind, as you can already observe ducks from that spot without spooking them. The blind may attract folks who need a place to sleep and pee.
 - Bird deck: Build a bird observation deck at the southwest corner of the lake, just behind the trees in the mowed area. As a birder, this would be awesome and would not scare the ducks. Don’t build a roof, just a raised platform with a railing.
 - Dam overlook: Build an accessible overlook along dam for fishing, gazing, and birding. A long fishing pier or dock-type structure would distract from the natural beauty. The one at Coot Lake is good, or perhaps a stone parapet where the trail would dip down to along the dam’s waterline.
 - Peninsula benches: A place to sit on the peninsula is a good idea, with a few benches and shade from either planted and protected trees or a wooden arbor; nothing metal or concrete. Do something like you’d do up at Chautauqua.
 - Water play area: Give kids a place to play in the water, ideally in flowing water rather than in the lake where a kid might drown. How about below the lake outflow either from the weir or the lake discharge or the inflow from Silver Lake Ditch? Leave branches and rocks there! Kids love to build stuff, based on my summer experience as a nature camp instructor.
 - Stepping stones: Set a series of rocks in the shallows off the peninsula to make stepping stones in the water that people could step along and look down into the shallows. The substrate here is water-dissolved clay that no one really wants to wade in.
 - Picnic area: Provide a few picnic tables and regular trash collection, perhaps near the trail entrance on Utica where there are trash cans already. This will invite families.
- Animal habitat:
 - Spillway wetland: Convert the ugly concrete-lined spillway to a wetland, adding more riparian habitat to the area. This could even be a wading area when water is running.

- More lake structure: The lake has very little structure (think houses for fish, amphibians, invertebrates, etc.) and therefore needs more downed tree trunks and rocks in the water. A smooth lake bottom is as unappealing as a parking lot to fish.
- Ingoing streams as wetlands: Convert the two concrete runoff “streams” southwest of the lake and the Silver Lake Ditch inlet ditch into wetland habitat.
- Naturalized parks and rec playing field: Consider making the current playing field to the south, which gets almost no use, into part of the Wonderland Lake nature preserve.
- Invasives: The removal of invasive weeds is a good idea, though cattails aren’t native either, so prioritize wisely.
- Plant trees: OSMP should plant trees on the peninsula in 2019. They will grow slowly and need as much time as possible. The ash trees currently living there will soon be dead from ash borer. I am not sure about removing the huge crack willows when they are most of the canopy in places.
- Regional context:
 - How does the plan for Wonderland Lake fit with the plans for Thorne Nature Center, Sombrero Marsh, Boulder Reservoir, and Boulder Creek?
- I am a Boulder native and have lived in the Wonderland Hills neighborhood since 1994. My husband and I have often commented walking around the lake that we wished children could get closer to the lake and actually even in the water. I am pleased to see there is a beach in this plan. I would not even be opposed to winter ice skating.

Crowding, Traffic, and Parking Concerns

- I have lived in the Wonderland Lake area for 30 years. This is the first year I've seen this level of waterfowl on the lake, increasing my enjoyment immeasurably. However, Wonderland Lake is no longer the best-kept secret in town for a serene place to walk and wildlife to flourish. There is overflow parking on all the side streets, increased trash, noise, constant traffic on the trails, increasing adverse dog interactions, and competition with bicyclists (thank goodness most give me a heads up when they need to pass).
- My wife and I use the lake area almost every day to walk our dog, hike, bike, and nature watch. We view anything that increases use of the area by people to be detrimental; for example, if there are more people on the paths, it will become too crowded to bike (and therefore to walk) safely.
- Foothills Option A is much better than Foothills Option B; 50 parking spaces are TOO many!

Ecosystems and Wildlife

- I spoke last night at the Wonderland Lake meeting at North Boulder Recreation Center, so I'll keep my comments short here. My wife and I use the trails around the lake at least twice a week, so we care very much about what OSMP wants to do. My thanks go to the OSMP Board and staff for a well-run meeting as well as the decision to give no further consideration to the pier and boardwalk. I hope this decision holds. It greatly reduces my concerns. For me, maintaining and improving habitat at the lake should be the key objective. It's habitat and wildlife that make the place special for me. So, I still have problems with the shade structure on the peninsula. I think it would attract crowds that will linger for hours, swim, pollute, and scare birds from the surface of the lake (and maybe even the cattails). I do support using the structures on Broadway for children's education. Of course, kids will

want to visit the lake. As long as they are managed in some way to protect habitat, I don't have a problem with that. I also support making the trails more accessible for disabled visitors. Again, thank you and OSMP for making last night possible and being responsive.

- Overall, I do not approve of the plans to develop the "natural" nature of the lake and its surroundings. In the past, the city worked hard to preserve the natural setting in an ecological manner with regard to beauty and importance to wildlife. It has set back access to the shoreline in areas, restricted fishing to the peninsula and dam shorelines, and allowed the area to grow native vegetation. The cattails are a part of this, as the small, young fish use these shallows for protection from the larger fish, shelter, and warmth. I think the destruction of this habitat is conjured up by someone not attuned to the area.
- Wonderland lake is a WILDLIFE Sanctuary, not a kids' playground, and it needs to stay as such. Sounds travel loudly over water and encouraging masses of people to hang out on docks, wade, fish, yell, play boomboxes, and have barking dogs is really a bad idea. Restrooms are only going to encourage more people from the homeless shelter to camp out for the night in their sleeping bags. Enough already! Think WILDLIFE sanctuary; a true treasure. Don't "Disneyfy" it!!!
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not over-develop this WILDLIFE PRESERVE. NO FISHING DOCK. NO BOARDWALK. NO shade structure. NO picnic shelter. Boulder has lots of parks. Please preserve the wildlife. Keep parking spaces to 35 (Plan A), not 50 (Plan B). PLEASE DO NOT OVER-DEVELOP.
- Wonderland Lake area, to OSMP's credit, has strongly emphasized being a wildlife habitat and natural area. Great! The lake and its close-in wetlands and tall grasses attract many, many birds all year long as well as other animals. The perimeter paths are all very far from the water's edge areas, which of course are the most sensitive places for wildlife. Other than the dam, the peninsula is the only place for people to quietly experience the birds up close, the nesting which occurs in the cove north of the peninsula, and the low flyovers which occur at the east end of the Lake. Please do not destroy the wildness of the peninsula with OSMP's proposed recreation structures, fishing pier, boardwalk, and wading beach!!! Those will drive away the wonderful wildlife in this viewing area! The wading beach will also encourage swimming in the lake, which is very importantly prohibited now! We also would prefer that the straight trail on the dam's top east of the peninsula remain where it is; the large trees there buffer the many people and dogs on the main trail from the sensitive natural area which is the peninsula. Thank you!
- I think Wonderland Lake should be protected as a nature preserve and left as it is except for whatever maintenance may be required. The plans to add a dock, etc. would be too intrusive. Allowing wading in the lake would not be preserving the lake: people would be all over in the water disturbing the wildlife. Plus, it would require constant monitoring to ensure water quality. It just seems a bad idea all around. My belief is that OSMP should protect our open space and mountain parks and not destroy them.
- I do not understand why you are removing the cattails? They are a great habitat for many species of birds and fish. Please leave the cattails.
- As a 12-year volunteer (bird monitor) for Boulder County Parks and Open Space, I am appalled at the degradation of wildlife habitat within the city of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks and by the lack of patrolling and ongoing maintenance. The County is far superior in their attention to and policing of their Open Space areas. Their wildlife is far more diverse and abundant and protected. This is why I volunteer for the County versus the city of Boulder, where I have been a resident since 1967 and have watched birds and animals disappear from city Open Space due to over-crowding and neglect. The city staff, furthermore, has no right to continuously make plans which affect the residents in a

secretive manner. It appears that this is happening on an increased basis, along with the lack of involvement of the affected residents. My feeling is that Wonderland Lake should be left in its natural state with no fishing pier or any activity or structure which bothers wildlife. I live one and a half blocks from Chautauqua, and this park has turned into basically an over-crowded amusement park. The habitat is completely degraded and over-run with loose dogs and dog feces. Rules are not enforced, and rangers are absent. Do you want this at Wonderland Lake? I doubt this very much. These plans for expansion of facilities and intrusion into wildlife need to be stopped.

- It is a privilege to have Wonderland Lake nearby as a walking route, graced with amazing nature views. I desire that this area's primary function be for habitat preservation and that recreation use not exceed current levels.
- Regarding the peninsula plan: I LOVE the additional trees to be planted. There are so many raptors and owls that call Wonderland Lake home, and it will be great to offer some new perches. Also, shade is always good in summer!

Infrastructure

- I was at the meeting on Tuesday (I spoke at the very end). I would reiterate my comments in that the Transportation Department did a great job of engaging everyone around here about the 19th Street improvement. If it comes to revisiting a plan for Wonderland Lake, I suggest looking at their model, especially the feedback session where they had three scenarios laid out on the floor of the cafeteria at Crestview Elementary. There is a small but vocal group that persists on this dock/boardwalk option. They want to have a place for their kids to "play in the mud." I suggest that council look at the liabilities around that (there will be a need for a lifeguard over there). You will have folks using the lake as a swimming hole/skating pond. Scenarios abound (Waneka Lake is a recent one) of rescues in the winter. Often, a dog goes through ice, its owner tries to rescue the dog, and both parties need rescuing. I ask the council to send a firm message to the community that the fishing pier boardwalk option is permanently off the table. PS I was told I would receive a postcard invite to the meeting on the 15th. I didn't get one. It's the little things that count.
- A bench on the west side of the lake at the south and north ends of the trail would be nice for senior and disabled visitors (and others).
- I support the proposed development plans for the Wonderland Lake area. A fishing pier would be an excellent addition. I hope it would deter people from trampling the vegetation along the edges of the lake who are trying to find a good fishing location for themselves. I love the idea of a boardwalk and a nature center. Education about the area and designated trails will improve the visitors' experience and could possibly open the door to raise money for the area and upkeep.
- I have no problem using the existing buildings for a nature center, educational purposes, and even parking adjustments.
- An educational center sounds reasonable.
- Hello and thank you for taking the time to listen to me and the public! First, just to reinforce the views of others, I am against the building of the pier/dock, boardwalk, and the shaded benches. We do not need any of this at Wonderland Lake. I think that it would be a real good idea to make Wonderland Lake 100% catch-and-release fishing at all times. If it was up to me, I would also make all fishing limited to flies and lures only. You have a nice fish population already established there, and it would be a real good idea to try and protect it to see more growth. You might add a few more catfish and grass carp to the lake to act as Mother Nature's clean-up crew. On the dam face, you could move around and rearrange

some of the rocks to make easier access for fishing. This would cost little or no money to do and would not have any environmental impact at all. Thanks.

- I support a fishing dock and boardwalk at Wonderland Lake along with better bathroom and meeting space options. The boardwalk at Boulder County's Cottonwood Marsh/Walden Ponds is a good example of a boardwalk that serves both humans and wildlife. I think that would be a good model to follow. I am curious if the residents living in the Wonderland neighborhood pay extra neighborhood dues to support the park. If not, I think all Boulder residents should have an equal say in upgrades to the park. Sometimes it feels as if neighbors treat Wonderland like their private backyard and not a community park for all. Many thanks for listening.
- I think the single best improvement would be raising the paths on the peninsula with large rock sides to make it more obvious where the trails are and also for better drainage so that people are more likely to stay on the trails. With that, add a large, flat boulder access point for people to hang out. Have that drop off so that it is obvious where people are intended to go. Strategically, add bushes. Remove the fencing.
- We regularly visit the lake to run or hike three to four times per week. We always walk to the lake instead of driving. The lake is an important way for us to regularly and conveniently enjoy the serenity of the natural setting that defines our neighborhood and to connect with wildlife in a relatively undisturbed environment. We are in favor of trail maintenance and some shaded picnicking on the south side of the lake near the playground. We strongly oppose adding a fishing pier, boardwalk, or wading beach that would disturb this wild refuge. Additional parking and nature center development would most likely overtax the already actively-used trail system, but more detailed plans might provide a solution to these concerns.
- I walk around the lake area daily and enjoy its natural beauty. I have no problem with new infrastructure near Broadway for educational programs, a picnic area, and parking.
- Let the junior rangers use a base out of the big park to the north. Make NO changes around Wonderland, and absolutely no parking lots. Putting a fishing pier will scare away the ever-increasing bird and waterfowl population. Since we have osprey visit the lake, a nest platform might be nice, provided there is no human access to that.
- Underwater acoustical noise generated by foot traffic on a pier structure would carry under the surface, disturbing underwater wildlife.
- I would love to see a boardwalk similar to the one at Cottonwood Marsh. Cottonwood is one of the best places to view waterfowl in the area. The cattails around the boardwalk mask visitors from wildlife, but not wildlife from visitors.
- I agree with the concerns raised by the wonderlandlake.com group. I raised objections in 2016 to proposed development around the northeast corner of the lake. I continue to have objections to both the boardwalk through the cattails and to the fishing wharf. Both disturb the natural environment and the serenity of the lake experience and, by encouraging additional traffic/congestion for largely recreational purposes, will likely degrade the environment further. I would suggest that interpretive signage, the bird blind, and improvements to the nature center can provide educational benefits. Adding a boardwalk and wharf is overkill - particularly without a strong rationale for doing so. I hope there will be more opportunity for public input. Thank you.
- I wanted to share what was written by an individual after the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2019 about changes to Wonderland Lake. They are my sentiments as well as many others that have enjoyed Wonderland Lake as it is. Some remarks from the January 15th Wonderland Lake community meeting:

"I have been asked to post my remarks from the community meeting last night. Here you go: I have lived adjacent to Wonderland Lake for 29 years. I have been a birder for 32 years, as well as camper and hiker, and I feel a passionate stewardship of this precious natural resource. Wonderland Lake distinguishes itself in Boulder as having a wildlife preserve adjacent to a park and recreation area. For all these years, these two environments have co-existed harmoniously and side-by-side, with people who visit knowing where to recreate, and where to appreciate and revere the gifts of the natural world. I would like to address several of the items on the proposed Integrated Site Plan on behalf of a group of concerned citizens:

- There is no need for a bird blind around the lake. Anyone interested in birds can see them with binoculars or scopes, and there is ample naked-eye viewing from the dam and the peninsula. I also want to point out that the diversity of bird species and the size of flocks has been the largest this year in the entire time I've lived by the lake. Hundreds of Canada geese are regularly seen, but most notably instead of only mallards, and the occasional grebe, there are large flocks of widgeons, redheads, and ring-necked ducks for the first time. I attribute this in part to the cattails that protect nesting areas and the safe distance between the birds and humans who visit the lake.
- There is no need for a man-made shade structure on the peninsula. It would be too small to provide any meaningful sun protection for very many people. Rather, planting more shade trees on the peninsula would be a natural way to both provide shade and stabilize the soil.
- There is no need for additional access trails from Broadway. The proposed trails would disrupt a habitat that provides natural shelter for deer, fox, and other species.
- What this Wildlife Preserve DOES need is: improvements to the peninsula shoreline and path, better trail maintenance to correct ruts and puddles after run-off, more signage about proper usage (including reminders of restricted areas, leash laws, poop pick-up, and biking etiquette), and most importantly, full-time ranger coverage to enforce existing regulations and encourage mindful and respectful use of the lake area. We believe the size of the Wonderland Lake nature preserve is such that it cannot tolerate much more volume of traffic and sustain its conservation mission. It is already over-used and often abused. We are not here addressing the development of the Foothills Nature Center, but we do encourage thorough community engagement in any planning. We ask that the city, County and Open Space better coordinate resources for providing excellent educational opportunities for the community, especially our kids. Perhaps Walden Ponds, which already has much of the necessary infrastructure in place, could be further developed to become the Flagship Nature Center for Boulder's youth."
- The city does not need any new structures such as a dock, buildings, or picnic areas at Wonderland Lake.
- I hike, walk and run the area and trails above the lake daily to weekly and have been doing so for the last 15 years. In general, I like most of the plan: the bathrooms, fishing pier to improve access, junior ranger facilities, and trail improvements. I don't feel like a swimming beach is needed nor the viewing boardwalk where it is located; too close to the peninsula. I would suggest placing it a little farther west. Limit the trails east of the dam, but one that parallels the drainage may be fine.

Maintenance and Park Management

- Thanks for reaching out. I'm just heading out of the country for a bit and hope you can take feedback here. My biggest concern is that in re-considering all of this, the idea of doing basic maintenance and minor trail repairs will be stymied for years and the current state will continue to decline. I hope that some significant work can be done to improve the current state of affairs with very minor modifications to trails (to avoid mud, block cutoffs, etc.) will continue to be done. Thanks!
- Maintain and improve what exists, please. Adding structures and traffic will increase pollution to an already fragile ecosystem. We all love it here the way it is: natural. It's why we live here.
- Thank you for meeting tonight and hearing the concerns of the public. More trees and maintenance of current paths and fences will be much enjoyed and appreciated by all. Return the sign designating the lake as a "wildlife preserve." This is a jewel in our midst. There is no telling how many mental health difficulties this pure and untouched natural habitat has alleviated by walking the lake and breathing in the peace and serenity. Thanks again.
- Let's start by maintaining what we have: putting in place real trail erosion control (don't just patch it every 6 months) and increasing patrols for off-leash dogs and poop.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- I hike the trails at Wonderland Lake frequently. Please leave the area the way it is. It is beautiful and needs no improvement. The other day, there were at least 50 Canada Geese on the lake. I've seen many deer, coyotes, and a variety of different birds in the area. Your plan to "improve" the area will have a negative impact on the wildlife and natural beauty of this very special place.
- I walk the trails around the lake very often and, in the main, I think the area works well as it is.
- I walk around the lake, enjoying constant quiet in our suburban neighborhood. North Broadway has become a traffic jam as of about six years ago.
- My husband, two daughters, and I live on Sumac Avenue, right across from the trailhead. We love the open wildness of the area and often stroll the trail, taking in the natural beauty. We would be horrified if the area were built up. Please respect residents' wishes, which speak to why we've chosen to live in Boulder in the first place. The open space and natural beauty are dwindling in this overpopulated region. Please don't destroy the natural beauty of the place to accommodate our sick culture of growth.
- I have lived in Wonderland Hills since 1976, and I have enjoyed the beautiful scenery and quiet area multiple times a week for my whole life. Please do not go forward with the very extensive, invasive human developments at the lake. This is one of very few quiet areas in Boulder and the plans for the huge man-made additions are way, way more than is needed or wanted in this area.
- Keep it undeveloped!
- Wonderland Lake is a beautiful and natural spot. It should remain unspoiled and natural without the intrusion of structures, signs, etc. Options that enhance and support this natural, untouched environment are welcome.
- I agree that a pier should not be added, and we should limit development on the lake. Higher traffic will disrupt the natural beauty and original state of the area.
- The Wonderland Lake area is a little paradise on earth.

- I go to the lake quite frequently. Any development would take away the serenity and beauty of the lake. The plan is totally ridiculous!!
- We frequently hike in the area, and we appreciate our connection with nature and the serenity there. We approve enlarging the Nature Center to accommodate activities by Junior Rangers, but we strongly urge you to keep Wonderland Lake as it is. Development on the lake is not appropriate. A fishing pier is most certainly not appropriate, and we strongly object to any artificial intrusions into the lake. Please keep Wonderland Lake as it is and keep "repairs" to a minimum and only as needed.
- I love how natural the lake is. It is peaceful and natural. I am afraid of the impact on the beauty and wildlife if you further develop the lake. It will also have a very negative impact on vehicle/ bus traffic and pedestrians. The intersection is already dangerous, and many children cross the road to catch the bus to school. If you increase visitors to the lake, you also impact safety on Broadway.
- I walk and hike the lake area alone, with friends, and with hiking partners. I meditate on the peninsula. I birdwatch with binoculars. I ice skate when winters provide enough cold for thick ice. I love this Open Space for its wildness and its naturalness as an antidote to the noise and fast moving parts of our lives that surround it. I applaud the city and us citizens for their foresight and courage in preserving something so special. I love the idea of adding more trees for shade. I think an upgrade to the Ranger station with a public toilet makes sense. But I am very concerned with the parts of the proposal that clearly encroach on nature: the pier and the boardwalks are, quite frankly, a terrible idea. Hard surfaces on the "fragile" shores of the lake so children and dogs can wade is just not right, to say nothing of the inherent risk. I fear the increase in visitors and the time during construction of said proposal would surely change the trust the birds and animals have come to know, resulting in their moving on. What a tragedy for us all.
- I lived in Dakota Ridge for 12 years, walked it almost daily, and still go walking on the Wonderland Lake trail after moving to Pine Brook Hills this summer. The area is pristine and natural. The people who use the trails are respectful of nature and are for the most part "regulars." This resource should be preserved in its current state. Very few people fish off the bank and some who do have children who enjoy the rocks and the views. Do not destroy this natural tranquility and beauty by building a NOT-needed pier; this is not a lake that can support heavy fishing and a boardwalk because this is, in essence, a tiny lake area. It is perfect the way it is. This is totally the wrong design for the area; it is overkill that will kill its natural beauty. Why don't you focus instead on improving the walking paths that surround the lake and the connecting Dakota Ridge Trail across the creek? That is a dangerous area at times.
- I live in a house backing onto the south side of Wonderland Lake. I think the lake and surrounding area should remain natural for the benefit of wildlife and humans. Living in a city is hard enough on everyone. We need natural areas, and there are so few of this size.
- Wonderland Lake is such an oasis, peaceful and tranquil, even though so many people come here already. Their impact is aligned with the nature preserve that has been created here. The new proposal conflicts with where the ducks and geese mate, breed, and raise their young. We need to learn to be quiet in harmony with nature, not turn it into a spectacle. Money being spent on preserving this oasis could be used to plant small evergreens along Broadway to curtail the noise pollution from traffic noise. Wonderland lake is "wonderful" the way it is. Why in the world would you want to change it? Widening the path makes no sense. It will only negatively impact the residents. LEAVE IT ALONE!!!
- I live on Norwood Avenue east of Broadway, and when I have a chance for a neighborhood walk, I go westward up the fire access path west of Broadway and then cut over to walk

along or around the lake. When I have out-of-town guests, I often take them on this neighborhood walk, and the lake and foothills delight and amaze them. Please do not add "stuff" to the lake. It is perfect as it is. There are other fishing locations.

- I walk myself and often my dog around the lake nearly daily. What I love most (and love it is) about this daily ritual is the wide-open, unobstructed vista. In regard to human "enhancements" of natural locations, I firmly believe less is more. Nature can speak for herself! The only change I support among those proposed are the educational signs. Also, I am somewhat terrified that dogs will no longer be on-leash. I am terrified for my 20-pound pooch who will be charged by aggressive or eager dogs many multiples of my dog's size. Already a certain percentage of dog walkers keep their dogs on 20-foot leashes and allow them to charge my dog, saying "he's friendly, don't worry!" Well, tell that to my little dog, who always prepares himself for the worst. Bottom line: Please, just let Wonderland Lake be Wonderland Lake!
- Plain and simple, this is a terrible idea. Let things be. All Boulder citizens and visitors are welcomed and free to visit and fish at the lake anytime as is. They don't need or want a Santa Monica Pier at the quietest, most pristine, and waterfowl-friendly body of water in town.
- Leave the lake area as it is! Spend your money elsewhere. I love the natural and semi-wild feel of the trials, cattails, dog park, the parasailers, and the whole vibe. It's one area of Boulder that feels relaxed and not micro-managed. The "improvements" will be over-planned and generic. A bench or two and even the nature center is fine, but no more! Let well enough alone. It's great the way it is.
- "If you build it, they will come." I'm very concerned that this beautiful area that is so much a part of the NoBo neighborhood living experience will be inundated with visitors and tourists; just like the Chautauqua, Mt. Sanitas, and Sunshine Canyon Sanctuary trails, as well as every other open space area the city "improves."
- I love the area the way it is. It is free and open to anyone to use. It feels nearly pristine. I don't need any more amenities or man-made features to enjoy the peace and quiet that the lake provides.
- Hi, and thanks for the opportunity to give input. I have lived in this neighborhood for nearly 23 years and have walked around Wonderland Lake almost daily most of those years. I love the serenity of the natural environment here and am opposed to the proposed development for the reasons listed on this page. I know that we are a rapidly growing town and need to accommodate growth. At the same time, I believe that improved maintenance of existing trails and a handrail at the north/east end would be preferred. I walk from home and am not as knowledgeable regarding the need for parking near Broadway. Increased parking is acceptable if an appropriate study is done to determine actual needs per day and per week. I have seen cars parked on Broadway, but only on weekend days.
- I walk the Wonderland Lake loop often with our dog and have done so for decades. The best part of Wonderland lake is the peace and quiet, and I don't think removing the cattails is warranted. If you want to put one bench to view the wildlife and wetlands, that would be fine, but I don't think we need nor desire a visitor center or pier. Maintain the existing trails. For your information, I also go to Boulder Valley Ranch every day, and there has been zero maintenance of Eagle Trail or mitigation of erosion when it rains or snows.
- This is a gorgeous and pristine natural area. Walking around the lake almost daily brings us calmness and peace of mind, and it would be a horrible idea to turn it into a recreational area. Where do we go to connect with nature if this plan is enacted? Please dump the dock idea. Please go away and leave us alone to enjoy nature.

- When our family lived on Poplar Avenue, we literally walked around Wonderland Lake every day, often twice a day. I walked along the lake to work every day when I used to teach at Shining Mountain Waldorf School. When I used to teach early childhood there, our class walked to the lake once a week. We loved the natural beauty, the serenity, the wildlife, and the simple trails where we always see someone we know in our community. Please keep the lake the way it is, with its natural beauty and serene environment. Please, do not add man-made structures, more parking, and more human activity to Wonderland Lake. It is one last piece of natural refuge in North Boulder. Thank you for listening to my concerns.
- Wonderland Lake is used and appreciated as a natural wildlife refuge, as a place for walking, fishing, meditating, and appreciating the wildlife and increasing bird life. I see people of all ages enjoying it quietly in many ways: practicing tai chi on the banks of the lake in the early morning, taking family photos on a sunny afternoon, fishing from the dam, walking their dogs, etc. It is appreciated as a quiet, simple space; it is not overly developed. Please do not "improve" it with a boardwalk, a pier, more parking! Several lakes in Boulder (Walden, the Reservoir, Sawhill Ponds, the kids' fishing ponds) all have more parking, fishing, etc. We do not need to add that here in the middle of a neighborhood. Thank you!
- I am against any plan that disturbs or alters the areas directly around Wonderland Lake. This is a precious, beautiful area which is a sanctuary to the remaining wildlife in the area. This should stay as a natural-looking area, and not turned into a park-like setting.
- I think Wonderland Lake should be kept a more natural area for wildlife with its minimal trails and hiking paths. Please allow this beautiful area to remain wilder.

Process

- I was one of the many people last night who couldn't get into the room at North Boulder Rec Center. I appreciated Dan Burke's remarks, especially hearing that the fishing pier and boardwalk will not be built and that 2019 will be a year for gathering community input and planning rather than implementation. I left before much of the community comment because I couldn't hear.
- My wife and I attended the meeting one week ago and here are my comments based on your comment cards. But first, let me say, briefly, that we felt very hopeful after the meeting, inspired by both the openness of OSMP/the city and the community's coming together. So, thanks!
- This is a joke, right? Activities that include teaching youth to fish are under attack; please build the pier for my kids. There are terrible assumptions from this website that the area will attract bad folks; shame on you, residents.
- I am writing in support of the North Trail Study Plan in large part.
- I find the proposed development of Wonderland Lake to be another attempt by the city to gobble up each and every piece of open land. Doing so with this particular property would be a sad loss.
- We were very active in meetings and planning about the present trail system. The shoreline of the lake was being damaged by human activity. The trails were built and fenced, and the habitat was protected. The fishing pier seems a bit large and the boardwalk perhaps also. Human activity is concentrated there now. All the shoreline and habitat zones MUST be protected, or they will be trampled. Wonderland Lake is one of the few relatively pristine spots in town. Is there really a need to turn it into a public-use pond? Why does staff think this is an important use change? I would like to hear more.
- I am terribly disheartened to hear of this plan, and I will do everything I can as a local resident to prevent the development of this pristine, highly treasured small patch of

wilderness in our neighborhood. For 25 years, I have reverently walked around this lake, appreciating the quiet beauty and the wildlife: the herons on the lake, the ducks and birds.

- I was one of the many people who could not get into the room last night at the North Boulder Rec Center to hear and participate in the discussion. While I have provided earlier feedback on the plan, there are many unresolved issues in how this area is being managed. I do not feel that the city staff nor the city council has provided the services with the rapid growth of North Boulder; growth pushed there with a lack of integrated planning of the ecosystem, trails, parks, transportation, water, road infrastructure, and the list goes on. It is unfortunate that the city did not plan for a larger space for the meeting and failed to avoid a night on which the city council had its meeting; something that was well known in advance. Of relevance to the Wonderland Lake discussion is the following:
 - Trails are not maintained well. Last summer, the Old Kiln trail was crumbling in places along the creek.
 - The trail crossing of the creek south of Lee Hill Road is not sustainable nor is it accessible to the wide variety of people who like to hike that trail. It consists of stepping rocks in the creek, which of course is difficult for those with balance issues, and those with babies; bikes just drive through the creek bed. I don't understand why an appropriate bridge structure was not built for bikes and walkers so that the creek bed is not disturbed and safety is achieved.
 - There is little monitoring of the misuse of the Wonderland Lake area. For example, I routinely see teams of bikes riding off-trail in the grassy areas at the edges of the lake. Also, I have witnessed homeless sleeping along the shores of the lake and children swimming in the lake.
 - Little attention has been paid to the increased road traffic that comes to the lake, specifically along Utica Avenue. There are times when this road become so congested that it is one-way. People come to the lake and park on Utica Avenue even with spaces available at the designated trailheads. I even had CU students lounging in my yard one summer afternoon waiting for the professor and the rest of the class to return from a field trip in the area.
 - Utica Avenue is one of the worst maintained roads, with significant potholes, multiple "stop-gap repairs," and several water main breaks. Compared with other roads in the area, it is suffering from city neglect. I note that the roads in South Boulder are in much better condition (including Broadway).
 - In general, I have found that the city staff and city council are not strategic planners, nor are they very good at implementation nor at communication. They lack the perspective and talent that is required for a city of the size of Boulder and still think that this is a small town. I suggest a hard look be taken at whether Boulder needs major reform of its governance structure.
- I thought of a couple of other things I wanted to add to my initial comments at the meeting:
 1. before any development would happen, consider an environmental impact study addressing structures, human traffic quantities and other issues that could impact the flora, fauna and all life in the area so that that is known.
 2. As I was walking up on the open space today, it occurred to me on the muddy paths, that it might be a reasonable thing to close the paths that go up the hills west of the lake when it rains or snows. They were a mess today and is made messier and degraded as we walked through or around the mud. May not be a popular remedy, but perhaps encourage to avoid, just with signs to cut down on the human impact of the erosion during rains/snow/melt could be helpful for the land.
 3. It would be helpful to have another 1-2 bins possibly around the lake for dog poop/trash. It's pretty good right now, but I often think it would be helpful to have one

along the top of the hill west of the lake (near the cut through to Utica Ave), or further north, but it is pretty good already.

4. In general, I want to see the area to remain undeveloped, no more than it already is. There are plenty of places for people, kids and others to congregate-parks in the area, playground, dog parks, and sports parks. The trails are well used and always will need maintenance due to erosion from the elements and from human use. I would love to see money continue in this area for Junior Rangers and other programs. I don't want to see more human interaction or development that interferes with the natural refuge that the animals already take there.

Thank you.

- Following up on the recent town meeting regarding Wonderland Lake, here are some additional comments. First of all, Dan Burke's announcement and mea culpa at the January 15th town meeting were greatly appreciated. It was an encouraging start to rebuilding trust with the community. That said, the trust between the city and its residents is tenuous. Recent city council actions would lead many to conclude that the city council is more interested in advancing their vision of the Boulder brand than in the actual Boulder experience of its residents (i.e., the taxpayers). More specific to the matter of the next steps for the Wonderland Lake and North Trails project, we were told that there would be no fishing pier and boardwalk facilities being considered and there would be no implementation of the larger trail plan in 2019. This sounds good on its surface, but actions speak louder than words and the increased number of markers on the North Trails recently would easily lead one to conclude that the city is merely playing possum and hoping that the interest in Wonderland Lake and the surrounding trails will abate so that they can proceed with their original plans, unfettered by residents (e.g., redefine the Wonderland Lake area as a general-use city park rather than a wildlife preserve). I hope that I am dead wrong and that the conservation messages from the January 15th meeting and other input resonates in a deep and permanent way with the city. In a more positive vein, here are some thoughts about the Wonderland Lake and OSMP direction:
 - The Foothills Community Park (FCP) is the equivalent of three blocks north of Wonderland Lake. The FCP already has 1) parking; 2) bathrooms; 3) picnic and shade areas; 4) playing fields, roller hockey rink, etc. The views are spectacular, and the access to trails is right there. It is perfect for an expansion of a junior ranger program or other nature camp activities. Let's use the infrastructure that's already in place.
 - Let's find alternate uses for those budget dollars that will have an immediate and beneficial impact on the community. For example, trail etiquette has deteriorated significantly over the recent years. The vast majority of hikers do not know or follow the basic rules of the trail that make it a positive experience for everyone. Specifically, the neglect of basic things like giving the right of way to the uphill hiker; getting muddy on wet days; staying to the right when oncoming hikers are present; picking up trash and dog waste, etc., have led to cross words and a disruption of the harmony on the trails. With usage increasing each season, it is important that users know how to follow basic trail etiquette. It would be beneficial to put together a trail etiquette training program for all Boulderites and visitors that might include signs, inserts into utility bills, classes, "welcome wagon" materials for new arrivals, school programs, etc.
 - Another alternative use for budget dollars would be a clean-up program to eliminate human waste and garbage at Central Park, Eben G. Fine Park, and all along Boulder Creek. It is baffling that with all the efforts to integrate and accommodate the homeless there is not a work program whereby participants can get resume

building experience by helping with park maintenance and have some skin in the game here. Those who take should also give.

- There are numerous fishing piers already in the city park portfolio. If these existing facilities need to be upgraded to better accommodate young and old anglers, then that seems like a reasonable thing to do. The whole plastic, Disney view of how kids need to interact with nature via yet another man-made structure is the antithesis of having a true nature experience.
- While probably not glamorous enough for the city council, taxpayer money would also be well spent filling potholes and repaving some of our deteriorating streets.

The community's overwhelming feedback regarding Wonderland Lake was that conservation of this wildlife reserve is extremely important to the taxpayers and to all the wildlife that relies on this beautiful and fragile area. Again, I deeply hope that the messages from the January 15th meeting and other input resonates in a deep and permanent way with the city.

Other Recreation

- I want the fishing pier to teach my kid to fish without being interrupted by walkers.
- I fish at Wonderland Lake with my boys, and we love it. I do support a small dock or two for fishing access. I don't see this to be a problem, but an improvement for the kids.
- I love the idea of the fishing pier. I've taught my grandchildren to fish at Wonderland, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife stocks the lake with trout my grandkids can easily catch. What a great opportunity to introduce youngsters to fishing without an iPad. What a travesty to not educate youth about angling. Thank you, Boulder, for a fishing pier for anglers, paid for by anglers. Residents, you do not own the lake; let's be respectful of all stakeholders.
- I read in the Daily Camera (1/14/2019 edition, pages 1A-2A) that one proposal is to prohibit ice skating on the lake. While there are a few days per year when it is safe to skate on the lake, it is delightful to be able to do so. Prohibiting ice skating would be a mistake in my opinion. I personally have skated on it many times, and I have had family members and friends join me on occasion. Skating does no harm to the lake or its many other visitors (humans and wildlife). Please continue to allow for ice skating on Wonderland Lake. Thank you.

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

- I walk there to get exercise and enjoy nature.
- Although I live in South Boulder, I very much enjoy hiking around uncluttered Wonderland Lake with its views.
- First, before any money goes to a new project, existing city of Boulder trails need to be repaired and maintained.
- As a local resident, my husband and I use the lake area almost daily to walk, bike, or run. With the amount of development in North Boulder, traffic along Broadway, and the increase in homeless individuals along Broadway, we are in favor of a more passive park.
- I've used the underpass from Riverside Avenue to the Wonderland Lake trails for 27 years.
- I walk the Wonderland area as much as I can to find a sense of peace in the day, enjoy the views mountains and of the habitat preserve. I have a dog that I will walk, but I also walk the trails by myself. I walk from Broadway around the lake, up to the Foothills Park and beyond. On weekends, I like to walk the trails that go up into the foothills that are beyond the lake. I will get up early to walk the lake before work or will walk after work, so I am there at various times of the day.

- I use the lake as a walking space. I walk the perimeter of the entire lake and enjoy looking back at the Flatirons. The views are breathtaking and remind me of how fortunate we are here in Boulder to have this natural landscape with protected Open Space.
- I live in the Wonderland Lake area, but not in direct sight of the lake. I walk the trails around and beyond the lake every day, and I find considerable value in its natural beauty and wildlife during these walks, as do visitors who occasionally join me on walks.
- I walk around the lake at least five times a week.
- My family and I have easy access to the lake via the underpass (just one block away) that leads right into the trail to the lake. We walk or bike around the lake with varying frequency throughout the year, and it is one of the great things that drew us to purchasing our home in Rural North Boulder.

Other

- Hello; thank you for listening to our comments. I am a Wonderland Meadows (Utica Circle) resident. I love Wonderland Lake and use it many times a week for walking and bird watching.
- I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the proposed plans.
- I think this sounds like an overall good proposal to make this central open space more usable and educational. As long as environmental concerns are taken into consideration and there won't be long-term damage to the wildlife or vegetation, I'm all for it. I also like the idea of creating additional designated trails to minimize people going off trail (which does more damage, as I understand it).
- I have lived in the Wonderland Lake neighborhood on Promontory Court for 26 years. I do appreciate having the open space next to my home and also the efforts being made by the city to preserve these natural habitats, while also making it accessible to the public. BUT...regarding the proposed lofty plans for the Wonderland Lake project, I have significant concerns, which are summarized below.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM WONDERLANDLAKE.COM:
January 15, 2019 to January 22, 2019**

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES PROVIDED ON WONDERLANDLAKE.COM

Many residents provided input to OSMP via comments submitted on wonderlandlake.com, a community website. In addition to general comments, the website collected information on two additional questions about respondents' relationship to Wonderland Lake and the proposed project. Responses to those questions are provided below.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT WONDERLAND LAKE?

Category	Number of Responses
Daily, almost daily, or multiple times per day	33
Weekly/several times per week	32
Monthly/several times per month	10
Other	7
Frequently	4
Infrequently	3
Total Number of Responses	89

Additional provided information, by category

- *Daily, almost daily, or multiple times per day*
 - Weather permitting.
 - My husband and I walk our dog around twice a day, every day.
- *Infrequently*
 - Rarely; I live in Fourmile Canyon, but I am concerned for the area.
- *Weekly/several times per week*
 - Weekly during the summer months.
 - Multiple times a week in warmer weather.
- *Other*
 - 25-30 times a year or more.
 - 300-plus times per year.
 - 4 to 6 times a year.
 - As often as possible, health and weather permitting. My visits range from 3 times a week; sometimes more, sometimes less.
 - I live next door.
 - Once a year.
 - When bicycling in the warmer months from my home near west Boulder.

ARE YOU A WONDERLAND HILLS RESIDENT?

Category	Number of Responses
Yes	47
No	28
Other	14
Total Number of Responses	89

Additional provided information, by category

- *Yes*
 - Yes: my house looks down to it from Promontory Court
 - Yes, for 40 years
 - Yes, for 32 years
 - Yes, I live nearby
 - Yes, a quarter of a mile from the lake
 - Yes, for 34 years
 - Yes, for over 30 years!!
- *No*
 - Forest Glen.
 - Wonderland Meadows (Utica Circle).
 - No, but I live nearby.
 - No, but nearby.
 - Chautauqua Hill resident.
 - I live near 19th and Upland.
 - I live on Sumac Avenue directly across Broadway from the Wonderland Lake parking lot.
 - No, I'm a resident of North Boulder.
 - No, we live adjacent to Wonderland Hills.
 - No. I reside on Riverside Avenue.
 - No. I'm a resident who pays OSMP taxes.
 - Not now, but I have been.
- *Other*
 - I am a close-by neighbor.
 - Colorado.
 - I have lived in North Boulder for 18 years. Our family lived at Poplar and 7th for three years. We now live in Dakota Ridge and walk around Wonderland Lake regularly, three to five times a week.
 - I live two blocks from Broadway on Redwood Avenue.
 - I live east of Broadway on Orchard Avenue.
 - I live in North Boulder.
 - I live in Wonderland North on Locust Avenue.
 - I live just southeast of Wonderland Hills in the Silver Lake Orchards neighborhood.
 - I live on Sumac Avenue across from the Wonderland Lake parking lot.
 - I live across Broadway on Tamarack Avenue.
 - We are just east of Wonderland Lake.
 - We live about 15 minutes from the lake by foot.
 - We live nearby in the Wellington Gardens neighborhood of North Boulder.
 - We live on Periwinkle Drive.

OSMP QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP)

Record of Public Comments from OSMP Questionnaire as of 1/11/2019

Note: This document provides a record of public comments submitted as part of a questionnaire on the subject of a proposed project at Wonderland Lake. The questionnaire was administered by the city of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department. For ease of reference, the comments have been grouped broadly under each survey question by the topic primarily addressed in each comment, although there is some overlap. The comments are included in their original form with occasional corrections for spelling, grammar, commenter anonymity, acronyms, and abbreviations.

WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT REASON THAT YOU PERSONALLY CHOOSE TO VISIT THE WONDERLAND LAKE AREA?

Aesthetics, Nature, and Tranquility

- To enjoy nature and views of the lake and mountains.
- Be outside; it's pretty.
- The beauty of lake area, bird watching, and relative peace and quiet.
- Peaceful.
- To be in nature with as little of a human footprint as possible; to see the birds on the water.
- Simplicity of the trail and views; easy access off of Broadway.
- Serene place to connect with nature.
- Nature, birds, fish, and the beauty.
- Open area, beauty.
- Primary: to observe and enjoy nature; secondary: to exercise.
- I love the energy and ambiance of this beautiful, natural habitat that is so close to my home.
- The beauty of the untouched space.
- Walking around the lake offers an island of peacefulness and quiet. I appreciate the naturalness in its not having been too intruded on by human endeavors.
- Quiet beauty and a flat, easy trail.
- Beauty of surroundings, easy pleasant walking/running, playground, and bird viewing.
- Natural beauty and proximity.
- The beauty of the area.
- I choose to visit this area because it feels natural and undeveloped, serene, full of wildlife, and does not feel populated even when it is busy on the trail. I have been walking in this area, sometimes biking through it, for 25 years. It's peaceful and quite beautiful.
- I do not like the sound of constructing a fishing pier and feel that the lake area should be left as natural as possible.
- The quiet, natural beauty of both the lake and the wildlife.
- I love the undisturbed natural view of the lake and all of its surroundings.
- The lake, the quiet, and the no-off-leash-dogs.
- Its quiet beauty and views of the foothills.
- Beautiful natural environment with wildlife close to our neighborhood.
- Serenity.
- Because it's quieter than other over-used areas.
- Beauty, unspoiled natural landscape, wildlife and plants, and dog-walking every day.
- Nature.
- To refresh my soul by connecting with the exquisite natural beauty and tranquility of the Wonderland Lake area.

- It's a calm, beautiful respite from the busy, crowded traffic of Boulder.
- It is a natural, easily accessible, and pretty area that I enjoy visiting to run and walk.
- Quiet, natural beauty.
- Quiet and undisturbed nature.
- Peaceful, natural nature setting; bird watching.
- To be in nature, walk, and birdwatch.
- This is a lovely, natural area close to town. We enjoy walking around the lake with our dog.
- Nature.
- Nature.
- Beautiful, natural scenery with an easy and wide walking path.
- Beautiful, relaxing environment (I am usually walking through it).
- The beauty of our natural environment here in North Boulder, walks with my family, and teaching my granddaughter about the outdoors.
- Natural beauty; I love watching the wildlife (birds, deer, coyote, etc.).
- We visit every day because of the peacefulness, opportunity to observe wild birds (ducks, geese) on the lake, and the ability to be in nature and away from the city bustle without the degree of difficulty of many trails in the Open Space system.
- To enjoy nature in its natural state.
- Visual beauty; I am a painter and have been painting here for years.
- A quiet, peaceful, beautiful, and uncrowded place to see nature.
- Nature.
- Its natural beauty; the vast vista.
- Its beauty, nice walking trail, and proximity to my home.
- It is a beautiful, unspoiled area with incredible views and a quiet, natural ambience.
- Peacefulness and natural beauty.
- Excellent open space to enjoy the natural beauty of Boulder! I live next to Wonderland Lake, so I appreciate it every day!

Family and Kids

- This is a great place to go with my kids: there is kid-friendly access to water, and we can get there on the bus.
- It is a safe place I can take my children to play outdoors in nature and around water.
- I enjoy being outside with my family (including pets); I like to hike, run, and enjoy the views.
- Recreation; walking around the lake with my young children.

Other Recreation

- Great place to hike, fish with my kids, and take my dog.
- I enjoy hiking and biking in the area.
- Paragliding!
- Recreate, enjoy nature, exercise, and fish.
- Fishing and enjoying nature
- Exercise.
- I ride my bike or walk around the lake, especially along the dam to go from Wonderland Avenue to Utica Avenue. I watch the birds on the lake and enjoy the views to the west.
- Reconnect with the natural world while getting exercise.
- Peaceful exercise and spiritual renewal.

- Morning workout routine and I always bring visitors to see the lake and views from Wonderland.
- Fishing.
- To get exercise in this lovely area.
- Exercise and beauty.

Resident/Proximity

- I live in it!
- I live near the Lake. I normally walk around it for exercise three or time times per week.
- I live there.
- It's close by my home, a flat, easy walk next to mountains with water, and has easy access from surrounding neighborhoods and trail systems.
- Close to my home.
- It is hard to choose one reason! We live in the area. It is extremely family- and dog- friendly. We love the access to the variety of trails. The wildlife and changing scenery on the water are stunning.
- I live on the lake.
- It is in my neighborhood. It is a quiet open space to enjoy nature.
- I live in the neighborhood, so I am able to walk out my door and have access to the lake and trails. I love that the area is a place where I see friends and neighbors while enjoying nature.
- I live very near and enjoy the quiet nature experience. I walk the loop path four or five times per week. Dogs on-leash only make this place enjoyable.
- I live close by.
- I live three blocks from the lake and have for over 28 years.
- I live there.
- I live in the neighborhood and walk around the lake and nearby areas regularly.
- I have lived on the north side of Wonderland Lake for 20 years and visit the trails daily. I also see the entire Lake, including all of the peninsula, from my home. The natural view of the lake is the most significant reason I visit and live in the area.
- I live here.
- I live very near, and I love to walk around the loop, enjoying the birds and other wildlife.
- I live in this neighborhood.
- I do not "visit" as I live directly adjacent to the lake. I walk around the lake daily as a way to experience "peace."
- I live near the lake, and I frequently jog and walk the area around the lake for peace and quiet and to enjoy the beauty of the area's wildlife.
- I live just above it on Utica Avenue and look at it out my windows every day. I walk my dogs around it, I run around it, and I love watching the wildlife that inhabits it.
- I live right on Wonderland Lake on its south side, and I frequent the open space here.
- I live in this area, and I walk/hike with my dog where it is still somewhat peaceful and quiet, although since the North Trail Study Area (NTSA) study many more people are flocking into our quiet neighborhood to park and walk. It is becoming very overpopulated with walkers, bikers, dogs, etc.
- It is near where I live.
- We live just south and visit at least weekly on our way north to Lee Hill Road and back home.
- I live a block from the lake and like to bird watch.

- I have lived on the lake for 40 years and enjoy the views, wildlife, and trails that can be accessed without driving or encountering overcrowding from excessive parking or unneeded man-made attractions.
- It is close by with natural beauty.
- I live in the Wonderland Lake area.
- I live there.
- I live nearby and love to walk in a natural setting.
- I have lived on Quince Circle for 33 years. I walk the lake and the trails just north of here several times a week. I love the birds, the sky, the lake, the ability to access nature in a quiet, wildish setting.
- Close to home with a peaceful nature opportunity.
- I live very close and walk around the lake and trails very often with my two dogs. I have lived in north Boulder for 35 years.
- I live in the Wonderland Lake Area. I walk and hike there daily.
- This is the closest area of natural beauty to me.
- I live on Promontory Court and hike/walk the open space in my neighborhood every day.
- I visit the area nearly every day. I live next to it. I hike and walk my dog around the lake and up the foothill loop frequently. I use the trail for mountain bike access. The lake area is beautiful, with many relatively undisturbed places. It is so interesting to see the natural ecology.
- I am a nearby resident that enjoys walking the Wonderland Lake trails many times per week.
- I have lived here since 1989. I chose this area for its natural beauty.
- We live on Lakebriar Drive and walk here daily on a two to four-mile hike.
- I live in the neighborhood and treasure the natural setting, birds, and open space values.
- I live here; it is the most natural, undeveloped area in Boulder.
- I live in the neighborhood, so Wonderland Lake is a nice place to take a walk several times a day. I am 84 years old, so I enjoy being out in nature and seeing many people from the neighborhood. I also enjoy that it isn't too crowded.
- I live in the area and enjoy its beauty and serenity when walking there.
- I live on Quail Circle and can see the lake from my home. I walk around the lake every day.
- I reside on Cottage Lane.
- I live there and walk its path almost every day.
- I live nearby and walk there every day.
- Close to home, exercise, dog walking.
- It is close to my home and a pleasant walk.
- Nice location, beautiful, and close to home.
- I live close by.
- It is near our house; the lake and its surroundings are unspoiled.
- I live nearby and enjoy walking the loop a couple times per week.
- I live within two blocks and walk around it often, admiring the natural scenery, taking photos, etc.
- It is near my house and a continuing source of beauty and wonder.
- I live here.
- This is a beautiful area, live nearby and have walked the trails for over 22 years; deer, birds, waterfowl, bear, mountain lion habitat.
- I live nearby with young kids. We enjoy the play structure, flat grass field to west of lake, and trails.

- Near where I live, lots of natural hiking trails, and a beautiful path around the lake that we jog, walk, and bike around daily.
- I lived in the area and walked the lake daily.
- I live in the area.
- I live on Rain Lilly Lane overlooking the dam on Wonderland Lake. I don't understand how more development of this area can possibly enhance the habitat. It's just going to do more to drive wildlife out of the area.
- I live on the north side of Wonderland Lake and chose to live there because of the open space. It is such a peaceful, beautiful area that I enjoy each day. I would hate to see it be changed into another Chautauqua area with so many people that the abuse to the area is never-ending. It is such a small area.
- I live in the neighborhood.
- I live in the area.
- I look down on the lake from the back of my home.
- We are recent owners on Cottage Lane with direct view of peninsula; we would have given feedback earlier but for recent ownership. It is a very bad idea to destroy one of the hallmarks of wetlands (cattail area); the fishing pier is only a good idea if the rest of the peninsula waterfront indicated "No Fishing" and there were fines for violators; otherwise, you will simply expand a fishing hole. not preserve habitat. We have a long history with Boulder but are new owners to this unique wetlands (not fishin' hole) area!!
- I like to walk around the lake since it is near my house.

Walking/Running

- Walking and enjoying nature.
- Walk/run on the trails.
- Easy walking.
- Enjoyment of exercise in natural beauty.
- Walking around the lake is a pleasant, short, and flat walk.
- We live nearby and walk around the lake multiple times per week.
- Hiking/walking in a beautiful area.
- I visit it every day when walking my dog. I also have done volunteer naturalist projects there.
- Running/birdwatching on a circuit around the lake starting at the Broadway underpass.
- Good-size loop with access to other trails; beautiful small lake to walk around.
- Hiking on a scenic, close-in, and relatively flat trail.
- Running, enjoying open space with dog and family, hiking, sitting by lake and enjoying surrounding beauty!
- Running.
- To walk with our three kids and dog, to run, to meditate.
- Hiking.
- Running/walking with family and dog.
- Running, walking, and enjoying nature; this is my neighborhood.
- The wonderful walking areas off roads, the lake, and abundant nature.
- Smooth (non-rocky) trail is good for running and is not too busy.
- I like to walk there because of the generally UNIMPEDED views and the serenity they provide.
- Outdoor trekking and jogging.
- Hiking and visiting with friends, family, and out of town visitors.

- Hiking.
- I have run and walked around the lake for twenty-plus years and enjoy the natural state. Allowing access to youth and family as denoted in the proposal by building a pier is nonsense. Leave Wonderland Lake and let them enjoy it without putting in a pier!
- Jogging the trail around the lake.
- It's my daily walk.
- The walk around the open space and lake; views of the lake against the foothills backdrop and views to the south from west side trail.
- Easy access trail that is not crowded and in good condition.
- There is a nice path around a nice natural area that attracts birds, too.
- I love the walking, hiking, and seeing water in Colorado. My kids like the fishing, too.
- I use the Wonderland Lake trails as a main location for uncrowded exercise.
- It is a beautiful, quiet, restorative environment in which to walk.
- Hiking to see birds and other wildlife.
- Walking to enjoy the peaceful area.
- Walk in nature, see birds and wildlife.
- Passive recreation such as walking to enjoy nature.
- I walk around the lake; I want to be able to horseback ride between Sanitas and Boulder Valley Ranch/Joder Ranch.
- Daily walks with enjoyment of the outdoors and views.
- This is a beautiful place for a walk and bike ride. It across the street from where I live.
- Walking, recreation, and nature.
- Usually, I am taking tourist friends for an altitude-friendly hike in the foothills. Occasionally, I am attending a workshop or meeting in the existing Nature Center.
- RUN.
- Walking/running.
- Walking/jogging in a quiet marsh environment.
- I enjoy walking around the lake, watching everything change with the weather and my mood. Everything includes ducks, geese, the lake, the sky, sometimes (twice) a coyote, other walkers, surrounding vegetation, and the foothills.
- Walking trails, amazing views,
- A nightly walk.
- To enjoy a quiet walk, and to rest, away from joggers and bikers along the peninsula alone or with grandkids watching birdlife, being next to the water safely; the only place we can be literally lakeside. The peninsula is the only area where we can avoid heavy dog traffic and sit next to the water.
- I regularly run a loop from my house around the lake.
- Walking the trails, enjoying the quiet beauty.
- Walking in nature.
- Just to walk around, relax, and enjoy the environment.
- To run or walk around the lake and the open space to the north.
- Walking; birdwatching
- Walking/hiking.
- I use the trail around the lake and enjoy taking the bus to the lake.
- To walk, to be in nature; Wonderland Lake is a very important resource for me.
- Wonderland Lake is an enjoyable walk and the lake is in a natural state. It is easy to walk around the lake.

Wildlife

- Natural resources, including the ability to see a variety of birds.
- Connect with nature and watch wildlife.
- To see the water birds.
- I have gone there for Native Plant Society workshops and to meet friends for a hike.
- To enjoy the birds and waterfowl on the lake.
- The ducks, wildlife, peaceful setting, and views.
- Wildlife observation.
- Wildlife refuge and quiet.
- For nature: birds, deer, and peace and quiet.
- Wildlife and proximity to our home,
- For the nature: birds, bears, mountain lions, bobcats, muskrats, rabbits, coyote, foxes, butterflies, dragonflies, and snakes to name a few; the beautiful scenery; the peace, quiet, and slower pace.
- To enjoy the natural setting of a "wildlife sanctuary"; peaceful, without structures or groups of people where nature and animals can live in a quiet existence: to develop structures, access areas, large trails would destroy the reason I like going to Wonderland Lake. This is a place for nature, animals, and for people to respect this environment... leave the area as it is!!!!

Other

- To understand the site for master planning purposes.
- It offers a unique diversity of experiences that differentiates it from other, more active open space areas completely within, and surrounded on three sides, with urban development.

WHAT ALTERNATIVE [CONCEPT A OR CONCEPT B] DO YOU MOST PREFER? WHY DO YOU PREFER THIS ALTERNATIVE?

CONCEPT A

Access

Access is a must, and while the number of people using the trail is modestly low, there is a lot of congestion due to the mix of uses (walking, jogging, and cycling). More people using it will create more accidents between cyclists and pedestrians and will require more focus on the path ahead rather than the surroundings.

Crowding, Parking, Traffic, and Trash

- There are fewer parking spaces (I worry that the trail around the lake would get to feel crowded with many more visitors, and I would feel uncomfortable if the number of mountain bikes and e-bikes increases too much). Picnic shelter.
- I prefer this because Concept A includes less parking. However, I would most prefer no expansion at all of the facilities in this area.
- It better protects natural resources by providing fewer parking spaces, and potentially a smaller footprint, though this is hard to tell from these drawings. I like the idea of the mountain and prairie view from the patio.
- Broadway at this turn and the lake trail already have heavy traffic; this is too small of an area to expand access to without shifting to a commercialized feeling.

- Either plan is a fairly dramatic change to what is, for the most part, a neighborhood trailhead. There is ample street parking to access the trails on both sides of the lake. A large parking lot isn't needed. By creating this center and a large parking area in Concept B, you would essentially be deciding to transform this spot from a local trail area into a destination trail area. I don't think this concept is wise for this location, habitat, and already heavily-used trail system. The North Boulder area is seeing a rapidly increasing population that is not slowing down. The use of, and environmental pressure on, these trails is only going up without adding more parking.
- It involves fewer parking spaces.
- It involves fewer parking spaces.
- It involves fewer parking spaces.
- Fewer parking spaces means fewer people.
- There are fewer parking spaces, but the picnic shelter is oddly placed.
- It involves fewer parking spaces.
- It involves fewer parking spaces.
- It involves fewer parking spaces. This area is already highly used.
- How many parking spaces do we have today? Option B seems to have more parking spots than necessary. I also like the mountain view of the nature center in Option A, although having the shelter farther from the road would be nice. I'm not clear on many of the differences between the two: are the buildings smaller in option B or is it more about alignment?
- I don't want so much parking available. I don't want Wonderland Lake to get even more crowded.
- I like keeping structures within their current footprint. This open space area already has a lot of "traffic": bikes, cars, and pedestrians. Increasing the parking would increase that traffic.
- I would like LESS traffic and development.
- It adds less new structures and parking.
- It involves less parking.
- It involves less parking.
- It involves less parking.
- It involves less parking.
- It involves less parking and less (hopefully) damage to the natural environment. However, I don't like either with its additional buildings.
- There is a less of a parking lot.
- Less parking might mean less high-use, noise, and destruction.
- There is less parking space.
- There are fewer parking spaces. However, I don't see bike parking in either design!
- Less parking would mean less crowding around the lake.
- There is less parking! We don't need that many cars and buses at a trailhead.
- There is less parking and less traffic.
- There is less parking and no buses.
- I like the layout and the parking options.
- It looks like there fewer parking spaces and few changes in general. It would be possibly less crowded then.
- It has a more appropriate level of parking.
- There is much less parking, and the total footprint is smaller.

- There are not as many parking spaces, so there is not as much overuse of this beautiful, peaceful, relaxing, quiet open space.
- The parking lot is closer to the lake and is a smaller lot.
- The parking lot in Concept B looks gargantuan. The bus service stops right near Wonderland, and many of the people who use the site are locals, who walk or run there. There's tons of on-street parking up Utica and Upland Avenues, etc., for people who must drive to visit the area. Also, having the picnic area closer to the street allows for easier pick-up of trash is good.
- The parking lot has a smaller footprint; I do like the picnic shelter in Concept B with views to the mountains, but there are too many parking areas.
- I like the parking together, though I am very disappointed that there will be so much construction in a very stable area and that non-native species or plants/trees will be brought in.
- There is a reasonable volume and parking, and it allows for additional activities instead of allowing for many cars and not many activities.
- Selfishly, I would prefer less parking in the area to limit the number of people on the trail. I live nearby.
- There is a smaller parking footprint.
- There is a smaller parking lot, and the community room building has a view towards the mountains.
- There is less parking, so there will presumably be fewer additional people on the trails. The restrooms aren't right next to the path. The picnic shelter is closer to Broadway. The orientation of the Education Room, Community Rooms, and Patio is better integrated and will have less impact on the path and surroundings.
- There's a restroom.
- There are too many cars in Concept B. There will be terrible traffic tie-ups on Broadway after programs.

Differences Unclear

- I can't read the notations online; they are too small.
- It is very tough to see on the phone, but it looks like there is a smaller footprint. I would favor a plan that keeps the area most natural and doesn't meaningfully increase the impact of more people.
- You have got to be kidding! I cannot decipher these differences.

Infrastructure

- Both alternatives are OK. I am not sure what a WetLab means? Do you need two junior ranger administration areas? I like the public restrooms and extra parking, and a picnic shelter would be awesome. I live in North Boulder, and we could use a community meeting space; I assume community groups could reserve this? Does the bus pullout mean school buses, since there is a Regional Transportation District (RTD) stop in front; that must be a different bus? Or is the RTD going to pull in? Does the outdoor classroom refer to increased use by school classes, hence the bus pullout? Great place to take school kids.
- It doesn't really matter which concept is selected, my concern is for lake preservation and putting the fishing pier by the dam, NOT on the peninsula.
- I believe the picnic shelter is better placed.

- I like the concept of the peopled areas (i.e., picnic shelter) not obstructing the views of the natural area that the trail opens to. I go there for the lack of man-made structures that otherwise remind me that I am still in a city. I would like to start my experience of the trail with all of these things contained in the parking lot behind me so that I can just look to the trail ahead rather than past groups of people and people-related structures.
- I like the smaller parking area with the education center facing the mountains. I also do not like the idea of a picnic shelter (in Concept B) so far into the natural grasslands. It feels like it will take over too much of the wild land.
- This has the least number of buildings.
- This has less concrete?
- I like the orientation of a community/junior ranger area and picnic shelter location. It also seems like one bus area is enough.
- I like the picnic shelter location.
- I prefer to keep everything closer to Broadway and away from the trail, and I prefer not to encourage more cars with additional parking.
- The picnic area is placed better: it is farther away from the road noise and closer to the lake.
- The picnic area would be closer to the parking and other buildings.
- The picnic structure might be nice. Concept B has too much area slated for parking. People should be encouraged not to drive there. There is a bus stop right there and plenty of pathways to ride bikes to the area.
- The views seem to be less obstructed, and the picnic shelter is nearer to the parking area.

Neither/No Preference

- A is not as bad as B. Both are not acceptable.
- I do not prefer either A or B, but there was no choice in this questionnaire. Neither.
- Actually, I have no preference since I never go to that area. I had to Tuesday to advance the survey, but please put me down as no preference, which should have been one of the options.
- Honestly, I believe that the city of Boulder is spoiling a wonderful respite from the city by developing this area. I find all the buildings jarring and out of step with this quiet area. The bus route inside is very, very troubling! I am NOT in favor of either alternatives.
- I actually prefer that the lake area is not developed, but that was not a choice in Question 6 (although it should have been). The trailhead parking is rarely full, so it doesn't make sense to destroy more nature to add parking. I am also worried that this will create an area where the homeless gather. We already have many homeless people in the neighborhood, and this will attract them to Wonderland Lake. I am in my 80s and concerned about my safety.
- I am opposed to both options. Both will result in destroying the natural areas, increase traffic, and make the area much less peaceful. The development is not needed and a waste of taxpayer funds. Development like this will make me vote against any open space funding in the future.
- I didn't really have a preference.
- I do not like either! You will make this into another Chautauqua. Additional parking is not needed when this can be accessed by public transportation. Chautauqua is loved to death, and now Wonderland Lake will be next.
- There is less disruption of existing area, less concrete, and fewer buildings in currently undisturbed area. I don't PREFER either plan; I prefer a less intrusive, smaller set of improvements.

- I do not prefer A over B. I had to click one or the other concept to proceed with the survey. I am not in favor of any concept which would bring more people and cars to the site. This is a sacred area for me. The peace and tranquility have saved my soul many a time. It is also a fragile ecosystem. I would strongly prefer it be left alone, except for any safety improvements which might need to be made.
- I do not prefer either alternative, but Concept A seems the least intrusive.
- I don't like either alternative as I would like to see as little change as possible. Less parking is better; part of the charm of the area is the human energy used to reach it and not with cars.
- I don't like either alternative. Both of them will lead to more development and more human traffic in the area, making it more vulnerable to degradation and harm.
- I don't like either one. Concept A is less invasive.
- I don't like either. Both concepts locate structures in the line of sight of the hillside views. I prefer not to see any further buildings.
- I don't prefer either.
- I don't prefer either one.
- I hate both of these; neither should be done. This is a horrible idea.
- I honestly dislike both, but a creek view south just looks at houses. That seems like a waste of money.
- I don't really like either plan. Of the two plans, I think A uses the space better with less environmental impact.
- I prefer neither option. Stop encouraging people to drive their cars to an area that already experiences too much traffic. Also, if the property is open space, why the hell would you put a parking lot on it!?
- I prefer that neither are implemented. I only made a selection because the survey required it.
- I would strongly prefer neither! Concept A has fewer parking spaces. With all of the "shorelines are fragile" and other "do not disturb the wildlife" signage and attitudes, now developing the area is being considered and planned! There is lots of wildlife that travels right through that area. Leave it alone; PLEASE. Sometimes improvements do not improve. It's fine to improve the parking lot, the entrance, and even the junior ranger area, but to make this into a destination will bring way too many people, traffic, and noise into a very serene area that feels like a natural area, not a "park." These changes present as a park and are not in keeping with the current feel of the area. I am aware that the area was man-made many, many years ago. I am also not against improvement. This is not an area that should be turned into a destination with a visitor's center like a stop in Rocky Mountain National Park. North Boulder is getting crammed with development to the point of taking over 15 minutes to get from Lee Hill Road to Iris Avenue most mornings. Can North Boulder have quiet places?! This is a beautiful spot on the planet. Please do not "improve" it. Thank you.
- It is the lesser of two bad plans. I much prefer a more compact development that limits impacted areas of expansion and clusters renovation efforts, as well as new program elements.
- It appears less invasive to the natural scenery. I prefer neither.
- It truly has no importance to me; either plan would be fine.
- This just appealed to me more, but I don't think it will make a big difference.
- Leave it alone. It is great the way it is. As a resident of this neighborhood, I do not want more people pouring in here, which will be what happened if you do this. Stay out!!!
- It looks likely to have less of an impact. I would prefer having neither.
- I prefer neither.

- I have no strong preference; they seem pretty similar.
- I am not sure.
- I am not sure. I really want the least disruption to nature. Please minimize any building and keep away from the lakeside.
- Since I had to choose one, I chose A, but I strongly oppose both. We have lived here for 11 years, and a neighbor mentioning it is the first we have heard. We should have been contacted by mail before this plan was adopted. This destruction of our natural resources and habitats is appalling. For a city that claims to be interested in preserving our land, it seems like a gross misuse of money and destruction of the very land the city claims to be interested in preserving. There are already sites along Boulder Creek and in other places including the children's fishing area that could serve the functions listed in this project. Sledding already takes place in the park along the foothills and children seem to enjoy themselves perfectly well sledding there.

Naturalness and Tranquility

- Part of the beauty that our neighborhood enjoys is due to the lack of development in this area. I support improving existing structures and no additional parking. There are nearby streets for overflow parking. We don't want more traffic on the trails.
- This preserves more of the natural habitat and keeps the picnic area closer to the road for easier security.
- This provides additional parking, a picnic area, and educational space in a tight area. It adds what is needed without being too sprawling.

Recreation and Education

- It seems like it would better serve the junior ranger program. I think parking would be adequate for classes and day users.

Size and Scope

- IT IS COMPACT AND TAKES LESS SPACE.
- Concept A is the best because it is not as invasive as Concept B. Wonderland Lake is already used quite a bit as is. Adding the additional parking and structures as described in Concept B is invasive for humans, animals, and birds.
- Concept A seems smaller and less intrusive to the overall area.
- Concept A seems to take up less space. I would prefer that the lake be left alone.
- I prefer whatever option has less impact. I like the existing Wonderland Lake and see no reason to make it into a mini-Disneyland
- I prefer whichever option is less invasive and prevents the area from turning into an amusement park. It is a natural area that does not need to be turned into a city park. Bringing significantly more people into the entrance to the park means that significantly more people will end up in the natural areas, which increases the risk of those areas being damaged by foot traffic, bicycles, etc. The area should remain OSMP and not become a city park.
- It appears to be less intrusive.
- It invades less of the natural features of the lake.
- It looks like it would mean less construction.

- It looks like there is less disruption to nature, less parking, and less development of structures. The area should stay as natural as possible!
- It seems smaller and less intrusive. In my opinion, when it comes to Wonderland Lake, less is more.
- It seems to be smaller and thus will attract less intrusion on the natural spaces.
- It takes up less space. Restrooms are more conveniently located.
- "A" appears to be smaller and less intrusive. This is a poor question, leaving one to try and compare them, which is difficult. You could just say what the differences are.
- A has a smaller footprint. This area should be left small and natural, not built up.
- A appears less extensive.
- It appears less obtrusive to the existing natural surroundings.
- As best I can tell (these drawings are too small to adequately describe what is to take place where), Concept A would be less intrusive, but both seem unnecessary and likely to spoil the open space area near Broadway with increased density. That area currently provides a wonderful break along Broadway and makes a nice transition to the area around the lake.
- It involves less development.
- It is less invasive.
- There is less impact west of the parking area.
- There is less impact and lower cost.
- It is less impactful. Have people been complaining about the current facility? I wonder how the people that live next to the facility feel.
- It involves less intrusion into the undeveloped open space. Fewer parking spots will reduce overuse of the area.
- It is less intrusive.
- It is less intrusive.
- It is less intrusive to the area.
- Less is more.
- Less land is developed.
- There is less of an impact.
- There is less overall impact to the area and especially less additional parking.
- There is less damage. Leave it alone!
- It is not as large and fits better in the overall landscape. Plan B is too massive and will bring in way too many people into an already overcrowded area.
- It seems less intrusive.
- It seems less intrusive.
- It is smaller.
- It is smaller.
- It is smaller and less in scale! But the problem is that it is fine as it is!
- It has a smaller footprint.
- It has a smaller footprint.
- It has a smaller footprint and less parking. I like the placement of buildings away from houses.
- It has a smaller footprint, so there is less impact.
- It has a smaller footprint.
- It has a smaller footprint.
- It has a smaller footprint.
- It has a smaller impact.
- It has a smaller impact.

- It has a smaller impact on existing open lands.
- It has a smaller profile.

CONCEPT B

Crowding, Parking, and Trash Concerns

- Concept B has better circulation and parking, but I would like building to orient views to the west more.
- It is a little hard to understand how far the 33 parking spaces would extend into the open space, if at all, but we favor having one central area which gives most people access, rather than parking on different neighborhood streets. However, further understanding how the parking would appear could impact our preference. We think having the picnic shelter overlooking the views, rather than being near the underpass, is a more peaceful place to take in the views around Wonderland. Having the Junior Ranger Area connected to the Education and Community Rooms seems to make sense. Detaching restrooms from the community space also seems favorable.
- It has more parking.
- It has more parking.
- It has more parking, and the picnic shelter is farther from the road.
- There is more parking available to relieve parking on Utica Avenue.
- More parking means less parking on my street.
- More parking provided will mean less street parking in the neighborhood around the park.
- There are more parking spaces.
- There is more parking and the same footprint.
- There is less parking. There are already several places to park that seem adequate.
- There is more trailhead parking, but I would prefer the picnic shelter (which my family would use) to be located as it is in Concept A to avoid blocking the views of the mountains.
- Parking (access) is a big issue there. Concept B optimizes parking at the expense of less spectacular mountain views from inside the education and community rooms. People already have a reason to come to the site and don't need to be drawn there by a promise of fantastic indoor views.
- The only substantial difference I detect is more parking. If the community rooms are used as often as I anticipate (such as for the compilation dinner of the Christmas Bird Count), the extra parking will be needed. What's the trade-off?
- The smaller amount of parking spaces is preferable to keep a small park from being over-used. I also oppose the change in the entrance as they seem like costly, unnecessary expenses.
- These are both good options. I like B just because there's more parking that would make the site more accessible to more people. I think you could add more than one picnic shelter. I think they would be used.
- There is less of a parking footprint. I like Concept B because the main structure faces south, and the picnic structure is to the west.

Differences Unclear

- The plans are too small to read and won't enlarge.
- I can't see much here. I would be unlikely to use either.
- I couldn't enlarge the alternative site plans enough to be able to evaluate them, so the answer to the sixth question is arbitrary.

- I can't see enough to make a judgment.
- I made a choice because my phone's screen is too small to get a sense of the plans. Also, I didn't want to continue with the survey. Please ignore it.

Infrastructure

- There are fewer buildings. Don't overdo this with too many structures.
- I like the picnic shelter location much more, and I like the idea of more parking for people who do not live close to the trails to enjoy. Seems like a better layout overall.
- I would prefer there to be less infrastructure, thus the one without the additional picnic shelter.
- It looks like a large space for the junior ranger area.
- There is less building infrastructure and an added wet lab.
- The picnic area is further from the road and has better views.
- The picnic area is further from Broadway, and I like the south view corridor.
- The picnic shelter is farther away from Broadway.
- The picnic shelter is further from the road.
- The picnic shelter is further from the road.
- The picnic shelter has a better location, but I would prefer the emergency access be retained if possible.
- The picnic shelter.
- These are unnecessary expenditures in our opinion for the new buildings. Parking lot expansion is essential.

Naturalness and Tranquility

- The views.
- The picnic shelter has a view of the lake.

Neither/No Preference

- Actually, I have no preference.
- Either is fine.
- I dislike both intensely, but this one seems to have a smaller footprint.
- I do not prefer either alternative. I only chose one because it was required. I believe it puts undue pressure on a unique area that is already under stress from the urban environment.
- I don't understand them very well.
- I don't want either concept. Leave Wonderland Lake as it is! No new structures, parking lots, learning centers, etc.
- I prefer neither and oppose development on this space. Plant more trees and provide parking for people who wish to go around the lake, maybe a restroom, but do NOT build more structures and buildings on land that is supposed to be protected for open space and wildlife. Thank you.
- I really don't have a strong preference, but since answering the question is required, I had to pick something. Maybe Concept B because the picnic shelter is a little farther from the road.
- I really don't have any reason to discriminate.
- I was forced to make a choice. I have no idea.

- NEITHER. Do not increase parking. This park is used heavily already by those within walking/biking distance. For a city that is trying to limit car use, why encourage driving? Do not build new buildings on this site.
- You require an answer for Question 4, but the allowed answers do not apply to me. My answer is "neither." I do not see a need for grossly expanded facilities at the site.

Size and Scope

- There appears to be a lower impact. Why does the city need to tell people how to "do nature?" Prescriptive programs and coddling people to explain nature outside of nature defeats the experience of feeling nature with all of the senses. Allowing dogs to swim will ruin the space by making it more dangerous with dogs aggressively off leash. Think Coot Lake 2.0.
- Less is best.
- More robust offerings make it more useful,
- More space is utilized.
- It is more spacious.
- It seems a little more compact.
- It seems less invasive, but I do not approve of any of the development. It is going to ruin the peace and quiet and wildlife in the area.
- It seems like a better layout.

Recreation

- It is less likely to interfere with the trail (my running path), which is the primary and only reason I'll go to Wonderland Trailhead.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU HAVE FOR THE WONDERLAND LAKE AREA?

Access

- We visit Wonderland Lake as a family but do not live in the Wonderland Lake neighborhood. Wonderland belongs to everyone, not just the neighbors, and we would like OSMF to address community interests and desires. Neighbors have not always been friendly to my family when visiting the site, possibly due to our race.
- I like that you are considering making this site more accessible to everyone who lives in North Boulder by providing amenities for the community.
- We love Wonderland Lake! We are glad you are looking at ways to make the site friendlier. We have small kids and would like more shade around the little house. We can't stress enough the desire for more picnic areas!
- I am in favor of pedestrian and cyclist access and the preservation of the natural area with an emphasis on education.
- The fishing area is very limited, and the proposed fishing pier would be a big benefit for handicap access and for children.
- I wonder where the impetus for these changes came from. I've never been in a wheelchair, but I certainly see persons in wheelchairs at the lake and on the trails. It seems that they traverse quite OK. I hate the idea of any more concrete.
- We've lived in the area for many years, and it would be nice to have more things for children to do since it is such a beautiful area of Boulder.

Crowding, Parking, Traffic, and Trash Concerns

- I love it. I would prefer it not to get more crowded and overused. The only thing I could see as a positive addition would be more trash receptacles to make it easier for people to clean up after themselves and their dogs.
- It is crowded already. Please do not expand parking. Educational programs are ok, but we do not need to increase traffic to the trail. It is already feeling too busy.
- The parking lot was full on a recent Wednesday at 4 pm! One car (not ours) was unnecessarily ticketed as we witnessed.
- My final comment is as before: that this area and lake is too small to be commercialized in this manner. Traffic already is growing and heavy on the lake, in the neighborhood, and on Broadway. Evening noise in the summer is difficult to deal with now and events in the park like the men's defense class that hits sticks from the morning to late every night affects our quality of life
- This area already has very heavy use, and the proposals are going to turn it into a magnet for even more people. You can count on even more problems with visitors parking in surrounding residential areas.
- As North Boulder becomes more densely populated, it is more and more important to have some open space natural areas be protected from overuse. Off of Jay Road is another trailhead parking lot which gives a second point of access to the area. Lastly, I question whether the Broadway entrance to the area really needs to be moved over to be directly across from Sumac Avenue; it seems like an unnecessary expense as most visitors will be entering from Broadway anyway. Thank you.
- I am very concerned about all the parking and increasing crowding even further.
- This beautiful area is going to be ruined. Already in the last two years, it has become so overcrowded with people who drive in and park in our neighborhoods. The trails are a traffic jam even now. It has become a much less desirable place to live for our family. I am very unhappy about these projects and proposals. All of my neighbors are upset with the plans. You are ruining our neighborhoods.
- The additional parking is crazy. It's right on the SKIP bus line. The lake is a beautifully preserved habitat for ducks and geese, other shorebirds, and foxes. People fish from the dam and the peninsula and walk/bike along the dam and along the Silver Lake Ditch on the western extent. It all works perfectly as is and does NOT need to be modified. Adding this proposed boardwalk/pier would needlessly affect the bird population, with no apparent advantage to humans.
- More parking means more people. More people will love it to death. Don't spend money ruining the area. Leave it alone!
- Additional visitors to the Wonderland Lake area will materially diminish the quality and personal enjoyment of the Wonderland Lake Trail.
- I have lived in the neighborhood for twelve years. I have lived in Boulder for 30 years and until moving to Wonderland, I lived downtown (Mapleton and then Whittier). I moved here to get further away from the growing traffic and crowds. I have watched the number of people coming into the neighborhood to use the lake open space grow substantially (like everywhere else). I am not a "not in my backyard" person and support access to all, but not by building a bunch of structures. This open space needs to stay as natural as possible, especially around the lake. There is already enough concrete from Poplar Avenue to the playground. Let all who want to come have access to the natural areas; don't make it more paved and park-like.
- LEAVE WONDERLAND LAKE AS IT IS. If there is a need to get closer to the water, Coot Lake or Boulder Reservoir are the locations. Picnic shelters exist at Wonderland Lake Park and at

Foothills Community Park. Wonderland is ideal as is. More walkways will mean more maintenance needs in the future which will need a greater budget. City Council will request a five or ten percent reduction of service in the future (as they currently do) from city staff. There are already too many filled and discarded dog poop bags along other trails like Chautauqua. This increased access can only lead to further degradation of the lake area. The lake is wonderful as it is. Please don't ruin it.

- With the increased traffic congestion and the poor repair work done on the trails, combined with the lack of attention spent on the repair work needed on Utica Avenue and Utica Court, I am totally opposed to the proposed plans for Wonderland Lake area.

Education

- This is a perfect place to focus on nature education for youth. I do not think that fishing is needed. Other fishing areas in the city always have more trash, old hooks, etc. It is better to study the fish.

Ecosystem and Wildlife

- My interest in this plan is as an advocate for native plants, and that was my focus in commenting on the NTSA process; I hope that the city can work to control invasive species (Canada thistle, teasel, crack willow, Russian olive, etc.) and also educate the public about what is native and non-native/invasive. Creating a native plant garden near the nature center along with signs about these issues could be very valuable.
- Please disturb the habitat as little as possible.
- I would like to see the prioritization of removal of noxious weeds and the closing of social trails.
- Rethink this. Do not allow dogs or people in the lake. You will drive away the wildfowl from their beautiful setting. This is one of the highest-use corridors for wildlife. Your increased parking encourages cars and people, who will drive away the wildlife. There is no need for a pier in the lake that will require ongoing maintenance. Stop spending money on a perfect wild place.
- Please do NOT expand the area and build a fishing pier. Migrating waterfowl depend on Wonderland Lake!!!!
- Please minimize development. There were so many migrating birds on the lake this fall! Keep it wild and unspoiled! DO NOT build a fishing pier!!!
- The lake is beautiful the way it is and making significant changes may impact the wildlife and natural habitat. Increased use of the area will most likely change the peacefulness of the area.
- This was created as a wildlife sanctuary. Please do not turn it into an educational center. Everyone enjoys the quiet and bird and animal life. You are destroying the habitats by building. Leave it alone!!!
- This entire effort has almost exclusively ignored negative impacts to the environment, wildlife, quality of life, and property values of neighbors living in the area--especially with the grossly oversized and unnecessary "fishing pier." OSMF could spend their funds much more wisely in many other ways.
- I am VERY concerned about the negative impacts on the wildlife habitat. I have lived here for many years and have watched the improvement in wildlife diversity on and around the lake. I believe the pier and boardwalks will have a major impact to the detriment of the lake environment. Also, I believe that the increase in the draw of people to the area will also be a

huge negative to the whole area. I'm OK with the improvements to the nature center with the exception of the huge increase in parking.

- Please don't ruin this area with all of these "improvements." Instead, let's preserve the area for the migrating birds. All of your added structures will only detract from the beauty of the area and encourage too much traffic near the lake. These new structures were not in the 2016 plans. Why are you adding them now? Do you have too much money? I will keep that in mind the next time there's a vote for funds for Open Space.
- There are signs all over about how fragile the shorelines are, and you will destroy them. This plan is a disaster to nature! I am 100% against this. Wonderland Lake will be ruined!
- Minimize the human footprint. The true value of the lake is how nature has developed it. We are responsible for maintaining it by helping to sustain the natural processes that created it. There is also the impact on the people living the neighboring community (particularly from the additional parking on our streets.)
- It seems best if this area can stay as natural as possible. Adding a pier into the lake is especially disruptive to wildlife (which was the primary purpose of this 'sanctuary' by definition.) Thanks for asking.
- Please keep nature as the priority! If it interferes with nature, do something else!
- This wildlife refuge area needs to be protected.
- I'm concerned that adding a pier will interfere with birds and ducks that frequent the lake.
- I hope that the number one priority of the project is to protect the natural habitat and not disturb the wildlife. Yes, help connect families with nature but not at the expense of wildlife. NO pier, NO shade structure, and NO wading area. This should be a refuge, not a park.
- My preference is to minimize habitat intrusion and not disturb the wildlife or natural aesthetic in the area. This is the first year in my 12 years near the lake that I've seen so many mallards, geese, flocks of widgeons, scaup and redheads. The beauty of Wonderland is that it has been left undeveloped. This I believe has also allowed such a flourishing of wildlife. I am concerned more development will impede on its natural vitality. I strongly advocate for no changes, particularly no fishing pier, shade structures, or signage.
- Do what you can to reduce the invasion of cattails in the lake!
- I walk around this lake between four to seven days a week, and my husband does as well. My son runs around the lake. The number of bird species here is beautiful. I do not see birds like this in the South Boulder trails. Many birds are in the marshes. I think it's terrible that you want to remove some of cattails. Birds also live in the trees along the dam. I see deer in the fields along the creek every day. If you make those trails through the fields along the creek, you will scare them away. What about the houses on Utica that will now have trails along the back of their homes? In South Boulder, a huge buffer is provided between homes and trails. I live on the open space surrounding the creek; I'd be so angry if a trail appeared behind my house. I have a gate, but I never go out that way because of our proximity to the homeless shelter. There are so many homeless people, and many are drug-addicted and unstable wandering around up here. I see them in the area that is by the underpass and the creek and camping next to the water by the dam. I don't think there is much you can do about that, but please don't direct trails near people's homes along the creek as it will just bring these addicts closer to homes, making it unsafe for the residents and young kids in these families. The fishing pier idea is terrible; it is enormous. It will simply scare birds away, and people will throw garbage into the water. If piers are a must, then please allow boating, paddle boards, and ice skating. What does handicap access entail? Paved walkways? That is very unpleasant. Even though this is man-made, it feels natural. Viele Lake in South Boulder is really artificial in feeling and not as nice as Wonderland Lake. I hope your plans don't destroy this area.

- This is a wildlife corridor. I find it humorous that a child can catch grief for sledding on the dam or hanging a Christmas ornament on a tree, but it's OK to build a fishing pier out into the lake and extend concrete sidewalks down into wetlands.
- I am certainly in support of educating and helping youth and families connect with nature and to maintain existing trails, etc., but there is a delicate balance between improving a visitor's enjoyment of a natural habitat and preserving the integrity of that habitat for the sake of the wildlife which rely on it and benefit from its access. My biggest concern is with any further development and encroachment beyond the existing fence eastward toward the cattails on the western shore. This is a natural drainage which should not be disturbed. Any structures in this area will only discourage and interfere with the deer, coyotes, and fox which use this corridor for accessing the water resource. There is no reason to disrupt that natural flow of wildlife. I also question the rationale for placing a dock on the peninsula. People can simply fish from the shore as they do today.
- This area is unique for its wetland character (flora and fauna); please do not expand the fishin' hole character (or maybe put it near the playground instead of cutting down important wetland features like cattails, etc.). Don't overly expand the parking capacity; focus on Concept A to keep cars and their quantity reasonably lower and the quality of education and community activities higher. Thanks for your thoughtful deliberation!
- I worry for the currently protected wetland area surrounding the lake. I live along the lake and often see fishermen fish from areas they are not supposed to be on. I fear that bringing more fishermen would only increase the number of people trampling the wetland area. Also, the fishing line, hooks, wrappers, bait, plastic water bottles, etc. that are littering the dam area will now be everywhere.

Infrastructure

- Keep things natural as much as possible. We don't need bird blinds, benches, or pullouts as the trail is currently wide enough; people stop to enjoy the view while others pass them. No one wants to look at more man-made things!
- I think the bird blind is not a good idea. Why not leave that area natural? You will just encourage people to leave the trail.
- 1) Perhaps a blinking light on Broadway. 2) Build a wetland area bridge and boardwalk near the Wonderland Lake peninsula.
- I like the idea of a birdwatching platform on the west side of the lake. Not so much for birdwatching as for an opportunity to have an east-facing vista closer to the lake shore. I would also like to see a raised boardwalk (like Sawmill) on the south side of the lake (I know this may be a no-go proposition because of decisions already made during NTSA planning.)
- I am STRONGLY AGAINST the enormous fishing dock.
- I would love to see something done with that ugly brown box that sits on the dam. Otherwise, I'm for less impact. Least impact is best.
- As a nearby resident for 20 years, I am strongly opposed to any signage and structures being built on the peninsula or along the trail leading to the lake. I strongly prefer the view from my property and home to continue to be of the natural habitat only. Thanks for considering my input.
- I would not like to see a fishing pier on the lake. I think it would degrade the view (be an eye-sore) and maybe disturb wildlife. Boating and swimming are not allowed, and I am not sure why fishing should be increased beyond the access that is already provided.

- I worry about putting a fishing pier so far into the lake. If there is a pier there, that will ruin the beauty of the lake! Right now, people fish hidden along the dam in the rocks, and they do not bother the views. I thought the purpose of this area was to be a wildlife sanctuary. I'm really worried about putting a boardwalk along the trail to Utica Avenue because that area is currently full of cattails which are home to the red-winged blackbirds. They are so beautiful. If we put a pathway through those cattails, we will be destroying the bird habitat that we have been preserving; and for what purpose? So that people can let their dogs get closer??!
- I do not look forward to your developing "a center" at the ranger house. It seems grandiose and unnecessary. Also, promises to make Wonderland Lake Trailhead a busy, periodically chaotic place, are unwelcome because I think most people are like me; we visit Wonderland to unwind from our busy lives and connect with nature. A busy center conflicts with this primary pursuit at Wonderland and would be better located elsewhere, like at the North Foothills Community Park.
- The proposed fishing pier on Wonderland Lake is a very bad idea. It will put a man-made eyesore in a beautiful natural environment
- Please don't "fill up" our open space views with signs and ramps. Just where will that fishing bridge be?????????
- The fishing pier is not a welcomed addition.
- I like the idea of bathrooms in an area that a parking lot will be increased. I do not like the idea of the fishing area being built up. In my youth, exploring nature was about natural areas, not areas that people made more comfortable for people by means of adding manmade structures. I think teaching youth about a natural environment has a bigger impact if they are not standing in a manmade structure or, at most, if the structure is more primitive.
- Remove the boardwalk near the redwing blackbird cattails. It encroaches too closely to the bird habitat. Please do not plant more trees on the west side of the peninsula in front of the wading beach and new bench area. Keep it open there for the view. The other changes seem good and a big improvement. We especially like the bird blind idea on the west side of the lake. We wish there was some way to widen the trail as it goes between the Silver Lake ditch and houses on the north side of the lake. It is so narrow there for walkers and bikes.
- I think the bird blind is a very, very bad idea. This could end up being a shelter for the homeless or criminals, day or night.
- Please do not approve building a platform and pier at the peninsula. These structures will ruin the natural beauty and habitat of this area.
- This area is well-used and loved by local and neighborhood people of all ages. To develop and build additional structures and parking lots will only intrude on the natural beauty of the area, discourage wildlife, and add congestion.
- Hello! I am a 25-year-old that grew up in Boulder. I live and work downtown, though I have spent a lot of time around Wonderland Lake throughout my years. Why do we feel the need to overdevelop this area? It already has well-developed trails, it is easily accessible from many access points, it has plenty of parking at these points, and there are already many picnic and park facilities very nearby. The trail and infrastructure in place appear to always adequately support the usage demand for the area. That infrastructure on the peninsula looks awful to me. That peninsula is easily accessible and hasn't changed for as long as I can remember. Yet you want to put up a permanent deck fixture?? What a shame. Access is one thing, but this is just unnecessary overdevelopment. A bird blind? Again, overdevelopment. It is absolutely unnecessary and intrudes on the natural experience of Wonderland. Please reach out to me if you would like to hear more about my opinion. I would enjoy connecting.

- PLEASE, do not put in the fishing pier! There are birds in the lake this year that I haven't seen in many years. People currently fish from the dam. This seems adequate. I walk around the Wonderland Lake daily. I never saw signs posted about the proposed fishing pier. It is not adequate to post signs at parking lots. Many of us walk or bike in and don't use the parking lots.
- I'd like more spots of engagement for visitors, including a dock or boardwalk for better wildlife viewing (similar to Cottonwood Marsh) and interpretive signs.
- A well-designed station for Junior Rangers is overdue. Community rooms linked with a modern kitchen will be wildly popular. But let's enhance the lake habitat to keep it as wild as possible--perhaps with an elevated overview?
- I would like to see more benches. I am wary of city staff and their "projects," although I did not include OSMP in this wariness until perhaps now. More beautification of the peninsula area would be welcome.
- I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE SIGNAGE AND NATURE INTERPRETATION IN THE AREA.
- Many people park on Wonderland Hill Avenue near Linden Park Drive to access the trail. The trail entrance should be enlarged so that dog walkers, bicyclists, and runner/walkers don't collide with each other. Bicyclists especially careen down the hill into the street without stopping.
- Many people are beginning to hear that you are planning to construct a pier AND are unhappy about it. While you may have solicited public opinion, no one I have spoken to heard about it before you passed it.
- I am very concerned about building a fishing pier or other structures on the "island" part of Wonderland Lake in terms of the negative impact it could have on wildlife here.
- I support the construction of a fishing pier or better fishing access to the lake.
- No fishing pier. Too much development will begin to destroy what we have. We've lived close for 44 years and have seen much degradation over the years. The children need a wild space.
- I'm concerned about the proposed fishing pier at Wonderland Lake and would prefer to not see that be built.
- Please do not do so much as to make it feel less natural. A bench on the side of the lake opposite the playground would be welcome. Separate paths for bicycles and pedestrians would be welcome too. I have had many scary near-misses from cyclists who give no warning.
- Yes, I see that on the map that the area northwest of the path is marked off, but there is no description of what if any plans are projected for that area. I am very concerned that something will be built there that will destroy the beautiful, peaceful view. It is the home of many animals which would no longer come to the area/ lake. Deer rest and eat there every night. Fire danger is an EXTREME concern in this area, and one fire started there will result in the loss of many homes.
- Wonderland Lake is a unique OSMP facility in that it is more like open space than a city park, except near the houses on the south side with the grass and children's playground. I am not in favor of building more facilities on the peninsula. I fear the pier and traffic will disrupt the established waterfowl, birds, and other wildlife in the area. We have many city parks in Boulder, and I prefer that Wonderland Lake be more like open space than a city park.

Maintenance and Park Management

- I think OSMP should not overdevelop the lake area. Less is more. I think resources are better spent on curbing off-leash dogs and people fishing from restricted areas. This is not a fishing spot. Leave the fish alone, for once. The huge pier is a bad idea.
- Having a massive fishing pier into Wonderland Lake is an unrealistic plan. We have so many wonderful birds that migrate through each year, and I feel this will have a negative impact on them. People are already feeding the birds and wading into the water. People continue to let their dogs off leash so they can "play" in the water and chase the wildlife. Also, people are smoking along the lake. Yes, there are a few very small signs stating not to do these things, but clearly, they do not work. I feel that having larger signs and more enforcement are much more important and a good investment for not only Wonderland Lake but for the environment. Money should be invested in this first. I do feel that improving the peninsula is a good idea. Bringing even more people will completely change Wonderland Lake forever and not for the better. I will be extremely unhappy with the City of Boulder if they move forward with the proposed plan.
- Please consider efforts to keep the space safe.
- Thanks for taking care of the area so well over the years and for all you do! Please just continue to maintain the trails, protect Wonderland Lake as a wildlife sanctuary (as described on existing signage), and forgo the unnecessary facility construction outlined in these plans.
- This is a devastating impact on proposed increase to space. It is a highly-utilized space. Bring the wetlands to a healthy state by having the community help; that is a cheap goodwill opportunity. The proposed plans will kill the land much quicker. Dogs should not be allowed to swim. The damage off-leash running of dogs from parking lot due to the lake is dangerous and combative to the tranquility that open space provides. Coot Lake is such a disaster with self-entitled dog owners that we can't visit because we have been threatened and attacked by dogs/owners. Call me and I will be happy to share these experiences. I support improving open space, although you should learn from other space designs and use. Unintended consequences are difficult to undo.
- Can you please clarify dog usage? There are people saying that there will be a dog park and dogs will be allowed to swim in the lake. Who or what will have permission to be in the water?
- I suggest that you have a portion of the area be an unleashed dog area, where people can walk dogs that have been approved by Boulder's off-leash program; it is very hard to hike with dogs on-leash. The area should have more opportunities to take advantage of dogs that have proven they can be controlled off-leash; another option is electronic leash approval.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- Please do not overdevelop the area.
- My attraction to this area is the nature; the views, the serenity, the grasses, wildlife, and bird life. So, I would like to see most of it remain unchanged. I think that viewing platforms, bird blinds, etc. will detract from the area. There are places (Walden Ponds) that have boardwalks and interpretive signs, but this is one of the areas within the city limits which offers a peaceful place to walk in nature. Adding structures and increased populations will be a detriment to the area.
- I have lived on Wonderland Lake for 28 years. The only worthwhile improvements have been to maintain the trail by keeping it level with gravel periodically and planting trees to

protect the peninsula shoreline. I beg you to not gentrify this natural habitat any further. It needs no man-made "improvements." The more building around the lake, the more intrusion on Mother Nature. PLEASE do not build boardwalks, bird blinds, or any other structures around the lake. It needs no improvement; it is lovely just as it is!

- I prefer to keep the area as natural as possible with no more manmade structures. I prefer fishing be banned from the area. It is a cruel activity, and people/animals are in constant danger of getting hooked or stepping on discarded hooks. I stepped on one this summer. No one has to fish for their meals around here. It's a pointless activity at this location. In addition, I don't know why this area would be a good place for nature education. There are so many other places in the area set up for that (Sawhill, Walden, and Chautauqua to name a few). We live in an area with a decreasing population of school-age children as evidenced by the closure of schools over the years. Are people really clamoring for more nature education opportunities? I would prefer to have the area east of the lake (the flood zone) be closed to the public rather than having a bunch of kids trampling through it like what happens multiple times a year. Please expend any resources on enforcement of existing rules i.e., dogs on-leash (there are dogs off leash in this area on a daily basis), fixing the fence on the south side of the lake (I called weeks ago to report it was broken), poop and trash pickup (the area is full of dog poop and trash, much of it left by the people who fish, like hooks, lures, and all the packaging, and yesterday I picked up what I thought was a piece of plastic bag to throw away, turns out it was used toilet paper with human excrement; this was ON THE PATH). I would prefer to discourage more visitors, as over the years the area has been abused and overused with social paths, trash, bikes that go too fast, and now electric bikes. Someone is going to get hurt and sue the city/county. No more structures, no boardwalks, piers, benches, or signs. Less is more, leave it be! Repair what is broken and enforce the existing rules.
- Don't do these alleged improvements, which will be disruptive, degrade the character of the site, and bring even more traffic to the area. Just leave it alone. It's working fine as is.
- Again, I think Wonderland Lake is beautiful just the way it is. The more natural we can leave it, the better. Less is more.
- Please, leave well enough alone.
- I cannot believe this is being considered. What a terrible idea! I don't understand the purpose, other than to overrun our neighborhood with buses, tourists, and kids. This neighborhood doesn't have a lot of kids. Most people are older here. Please listen to us and don't ruin our quiet neighborhood.
- The less development, the better.
- As I indicated earlier in the survey, Wonderland Lake is a treasure to the neighborhood and Boulder. The enhancements described are too invasive and disrupt the current use.
- Please do not alter the natural beauty of the area. Also, please do not add parking. It would be a shame to have this lovely area overrun. As is, I have always been able to park.
- Don't mess with the Wonderland Lake area. Everyone likes it the way it is. Please leave it alone!!
- Leave it as is ; the lake is accessible for everyone without creating structures in and around the lake.
- PLEASE leave it natural and simple! Don't try to fix what's not broken. Thanks.
- The area has lost a lot of 'wildness' in the 28 years I've lived in the neighborhood. Many more visitors! This plan seems a reasonable next step recognizing this continuing reality. Someday the benches will be of personal utility!
- It's awfully nice as it is. I don't see that building a lot of stuff enhances the beauty of what is there.

- Please keep lake as natural as possible.
- The lake has served Boulder and my family so well since I moved here in 1993 that I would like to see it stay unchanged except for how nature helps it evolve. Thank you.
- I've lived in Boulder for 15 years, and I'd like for some aspects to remain "natural." We are rapidly turning Boulder into a congested city with little respite even in park areas. Please respect the reasons some of us moved here.
- PLEASE LEAVE WONDERLAND LAKE ALONE. It's simplicity and quiet beauty should be preserved, not built up. Not everywhere in Boulder's natural areas has to be expanded and made more accessible/busier. Places can be loved to death in Boulder (like Sanitas Trail and Chautauqua). Don't do this to the lake. The lake is wonderful as it is. Don't ruin it, please.
- I want to again stress that we are vehemently opposed to any development of the Wonderland Lake area. We were not aware of the plan, so we had no opportunity to provide input. I do not believe any of the proposed developments will enhance the area and will only destroy the natural habitat that is thriving. We have noticed that flocks of different types of birds are visiting the pond. As development increases throughout Boulder, it seems reasonable to have an area left with no development, where residents can walk in peace and quiet in nature. My 84-year-old mother lives with us and is no longer able to drive and somewhat limited in mobility but is able to walk across the street and enjoy the serenity of the lake and the wildlife that exists because of the open space. There are many areas that are still suffering from flood damage; it seems there are many better uses for tax dollars than destroying Wonderland Lake for the wildlife and the neighbors. We have supported taxes for OSMP and education each time we have had an opportunity, but if this project takes place, we will oppose all new requests for money of any sort as this plan is flagrantly irresponsible and destructive and any trust we have in the city making wise decisions will be permanently lost.
- I want to continue to have Wonderland Lake as natural as possible. The "improvements" will decrease the naturalness already present.
- Please leave this area untouched. More people will only hurt what is now a lovely peaceful place to go. Do not turn it into a Settler's Park or Chautauqua.
- Success isn't always more use. The quality of use has to be taken into account. The rejuvenating effects of walking around the lake are negated as you have to negotiate more traffic.
- We think it is best to leave the area alone. People seem to like it as is and there is plenty of development at North Foothills Park.
- Please do not commercialize a beautiful, quiet park. Boulder is already too crowded.
- Please do not change anything around the lake. It is perfect as is.
- This is a terrible idea; leave this area alone. With the growing population, I've seen this town change radically; we don't need hundreds of people and cars invading these quiet areas.
- I think aside from any restoration that is necessary for the ecosystem, I would like it to remain the same.
- Yes, leave it alone. It's still nearly natural. It does not need a fishing pier! People are happy to fish from the dam. A pier would attract more people, and where would they park, on Wonderland Hill Avenue or Quince Avenue? Do not put up more ugly signs! The lake is great as-is, doesn't need "improving." Spend the bucks elsewhere (street repairs, police, homeless shelters, etc.)
- Please don't mess with this area. The city should address the homeless/transient issue before messing with Wonderland.
- I just don't want it to change too much; it's so lovely and peaceful as is.

- Please leave the lake as it is, completely natural. I read there might be fishing dock built. Please don't do this. It will disturb the views and the wildlife! There is nowhere else like this in Boulder, and it is the reason we bought our house here.
- Don't spoil what is now a beautiful, undeveloped area in north Boulder. PLEASE! The reason it is so popular is that the space is a quiet and very natural place to run, bike, stroll, or think. Once all this development is done, it will no longer be such a special space. Please do not develop and leave it uncongested. Congestion will totally ruin it. We all need a place where we can just be. Thank you.
- Please keep it natural. I don't like the idea of a fishing pier being built. Preserve the shoreline and allow the wildlife to flourish.
- The area is well-used currently. There is no need to "enhance" its appeal by making more structures, which will only become a burden on the natural habitat. Let it be as it is, please.
- It is important to keep nature natural. We don't need more people being attracted to this area from all over Boulder County. I go into this area to find peace and beauty. The more you add to it, the more the natural beauty disappears.
- Leave it the way it is. If you feel a need to develop something, maybe you could take on some of the 'shelved' open space as a project. I've lived in Wonderland Hills since 1984. Once you put in toilets, it will become a homeless camp 365 days of the year.
- I am so grateful for the beauty and protected land.
- I love Wonderland Lake just the way it is. It's a treasure in its undeveloped state.
- I walk around Wonderland Lake nearly daily throughout the year, and often more than once each day. It is the natural, minimally-disturbed, minimally-gentrified nature of this environment that I most appreciate. Adding all the bells and whistles and parking invites overcrowding. Please densify elsewhere; nature can stand well on its own.
- Wonderland Lake should be left as it is; a "wildlife sanctuary" that protects nature and the animals. Let people go downtown to a learning center or for entertainment. Overcrowding and overbuilding in Boulder have ruined the essence of this once-great town and nature and wildlife are suffering from this development.
- I love it the way it is!!
- Leave the area alone except for trail, lake, and open space/wildlife preservation.
- Leave it alone! Let it remain as natural as possible.
- Please leave the Wonderland Lake area alone. It is a nice natural habitat. If you need to make changes to protect the habitat that is OK, but don't add parking, buildings, or concrete areas. It will ruin the appeal of the lake.
- I just want to add that I am a parent and can appreciate the idea of adding educational facilities. However, I don't believe that this is the right area to do so. The natural habitats are vulnerable and increasing the amount of traffic through the park is a risky plan. Boulder can only take so much urbanization. Parts of Boulder like Wonderland Lake should be allowed to remain natural. If people want to hike or bike on the trails, that is good. But please don't turn it into an amusement park.
- Please leave this area as it is! Every concept in your plan negatively impacts myself, my family, and my neighbors. I've lived near the lake for nearly 40 years, and its present state of development is the reason why. This is the last place like it in the city of Boulder, and there is really no reason to change it, except maybe that staff feel the need to "do something" to justify their positions. I thoroughly oppose this plan, which I just heard about.

Process

- Why are we only choosing between plans rather than being given a choice as to whether changes will be made?
- Please keep the community involved in the project with active communication and participation. Thank you!
- This survey is not a fair survey because it forces respondents to select an option for development (A or B) and there is not a third option: neither A or B! Please consider leaving a beautiful open space beautiful and NOT touching it. Also, this survey does NOT include the plan for a dock! YIKES, NO DOCK off the peninsula, please! What an eyesore! Thank you.
- Why are you asking about race and age? That's none of the city's business and does not relate to any project.
- Why on earth would it matter what race I am in the previous question? Why would it matter what gender I identify with? There should be the "prefer not to answer" option for both.
- I love the area and work in North Boulder full-time for a private mental health service. Our clients walk at Wonderland Lake, as do I. I appreciate how much of the shoreline is inaccessible to people, leaving the wildlife plenty of room and privacy.
- We were only lucky to spot this on Nextdoor and then emailed others. This does not seem a good process, and the information about what is being done is unclear. This is not good transparency.
- This survey and discussion don't address any of the competing values involved or the rationale for these changes. They appear to primarily intrude on the natural setting, but they would be more agreeable if improved ADA accessibility, minimal habitat change, etc. were clarified
- I tried to leave a voicemail with comments against this development, but the voicemail was full. I don't use the computer and have had to have my daughter fill this out for me. I don't know what all the communication options are that I had to rank. Other than signs, none would work for me. You should send mail to people in the neighborhood. I have lived here for over 10 years and did not know about the plan. I said in the question that I did not give feedback. It is not because I didn't want to, but I was not aware that a plan was being considered or how I would provide feedback. Wonderland Lake is a special place in the neighborhood, and this would make it more crowded, destroy the habitat, and in general make it much less enjoyable. I am strongly opposed to both of the plans proposed in the survey. It seems like there must be better uses of money.
- I appreciate the work to make the area more useable.
- Yes. This is a grossly inadequate survey with offensive and irrelevant questions pertaining to my age, race, and gender and little opportunity to learn about the project and provide meaningful input. I am very disturbed as a close neighbor to be learning of this project through a chance encounter on Nextdoor.com at a point in time when the project seems already to have been approved, and I am only being surveyed about which version of it I prefer. Where was the letter I should have received in the mail as a close neighbor informing me that such a project was even under consideration and asking me for my input then? When was the neighborhood meeting which might reasonably have been expected to occur to discuss and seek input about what was being considered in what amounts to my backyard? I urge you to disregard this meaningless survey and start over seeking input from the community and specifically from the neighborhood. This is our neighborhood. Many of us have chosen to live here because of Wonderland Lake.
- I feel like this survey is shoving this BAD idea down my throat by requiring that I choose options rather than answering that I don't want any of the options. Many families have

bought houses around the lake understanding that the open space is permanent. I have lived here for 27 years and did not sign up for making the lake an amusement park. If people want to enjoy it, they should enjoy it in the 'natural' state that it is in.

- With all respect, the need for this project is hard to understand. Maybe the building needs an upgrade or expansion for educational purposes, but in a county that is in a tax crunch, underpays its municipal employees, can't fund affordable housing, and has so many other important needs (including protecting our environment and buying vulnerable open space), it's hard to see why this is the project on which we are spending so much money. This trail system is perfectly functional.
- I think this is unnecessary and too expensive for what we as community need. I fear it will just become a homeless hangout. I'd rather leave it as it is
- Your survey is discriminatory in collecting age, race, and gender information. I am shocked by this action on the part of the city. Park users and their feedback should be treated equally and not segregated in their input and feedback by demographics; this leads to potential planner bias and potential objectives and goals unrepresentative of the park's user base.
- On-site signs with updated information are my best chance to get the news.
- I am super disappointed that these plans appear to be approved. I do not live in that neighborhood, but I feel that such an overhaul will totally change the trail and wildlife.
- This project is not a good use of our taxes. It will destroy a natural area that people come to for a peaceful walk. Leave Wonderland Lake in its current state. The neighborhood does not want the lake developed. There is enough development going on in North Boulder, and Wonderland Lake is a refuge. This will increase car traffic and usage that will damage the area. North Boulder would rather have a real library. If this is how our tax dollars are spent, we will vote against any future initiatives for parks, recreation, and open space. My mother-in-law tried to leave a voice mail today with a message against the development, but the voice mailbox was full. She is 84 and does not use a computer, so she was deprived of giving her input.
- If I hadn't read a letter in the Daily Camera about this deadline, I wouldn't have known that there was a plan, nor that today was the last day to comment.
- Why wouldn't you include the newspaper as a desired source of news on OSMP planning???

Recreation

- Don't ruin a good resource by overdeveloping it. This is not a park or an active recreation area like the Reservoir.
- Attempting to expand program and increase user numbers and physical impacts to one of the few truly natural wildlife areas for low-impact recreational use is misguided when squeezed between two more active recreational areas (Wonderland Lake Park on the south side of the lake and North Boulder Foothills Community Park and Gardens.)
- I believe that Wonderland Lake area was conceived as a residential neighborhood and should be preserved as such. I am concerned that these plans will turn the area into a recreational area and not protect the rights of the residents who reside at Wonderland. There is already heavy year-round foot traffic, which would increase dramatically. Please preserve this neighborhood.
- Build/maintain trail(s) for equestrians and provide trailer/oversized vehicle parking here since OSMP refused to consider it fairly in either the NTSA OR the West Trail Study Area (WTSa)! Equestrians obtained the first trail easement in the Wonderland Lake area and built the first trail there. Regional trail connections are an important value. Better parking

and landscaping at trailheads will benefit all passive recreationists. Incorporate the Trail Around Boulder (TAB) in this ISP. Thanks.

- Better mountain bike connectivity!
- There is already a Parks recreation site there. Don't build it up anymore.
- No canoeing.
- Please do not increase traffic at the peninsula for fisherman and pier. The open view of the lake is beautiful there. Fisherman need deep water: put the pier on south side by the cattails/reeds or on the east side of lake by the dam, keep the integrity of the view, and keep traffic from the peninsula.
- The plan sounds good. However, I would strongly suggest that you do not ban ice skating on the lake. That is an excellent way to get people outside during the winter months. Why would you want to ban it??? No one has gotten hurt. Limiting outdoor activities is simply wrong. Also, the concern about the fragile shoreline is simply ridiculous. This is not a natural lake, but a manmade water storage lake. The water quality is not good due to the neighborhood runoff. I would highly suggest not eating any fish caught from the lake. Why are we not allowing limited kayaking or canoeing on the lake? Using sign-up sheets will help manage it and get more people out on the lake to enjoy it. Again, we are not going to hurt or harm this manmade water storage lake. I am a local Wonderland Lake resident for the past ten years.

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

- Wonderland is a neighborhood gem! We live in the Holiday neighborhood and love being able to walk from our house to take a stroll around the trail system.
- I see that the trail improvements near the peninsula will eliminate a steep, shaded section that is treacherous in winter. I urge you to look as well at the portion of the trail just southeast of the lake where it meets the main walking loop. That area, too, is an ice hazard in the winter and should be made safer.
- Please preserve a space/pathway that welcome both pedestrian and bike traffic. Add signage to encourage bike riders to slow down to a speed comfortable to pass pedestrians without startling them. Dogs off-leash on the peninsula have been a problem for both pedestrians and bike riders. E-bikes should be allowed using only pedal power. I see no reason to remove the cattails at the spillway; if there is overwhelming need to do so, how about explaining that? Thanks.
- I would make Trails 2 and 3 very low priorities. Ecologically, those trails will affect the riparian corridor at wonderland creek. This open area is frequented by deer, fox, raccoons, etc. If you build trails, the area will be frequented by homeless and others.
- I would like to see the lake area left as is. I understand that as the trails get muddy, people tend to walk on the outside, enlarging the trail. That might be a problem. If it is, please solve it without concrete or asphalt. I love the dirt trails.
- Please fix the creek crossing on Lee Hill. So many people use that trail to access the Wonderland Lake area, and it remains dangerous to cross at times. Recently, I witnessed a boy on a bike try to "hop" across the rocks on his bike, and he landed upside down. Thankfully, his head landed between the rocks. I broke my wrist here, witnessed another person with a broken leg, and talked to a person who broke their ankle. I have complained about it often to you, but there have been no improvements.
- Some of the trails up the hills to the west could be somewhat less hazardous.
- Wonderland Lake is a jewel in north Boulder which seems to currently be well-used, but not over-used. As a runner, I am very happy OSMF finally stopped trying to eliminate the social

trail just south of the playground. I wish that the approved improvements to the trail going up the hill to the open space to the north would be completed and that the trail improvements closer to Lee Hill be completed or begun. This area, for all its use, seems to be one of the most-neglected open space areas; attention seems to be focused far more on Chautauqua and the open space to the south. Expanding/improving the nature center, while perhaps laudable, should not delay the other improvements that have already been approved or negatively impact the feel of the Broadway entryway to the lake.

Other/General

- Great start with alternatives!
- Love it and thanks for your efforts to preserve its surrounding beauty and accessibility!
- This is a real bummer for those of us that live in the neighborhood.
- Thanks!
- Please, please don't do this!
- I am happy this project is going to go ahead, either way!
- It is a fabulous asset.
- This is such a great place.
- It looks like this is already a done deal. It is too bad that development is being added to a designated open space area. We are fortunate to have moved from Boulder in September 2018 and now enjoy the City of Longmont. Such a shame for such a beautiful natural area in North Boulder. Putting a trail along the creek will invite more homeless camping in the area and increase open fire danger.
- It is a beautiful area and a treasure for residents of both the city and county of Boulder. The improvements you are planning will make it even better.

ADDITIONAL OSMP QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

1. How familiar are you with the Wonderland Lake area actions identified in the North Trails Study Area plan that was completed 2016?

Value	Response	Percent
Not at all	68	32%
Somewhat	94	44%
Very	50	24%
Total	212	

2. Did you provide feedback or engage in the development of the North Trail Study Area plan?

Value	Response	Percent
No	102	71%
Yes	41	29%
Total	143	

3. Trail improvements, including accessible access to the peninsula:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	48	34%
Somewhat Worse	31	22%
Stay the Same	33	23%
Somewhat Better	20	14%
Much Better	11	8%
Total	143	

7. Development of additional interpretive and nature education opportunities:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	35	24%
Somewhat Worse	25	17%
Stay the Same	43	30%
Somewhat Better	31	22%
Much Better	9	6%
Total	143	

8. Refurbishment of the nature education center:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	16	11%
Somewhat Worse	13	9%
Stay the Same	71	50%
Somewhat Better	27	19%
Much Better	16	11%
Total	143	

12. Community gathering:The proposed refurbishment of the Foothills Nature Center and the adjacent Junior Ranger Program facilities will include a number of potential facility options that can increase public services. How frequently do you think you would use each of the following?

Value	Response	Percent
Never	101	48%
Seldom	66	31%
Sometimes	38	18%
Often	7	3%
Always	0	0%
Total	212	

13. Picnic area and shade structure:The proposed refurbishment of the Foothills Nature Center and the adjacent Junior Ranger Program facilities will include a number of potential facility options that can increase public services. How frequently do you think you would use each of the following?

Value	Response	Percent
Never	98	46%
Seldom	54	25%
Sometimes	45	21%
Often	12	6%
Always	3	1%
Total	212	

4. Fishing pier:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	88	61%
Somewhat Worse	19	13%
Stay the Same	18	13%
Somewhat Better	10	7%
Much Better	9	6%
Total	144	

5. Expansion of Wonderland Lake Trailhead parking area:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	49	34%
Somewhat Worse	40	28%
Stay the Same	37	26%
Somewhat Better	11	8%
Much Better	7	5%
Total	144	

6. Removal of trees along the dam:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	62	43%
Somewhat Worse	41	28%
Stay the Same	33	23%
Somewhat Better	7	5%
Much Better	1	1%
Total	144	

9. Construction of community room:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	40	28%
Somewhat Worse	25	18%
Stay the Same	51	36%
Somewhat Better	13	9%
Much Better	12	9%
Total	141	

10. Habitat restoration:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	11	8%
Somewhat Worse	6	4%
Stay the Same	28	20%
Somewhat Better	50	35%
Much Better	47	33%
Total	142	

11. Better signs and wayfinding:The following categories describe major capital projects to enhance the Wonderland Lake area that were approved and will be implemented through the North Trail Study Area Plan. How do you think your personal experience will change in this area because of these projects?

Value	Response	Percent
Much Worse	24	17%
Somewhat Worse	18	13%
Stay the Same	61	43%
Somewhat Better	29	20%
Much Better	10	7%
Total	142	

14. Outdoor classroom spaces:The proposed refurbishment of the Foothills Nature Center and the adjacent Junior Ranger Program facilities will include a number of potential facility options that can increase public services. How frequently do you think you would use each of the following?

Value	Response	Percent
Never	130	61%
Seldom	50	24%
Sometimes	22	10%
Often	9	4%
Always	1	0%
Total	212	

15. Additional parking at the trailhead:The proposed refurbishment of the Foothills Nature Center and the adjacent Junior Ranger Program facilities will include a number of potential facility options that can increase public services. How frequently do you think you would use each of the following?

Value	Response	Percent
Never	138	65%
Seldom	36	17%
Sometimes	24	11%
Often	8	4%
Always	6	3%
Total	212	

16. Nature center with interpretive information:The proposed refurbishment of the Foothills Nature Center and the adjacent Junior Ranger Program facilities will include a number of potential facility options that can increase public services. How frequently do you think you would use each of the following?

Value	Response	Percent
Never	81	38%
Seldom	64	30%
Sometimes	39	18%
Often	23	11%
Always	5	2%
Total	212	

17. Which alternative do you most prefer ?

Value	Response	Percent
Concept A	153	73%
Concept B	57	27%
Total	210	

18. About how far is your residence from the Wonderland Lake area?

Value	Response	Percent
Less than 1/2 mile	121	57%
Between ½ and 2 miles.	54	26%
Greater than 2 miles but within City of Boulder limits.	16	8%
Outside City of Boulder limits.	20	9%
Total	211	

19. What is your race? For purposes of this question, persons of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin may be of any race.

Value	Response	Percent
White	194	92%
Other Race	15	7%
Asian	2	1%
American Indian	1	0%
Total	212	

20. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Value	Response	Percent
No	206	97%
Yes	6	3%
Total	212	

21. What is your current gender identity?

Value	Response	Percent
Male	71	33%
Female	132	62%
Other/Prefer not to specify	10	5%
Total	213	

COMMUNITY MEETING: COMMENT CARD INPUT
January 15, 2019

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP)
Public Meeting
January 15, 2019
Location: North Boulder Recreation Center
Written Comments

Note: This document provides a record of public comments submitted on comment cards provided by Peak Facilitation group at the community meeting concerning a proposed project at Wonderland Lake on January 15, 2019. Several respondents used an online copy of the comment card to provide input after the meeting. For ease of reference, the comments have been grouped broadly by the topic primarily addressed in each comment, although there is some overlap between categories within most comments. The comments are included in their original form with occasional corrections for spelling, grammar, commenter anonymity, acronyms, and abbreviations.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR WONDERLAND LAKE??

Ecosystems and Wildlife

- A quiet wildlife area for citizens and animals to be free.
- A preserve for the flora and fauna. An undeveloped, pristine natural preserve! Please do not develop this beautiful piece of nature.
- To allow it to remain as is, a natural habitat sanctuary.
- Open space!!! The preservation of land, water, flora, and fauna. Recreation should be very limited: new bike and walking trails, but no access to water, no parking lots, piers, etc.
- To protect this open space and sanctuary! For it to remain a wildlife refuge, not a developed, shrunken piece of land between housing developments. People can take the RTD bus to Wonderland Lake.
- A beautiful natural, park and refuge.
- Maintain the water quality to attract wildlife and as an area of peace and enjoyment for Boulderites and others.
- A thriving natural habitat.
- To stay a wildlife sanctuary for ducks, geese, eagles, coyotes, deer, mountain lions, osprey, bears, etc.
- (From one adult and three kids): To have it be a healthy ecosystem with animal habitats as a priority; more flowers.
- Protect riparian areas.
- Preservation of the open space. Certainly, making Wonderland more accessible to the broader community (parking) with zero alteration to the waterfront/shoreline.
- A protected wildlife refuge! Don't allow it to be trampled by overuse. Allow walking trails on perimeter only and protect our special ecosystem and its tranquility.
- First, protect the environment.
- A nature preserve, as it has always been.
- That it continues as a wildlife sanctuary. Although it was man-made it has been a wildlife sanctuary for most of its history and has been an inspiration to many as such.
- That the lake and its environment remain a "natural" environment for fauna, flora, and people.
- A beautiful, natural space for wildlife and also for providing the opportunity for people and children to engage with nature.
- Wildlife sanctuary; a wilderness preserve. Boulder already has many parks. Do not scare the animals away.

- To maintain and sustain the wildlife sanctuary component. Keep the successful combination of recreation and wildlife sanctuary. Improve the trail system, signage, and enforcement.
- That the wetlands are preserved, and the wildlife are protected in perpetuity. That the birds who have left (bluebirds) return. That the public has access via a path around the lake as long as there are no negative effects on the land or wildlife.
- Wildlife sanctuary. Pedestrian walkway. No access to the water, which is there for the animals. Any structures or improvements for human comfort should be by Broadway or in park land.
- Maintain Wonderland Lake as a wildlife sanctuary. Keep trails as they are and do not create more artificial trails from Broadway. Protect the natural beauty and wildlife without human interference.
- This is a wildlife sanctuary, not a school.
- An urban/wildlands wildlife haven.
- Open space, nature conservancy, and maintained trails.

Education and Youth

- A wild area where everyone (kids, adults) can learn about and appreciate the natural Colorado landscape without additional structures and paths in protected areas.
- Nature education center.
- I envision somewhere in Boulder where youth can touch and experience nature. Built structures invite all people to use it. There are a few improvements that could increase access.
- People, especially children, connecting freely with nature. Open play.

Infrastructure

- Don't build things.
- Move the benches for contemplation of nature's beauty onto the beach area on the west and south sides of the lake.
- Not the current bird, etc. walk AT ALL. Eliminate that or use the area for animals that are alive and unbothered for the most part.
- No expansion, no dogs off-leash, additional bike access to trails in the foothills.
- Redevelop it but keep the wetlands: no bird blind and no pier.
- Let it remain natural (no new structures); absolutely no fishing pier!!!
- Plant shade trees where appropriate.
- Leave the lake alone; spruce up the peninsula with benches and plantings.

Maintenance and Park Management

- I still see people go into protected areas or on the ice. Maybe more barriers or patrols. Nature trail and trail signage.
- Maintain the existing parking, trails, and open space.
- Not to develop it. To maintain what is there!
- Not seeing people taking photos or otherwise ignoring fences for animal habitat and the fragile shoreline. More presence from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- I think it should be kept in its pristine state as much as possible.
- Keep it as it is, natural, and the wildlife sanctuary that it is.
- A beautiful natural area in which people can observe nature and appreciate it.

- To maintain a natural environment.
- A simple open space area with minimal intrusion by humans in areas that are off-limits. An educational area or center might be nice so long as no more big structures or trails are added.
- My vision for Wonderland Lake is for it to remain the same for my grandchildren to enjoy.
- For the lake and surrounding open space to remain pretty much as it is and for improvements to be made in support of area's wildness and signification as a Wildlife Sanctuary.
- A quiet, natural place where people can go to walk, bike, hike, and see wildlife.
- Wonderland Lake should be left alone! No additional fencing: it will affect animals' ability to graze, hunt, and drink water.
- To leave the lake alone!!!!
- My vision has less to do with creating a new vision for Wonderland Lake and more to do with preserving Wonderland Lake as the SANCTUARY for ALL LIFE FORMS (HUMAN, ANIMAL AND PLANT LIFE) that it already is.
- Leave it as is!
- Maintain it as it is.
- Leave it like it is.
- Keep Wonderland Lake wild and natural.
- Leave it as is: protect and maintain the wildlife and bird habitat. Do not expand the trails.
- Keep it the way it is.
- To keep it as natural as is possible
- I love it as it is.
- Keep it wild. Protect what we have there.
- For it to stay the nature sanctuary it is: beautiful and peaceful. For the trails to be maintained and for there to be no expansion or intrusion on the lake itself, e.g., no more fishing, docks, or construction between the trails and the water.
- Wonderland Lake is a well-used nature preserve that functions well as it is.
- Remain a quiet, wild area. It is a gem in the middle of our urban landscape.
- That it will be as it is now for the next 50 years, at a minimum.
- Keep it as a quiet and undeveloped sanctuary!
- My vision for Wonderland Lake is to remain exactly the same: no new trails, no wading space, no fishing piers, and no damage/reduction of wetlands.
- This is one of the most pristine, beautiful wildlife places; don't destroy it. Our trails are enough, they are not crowded, and you do not need to add on them.
- To leave in a natural state with access for all.
- Tranquility; nature; undeveloped.
- Please keep it as it is!! I've lived in Spring Valley for nearly 50 years; first, riding our horses at Wonderland, then walking our dog there, and then running my three miles as often as possible.
- Keep the lake a nature reserve: no dock or boardwalk.
- You must keep it wild! That is the beauty of the area.
- Keep it natural; no artificial (dock, etc.) additions, do not increase the number of people with reason. Keep it as it is with MINIMAL, if any, changes. It is PERFECT NOW.
- To keep it natural and undeveloped.
- That it stays as a wildlife sanctuary with little or no change.
- Keep it as it is. Maybe add parking.

- A naturally preserved patch of nature (wetlands) in north Boulder. Maintain its usage as a place for people to walk, bike, and run through.
- I'm pretty happy with it the way it is. It's not perfect, but it seems to be a good balance.
- Not another Chautauqua! More trails and more development are not better. Keep the space open and available for wildlife. Maintain the same and limit "expansion" on any level.
- To maintain it just as it is; no growth. Let's not interrupt the wildlife or the human experience.
- Keep it as it is; a peaceful place to walk without crowds or distractions. Not every open space needs to be developed. Consider the fragile nature of the environment. I have lived at Wonderland Lake when it was only a narrow single path, but it keeps getting wider. Now, it is as wide as a road.
- Keeping it as it is. Leave it alone and wild.
- To leave it alone.
- My vision is for Wonderland Lake to remain as natural and undeveloped as possible while being well-maintained and cared for as the absolute treasure that it is today.
- Peace. A wild, tranquil refuge.
- Keeping it as "natural" and "unDisneyfied" as possible. It is awesome just as it is.
- Leave it to develop naturally; only do the work necessary to enhance that process.
- I don't know, except that it must remain as close as possible to how it currently is; while outdoor education is a priority, the Wonderland Lake area would seem a last resort for Junior Rangers, etc. only if there are absolutely no logistical options at Sawhill Ponds and Open Space trails/habitats with less congestion or ability to handle more capacity.
- Preserve and protect it as it is.
- It seems like it should be left alone.
- Preserve the simple beauty and natural environment without development. Do a better job with trail maintenance and have more rangers present. More trees could be okay.

Process

- I have a basic, fundamental question: Why is there any discussion of revising or shifting the status of Wonderland Lake? This entire discussion must have been catalyzed by something, but it isn't clear what. I would appreciate City Council getting to the core of this question, as it is what is driving everything.
- Additional comments requested.

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

- trail connections and open space.
- place to hike, walk, and run, where the lake area continues to be a refuge for migrating birds (i.e., swimming and other in-lake activities are not allowed).

WHAT IS GREAT ABOUT WONDERLAND LAKE NOW?

Access

- Very accessible, but not pristine.
- It's a welcoming place to many with a good balance of natural needs versus the visitors' needs.
- Its size is perfect for bringing guests of all ages to walk along or around it or just for me to do that. The view of the foothills is exquisite. It is fairly natural, and one often sees wildlife and birds of prey as well as water birds.

- Proximity to ever-more congested north Boulder, pristine views including wildlife habitat, and flat trails (important, especially for those whose health is compromised for steeper open space areas in Boulder County.)
- The location means lots of people use and enjoy the place.
- It is beautiful, but there is nowhere for kids to play and engage with nature.
- It is not a destination, rather a place to enjoy going through. High usage, but low impact because people move through.
- Natural, park-like place for people and families.
- A way to enjoy undeveloped NATURE inside of the city of Boulder for those of us unable to drive out into the country.

Ecosystems and Wildlife

- A low key, good place for seeing wildlife.
- A wildlife sanctuary that is relatively not overused.
- Its beauty and wildlife (we were some of the people who had seen the bald eagle near the lake that Tuesday).
- The return of wildlife (fox, coyotes, mountain lions, bears, and deer) and the accessible lakeside path.
- The view. I can always see wildlife from my window and on walks. Deer, coyote, rabbits, eagles, all kinds of birds, occasional snakes, etc. The deer love to rest and eat in my yard and grassland. With more traffic, benches, etc. the deer will be scared off. They were at Wonderland Lake before people were.
- I have great respect for the natural environment. The wetlands take priority for wildlife. The ravine with the creek leading from the lake to Broadway should be reserved for wildlife. A non-motorized trail connecting to north and south foothills.
- A wildlife sanctuary which interfaces safely with members of the public. So far, there have not been too many people to adversely affect wildlife.
- Wildlife, waterfowl, and serenity.
- A wildlife sanctuary. It is in harmony with the surrounding hills and provides a rare, peaceful, and natural environment for residents and visitors.
- Birds, the variety of recreational activities, and access to trails north of Lee Hill and over to Boulder Reservoir. Access from bike paths and neighborhoods. Terrain is accessible to many people and activities.
- Biodiversity of birds, songbirds, and waterfowl.
- We can see wildlife everywhere; it is peaceful and beautiful. Let's protect the ecosystem.
- The habitat for wildlife, the abundant wildlife, and the leash law around the lake.
- Wildlife. Limited parking. Adequate trail access and size (width). Limited fishing access. Wildlife buffers for the shoreline.
- Wildlife.
- The birds. Friendly walks. Dog walkers have improved in leash compliance over the last few years (though not always on clean-up).
- The peacefulness of the bird life; I feel very lucky to live in Wonderland Lake and enjoy the paths around the lake and mountain. To see the wild lake swam through.
- Water, fish, birds, wetlands.
- Wildlife, views, quiet, trails, birds/animals, peaceable people enjoying it.
- Wildlife are in ever more abundance. There is quiet and a diversity of visitors; seasonal, cyclical beauty and consistency; and safety around water and night time activity.
- A quiet wildlife sanctuary.

- The flourishing ecosystem, the accessibility, the peaceful environment, the people-to-nature ratio. The wildlife and waterfowl!
- The natural habitat: the ducks, geese, mountains lions, etc. Please do NOT urbanize Wonderland Lake!
- Water.
- Wild, birds, cattails.
- Abundant habitat for birds, animals, insects, and fish, peaceful escape close to neighborhoods.

Infrastructure

- No new buildings and no expanded parking; just maintain existing parking.
- Just get rid of the old concrete.
- The fact that it remains untouched by added features, such as more signage, piers/docks, shade shelters, and the like.

Maintenance and Park Management

- Good maintenance overall.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- It feels wild and remote even though it is in town.
- Few people, few developments, wild birds, and ice skating; fun and great. Doesn't interfere.
- Its natural beauty.
- The natural beauty and wildlife.
- That the community has a nature reserve left intact with no development. This is a peaceful sanctuary.
- It is not congested! Wildlife have an opportunity to be relatively undisturbed.
- Currently, it is natural and serene; a peaceful reprieve from work and everyday stress.
- The natural beauty; we hike there every weekend, at least. We often see neighbors and friends.
- The simple beauty. It offers something for everyone in its simplicity: the single track foot trail up the foothills, the mixed used trail around the lake, and the connecting trail to Foothills Community Park area. The lake is a community and neighborhood "happy" place.
- Gorgeous views, wildlife, and areas to be quiet and observe birds. It also supports a lot of visitors. Because most people are moving through rather than staying for a long time, it doesn't feel overly crowded.
- Unspoiled nature. A wildlife preserve providing sanctuary to an unlimited variety of animals (flora and fauna). It is a respite from the busy developments in North Boulder.
- So much nature without buildings; hikes and animals.
- Quiet. Wild. Full of birds. Lots of spots to be in peace with the view.
- Quiet and undeveloped; a peaceful place to walk/run.
- A quiet pedestrian area where the wilderness around the lake is protected.
- The natural spaces, untouched wetlands, views, spaces for walking, running, fishing, etc. that are not built out. It is well used in its current state.
- It is not developed. Peaceful, quiet way to access nature. It is a jewel as it is.
- That it is peaceful and serene.
- It's absolutely super as it is!

- The beauty, the trails, the bird life, and seeing so many people enjoying the lake and the hills.
- It feels wild and undeveloped and the trails feel like trails.
- Natural; beautiful; great trails; safe.
- The serenity and natural beauty of the lake area. Presence of people and community feel but at the same time not crowded. Walking around the lake is a meditative experience for me.
- Beautiful!
- The neighborhood is pristine. Please keep it that way.
- That it is very natural now and over the past year a wider variety of water birds are coming to the lake.
- It's wild.
- Wild, natural feeling, peaceful, and lots of birds.
- Peace, birds, fish, and nature. I saw a bald eagle in a tree today hiking.
- Open. Sometimes wild. Leave it alone! People and animals flow naturally around the lake. Sometimes the path is wet and/or eroded by storms, etc. Leave it (except for erosion).
- The simple tranquility.
- The views! The lake. The raw, wild, openness of it available to local wildlife. We need undeveloped wild lands for our human mental health!!
- The amount of wildlife that are not impacted by people leaving the established trails.
- So much of Boulder is now highly developed and becoming more so all the time. Let's keep Wonderland undeveloped and beautiful as it is. Let's protect the wildlife, not increase traffic.
- Peaceful. A wonderful spot to breathe and enjoy a little oasis in Boulder. This is one of the remaining natural spots (I know, I know with a man-made lake) to be enjoyed.
- Green, animals, quiet, and easily accessible.
- It's perfect.
- The natural landscape, the wildlife, and the unencumbered beauty.
- Tranquility, birds (more each year), wildlife, quiet.
- Its natural state.
- It's natural!
- Quiet, tranquil, incredibly beautiful. Most people using the area are very respectful. Migratory and natural wildlife.
- The serenity and vast amount of diverse wildlife.
- Quiet.
- The wild, unconstructed character; even though it is in a populated area, it feels remote. The sanctuary aspect for birds, waterfowl, deer, coyotes, etc.

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

- Connections to other parts of the trail system; quiet and close to the city.
- Trails, access, available for paragliding, hiking, socializing, and enjoying nature.
- People move through it (i.e., walking or running), so the quantity of people does not overwhelm the wildlife. The wading area, etc. would lead to people lingering.
- Great trail.
- Nice trails with good access to nature, wonderful site for wildlife, nice community-located access point for people in the area to be outdoors in a beautiful natural environment.

- Relatively natural trail system, for hiking and running. It allows for some natural open space within the residential Boulder community. It is a place for migrating birds to rest, due to minimal human intrusion on the lake system.

Other Recreation

- I do not paraglide, but I love the access that these people have.

WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT WONDERLAND LAKE?

Access

- More access for unstructured play.

Crowding, Parking, Traffic, and Trash Concerns

- Parking expansion (yes) and trail maintenance (grading/surface leveling).
- NO expanded parking: it's easily accessible as it is. There has NEVER been a problem finding parking. No new buildings: I totally support nature education for children. 100%. But I feel they need to get outside in nature and out of the classroom, not into another "classroom" at Wonderland Lake. They can do that component of nature education (if needed) elsewhere. Come to wonderland to experience nature viscerally in the outdoors.
- Add BIKE parking: NO more car parking and advertise bus routes to the area.
- Improve existing parking and do not expand mountain trails.

Ecosystems and Wildlife

- Save the lake and wetlands.
- Maybe an effort to control invasive plants but without disturbing the existing nature.
- Make it even more hospitable for wildlife, keep the current trail in good shape, and make the buildings near Broadway more useful.

Education and Youth

- I would like kids to be able to engage with and develop love for nature and earth stewardship (not just on walking trails).
- A modern nature center with great programming for kids and families. A full-time ranger.
- Upgrade the current scene and continue to engage youth in maintenance.

Infrastructure

- Two or three benches on the peninsula.
- No new development. No shade structure or bird blind. Shade trees and trail repair are okay.
- Bathrooms.
- Move the benches for contemplation of nature's beauty onto the beach area on the west and south sides of the lake. Make some playground improvements and move the picnic table (with shelter) to the southside.

- Don't build things.
- A few minor things: I agree with improving signage and the planting of shade trees on peninsula. Adding public restrooms by the parking lot area would be nice.
- I would like to see more shade trees planted by the playground and picnic areas. I would like to see signs indicating that the lake is a wildlife/bird refuge. The other day I saw a bald eagle; not everyone realizes that by keeping people out of the lake itself, birds feel comfortable resting in the area. I am against increasing the parking lot, the pier proposal, and more construction in general. The area is already very busy, and this would take away from the open space feeling of the area.
- The only added changes I would like to see are the cultivation of an area with native plants and trees, and perhaps a longer, old split rail wood fence, especially on the south side of the lake along north-facing Quince Circle residences to prevent people from walking through that area on their way to the park. The preservation of the Silver Lake ditch area on the west side of the lake trail system and renovations to the building facility at the parking area for Wonderland Lake off Broadway for nature programs would also be welcome, provided it doesn't mean making the parking area larger!
- Maybe add a fishing pier for kids from the dam.
- Add more trees, improve steps to cottagers, better maintain fencing, provide more accessibility along trails, and grade to dry but low spots. No more trails on eastern hillside. Ice skating and snow sledding should be allowed. No bird blind! Maybe smooth out the path to the upper area-northwest trail going toward Foothills Park.
- More trees, more sitting rocks on the peninsula, and better maintenance.
- No fishing pier, no beach, and no more trails.
- Do not bus people into the nature center; no nature center.
- The peninsula needs a walking area to eliminate overuse.
- Sustainable trails, boardwalks, and piers would help focus traffic so that people could use the area without damaging nature.
- Some educational signage wouldn't hurt.
- Plant more shade trees. Please bring back the signs that used to be there saying Wonderland Lake is a wildlife area. It was quite alarming when those were suddenly and silently removed at the same time as the online survey gave only choices between fishing piers.
- Restrooms and parking near Broadway; good signage.
- Public bathrooms open during the day could be added to existing buildings so people won't poop on open space. A pedestrian crosswalk at Sumac is needed. People park on Sumac, which is okay with me (I am a 14-year resident on the first block of Sumac).
- I would recommend changes be kept to bare minimum. If you want shade on the muddy side of lake, plant some trees. If fishermen need better access, reorient some of the rocks on the east dam so they are easier to sit on and some can be reoriented to make access easier. Expanding the parking lot is a bad idea; you should encourage walking and biking to the lake, NOT driving.

Maintenance and Park Management

- Trails should be maintained, and leash laws should be enforced.
- Preserve it but prevent erosion on the peninsula.
- Nothing structural. I would like to see more patrols for off-leash dogs.
- Not many: maintaining the trail in good condition and more signage or enforcement of dog owners not picking up dog feces.

- Better signage on the rules of lake. Education to neighbors on soil care of lawns/yards that run off to the lake.
- More subtle signage indicating encouraged pathways to get to the lake and why it is best to stay away from certain areas. Subtle "leave no trace" signage, especially along the east end of lake, where garbage and fishing items are often left behind.
- Keep fishing on the east side, as was done previously. No fishing off of the peninsula. Fences need fixing. Correct the damage done from the Boulder floods.
- Include more signs indicating that it is a wildlife sanctuary.
- Enforcement of trespassing in nesting areas. I wish that bikes using the lake as a peloton track at 50 miles per hour were not allowed. Enforce the leash law. Do not add structures; keep it as it is.
- I'd like to see the trail, fencing, and the parking areas well-maintained, as well as the lake and habitats.
- Houses close to the lake should be limited in size and impact on land, water, and wildlife. A balanced way for children to be educated around the lake about wildlife and to better appreciate our world without any negative impact should be found.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- None.
- None.
- No changes whatsoever!! It is not broken, so do not fix it! There is another, developed park two blocks north of the lake. No more development is required or desired by neighbors.
- No changes!
- None.
- None.
- Really none. There is ample parking at or near the trailhead and a great bus service.
- None.
- None and no fishing pier! Maybe open a community restroom at the parking area and post more "dogs on-leash only" signs.
- None to the restricted lake areas.
- None!!
- None; just leave it, it's working.
- None, thanks!
- None.
- It's NATURAL.
- As little as possible please. Let us have this rare jewel as a place to connect with nature!
- Absolutely none.
- None.
- None.
- NO changes.
- None.
- Pretty much none!
- None.
- None.
- None.
- Personally, not much; I like it the way it is. Better education or keeping people on the trails when muddy could be good. Keep dogs on-leash.

- NONE.
- None.
- NONE.
- None.
- None. Keep greenspace green and open.
- None. Maybe an "outhouse" bathroom facility at most and, good maintenance of trails
- None. Simply preserve native species. Keep non-native plants under control. That's it and maintain trails without more concrete.
- None. There are many other parks and facilities already that offer other "entertainments."
- None; we don't need to develop green space! The parking footprint should stay exactly as it is. Existing buildings could be improved on.

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

- The only change I would like to see is to improve the path on the peninsula so that there is less mud to walk through and so that the path is not widened due to people avoiding the mud.
- Some trail and pavement repair. Widen the short sidewalk towards Quince Avenue, which is dangerously narrow. More trails! Especially below the dam to the east. Benches please!
- Sound trail surfaces for walking and biking.
- Regrade trails and make the peninsula more protected (trails are all over and at present are washing out).
- Please restore the Anne U. White Trail and the bridge north on this trail towards Lee Hill before any structures are built here. The concept is: take care of what we have before acquiring more.
- There is a need to improve the pathway at the peninsula; it is muddy now.
- Maintenance of existing trails.
- Maintenance on trails, but little else.
- More gravel on paths.
- All the trails should be cared for.
- Better maintained trails.
- Add better signage on the trails leading west into the hills. Well maintained foot paths. I don't really know why people ride bikes in the area, especially where there are so many walkers. There are plenty of bike paths on Broadway, Lee Hill, Quince, etc.
- Better trail connections to reach elevation.
- Fix the flood damage from 2013 on the existing Foothills Trail that the city never repaired. It is a major danger to bikers. Start there!
- Improvements in trails should be made where they become muddy and rutted. There should be more ranger presence and enforcement of leash laws for dogs.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ENGAGED BY OSMP REGARDING WONDERLAND LAKE IN THE FUTURE?

Email/Social Media

- Email.
- Email.
- By email.
- Email.
- Email.

- Email, signs around the lake, notifications of public meetings, focus groups, etc.
- To be informed by email and made aware of community meetings.
- Yes! Email.
- Email is great.
- Email notification of meetings. I would participate in community focus groups.
- Planning and feedback via email.
- Email.
- Newsletter updates by email or internet (website, Nextdoor).
- Send emails.
- Email.
- Through email notification when changes are being considered.
- Email is good.
- I live in the neighborhood (had not heard anything about previous plans) and have given my email. Email anything is better than nothing.
- Email or rooms we can get into IF we show up on time; I was five minutes early.
- Email; meetings.
- Email and public meetings
- Email and public meetings
- Email updates about any proposed changes/improvements. There should be solicitation of feedback from me and other community members BEFORE any decisions are finalized. There should be genuine consideration of this feedback, especially from those living close to the lake.
- Email, Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- Email, Twitter, Facebook, and the news.
- Email; meetings.
- Notification on our local concerned website

Meetings

- Attend meetings and provide comments.
- Meetings; email.
- I will attend meetings and protest!
- I would come to meetings to express my opinions on any proposed changes.
- Attend meetings. I would like to be involved in the planning. I am not sure what jobs need to be done. I am not able to do manual labor, though.
- Attend open meetings.
- Via Nextdoor.com, this has been very effective.
- The community events we do are great!
- Community meetings.
- These meetings are helpful. Also, an ongoing email exchange would be wonderful and a lot less effort!

Not Sure/ Not Needed

- Not needed.
- Not sure I'm open; I'm retired.
- Not sure what is available or needed.
- Maybe, if OSMP actually listens to the community. My impression is it does not.

Postings and Public Notices

- Public notices, public signs on trails.
- To be consulted. I walk there almost daily, often with my dog.
- Postings on boards, press releases, and email blasts.

Requests for More Engagement

- Provide feedback regarding expansion.
- If needed.
- Accept community input.
- Public comments/feedback should be asked for more and appreciated.
- Programmatic planning.
- Proposals, specifically stated, should be made be available to the public especially those in neighborhood.
- OSMP should engage in a formal process with the community, especially with those most impacted by the proposals and plans like these.
- Please solicit neighborhood (north Boulder) input. We all cherish the Wonderland area. Please hold another meeting in a larger venue.
- To hear of any future proposed changes.
- I'd like to stay informed by OSMP as to the future plans.
- Be invited into the conversation.

Volunteering/Offers to Help

- I would volunteer a little. I would like my opinions considered. I am over there almost daily.
- I would volunteer for a neighborhood advisory board or committee overseeing the lake.
- If I can be helpful, I am happy to give some (limited) time, as I am more than fully employed.
- By helping to preserve the nature as a citizen. As a professional, large scale project management can help facilitate community. My family also would help maintain trails.
- I am happy to be involved, but you need to select meeting places with enough parking. I'm parked about 20 minutes' walk away. People are involved.
- However I am needed!
- I would consider being part of a committee and would like to be aware of ongoing meetings.
- I am available to help work out a reasonable solution.

Other

- More is not better.
- A voice from the public who educates others about protecting the land, water, and wildlife.
- Get rid of old concrete and restore the lake to its natural state as much as possible.
- I am a lifelong birder. We do not need a bird blind! Safe distance from wildlife and human is needed on both the east and the west sides of the lake.
- I am grateful that, according to the fact sheet handed out, the fishing pier and boardwalk are on hold. Please ditch these concepts completely.
- I live directly on the lake! (I look over it).
- Yes.
- If the stated purpose of open space is the protection of wild space and shorelines, the concept of getting more folks into these spaces seems like a poor fit.

- Please leave as is.
- There's so much development in Boulder, why develop Wonderland?
- There are jurisdictions with so many opportunities: can they work together?
- I will fight to keep it as it is.
- Just commenting, I have lived in the Wonder Lake area since 1987.

WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS DO YOU WANT TO SHARE?

Access

- Please improve access for people with disabilities.
- At the moment, access to nature is unequal. This plan was student-driven and helps provide access to students who don't have the opportunity. An education center would open up opportunities for students in an environmentally friendly way.

Education and Youth

- Kids have the ability to engage with nature MORE with the lake as it is; boardwalks through the cattails are not necessary for kids to be able to experience the nature available. The trails around the lake need improvement (especially on the hill to the north coming down to the lake and the west side trails).
- Education signage.
- Can this project leverage Foothills Community Park for the education/nature center proposed??

Crowding, Traffic, and Parking Concerns

- We have too many people now!
- More development (then more people) will drive away any wildlife. Don't turn it into a "park" like Viele Lake.
- I am very concerned about the wildfire potential from people throwing cigarettes and from fireworks. As you know, this has happened before. Litter in the area has increased. On every walk I find myself picking up litter. More people mean more litter. There are not enough trash cans at the entrances.
- If the traffic at the North Boulder shopping center presently is any indication of the expected increase in potential Wonderland use, capacity concerns should be a significant consideration.
- Any changes that caused more crowding would concern me.
- Improving parking and access would be fine. Other improvements should be within reason while maintaining a natural habitat.

Ecosystem and Wildlife

- People come from all over to enjoy the birds and the wildlife and hike; let's keep this pristine.
- The cattails on the northside are so lovely. Please don't change that!!!
- It is fine to improve parking along Broadway, but please leave the area around the lake alone. Leave the shoreline, the cattails, the nesting birds, and the migratory birds alone.

Education and Youth

- Education is always good, so use the current building off of Broadway at the trailhead to the lake to improve education about the importance of living in balance with nature. No fishing dock! This does not increase education. Let the nature that is there be. We have enough human use of the land. We don't need more ways to utilize the land to our benefit or for recreation.
- Connection = conservation.
- I think that it is unnecessary to build any structure for nature education for kids. Such education can be provided by local schools or with classroom visits by Rangers on OSMP staff. That money can be better spent elsewhere in my opinion.
- I've reached out to OSMP and asked for and read all youth feedback collected and reports. A few points: Very few kids mentioned fishing. I only comments I saw about fishing were from pre-school kids. OSMP needs to stop saying "we're all old/rich/white so X is justified even though public feedback is negative without collecting data on non-white/poor/young people. It is irresponsible to attribute inconvenient opinions to a group you have not connected with. Junior Rangers had feedback that was not aligned with the representation I've heard. Saying that three-year old kids want to grab frogs so we should let them is ridiculous. Wonderland Lake's water quality is not safe. Growing-Up Boulder did not conduct meaningful research on race or income. They cannot responsibly speak to it. Give that, Boulder should not contract with Growing-Up Boulder.
- No putting nature behind glass, on a pedestal, or in a museum; this does not foster earth stewardship. Kids need to be able to play, get dirty, and engage with nature to be able to love it, learn from it, and want to protect it in the future.
- With the kids using the lake: I have been dismayed that they trample through the grounds by the shore to break the cattails with Open Space guides present. Do not bus people in! No wading beach!!
- The simplicity of Wonderland Lake is a learning experience for kids to understand the importance of preserving our natural environment. No wading beach.
- Children have walked to the lake for years and in the process have experienced all of the meadows and fields on the way. I have lived here since 1973 and watched and talked to many. This "lake" is unique in this capacity.

Infrastructure

- No additional playgrounds, no more dog park, and no building of structures.
- I'll make comments at the meeting. I am very against the bird blind, pier, structures, and new trails and I am pro-habitat restoration.
- A fishing pier seems reasonable, as do more learning opportunities for children.
- I do not see that improvements made in the parking lot and structures area will have a negative impact on the park and lake. Better junior ranger facilities are a good thing. Share the good stuff.
- Please, no dock!
- No structures.
- Open space should be open. There should not be new buildings ever.
- Please, no wading beach.
- Limit structures; preferably, add none.
- Don't put developments into the lake or marsh land. Education for kids is okay for improvement, but not for impacting wildlife. Piers are not that good as an impact. Look at Coot Lake with its pier and dog swimming; there is not much wildlife there.

- It would be good to put bathrooms in the nature center.
- The permanent construction features as the pier, boardwalk, and wading feature with hard surfaces are inappropriate.

Maintenance and Park Management

Please keep dogs on-leash! Too many are aggressive, especially towards other dogs.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- I go to the lake every single day to connect with nature. This natural preserve is an incredibly important asset to Boulder, and the ONLY way for many of us to experience nature!
- I see nothing "broken" with this area, so I wonder where and why these proposed changes are from. The current trails are fine as they are; both the cement and crushed gravel trails. Adding more trails, along with widening trails, seems counterproductive to what is currently on site.
- Boulder is a special place because of its open space. I vote for less construction around Wonderland Lake and for keeping it more "wild" and "natural."
- Please do not develop the west end of the lake! Please do not bottleneck Broadway to lake with building and parking. Wildlife need this corridor and habitat. DO NOT develop peninsula! No pier! It cannot take development. Use the existing building as a small nature center. OSMP should buy open property at Utica and Broadway for parking. Fines for people who leave poop bags on the trail (I am a dog owner!) The Thorne ecological and OSMP "Natural Selections" programs offer many additional educational opportunities for kids.
- There is too much developing of every piece of land :(
- This is one of the few places in Boulder area that is not "parkified": it is natural, calming, and enjoyable as is. Study first how this asset is used before prescribing "fixes." Explore Coot Lake to exploit it as a destination.
- I want to keep Wonderland Lake as natural as possible with the least amount of human structures around it.
- It is not a large lake, more like a pond. Today, I photographed a bald eagle at Wonderland Lake. Please don't make any changes that would disrupt its routine.
- I moved to a house on Locust Avenue when I was five years old. I came home and bought a house on the same block in 2017. I love the lake, grew up on the lake, and want it to stay wild.
- Changes here seem like change for change's sake. It seems fine now as it is.
- Let's keep it beautiful and inviting to the wildlife.
- Wonderland Lake is a great Boulder asset; keep it as it stands currently! No development!
- Wonderland Lake works well already and is well-loved as is. Why mess with it?
- The lake is a beautiful place. Let's keep it that way for decades and centuries.
- I love Wonderland Lake park. I use the park daily as a place to relax and engage with nature.
- As is, Wonderland is a local treasure. Let's not change or impact the simplicity and beauty of this beloved open space
- DO NOT CHANGE WONDERLAND LAKE.
- Keep the environment simple and non-developed. A lake, a trail, fences, and a bridge. Extend fences to protect the environment. Add electric currents for people with cameras who ignore fences (just kidding).
- Please leave this gem alone!
- Just because something isn't developed doesn't mean it is missing something.

Process

- Thanks for listening to our community, especially those of us who lives nearby the lake.
- The definition of open space...Does the size of this lake warrant increased use (more people), damage, etc. Was a study made?
- This process has caused me great distress. I cherish the Wonderland Lake SANCTUARY as if it were another living being and the prospect of it being harmed in any way is something I would put my body in the way of to prevent from happening. It is unfortunate that communications led so many to believe that decisions had been made without our input I am hoping that will not be the case moving forward.
- I am getting tired of the constant development and "improvements" in Boulder. Stop looking for things to do.
- Boulder should not have wasted money on this.
- No plans would be best for now.
- Start over!
- Please resist the impulse to change something that doesn't need changing just for the sake of it. My experience is that the city does surveys like this after they have decided to make changes, thinking the public will feel better venting. Then the city goes ahead with whatever plans they had to begin with.
- Why are you not asking about our concerns on this questionnaire? In the data I have seen thus far, there is no environmental impact analysis of the type any commercial build would be required to provide with data. There was no data on impact to ducks, bears, foxes, coyotes, eagles, red tail hawk, geese; all who live and are using this space. The addition of people will impact these animals and today it is already heavily used.
- Thank you for humbly slowing this process down.
- Why ask children about the lake's future before asking the adults? (That is the process that I believe has happened. I apologize if I am misinformed.)
- Staff have gone rogue.
- Thanks for involving community members in the discussion.
- This expansion is ridiculous. Even the January 15 meeting shows how out of touch the Boulder government is. At least 50 people were turned away because the room wasn't big enough.
- I do not approve of spending our taxes on unnecessary and disruptive development that the community has been opposing for a while!
- Please choose an appropriate, safe space for meetings at the lake.
- Reschedule this meeting at a bigger venue.
- Thank you for calling a community meeting.
- I am curious as to what evidence there is of this need. I am concerned that there are already overuse issues.
- These projects are better done at Walden Ponds/Sawhill Lakes.
- This is another case of giving people what they don't want.
- Boulder should apply its resources to more urgent needs: homelessness, low-cost housing, street repair, etc. The proposed project is not only unneeded, but also unwanted! More development will harm property values.
- How will the mindset of "more development is better" be changed for not only Wonderland but all parks? Parks are supposed to be an escape.
- I am VERY concerned by how this whole process and proposal went sideways. Who or what issues evolved into the infrastructure proposal?
- Don't let the tail wag the dog! Maximize protection and education.

- This feels sprung on us out of nowhere. This is open space and new buildings should not be included.

Recreation

- No bicycles; I've been run down more than once.
- I love open space for recreation.

Trails, Walking, and Hiking

- I walk that trail TWICE EVERY DAY and it is never crowded. I do not see the need to add more trails.
- Better trail repair after the floods, if possible.

WHAT, IF ANY, QUESTIONS DO YOU STILL HAVE?

Ecosystem and Wildlife

- Why does anything have to change to a wetlands preserve? Kids can get experiences on their own and/or school or family.
- What changes could increase the diversity of wildlife? For example, would an osprey nesting platform be successful?
- Can we keep the lake environment as natural as possible?
- How do we make the lake more hospitable to birds and wildlife? How do we prepare for and protect against drought? Can fishing continue without a negative impact on fish and birds?

Education and Youth

- What are OSMP's educational goals for Wonderland Lake OSMP? What are the consequences of imposing these on our lovely Wonderland Lake OSMP?! Our kids need protected, undeveloped lands!
- How are Boulder Reservoir, reservoirs to the east, etc. being used by youth serving facilities/schools or not? Where are the links regarding present sites for outdoor education (Junior Rangers) in the County? What, if any, gaps would Wonderland Lake fill?

Need for Change

- LEAVE IT AS IT IS. Build a small, fishing pier, a birding spot!
- Why do you want to change it now?
- Why does it need to change at all? How will proposed changes affect the wildlife?
- Why Wonderland Lake? Its size not present itself to increased usage and encroachment.
- What is driving this change? Is there money that needs to be spent? Is there currently overuse or misuse?
- What prompted these proposed changes? Was there an overwhelming number of people expressing concerns that this area needs to be changed as proposed?
- Is it possible to just maintain the lake versus "upgrading" it with changes?

None

- None.
- None.
- None.

- None at the moment.

Process

- Why did the City departments proceed to do this in such a fashion?
- How did the proposal get so far without consulting the people who live in the neighborhoods around the lake and in the vicinity?
- How can we help you?
- I would like to know what the city is planning to do.
- What changes are being proposed??
- How did such a crazy (and house-value reducing) notion get enough momentum in the first place?
- Why did this process start? Who wanted this?
- How can I be further involved?
- We need to have a Council Member at community meetings so that there is no doubt about the community feeling. Wonderland Lake is already heavily used without busing people in.
- Why expansion? Why hold the meeting in a room that is too small?
- What exactly is now being proposed? What was dropped?
- What is the plan from here?
- Who felt this area needed development? There is a great community park (Foothills) with all kinds of shelters, picnic areas, child play areas, sledding hills, etc. This is all part of this Wonderland area. More does not mean better. Also, the microphone volume should be adjusted at meetings for such large crowds.
- When will decisions be made?

Other

- Several.
- Why do we spend so much time/energy on prairie RATs (not dogs); they are rodents. Thank you for at least trying to give us a change; I am disappointed not to be able to attend.
- I was with the planning office in the 1970s and my husband was with Downing and Leach (the "developers"). This change was never the intent of the future; these are not midwest, east, or west things. There was a struggle to survive: "Do not walk on tundra" when expansion was planned for transportation the "advisers" wanted to remove trees (same thing).
- Just be very conscious of people that live there. We pay taxes and for me Wonderland Lake has been my walk multiple times per week. I run, hike, and bird watch there all the time.
- We back up to the Junior Rangers lot and had no ideas of this until recently. No new buildings!!!! Please.

COMMUNITY MEETING: ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS

January 15, 2019

Community Meeting January 15th Wonderland Lake

My name is [REDACTED] I have lived adjacent to Wonderland Lake for 29 years. I have been a birder for 32 years, as well as camper and hiker, and feel a passionate stewardship of this precious natural resource. Wonderland Lake distinguishes itself in Boulder as having a wildlife preserve adjacent to a park and recreation area. For all these years these two environments have co-existed harmoniously side by side, with people who visit knowing where to recreate, and where to appreciate and revere the gifts of the natural world.

I would like to address several of the items on the proposed Integrated Site Plan on behalf of a group of concerned citizens:

1. There is no need for a bird blind around the lake. Anyone interested in birds can see them with binoculars or scopes, and there is ample naked-eye viewing from the dam and the peninsula. I also want to point out that the diversity of bird species and size of flocks has been the largest this year in the entire time I've lived by the lake. Hundreds of Canada geese are regularly seen, but most notably instead of only mallards, and the occasional grebe, there are large flocks of widgeons, redheads, and ring-neck ducks for the first time. I attribute this in part, to the cattails that protect nesting areas and the safe distance between the birds and humans who visit the lake.
2. There is no need for a man-made shade structure on the peninsula. It would be too small to provide any meaningful sun protection for very many people. Rather, planting more shade trees on the peninsula would be a natural way to both provide shade and stabilize the soil.
3. There is no need for additional access trails from Broadway. The proposed trails would disrupt a habitat that provides natural shelter for deer, fox and other species.
4. What this Wildlife Preserve DOES need is: improvements to the peninsula shoreline and path, better trail maintenance to correct ruts and puddles after run-off, more signage about proper usage (including reminders of restricted areas, leash laws, poop pick-up, and biking etiquette), and mostly importantly, full-time ranger coverage to enforce existing regulations and encourage mindful and respectful use of the lake area.

We believe the size of the Wonderland Lake nature preserve is such that cannot tolerate much more volume of traffic and sustain its conservation mission. It is already over-used and often abused.

We are not here addressing the development of the Foothills Nature Center, but do encourage thorough community engagement in any planning. We ask that city, county and open space better coordinate resources for providing excellent educational opportunities for the community, especially our kids. Perhaps Walden Ponds, which already has much of the necessary infrastructure in place, could be further developed to become the Flagship Nature Center for Boulder's youth.

2 Minutes and 40 seconds!!

Wonderland Park is indeed a natural treasure.

I must admit to concerns about this increased development in this natural environment.

Primarily the boardwalk through the cattails – this will certainly disturb the numerous red winged blackbirds and ducks who proliferate that area. And they can be easily seen from the short trail along the peninsula.

However, a fishing bridge could possibly eliminate the erosion from the east bank into the lake caused by fisher people who fish there by clambering down the embankment, flattening and killing the grasses there and turning that area into a dirt and mud fishing place.

Could a hiking trail or sidewalk be constructed to connect from the Broadway sidewalk to the hiking trail along the south east side of the lake? This would make walking there so much nicer and more open than the proposed “connector” bits of trail near the Nature Center. And why can’t a trail be constructed to go through the area just north of the Lake to eliminate the need to walk thru a neighborhood traversed by driveways and fed ex and mail trucks and cars in order to arrive at the next trail along the north side of the Lake? Can you imagine needing to walk thru a busy neighborhood at Chautauqua or Rocky Mountain in order to continue your hike? Such a detour completely distracts from the feeling of wilderness and quiet that is so important to one’s psyche and sense of well being – which is one reason why we hike.

Forays

Please eliminate these neighborhood surreys from this beautiful natural Park.

[REDACTED]

January 15, 2019

Wonderland Lake area, to OSMP's credit, has strongly emphasized being a wildlife habitat and natural area. Its wonderful! The lake and its close-in wetlands and tall grasses attract many, many birds all year long, as well as other animals. The perimeter paths are all very far from water's edge, which if course are the most sensitive places for wildlife. Other than the dam, the Peninsula is the Only place for people to quietly experience the birds up close, the nesting which occurs in the cove north of the peninsula, and the low flyovers which occur at the east end of the Lake.

Please Do Not Destroy the Wildness of the peninsula with OSMP's proposed recreation structures, fishing pier, boardwalk, and a wading beach! Those will drive away the wonderful wildlife in this sensitive viewing area! The wading beach would also encourage swimming in the lake, which is very- importantly prohibited now! We also would prefer that the straight trail on the dam top east of the peninsula remain where it is -- the large trees there buffer the many people and dogs on the main trail from the sensitive natural area which is the peninsula.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The proposed trails down into the drainage basin east of the dam ~~are~~ ^{would} very likely drive away the many animals there. Great habitat! Please remove those from Plan. Proposed facilities near Broadway are fine with us.

NOTES ON WONDERLAND LAKE- January 15, 2019**GENERAL ITEMS;**

- Identify what is unique about Wonderland Lake today
- Look for opportunities to enhance this uniqueness
- Understand the “carrying capacity” of the asset
- Avoid the “build it and they will come” mentality
- Just because it can physically accommodate something, doesn’t warrant the need
- Maintain variety in open space areas- create differentiators

WONDERLAND LAKE SPECIFICS;

- Wildlife corridor and habitat preserve
- Book-ended by Wonderland Lake Park & Foothills Community Prk
- Clarify metrics that support the needs for expanded programming
- ADA access enhancement- **Yes**, in 2 locations
- Parking efficiency and increases- **Yes**, up to 70 spaces within existing footprint
- Shade structures- **Yes**, at trail head parking as gathering spot/ educational programming
- Existing structures- **Yes**, look for opportunities to reposition and re-purpose
- Impacts to lands at trailhead- **No**, look to reduce footprint of impacts by 1.0 acres
- Public restrooms- **Yes**, fit within context and scale of existing structures.
- Maintain, or replace existing structures to screen parking expansion
- Community Center (9,000 sf)- **No**, not supported by existing needs
 - o Community Room
 - o Kitchen and wet storage areas
 - o Public restrooms
 - o Outdoor patio areas
- Fishing pier into lake- **No**, initial impacts during construction as well on ongoing impacts from use
- Wetland/ Cattail walkway- **No**, initial and long-term impacts (20-meter impact zone)
- Wading beach improvements- **No**, health, shoreline impacts and trash

Wonderland Lake Development
Point Paper
for
Boulder City and Open Space Staff

Issue: Proposed development is controversial in several areas.

Need statement:

1. Summarized, the needs appear to be: better access and improved opportunity for education.
2. More specifically, the needs appear to be:
 - a. Parking
 - b. Safe crossing of Broadway
 - c. Fishing - more places
 - d. Education
 - e. Dog use
 - f. Views/experience/shade
 - g. Meeting space
 - h. Increased access to landscape

Solutions:

a. Parking: Open the maintenance parking lot west of the farm house. There is adequate space for an additional 10 vehicles in the maintenance lot (in addition to the maintenance vehicles spaces) which is currently closed due to "emergency access." The emergency access can still be maintained, as additional access is already present using the 6-foot wide pedestrian paths. Relocate openly stored wood and debris.

b. Safe crossing of Broadway at Sumac: Paint and sign a pedestrian crossing. The Lake entrance does not need to be realigned. There is a sidewalk on either side of Broadway, or just slightly angle the pedestrian crosswalk.

c. Fishing: The entire dam, and much of the peninsula is already open for fishing. No apparent need for a pier.

d. Education: current ranger programs seem to be running sufficiently well out of the trailhead. If more room is needed, reutilize park/vehicle storage areas by relocating current Parks and Recreation storage/vehicle parking elsewhere. Foothills Community Park, already well-developed, can also site the junior programs and is a short distance away and has much more room for expansion as well as parking.

e. Dog use: Wonderland Lake is less than a five-minute drive and 15 minute walk from the two-arena dog park in Foothills Community Park. Dogs seem to be counter to waterfowl and animal co-existence - that they will remain on a leash if they go in the lake seems a stretch. If a dog water play area is important, consider adding it to the current dog parks at Foothills Community Park.

f. Views/experience/shade: already happening. The views noted on the maps are already present. Additionally, there are several large shade trees at the trailhead. All that's required are a of couple picnic tables.

g. Meeting space: several structures already exist at the trailhead on Parks and Recreation property: Refurbish. Other meeting space exists in: Foothills Community Park, North Boulder Recreation Center, the proposed NoBo Library among other spaces.

h. Increased access to landscape: There are over 20 Parks and Recreation signs surrounding Wonderland Lake cautioning citizens that the "Lake shorelines are extremely fragile. They are the primary feeding and nesting sites for aquatic birds and animals. Please do not disturb these areas." People respect the shoreline and adjacent areas by avoiding them. The plans signal a shift away from this respect and toward a much smaller protected area in the name of experience and education. Thereby disturbing the very fragile shorelines and feeding/nesting areas that have been protected and honored.

Additional Issues:

1. Zoning: Part of the design encroaches on land zoned as Agriculture. This use is defined in Boulder City Code Title 9, Chapter 5, Section 2 Paragraph c as "Agricultural areas in a natural state or in which the growing of crops, flowers, and trees or other farming activity is actively practiced." Keeping Wonderland Lake in a natural state is a supported, and historical policy.

2. Cost. There will be associated costs with annual maintenance, repair, administrative, and ranger costs, in addition to the fixed costs for improvement.

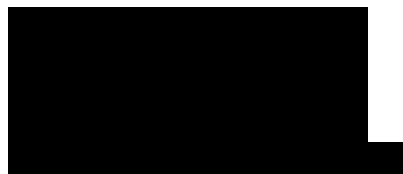
3. Clean-up; with a pier, community center, kitchen, patio et. al. there will be additional usage and commensurate trash, wear et. al.

Recommendation: I am for the improvement solutions outlined above, e.g., improved parking, pedestrian crossing at Sumac, etc.

Other thoughts:

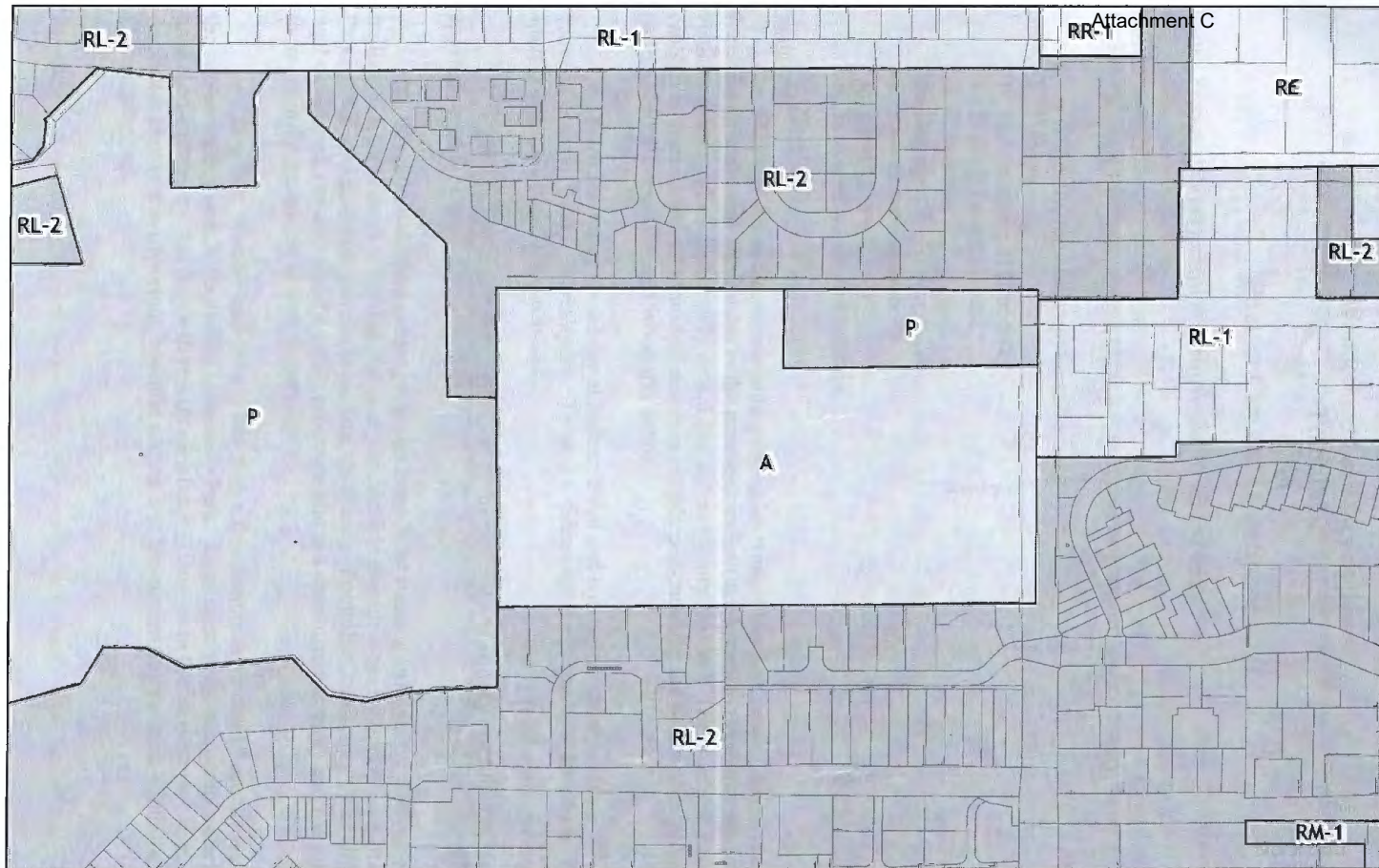
1. First, do no harm.
2. The ecosystem is already in balance - nature, people, wild and domestic animals, plants - why make any major changes.
3. It seems an effort to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot," a bit of a nature Disneyland.
4. Leave the natural terrain as-is. The education aspect might be fulfilled by: we decided to just let nature be.
5. Will these "improvements" lead to higher house values for the surrounding area? If so, this only increases Boulder's unaffordability - a key concern of citizens and the City Council.

Thank you for your time.





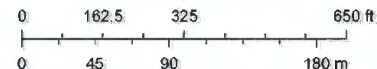
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January 15, 2019

Zoning			
BC-1 Business - Community 1 (CB-D)	BCS Business - Commercial (CS-E)	BR-2 Business - Regional 2 (RB-D)	
Item 6B - Wonderland Lake SDC	BT-1 Business - Main Street (BMS-X)	BT-1 Business - Transitional 1 (TB-D)	
BC-2 Business - Community 2 (CB-E)	BR-1 Business - Regional 1 (RB-E)	BT-2 Business - Transitional 2 (TB-E)	

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COMMUNITY MEETING: VERBAL COMMENTS

January 15, 2019

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP)
Public Meeting
January 15, 2019
Location: North Boulder Recreation Center
Verbal Comments

Note: This document provides a record of verbal public comments provided by community members at a public meeting on January 15, 2019, on the subject of a proposed project at Wonderland Lake. For ease of reference, the comments have been grouped broadly by the topic primarily addressed in each comment, although there is some overlap between categories within most comments. The comments are included in their original form with occasional corrections for spelling, grammar, commenter anonymity, acronyms, and abbreviations.

PLAN FOR COMMUNITY INPUT

- The written summary of this meeting will be provided to Open Space and Mountain Parks' (OSMP) staff, and they will provide it to Boulder City Council.
- Lisa Morzel and Bob Yates both wanted to attend this meeting and passed along their gratitude for everyone's participation. City Council will be discussing this issue during their February 5 meeting. They are specifically interested in hearing about what members of the community would like to see at Wonderland Lake and how they would like to be engaged in the future.
- Community members are welcome to attend the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) meetings. The OSBT is meeting on February 13, March 13, and April 10 at 6:00 pm. The April 10 meeting will include a discussion about Wonderland Lake.

OSMP STATUS AND FEEDBACK TO DATE

Dan Burke, OSMP Interim Director, shared the current status of Wonderland Lake planning and summarized the community feedback that has been received.

- OSMP recognizes that a lot of the community comments tonight will likely be concerns. Dan acknowledges full responsibility for the way OSMP launched this process and initiated public outreach. Dan apologized for the angst and consternation that the process has caused. OSMP has clearly not met the expectations of members of the public. Dan has led conservation organizations for the past 20 years; there is no better feeling than when the organization accomplishes something magnificent, and there is no worse feeling than when the organization takes missteps.
- OSMP is setting aside all alternative designs that were presented in the Fall. There will be no implementation of any activities in 2019; all activities will be geared toward engaging the community. OSMP is waiting to receive guidance from City Council during the February 5 meeting.
- In terms of feedback already received from the community, there were several proposed activities that have caused particular consternation. OSMP received enough comments about the pier/boardwalk onto Wonderland lake that the department has decided to take that option off the table. OSMP has received over 450 different pieces of input (from the OSMP website, direct emails to council, emails to OSBT members, and responses to the questionnaire released in the Fall). It is clear there is overwhelming concern in the community about the potential increased use and impact of new structures on the scenic beauty of the lake. OSMP has also heard concerns about loss of tranquility and peace at the lake. There were also a lot of comments about the impacts to the ecosystem (wildlife,

vegetation, etc.) and the detrimental relationship between increased use and water quality. OSMP also received comments about maintenance needs near the lake.

- OSMP hopes that this meeting will help to reset the relationships between OSMP and community members. Wonderland Lake is an important piece of open space.

NEIGHBOR PERSPECTIVES

A panel of representatives of a small group of community members who care about Wonderland Lake shared summary statements about what they have heard from other community members. This ad hoc group was alarmed by the preliminary proposed plan for Wonderland Lake and volunteered to step in.

- A small group of community members had meetings with Tom Isaacson, Lisa Morzel, and Kelly Wasserbach. The group decided to launch a website (www.wonderlandlake.com) and solicit comments from other community members. The group also distributed over 300 flyers door-to-door and launched a petition on NextDoor. The group would like to thank Dan Burke for his comments and City Council for paying attention to the community reaction.
- This entire conflict came from a fundamental misunderstanding between staff, OSBT members, and City Council. The community gives these people the benefit of the doubt and is here to try to move forward and input their vision. Continued community engagement will be key moving forward.
- The Wonderland Lake website comment section has received 155 comments in opposition to the plan, ten comments in favor of it, and 13 people with mixed positions. In general, it was clear that people may not have read the plans in depth. A lot of people identified that they did not live near the lake, so this is not only an issue for people who are neighbors to Wonderland Lake. The community is not opposed to youth education opportunities; there is a strong distinction between wanting to use the land as a way for kids to appreciate nature and building structures to attempt to achieve that goal.
- Community representative Ina Robbins has lived adjacent to Wonderland Lake for 29 years and feels a passionate stewardship for it. Wonderland Lake is a wildlife preserve adjacent to a park/recreation area. These two environments have coexisted because the people know where to recreate and where to appreciate the gifts of the natural world.
 1. There is no need for a bird blind along the lake; there are already ample opportunities for naked viewing. The diversity of bird species and the size of flocks has been the largest this year. Hundreds of geese and large flocks of ringneck ducks, widgeons, and other species are seen regularly. This diversity can be attributed in part to the cattails and the safe distance kept between birds and humans. Today, a bald eagle was seen at the lake.
 2. There is no need for a man-made shade structure on the peninsula. Planting more trees would be a natural way to provide shade, enhance wildlife, and stabilize the soil.
 3. There is no need for additional access trails from Broadway; the trails would disrupt habitat that provides shelter for deer, fox, and other species.
- What Wonderland Lake does need is improvements to the peninsula and the shoreline, better trail maintenance, more signage about proper usage (including reminders of restricted areas, leash laws, biking etiquette, poop pickup, etc.), and most importantly, a full-time ranger to enforce existing regulations and encourage respectful use of the area. The nature preserve is big enough, and it cannot tolerate more usage. In fact, it is already overused.

- The City of Boulder should help coordinate staff and resources for better nature education programs. Perhaps Walden Ponds could be further developed to be the flagship nature center for Boulder's youth.
- Some of the suggestions by OSMP have merit. The removal of the pier/boardwalk is a huge step in the right direction, as they would have encroached on nature and have been ripe with environmental and safety issues. The paved path is well-used by people of all ages. As long as the masses keep moving, the nature-to-people balance works. No structures that invite all-day use should be built on this fragile shoreline. Because of the dense use, people often want to go off-trail into areas populated by wildlife. There are small signs that are often covered by weeds that indicate that the area is a wildlife refuge. A similar sign has been at the west entrance and was recently removed. The community's message to OSMP is "yes to preservation." The split-rail fence needs to go all the way around the lake. The proposed wading area is objectionable, and hopefully, further consideration of the stagnation of the lake will lead to this option getting taken off the table as well.
- Rachel Hanzlik is 13 years old; when she asked why she could not play in Wonderland Lake, her parents told her that it is a place where the animals need to be protected. She immediately understood. She now takes the children she babysits there, and they have fun watching the wildlife. If a wading beach were installed, it would be a distraction from the observation of the true beauty of nature. If structures were built, it will steal the rawness of nature. We live in a developed world, and people miss raw nature.
- Kristen McCormack studies environmental policy at Harvard University, and she grew up going to Wonderland Lake frequently. It is OSMP's job to help children observe the wild, and manmade structures are not needed to enjoy it. OSMP's community questionnaire asked people to rate how their experience would change if various activities in the North Trail Study Area Plan were implemented (fishing pier, tree removal, signage changes, refurbished education center, habitat restoration). It showed that people are generally excited about habitat restoration and maintaining the current structures but think that additional structures would make it worse. OSMP should pay attention to its own data and focus on what people do want.
- McCormack created a petition that calls on Boulder to use its resources to protect wildlife rather than disturb it; it has 390 signatures so far. The vast majority of participants have indicated their desire to keep Wonderland Lake as a wild place. Many people were discouraged by their interactions with OSMP staff; it has been difficult to obtain data, and the process was not transparent. Staff should pay attention to feedback from tonight to make changes to the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

If people indicated that they would like to offer public comment, they were given a number at the sign-in table. Starting with the lowest number, community members were each given two minutes to speak. After the meeting, the comments were sorted by general themes.

Preserve and Protect the Natural Environment

- As a neighbor of Wonderland Lake for 30 years, I have had a long relationship with the OSBT; it has been a partnership and collaboration, and while there has been conflict, it has always been resolved by referring to the mission statement for OSMP, which is to "preserve and protect the natural environment, and foster appreciation and use that sustain the natural values of the land." This mission has always been a common ground. Now, the phrase "develop the natural values" has been added to the statement. City Council must reconsider the addition of development into the mission statement.

- There should be an independent environmental impact assessment of wildlife and vegetation at Wonderland Lake. There are many access points to this area, and I do not understand why there needs to be more accessibility, as this will likely harm the environment.
- OSMP is a Boulder success story. Wonderland Lake is a Boulder success story. The fact that keeping the human footprint small has been the main OSMP goal is one of the reasons Wonderland Lake is a success. It is important to remember OSMP's mission statement. Section 176 of the City's Charter specifically says: "OSMP land may not be improved after acquisition unless improvements are necessary to protect or maintain the land or to provide for passive recreation, open agriculture, or wildlife habitat use of the land." It is not clear how the boardwalk, picnic tables, etc., fit into the Charter. Maintain Wonderland Lake as a natural habitat—it is a place of serenity and nature surrounded by urban neighborhoods.
- Wonderland Lake is not "mine," or "yours;" it is a City of Boulder asset. Community concerns are not coming from a "not in my back yard" perspective. The original proposal was a Disney version of Wonderland Lake. There must be greater diversification of city outdoor spaces (urban parks, nature sanctuary, etc.). The priority of Wonderland Lake should be to preserve it as a wildlife sanctuary.
- Wonderland Lake is an oasis. Its serenity and natural beauty should be preserved. Less is more. I am not familiar with legal distinctions; I share the concerns about overuse but want to be objective in defining the term "overuse." An environmental impact assessment is a good idea. While I like the idea of getting kids close to nature, I am not sure this is the best place to do that. Keep the magic at Wonderland Lake.
- The southwest area by the lake should be protected. The flyer for this event said that we would address "conceptual ideas," but there is something about the non-conceptual quality of nature that is powerful. Imposing our conceptual ideas on it is a mistake. Building any structure by Wonderland Lake is not a great idea.
- I am a landscape architect and planner and moved near Wonderland Lake because it is unique. We should look at opportunities to enhance the qualities that make Wonderland Lake unique and should not automatically program it for structures or improvements. OSMP should closely evaluate the existing structures, repurpose them, and potentially develop the trailhead, but should also understand that there is a caring capacity to any parcel of land: you can get over the tipping point. It is important to step back and see what is unique now.
- The increased use of Wonderland Lake has had a huge impact. It needs to be preserved and protected, not improved. We are loving our natural spaces to death. Once they are gone, they are gone forever.
- Our kids need to get their hands dirty, but they do not need to get dirty in a protected wetlands environment. Giving kids a hands-on experience does not require destroying the value of what we have created at Wonderland Lake.
- There are a lot of places for kids to get dirty (Mesa Trail, South Boulder, etc.). Once you make changes, the original natural state is gone, and it will not come back.
- My children got full nature exposure growing up. Increased screen-time is a new issue, but I would like to keep Wonderland Lake in its natural state because the lake provides us with so much. I Hope we find a reasonable compromise.
- There are creatures like black bears who live along the lake who cannot speak for themselves. People should not tread near the lake more than needed. The area beyond the lake is a watershed, so it is important to be mindful about the chemical runoff from

herbicides applied to the park and surrounding private properties. Parking around the lake should not be added because it would become a drive-to destination.

- As an arborist, I know that a certain percentage of trees will soon be lost at Wonderland Lake. The emerald ash borer is here, and the plan should consider the replacement of trees, especially on the peninsula. If too much sun opens up, it will be hard to get new trees started. The foot traffic around the lake will increase, so it is important to think about preserving the space and protecting it from foot traffic. There may be a way to use boardwalks to lessen foot traffic in some areas.

Provide Hands-On Nature Experiences to Children

- Growing Up Boulder is an organization based out of the University of Colorado Boulder. It has worked with 150 young people (pre-school- through high school-aged) in 2015 to collect their input. These young people asked for the fishing pier and boardwalk. They want to be engaged with nature by touching it. They want to be able to pull apart a cattail or put their hand in the water to try to catch a frog. There are not many opportunities for children to do this because so many spaces have been preserved. There are few spaces left to get dirty and muddy. It is important for children to get up close to nature. The opinions of these young people must be heard.
- Wonderland Lake could change the lives of children and connect them with nature. The kids need places to get muddy, and we need to provide that. This meeting is missing any sense of equity and inclusion; we need to engage the voices of children, people with disabilities, the elderly, and teachers in this process. There are thousands of ponds and lakes in Colorado, but this one happens to have public access in the middle of the city. It is a perfect place to give children the experience and inspiration in nature.
- Think about when you were a kid; what is it that connected you to nature? What experiences allowed you to engage with nature? Kids are spending over 40 hours a week on screens and getting outside for less than 20 minutes a day. It is important to create spaces for kids to connect with nature because without getting them connected to nature, we cannot ask them to protect nature. I would love to see kids playing and getting dirty in Wonderland Lake; it is an incredible urban space. We should consider future generations and engage them in this process.
- As the founder of Thorne Ecological Institute, I support the idea of connecting kids to nature. I want to encourage kids to come and get wet, muddy, and happy.
- I teach my children the principles of "leave no trace." As a result, my children do not have the same experience with nature when they are on the Wonderland Lake trail as when I give them the chance to slow down and get dirty. Trails do not give people the same experience. Areas on the eastern shoreline do provide the opportunities to slow down. I take my children there year-round to experience the ecosystems and understand how they change season-to-season. They find animal footprints, abandoned wasp nests, and they watched an osprey for half an hour last weekend. If we had been on the trail, they would not have had that experience. It is critical to mesh the ideas: getting kids to Wonderland Lake to observe nature and also protect and preserve it.
- When the older generation was young, it was different than what kids get now. I founded the Kiva Center to provide kids with structured environments to get outside. Kids are not getting outside like their parents and grandparents because spaces are not as open or accessible. It is important to protect natural environments while integrating hands-on experiences.
- Research has shown that the number one indicator for becoming a steward is repeated authentic interactions with nature at a young age. Those interactions are different today,

both in terms of access and in terms of what kids want. We need to listen to them. We need to honor their wishes to get muddy and dirty and figure out how to achieve that in a way that is acceptable to the community. I want to create opportunities for them to become stewards.

Access Around Wonderland Lake

- I am concerned with the multi-generational/multi-mobility capacity of the lake as it currently exists. It is difficult to get around; people who have mobility issues can find the muddy walkways difficult.
- My brother is a paraplegic, and he has fallen twice.

Maintain the Park and Enforce Current Rules/Regulations

- I am the poop fairy and would appreciate everyone's help picking up the dog waste when you see it. Eventually, people will start to respect the area.
- I am grateful to OSMP for their effort in recovering Wonderland Lake from the 2013 floods. There are also a few neighbors who have taken it to heart to think of Wonderland Lake as their responsibility. There are other opportunities that OSMP could spend money on besides developing Wonderland Lake. There is maintenance work on Wonderland Hill that needs to be done (e.g., broken concrete that is a hazard). Surrounding the lake with fencing seems anti-wild and would make it look too urban.
- I have noticed a huge improvement in trail maintenance. The trails on the north side still need attention. We need to keep the trails accessible for people with mobility issues; it is the only flat space in Boulder near nature where you can walk. As the plan develops, it is important to continue to prioritize maintenance and not use all the resources on a one-time development. There should also be more ranger traffic.
- OSMP should fix the trails, but there are sloped places that get icy which may not be able to get fixed for access. A lot of money was wasted doing architectural design; we should use that for things that need to be fixed. A lot of people have started to walk across areas that did not have a trail before (e.g., on the north side of Wonderland Lake), and OSMP has added concrete trails to those places. We do not need more concrete trails.
- My biggest concern is that OSMP will get stymied in the process and stop making improvements while everyone debates what should happen. The trails need to be filled in with the proper sand. All the theater trails above the lake are getting wider and wider. OSMP should put some money into those improvements and continue to make the structures around the lake work so people can access it by foot, not by car.
- Trail improvement is critical because runoff is bad.

Commit Resources to Other Issues

- This meeting has focused on Wonderland Lake, but it is important to broaden the concept. The City of Boulder is fortunate to have financial resources to devote to different projects. There are other demands that overwhelm any needs at the lake (e.g., homelessness, street repairs, transportation demands, etc.). If some of the resources that were going to be put toward this project could be attributed to those issues, that would be great. Let nature take its course but help it along.
- OSMP should consider purchasing the open lot on the corner of Broadway and Utica and potentially use it for a nature center. It is an important wildlife corridor that has already been shrunk on the other side of Broadway.

Develop Nature Education Programs

- Regarding youth, how can we make Wonderland Lake a great place for programs but also jurisdictionally work with other areas here (e.g., reservoirs, etc.)? How can programs with a youth-serving mission be integrated into different areas? Changes at Wonderland Lake are not needed unless the development can be managed logistically.
- More kids should be brought into the area, but they will have to be managed when they go to the lake.
- Since the early 1980s, we have been trying to develop the Foothills Nature Center, but it is not currently suitable for a modern environmental education program. There needs to be a facility with books, nets, etc., and the Foothills Nature Center would be a great place to do that.
- People should think about the value of the programming, which is the most important need. The ability to get kids and families experiencing natural beauty is key. Wonderland Lake is different—it is right in the heart of North Boulder and is accessible to a lot of different people. Teaching kids to appreciate nature does not happen by magic; we need to make it happen.
- I have had a long-time vision of creating a nature center. I worked with Jim Crain to develop funding and exhibits for a nature center, but it did not happen. We have worked with OSMP and the Audubon Society to develop some education programs and would like to get kids to walk to the nature center to take classes. I would like to make sure that future generations are involved in natural history.
- People should continue to use the Thorne Nature Experience and the OSMP natural selections programs for hands-on programming.
- I believe in the power of environmental education. It is not just our children who need to learn how to be better stewards. I have gone to more natural selections programs than you can imagine. The more I learn, the better prepared I am to appreciate and care for the asset. For 51 years, Boulder has been acquiring land, and the plan to acquire is complete. Now is the time for all of us to get educated. I watched the Comprehensive Plan process and the identification of the five focus areas. Education addresses all of these focus areas: responsible recreation, environmental responsibility, wise fiscal stewardship, etc. We need an education center to deal not just with our kids but with the 6.5 million visitors. Wonderland Lake probably is not the place for an education center like that, but we can find out where to develop one.

Thoughts in Favor of or in Opposition to the Pier/Boardwalk

- The mud is pure shale, so it will always be muddy. That is why we need boardwalks. It is hard to get down into the water because you end up in ankle-deep mud. The boardwalk needs to be reconsidered. Finally, we need to work on habitat and support the animals as well.
- I strongly oppose the boardwalk through the cattails. That area is the best habitat for songbirds around the lake. The redwing blackbirds are there but will be gone if a boardwalk is built. Do not reconsider the boardwalk. I also am not in favor of the shade structure planned for the beach; it will attract a lot of people to go swimming and pollute the water.
- I think the pier would be good and would encourage people to go out and fish. However, we should not provide access to the marsh because we would be intruding in the home of all the wildlife in the cattails.
- I would encourage people to go to Tantra Park. There are integrated boardwalks and fishing decks, and the redwing blackbirds are alive and well. Please do not just throw out the idea that a fishing dock under the premise that it will ruin habitat.

- My young children get a nature experience at Wonderland Lake just as it is. If we want more, we go to Thorne Nature Experience. We do not need to build a big structure; I am not in support of the pier/boardwalk. I want to give voice to families whose kids are already getting a great nature experience.

Provide Recreation Opportunities Around/On the Lake

- I practice catch and release fishing. Wonderland Lake should be strictly catch and release and flies and oars only. There should be signage with those regulations. There is a great fishery there that just needs to be preserved, not developed. The no-wading policy is good. On the dam side of the lake, if several of the rocks were flipped and rearranged it. Would be easier to access and go up/down without having any environmental impact.
- We should be able to go ice-skating; it brings joy.
- I am 13 years old and disagree with the prohibition of ice skating. I see that as a way to connect with families and the neighborhood. While I am happy people are speaking up for kids, kids need to speak for themselves.
- People fish on the east side of the lake; they do not need more space. We should not allow them to use lead sinkers because if the filament breaks, the lead is left in the lake.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- The OSMP Master Plan is being developed, and there are a lot of pristine areas under threat in that plan. The concerns and comments about restoration and tree-planting are great.
- We moved from Maine and bought a house on Wonderland Lake three years ago. My dog went swimming, and I did not know there was a rule prohibiting that. When I heard about this plan, I did not understand why they would now be encouraging people to wade in the lake. I understand the concerns about the lack of access to nature and I would also encourage us to keep it in its natural state.
- There needs to be public restrooms available during the day.
- The City used an excellent public engagement process for the 19th Street development (door-knocking, individual tours, interactive map-based presentations).

KEEP WONDERLAND LAKE WILD PETITION COMMENTS

Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP) Keep Wonderland Lake Wild Online Petition Results

Note: This document provides a record of public comments submitted as part of a community petition ("Keep Wonderland Lake Wild") on the subject of a proposed project at Wonderland Lake. For ease of reference, the comments have been grouped broadly under each survey question by the topic primarily addressed in each comment, although there is some overlap. The comments are included in their original form with occasional corrections for spelling, grammar, commenter anonymity, acronyms, and abbreviations.

Overdevelopment, Crowding, Parking and Traffic Concerns

- This is an awful idea. The Wonderland Lake area is already heavily used. Do we need to have "DisneyLake" in north Boulder?
- Giving up open space for more parking is a terrible idea! There are too many humans, roads, cars, and houses!
- What is the point of this wasteful and unnecessary construction? You can't improve a natural area by putting in dozens of parking spaces and buildings. The area does not need more visitors. It is already at maximum capacity most days when the sun is out. Encouraging more people to come to Wonderland is just a bad idea no matter how it is achieved. I am very concerned about the path that Boulder is on: unchecked growth and a desire to build on every little bit of open land left.
- Please don't add more traffic to what is already a highly used and thus crowded trail. More parking is not the solution.
- There is already too much traffic through areas which should be prohibited. These areas should be maintained for wildlife!
- Too much rampant and rapid development in N. Boulder. Wonderland Lake is one of the few remaining places of refuge. Let it remain so in the future!
- I used to enjoy Eben G Fine Park and Chautauqua, but for many years they have become so crowded that Wonderland Lake trail is one place I can still enjoy walking in nature in boulder. I am concerned it will become another county destination for fishing that results in overcrowding.
- I am concerned about the extra traffic and parking in an already crowded park.
- Please listen to the concerns of the people who actually live in the Wonderland Lake area. We will be negatively impacted by the city's so-called improvements. We have lived here since 1989, and in the last few years, the cars and foot traffic have greatly increased. It's now difficult to drive down our street. People let their dogs off leash, don't pick up after the dogs, toss trash, smoke, throw rocks at the wildlife, go off trail into open spaces, wade into the lake, and make noise. It's scary how many people shoot fireworks over the lake too. The signs are so small people don't even notice them, plus there's very little enforcement. The deer herds have decreased too. I asked a wildlife officer about this, and she said it's because of the negative human impact.
- While I do not live in the Wonderland Hills neighborhood, the Wonderland Lake area is a frequent part of my regular walks. This bit of open space and natural beauty serves more than this one specific neighborhood. As the city naturally densifies, please protect this area!

Ecosystems and Wildlife

- There is plenty of parking available and plenty of trail options. There is no need to take away protected areas for the wildlife in order to make more trails and fishing areas available for use. One of the most beautiful things about Colorado, especially Boulder, is the

amount of land designated to wildlife. Please leave Colorado wild and not continue to take away the beauty of nature by imposing on it.

- I cannot see how this helps the wildlife in the area. Also, placing this on page 90 of the North Trail Study Area (the focus of which was a trail on the north edge of the city) seems disingenuous.
- When an area is disturbed, wildlife eventually disappears because it no longer feels safe and protected. That is precisely why Maroon Bells has parking a mile away from the lake and busses people in. This is a sanctuary. That is why there are now preserves in Africa, and we have zoos.
- Keep Wonderland Lake a wildlife preserve for enjoyment by all!
- Wildlife matters.
- I do not favor the addition of trails leading down to the creek. This encroaches on the area used by wildlife including coyote, deer, bobcat and mountain lion. They are already pushed enough out of their habitat.
- I grew up right on Wonderland Lake since 1990 where my family still lives. I now live around the corner. This is one of most pristine, quiet wildlife sanctuaries in Boulder. It is special because the wildlife dominates, it is serene, and there are not large groups of loud visitors hanging out and tons of developed human structures. There are so many places like that in Boulder already, and this area is one of the very few relatively untouched places to become immersed in nature.
- Wildlife was here first. Humans need to stop encroachment. Leave Wonderland Lake Area ALONE. PEACE AND SERENITY EXIST NOW. What you propose will turn paradise into purgatory.
- I strongly object to anything that detracts from the long-standing environment of Wonderland Lake as a wildlife refuge and a peaceful, natural setting.

Infrastructure

- Please leave Wonderland Lake in its current natural state. Do not ruin the natural aspect by installing a dock/pier or a bird blind or a shade structure. The wetland area is not large enough to need a boardwalk, let the ducks enjoy the little wetlands; people can see from the trail. Do not build a nature center; just put some signposts by the parking with wildlife information. Children can't wade there; it is dangerous because of past fishing debris which could puncture their feet. Planting a few trees is okay. A few benches are okay.
- Any structures including benches and permanent overhead shelters are inappropriate. Any additional seating should be crafted from the abundant stone of our Rocky Mountains. Also, I do not support enlarging the parking lot.
- I'm signing this petition because the logic of the plan and its goals seems flawed. It seems flawed to suggest creating specific structures and designations, such as a dock and wading area, will "help ensure the conservation of the area's special natural resources" and "sustain diverse resources on the city's northern open space." It seems that when you add nature centers, designated wading areas, etc., you are purposefully inviting more people (you are making the area more of a destination park). In short, I think the plan is not aligned with the goals and/or the information on the site (<https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/integrated-sites-projects>).
- Someone suggested making a boardwalk on top of the concrete to the east of the current path on the east side of the lake. That's the only change I would support. The rest of the suggestions will only diminish the tranquility and natural beauty of the lake, as well as disturbing wildlife there. So, please don't make any of those proposed changes.
- The fishing pier, boardwalks, bus parking, wading, and built structures do not belong!

- I am very distressed by the proposed changes, especially the fishing dock, increased parking (it's hardly ever full), shade area, etc.
- Right now, Wonderland Lake is a relaxing get-away. Having more structures doesn't make it better. Don't turn it into an urban park. We have a park just a few blocks north.
- The proposal to build a dock into the lake is the most objectionable part of this staff proposal. Some additional development adjacent to Broadway for the Junior Ranger program, if properly designed, is acceptable.
- Adding a few more trees and some benches to quietly sit and enjoy the view sounds lovely, and maybe a few other small changes could be okay, but the boardwalk and fishing pier (beyond the toxic chemicals leached into the water) are huge incursions in the wildlife and view and will invite SO much more traffic and gatherings. Once this place is developed, we can never go back. It is a stunning oasis. Let's not ruin it by over-developing it!
- I agree with some objections, especially the fishing dock. Bird blinds should be in the southwest corner of the lake, not where it is currently proposed. The fishing dock is unnecessary and would cheapen and commercialize a natural area.
- No man-made structures at Wonderland Lake!
- Simply having preserved land is enough; adding more car infrastructure and human structures diminishes what this is worth.
- Keep Wonderland Lake as a sanctuary for wildlife and people. There should be no structural development like piers, boardwalks, shade shelters or picnic tables.

Maintenance and Park Management

- OSMP should just work on the muddy spots on the trail? Also, it would be great if OSMP made sure the lake has a natural inflow and outflow so that it stays healthy.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- The lake is just fine the way it is. Who comes up with these schemes? I have been very frustrated with the decisions and direction of this town for years now. Could you just leave this little corner alone?
- I strongly think we should keep Wonderland Lake undeveloped. It is a natural treasure as-is!
- Please leave our neighborhood as it is. As residents of Wonderland Lake, my family values the wildlife and quiet of the neighborhood. We do not want to disturb the wildlife or increase the foot traffic, let alone bring in busloads of people. It is beautiful the way it is.
- This plan takes direct aim at undermining the tranquility and open space that is afforded by the lake and surrounding hills and trails. This will not serve the residents of the area and will open it to a significant increase in traffic and use which on the surface will destroy the current aspects that make it so wonderful.
- There is a very nice urban park just up the hill from the lake with plenty of structures and parking. This area should not be developed as yet another park but preserved in its natural state to the extent that still exists now.
- I am very concerned that suggested changes will negatively affect the sense of natural beauty and ruin habitat. Why do we need these changes and who proposed them? It sounds like a waste of taxpayer dollars to me.
- This is a special bit of wildness in Boulder. Please don't change it!
- There is no need to build anything here!
- Wonderland Lake is naturally serene; any changes must preserve what makes it special, like the opportunity for uninterrupted lake reflection, the feeling that it is a wonderful habitat for birds and wildlife, and the trail system that is well integrated into the natural features.

- Wonderland Lake is fine the way it is. I think any additions in the area would reduce property value and decrees the quality of life of the people who live near the park.
- PLEASE KEEP WONDERLAND THE WAY IT IS.
- Wonderland Lake is a beautiful place. Please keep it the way it is.
- I truly enjoy the simplicity of the landscape and nature being so beautiful!! You don't need any of these rocks and building to clutter up the views of this gorgeous environment!!!
- Wonderland Lake is a valuable, fragile preserve. The proposed changes are not improvements; rather, they will jeopardize the natural environment of the area and change the character of the neighborhoods surrounding the lake. North Boulder has suffered enough with the dismantling of its rural zoning, the homeless shelter, and overuse of the trails. The Foothills Community Park is already a city park with all the amenities needed for visitors. To change the character of Wonderland Lake would be a disservice to the North Boulder community, reinforce citizens' suspicion and distaste for the people who are allegedly representing us, and confirm that the city, including Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, are more interested in the Boulder brand than in the actual experience of its residents. This project diminishes the Lake and diminishes the North Boulder experience.
- Please preserve the natural beauty and nature of Wonderland Lake!
- Wonderland Lake does not need to be fixed. Please find better ways to spend our tax dollars.
- I wish to keep Wonderland Lake as it is.
- I walk here every day and live in this neighborhood. Please don't destroy the open space.
- Please leave Wonderland Lake as it is. It's great. Don't mess with it!! Thank you!
- Please do NOT develop Wonderland Lake any further!
- Stop this needless "development." Keep it NATURAL! Don't drive the wildlife away!
- Keep Wonderland Lake natural without more human-made structures near it.
- Who asked for these "improvements" at Wonderland Lake? Was there a neighborhood request for additional development? Or is this the brainchild of an open space functionary who can't leave things alone? The city should be required to calculate and declare the carbon footprint of this construction work and all city-funded projects.
- We must preserve what mother nature has given us.
- Please leave Wonderland Lake as-is and use the money for more important purposes: homelessness, street repair, low-income housing, police, and more!
- Not all tax-supported open space needs to be developed as an outdoor playground space. Leave it alone.
- I was extremely disappointed to hear of the plans for the redevelopment of Wonderland. It is one of the few mainly pristine areas left in town and is home to many varieties of wildlife. It is enjoyed by so many people in its current state; it seems absurd to think that it is necessary to add a fishing dock and covered structures. People love Wonderland and use it heavily in its current state; there is NO reason to diminish its natural beauty with permanent structures. It will ruin the beautiful views and completely change the character of it. Also, there is plenty of parking available across the street, easily accessed by the tunnel under Broadway, so the idea that there is a need to add additional parking just seems silly. This seems to be a case of doing something just for the sake of 'doing' it--sometimes things are better left alone. So much of Boulder has changed, please, please, please leave this one thing as-is. (On a related note: the city decided to add a bunch of covered structures, apparently to entice more people, to the park in front of our house in the Holiday neighborhood. All it has done is create an unsightly mess and having watched the park from my window all summer; it did absolutely nothing to encourage people to use the park.

People don't need artificial structures and shade added to perfectly nice outdoor spaces; let people enjoy the outdoors without trying to 'improve' it with all of these artificial structures.)

- We need natural spaces---both for humans and other creatures. We do not need more structures --we need space for us and our children to see real things--and to be able to see growing things and the horizon. No structures, no lawns, no more parking, unless it's for bikes. If we want faux open spaces, we will move to Texas.
- I grew up next to Wonderland Lake. It was great to be able to explore such a natural area, and I'm very concerned that Boulder is planning to make it more manicured.
- I'm confused as to why anyone thinks these changes are necessary or desired. What is wrong with leaving nature natural? The existing park is available to people to walk, hike, bike, etc. It doesn't need to be paved or enhanced for people to enjoy it as-is. If someone requires a picnic pavilion in order to enjoy a place, then there are plenty of places they can go that will accommodate that. It is a good idea to let some places remain as they are. There is a lot of wildlife living around Wonderland Lake and the adjacent foothills. I can't see how bringing exponentially more people into the area can possibly be good for the wildlife and the environment. A lot of people enjoy it the way it is. I don't understand why the decision was made that it has to change. If it ain't broke, for goodness sake don't go out of your way to break it.
- As Joni Mitchell sang, "you don't know what you got till it's gone"
- Yes, please leave this area as it is! The "enhancements" are not enhancements.
- I have lived in the area for 24 years. The lake is a treasure as it is!
- I cannot for the life of me figure out who or what entity came up with this "solution" to a very non-problem. Do we want our little Wonderland Hill Lake gem to end up looking like Louisville's Harper Lake?
- There are more priorities that the council needs to consider (e.g., homelessness, food security, affordable housing, etc.). Keep Wonderland Lake wild; leave it alone.
- Some modest improvements at Wonderland Lake might be acceptable, but this proposal goes too far and would essentially turn the Lake area into a city park, not a natural area and wildlife preserve, which it is now.
- I drive in to purposely walk Wonderland every morning. With all the development in Boulder, we must check ourselves and remind ourselves what makes Boulder special. The foresight of those who came before us in creating the open space is on us who enjoy it to preserve it for those to follow us. Please prioritize the long-term view over monetary gains, please.

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

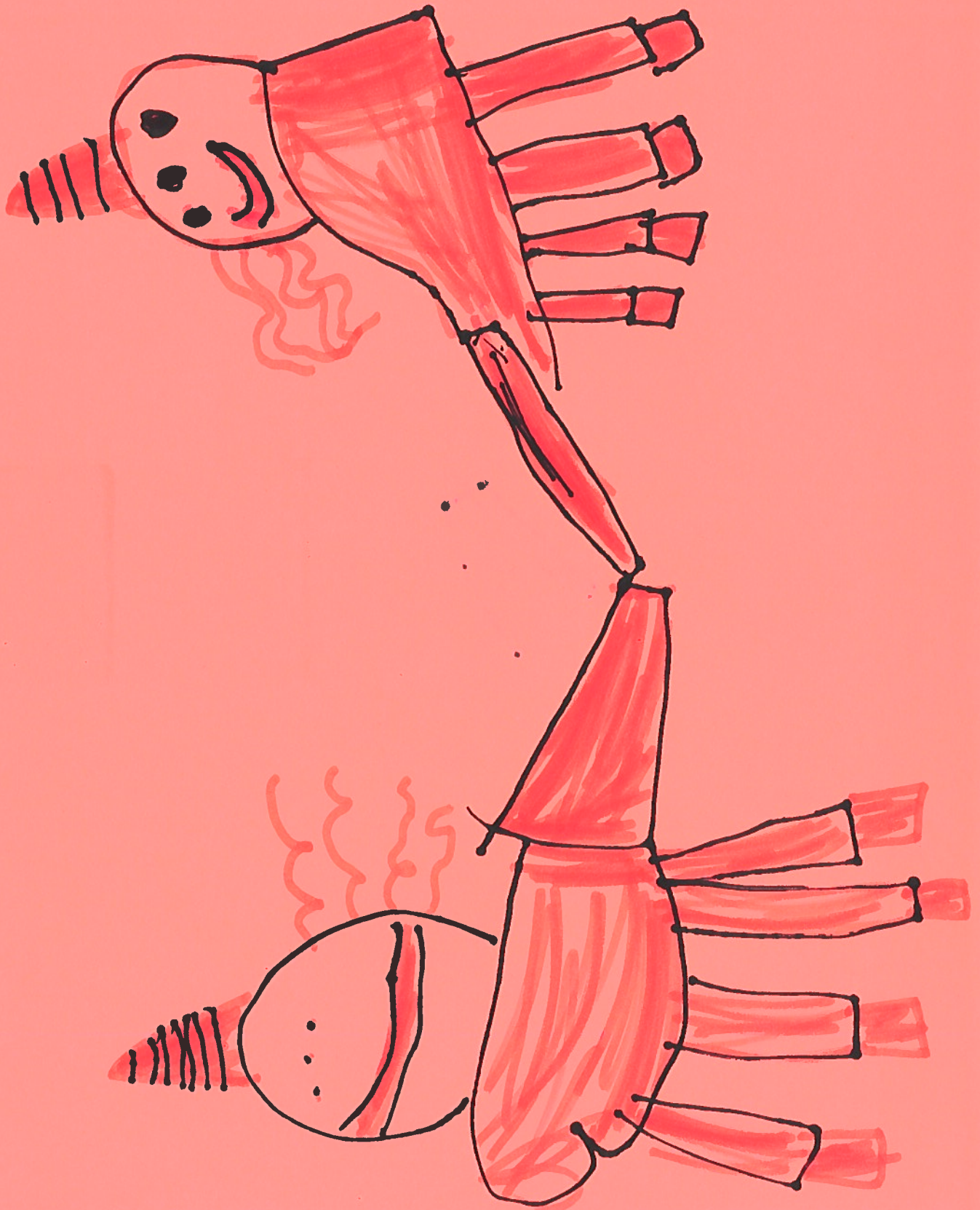
- The new trails that are being proposed as well as some things like the bird blind were not part of the original North TSA plan and should not be added.

Other Recreation

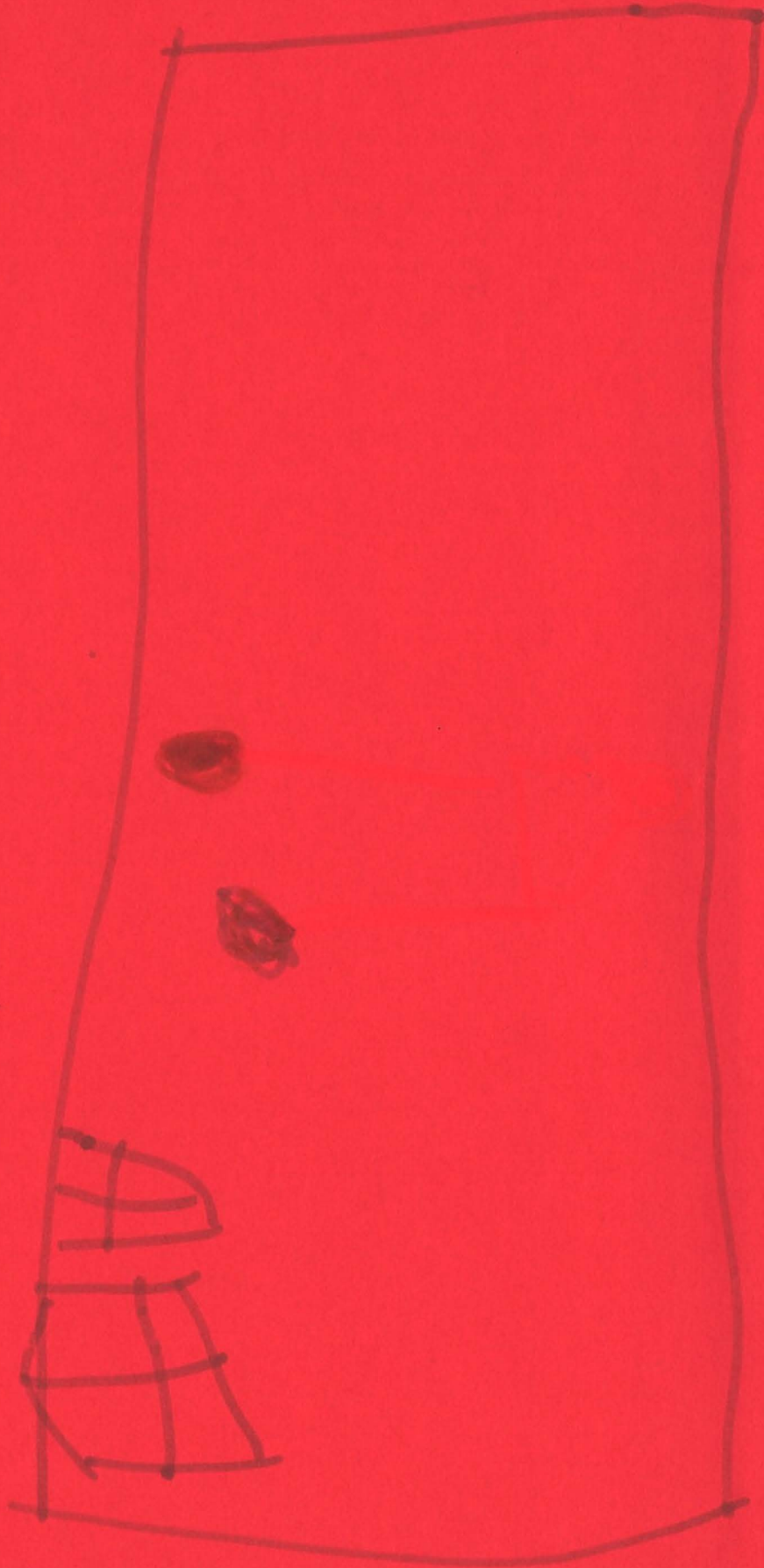
- Fishing is detrimental to wildlife; do not encourage more fishing. Fishermen leave fishing debris (such as lures, lines, and weights) in the water that harms and kills marine life and birds. Let the fish be for wildlife to eat; humans can buy their own fish at a store.

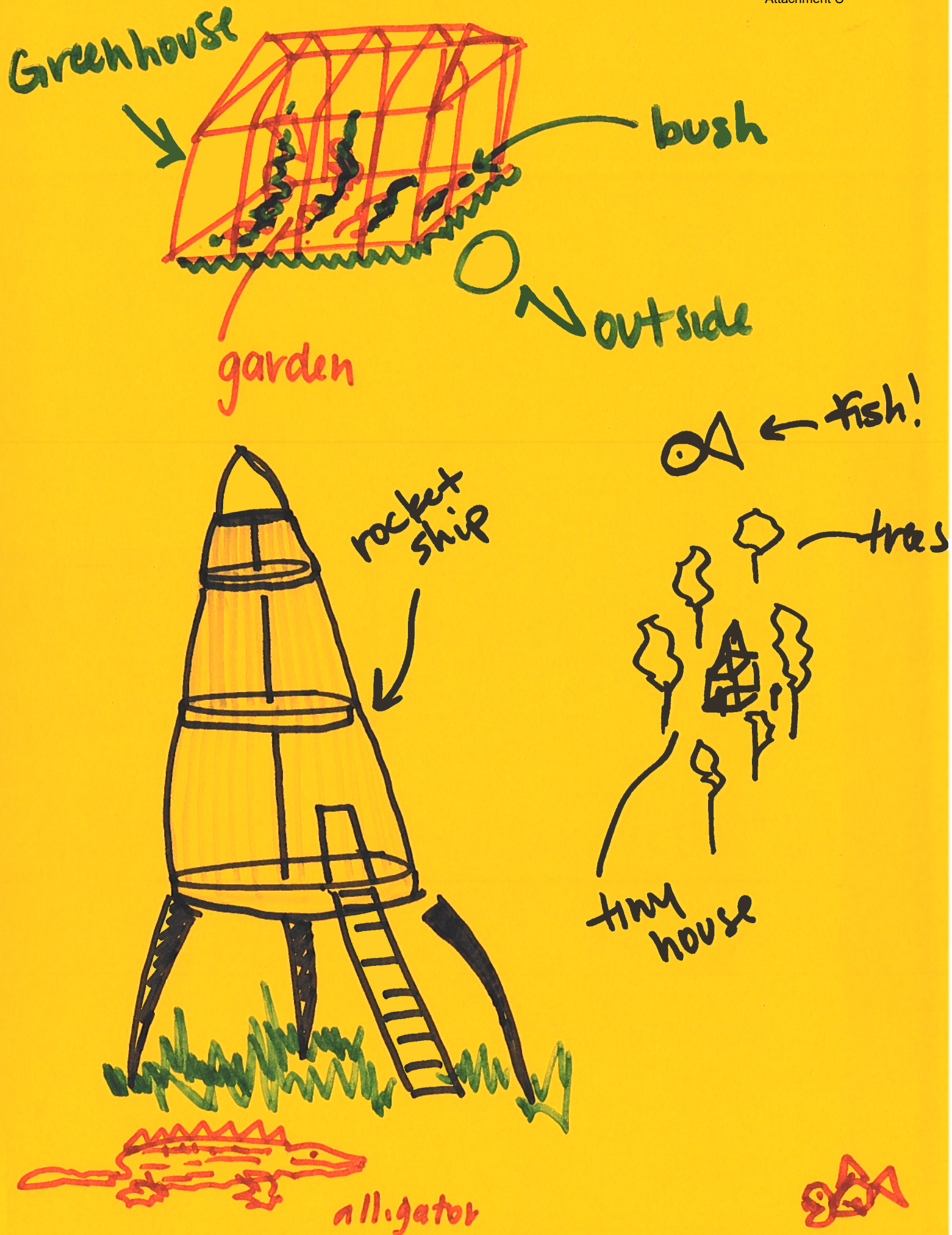
STUDENT DRAWINGS AND COMMENTS: Boulder Journey Preschoolers

Dogs











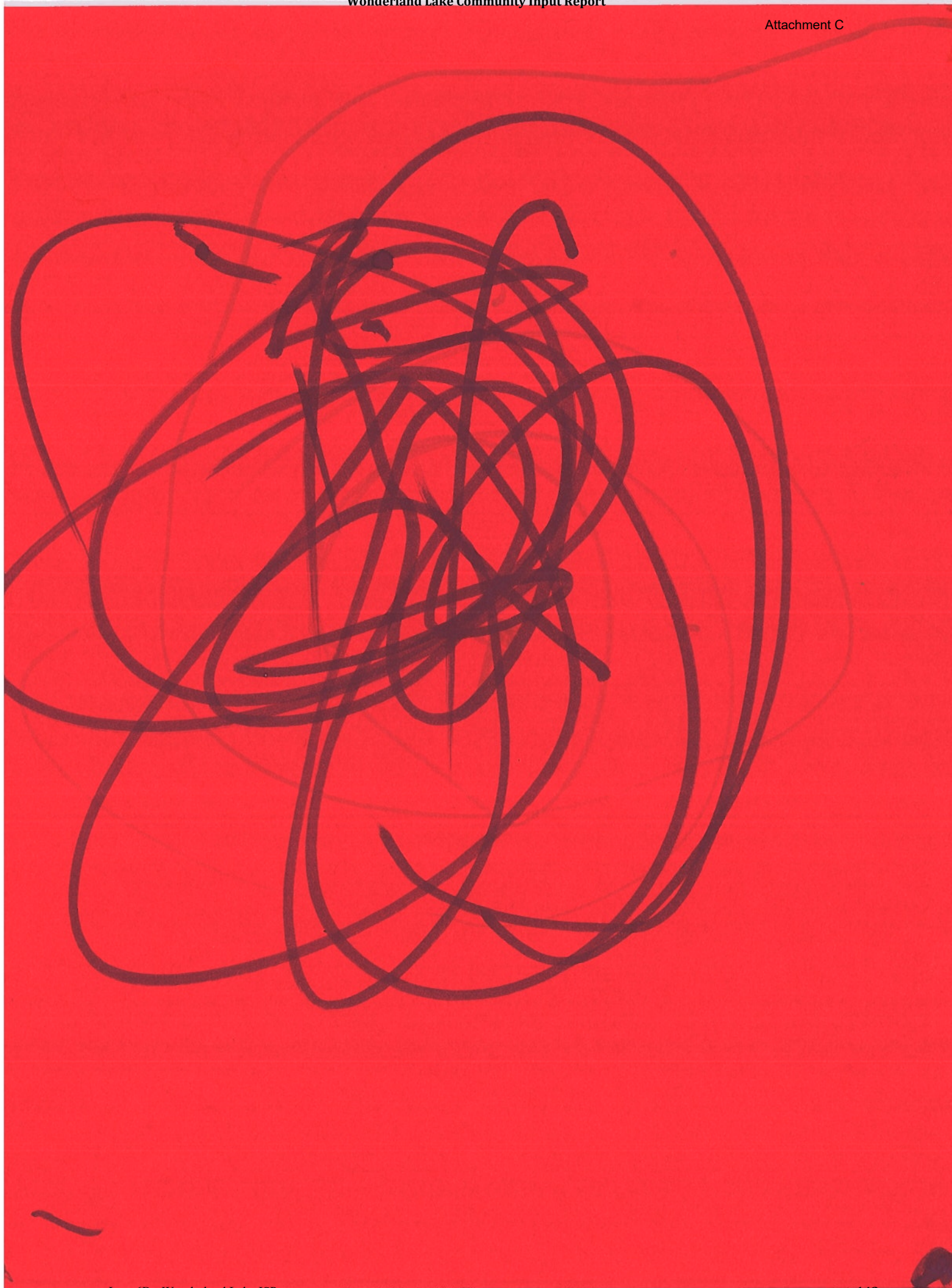
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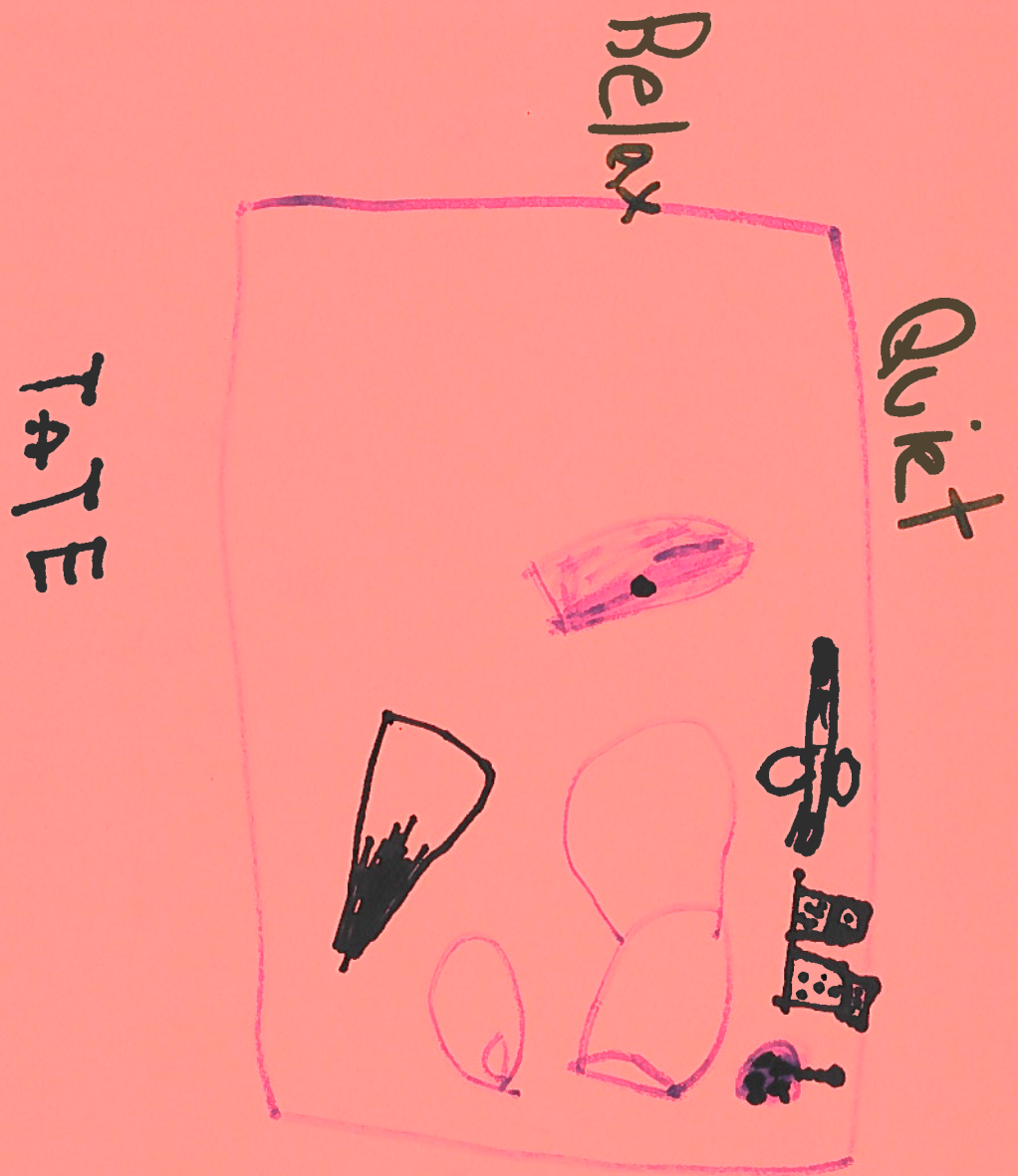
Wonderland
Lake



Fish

See
that
it's
not
get







STUDENT DRAWINGS AND COMMENTS: Foothill Elementary 4th Graders

Sports

Climbing

running/biking

hiking

building/construction

Camping

geography + science

most kids have been
to a nature center

"We are going to be the citizens"
- 4th grade boy

movie theater to show/VR
water/nature reels

glass deck over lake

diaramma

animal habitat mimicry

fish tank/bird cage

dinosaurs

tree house playground

gift shop

Lego building environment

interactive buttons + education

arcade

flowers/plants

places to sit/eat

fire pit

education center

swing over lake

Water features!

modern, clean

Contrasting materials ^{connection}
rustic, windows _{outside}

traditional

American Flag

Big doors

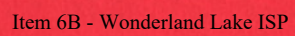
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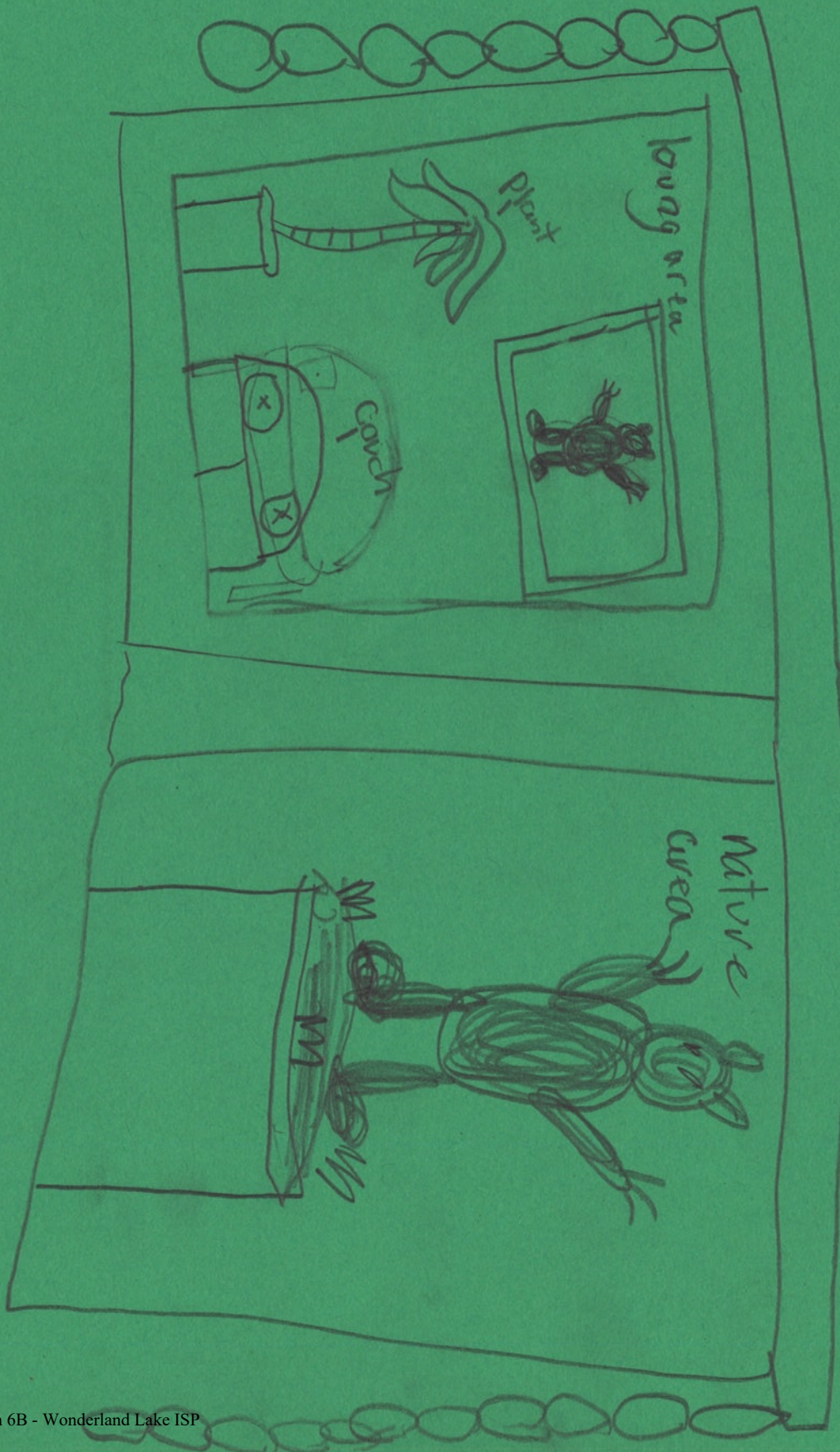
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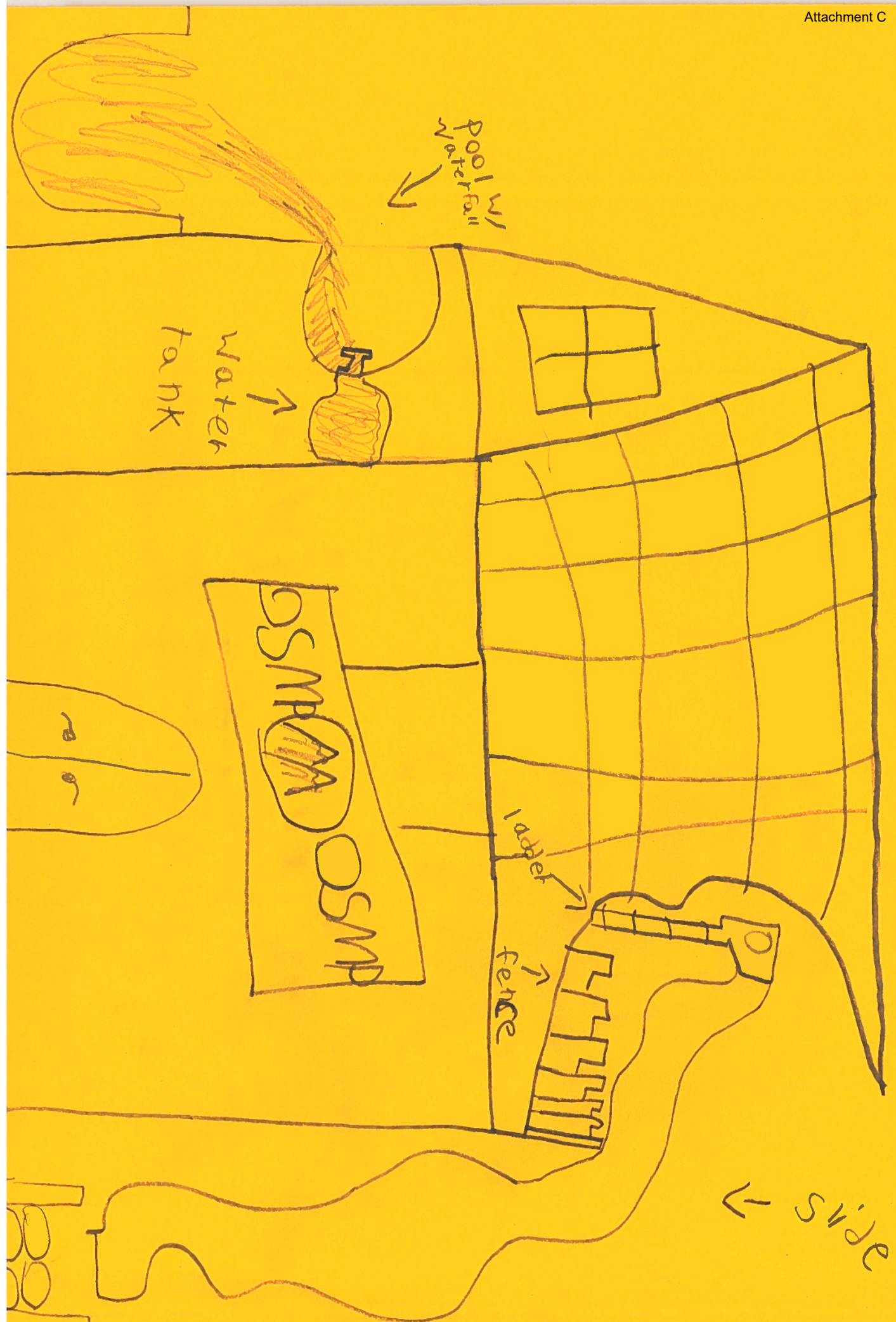
can't be too large

Organic shape for
nature center

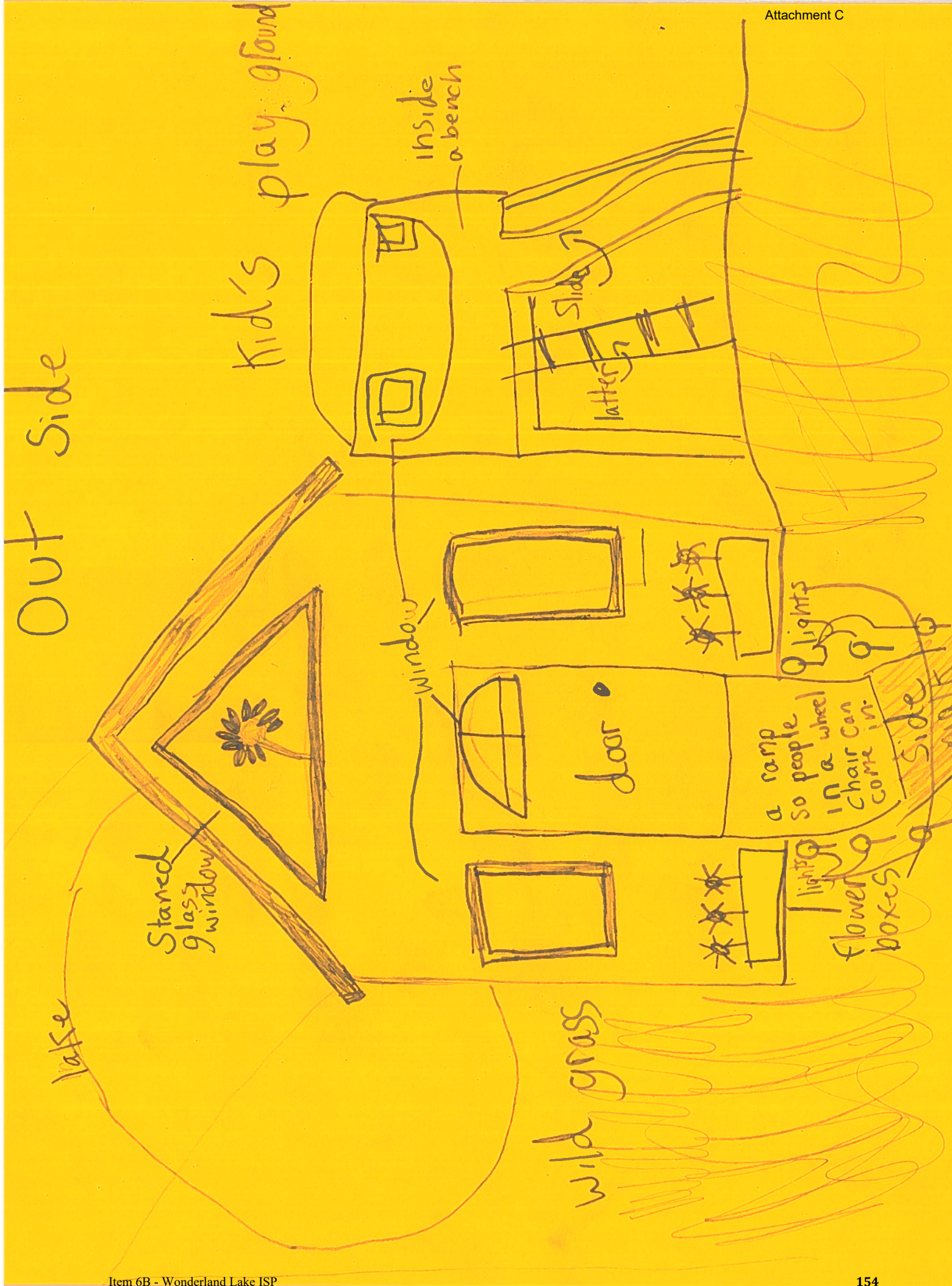






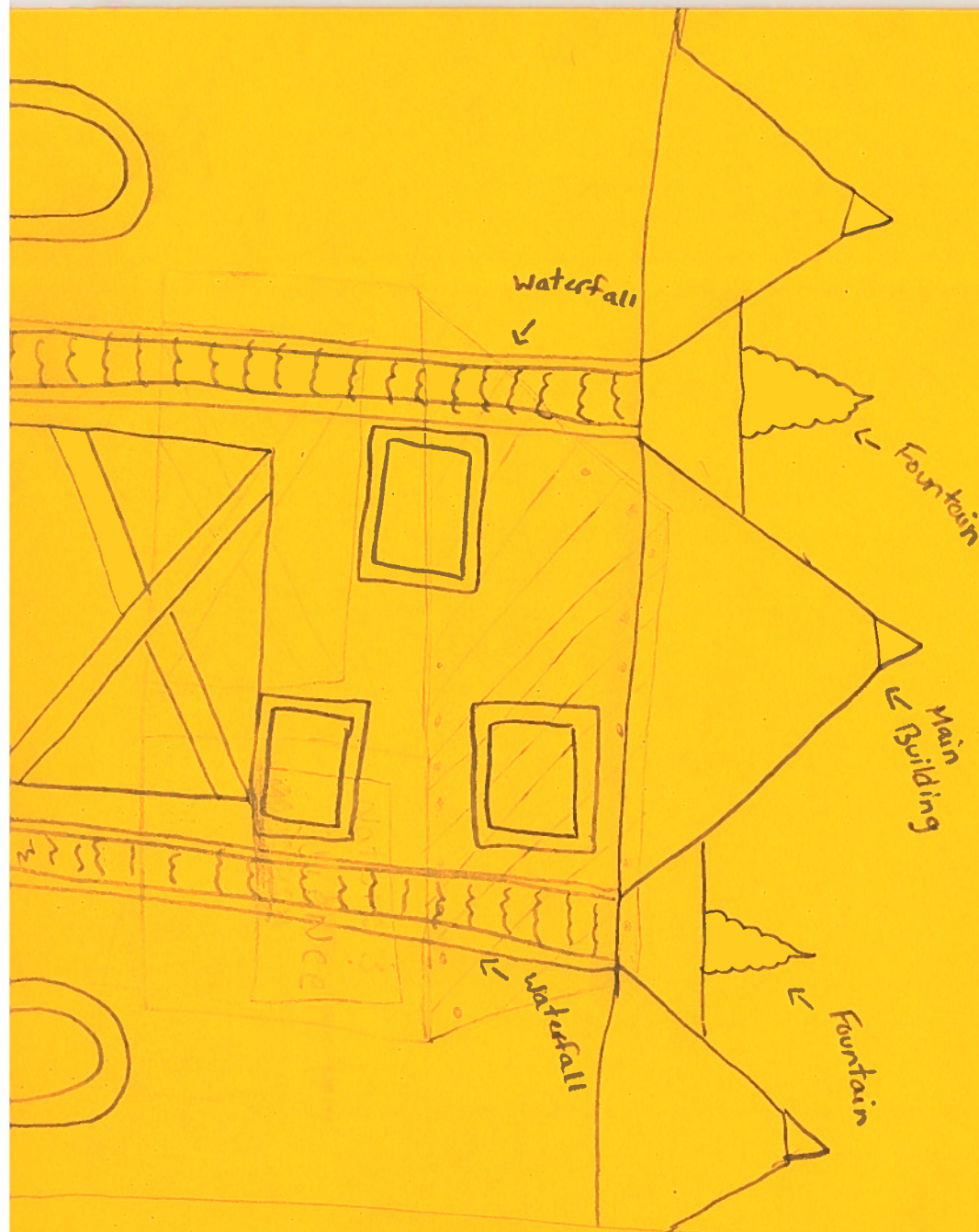




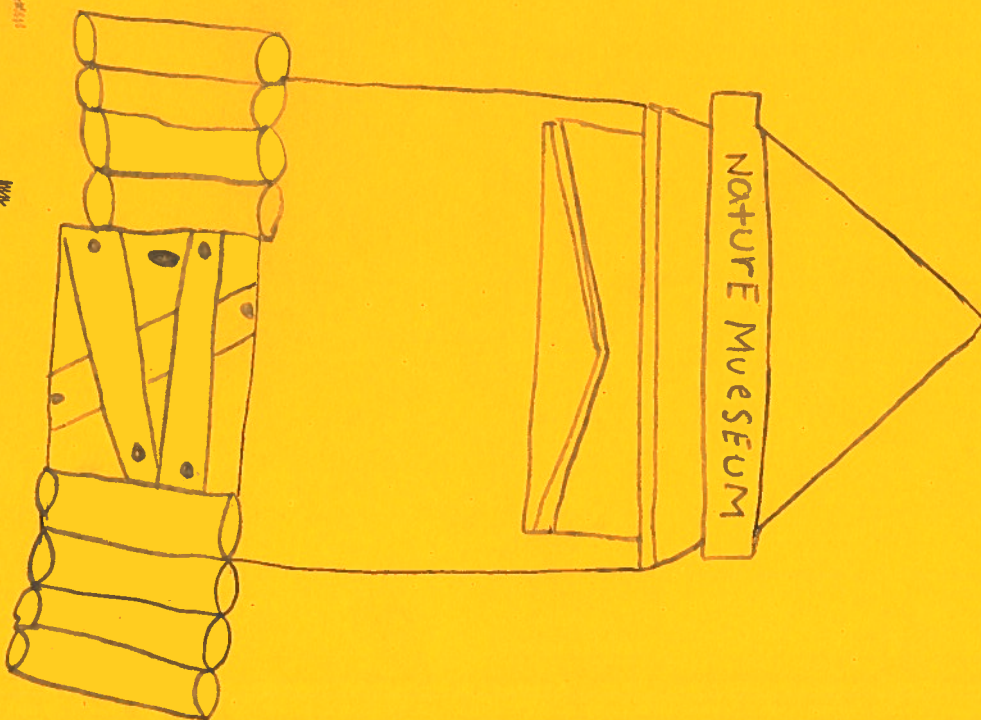


Ruby S

Idea #1

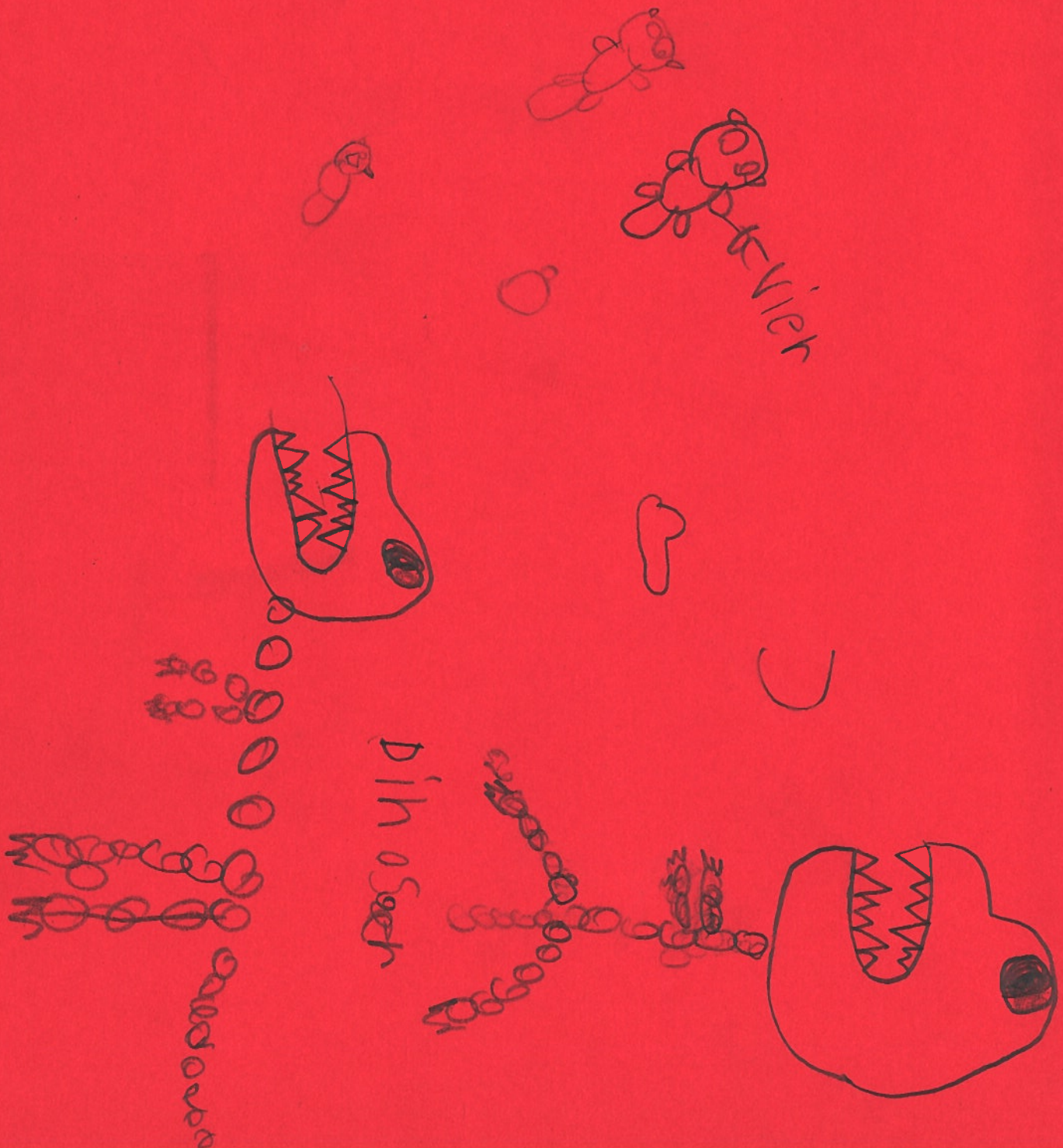


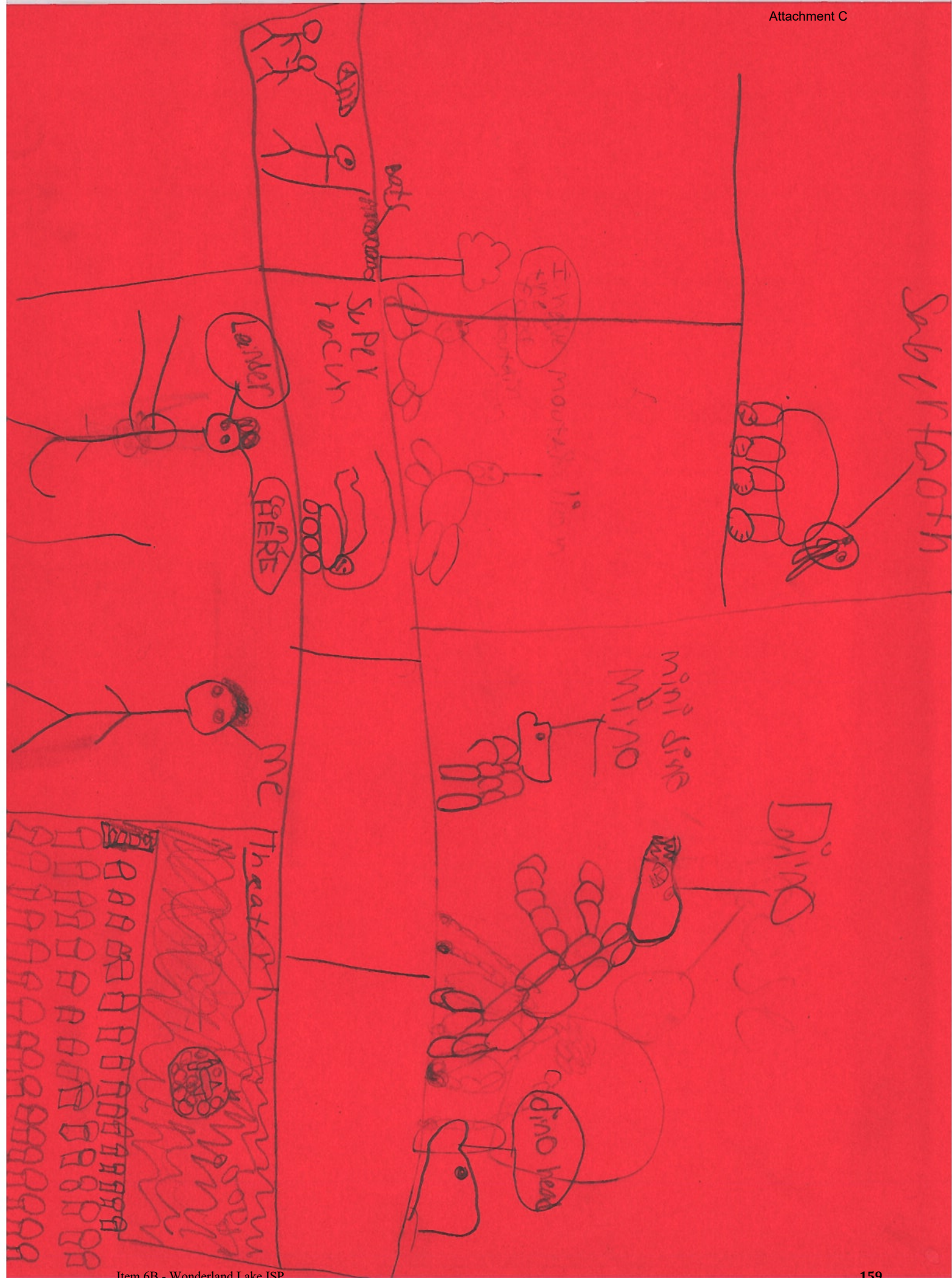
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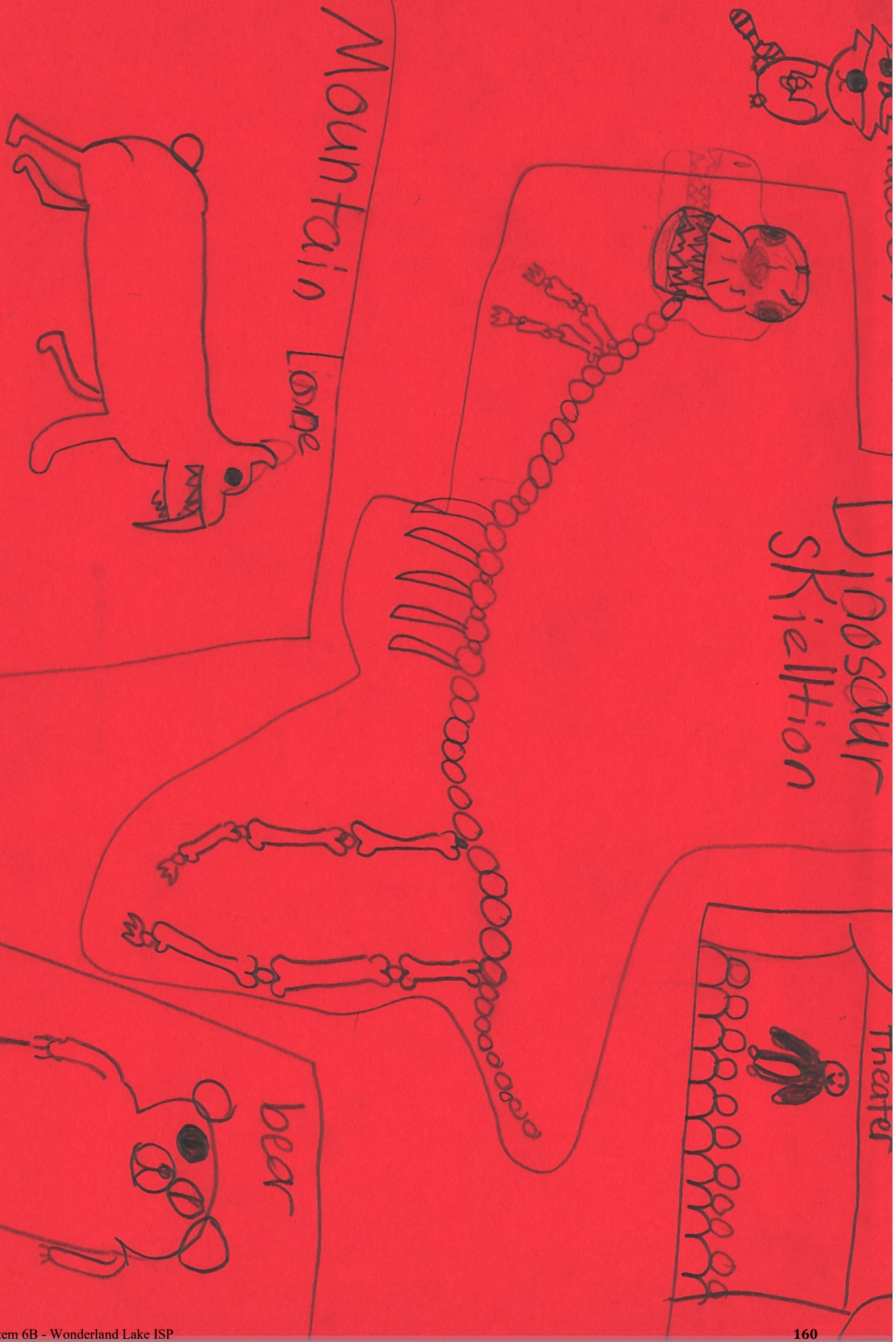


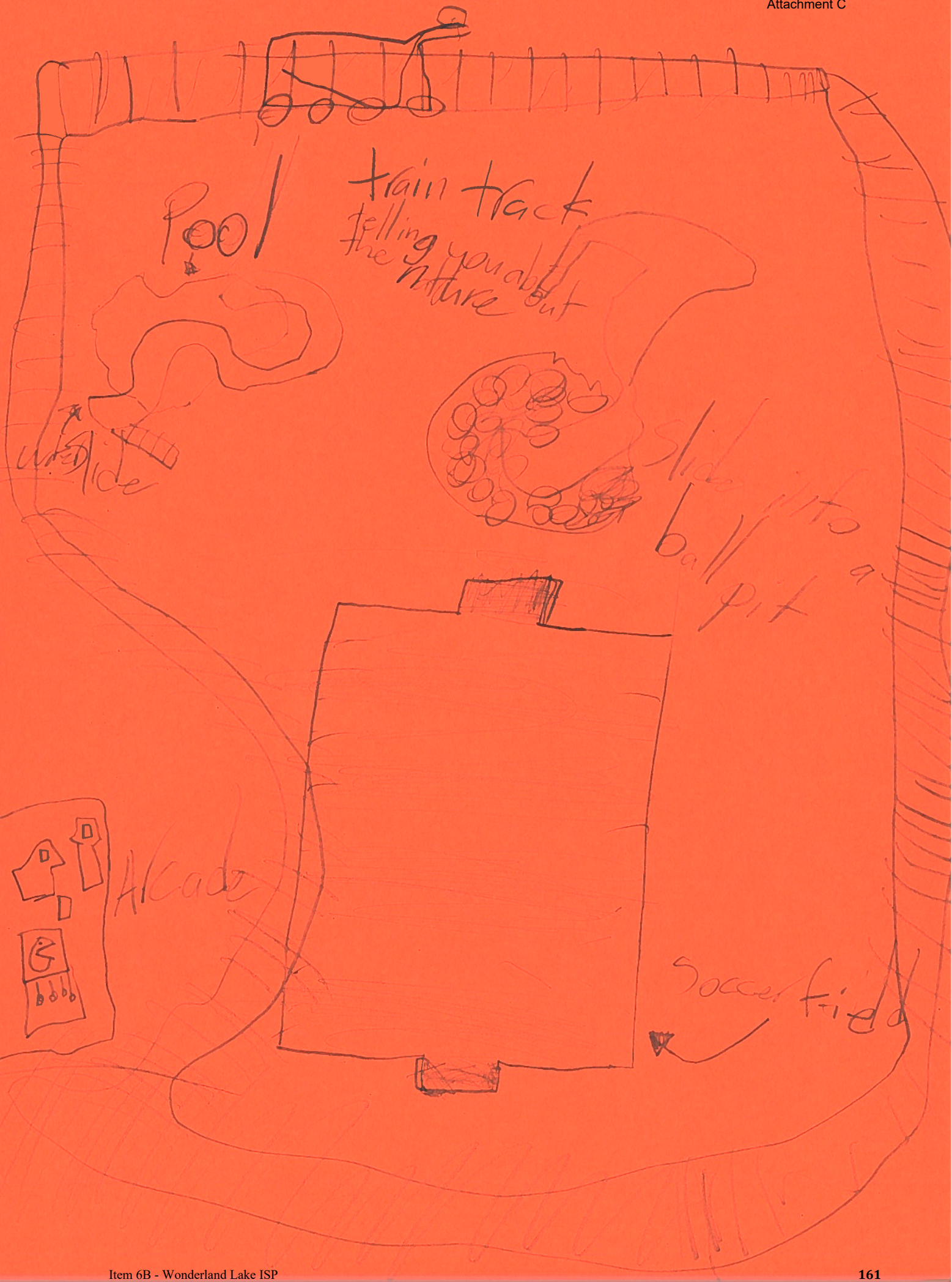












POOL

Nature
exhibits

Movie
theater

ARCADE

Ice
cream

DOG
PARK

Lake

Booth
-Bar Room

Gift-
shop

Tramp



Movie Theater showing Movies About the bottom of the Lake

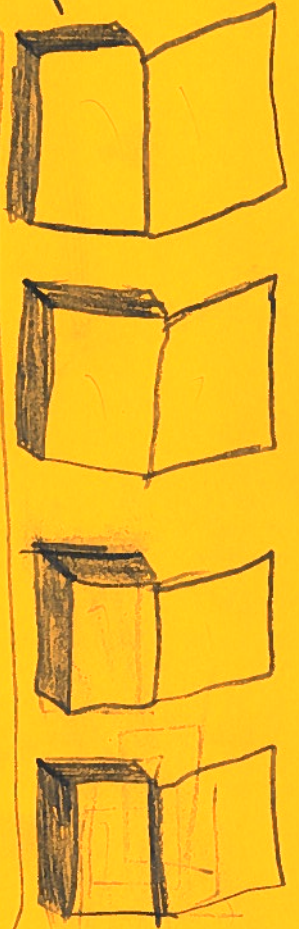
out door seat ing
area where people
can eat lunch.

Arade



use

chair



Use your senses and draw

What it is like and what it looks like



Outdoors summer hint



VR animal experience /
build and race in your
animal that you build

I really like this idea.

basketball court

Pool/slides/diving board

YAP

arcade



The lake, to improve water

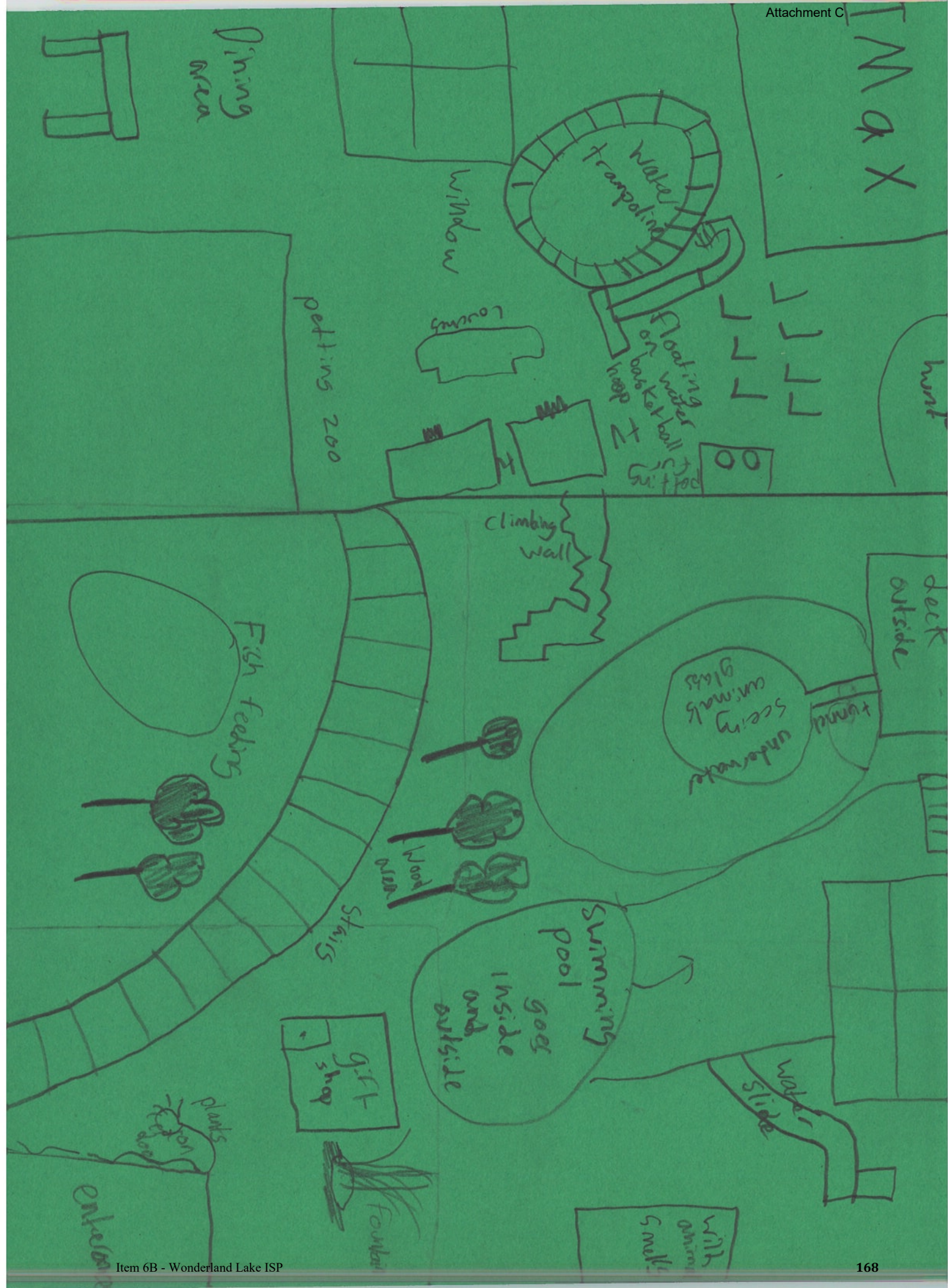


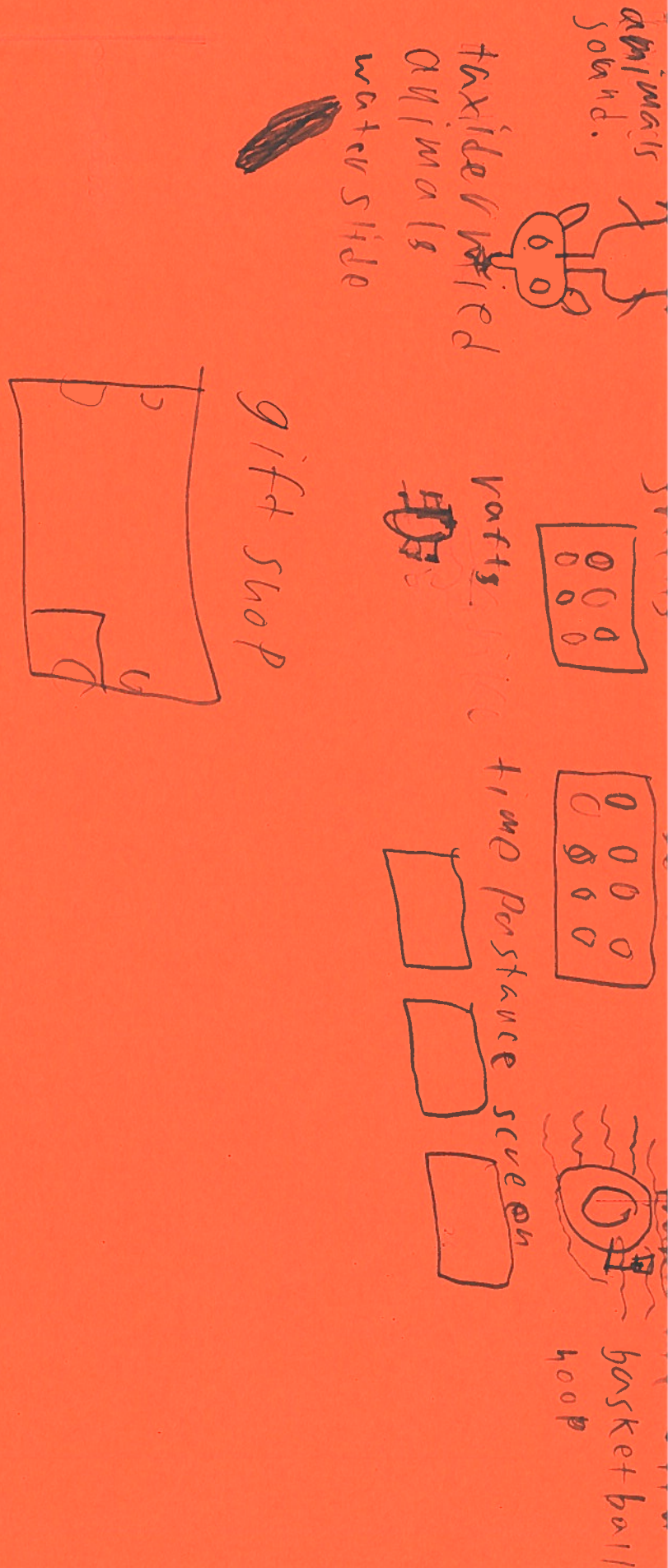
with basketball hoop

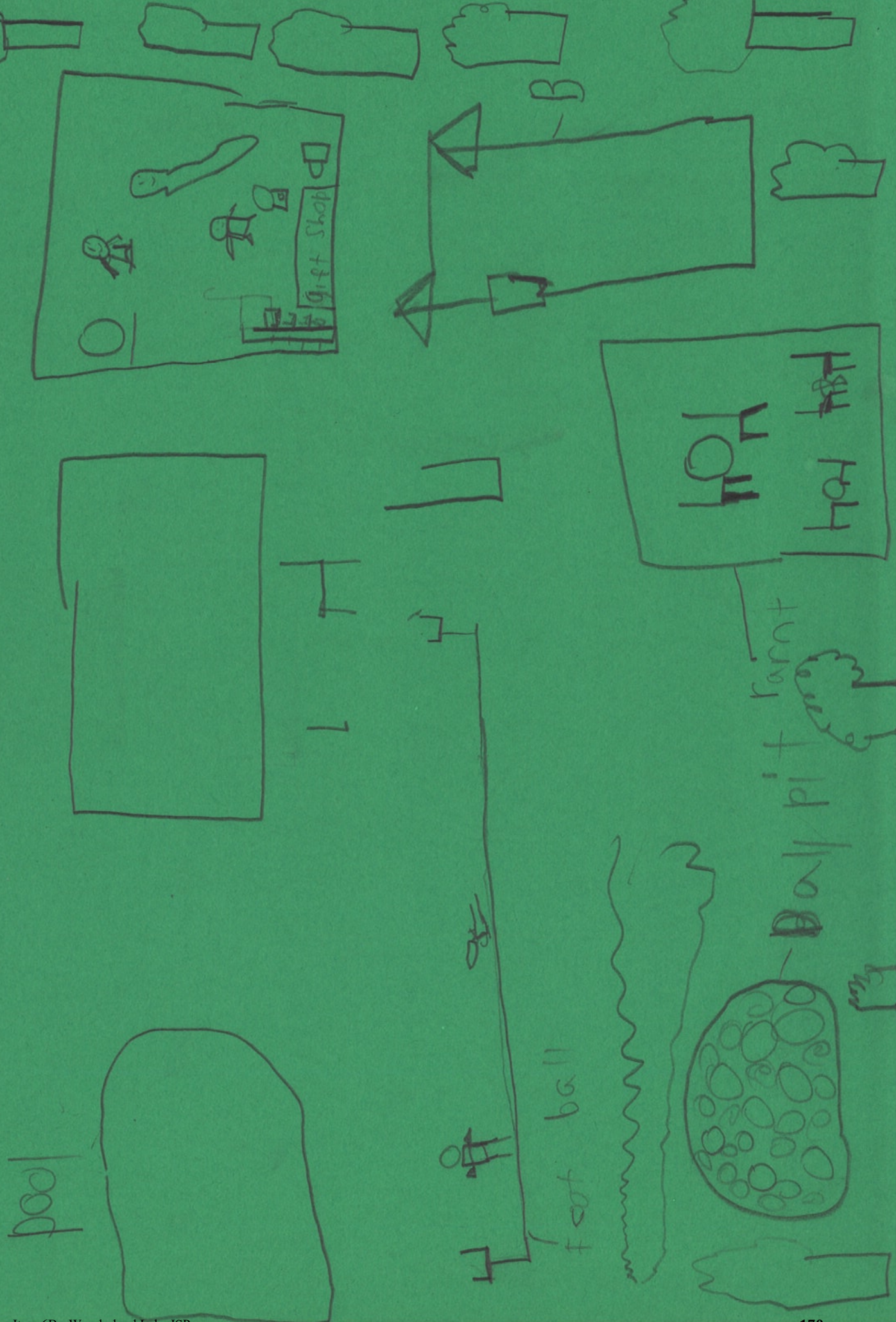
to go to

a place to see under neath the lake So you could see under the water.











WHAT ARE MY IDEAS FOR THE WONDERLAND LAKE NATURE CENTER?

Notes:

Spot A - Spot A will be a movie theater that will improve and educate us on nature. It could show movies such as Chasing Ice, Chasing Coral, and even Colorado movies.

Spot B - Spot B would be a Thematic Experience Ride that would show us through an ancient Native American habitat, you could hear

Spot C - Spot C could be an arcade where you could play games like Oregon trail, and others a lot like it. Native American and stories.

Spot D - Spot D could be a little cafe with food served all over the canyon, showing us how far back American food goes in our history.

Spot E - Spot E could be a Native American child playhouse. This would show the children's toys. we could look

Spot F - Spot F could show plants that the children can see. Spot G we could get Native American dolls and other things here. These other thing could be old paintings.

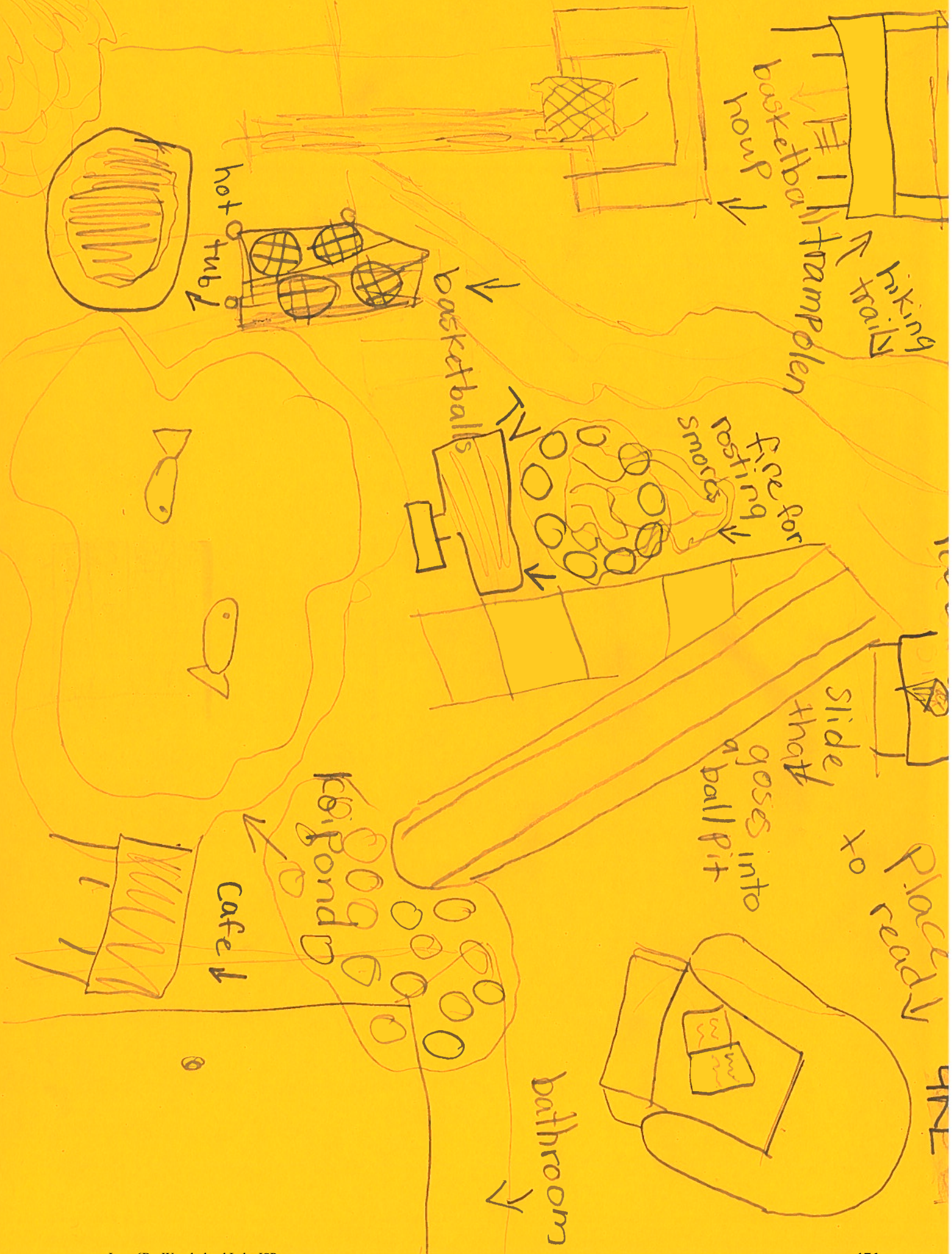
Spot H - Bathroom! The tiles could be painted with beautiful nature art.

Spot I - We could get Nature magazines and books here. Spot J - You could be in a forest up a tree with a park.

Spot K - Spot K could be a yard with a playground.









Water rides.

Climbing walls all around.

Sun roof that has a later so you can look at the sky on the roof. ^{grown up area.}

Bird cage. ^{teen area.} Birds can come into the Bird cage animal wall paper. ^{big yard.} the Bird cage would be open so birds can fly around and leave when ever they want.

Play areas of animals habitats like you can go on a fake tree.

Swings. ^{Camps in the summer.} animal game.

Candy machines. ^{rop a place to swim in the lake.} ^{in to form a pit from tree.} ^{natur hall.}

Stairs up to a loft where can relax a big sliding door.

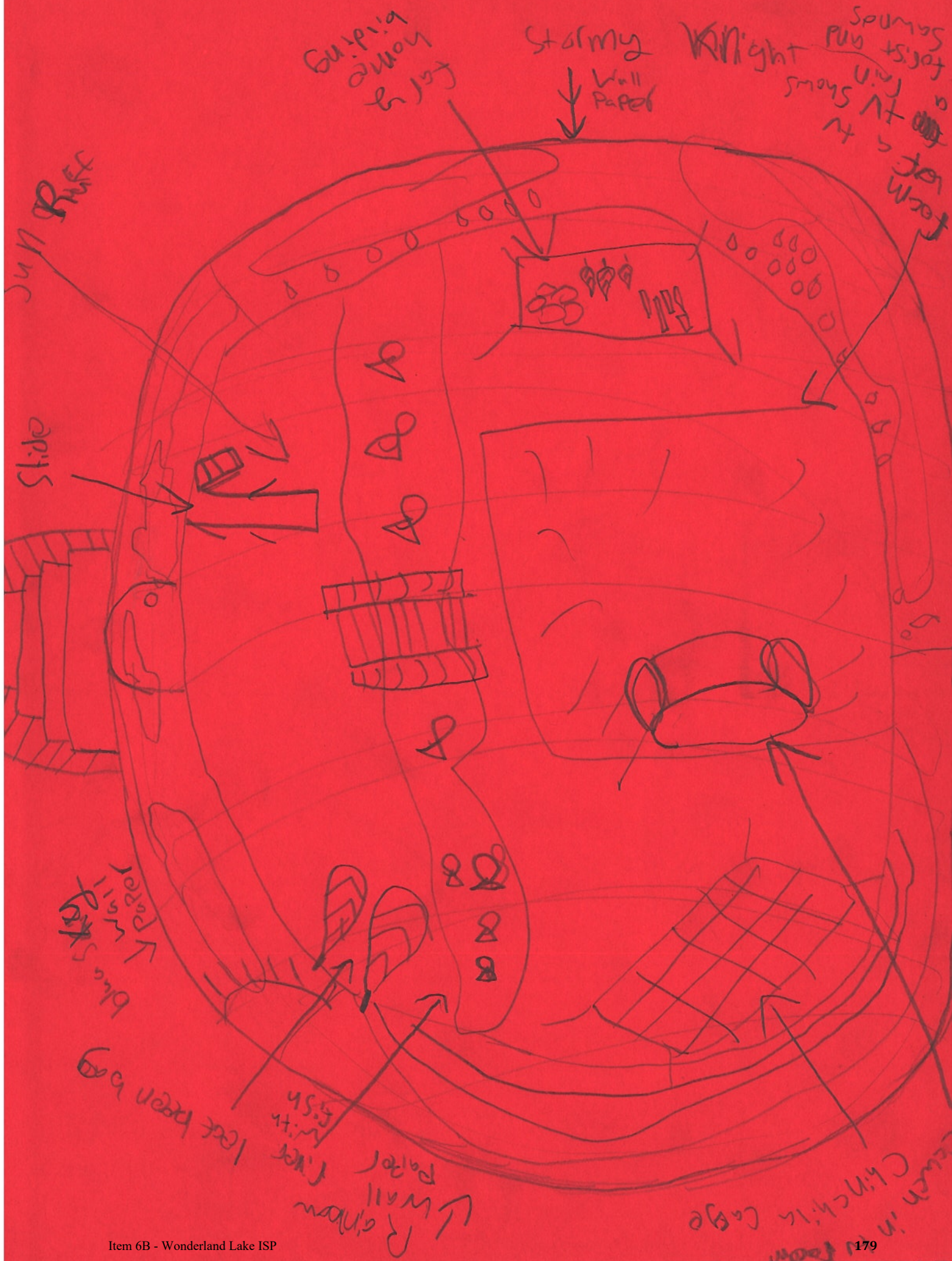
mini trapalen.

Sports area. ^{light.} fish tank. ^{Peking ZOO.}

^{reading area.} fountain. BeanBags.

little cafe. ^{Lounge area on the roof.}

Vertreale reality of habitats and your the animal



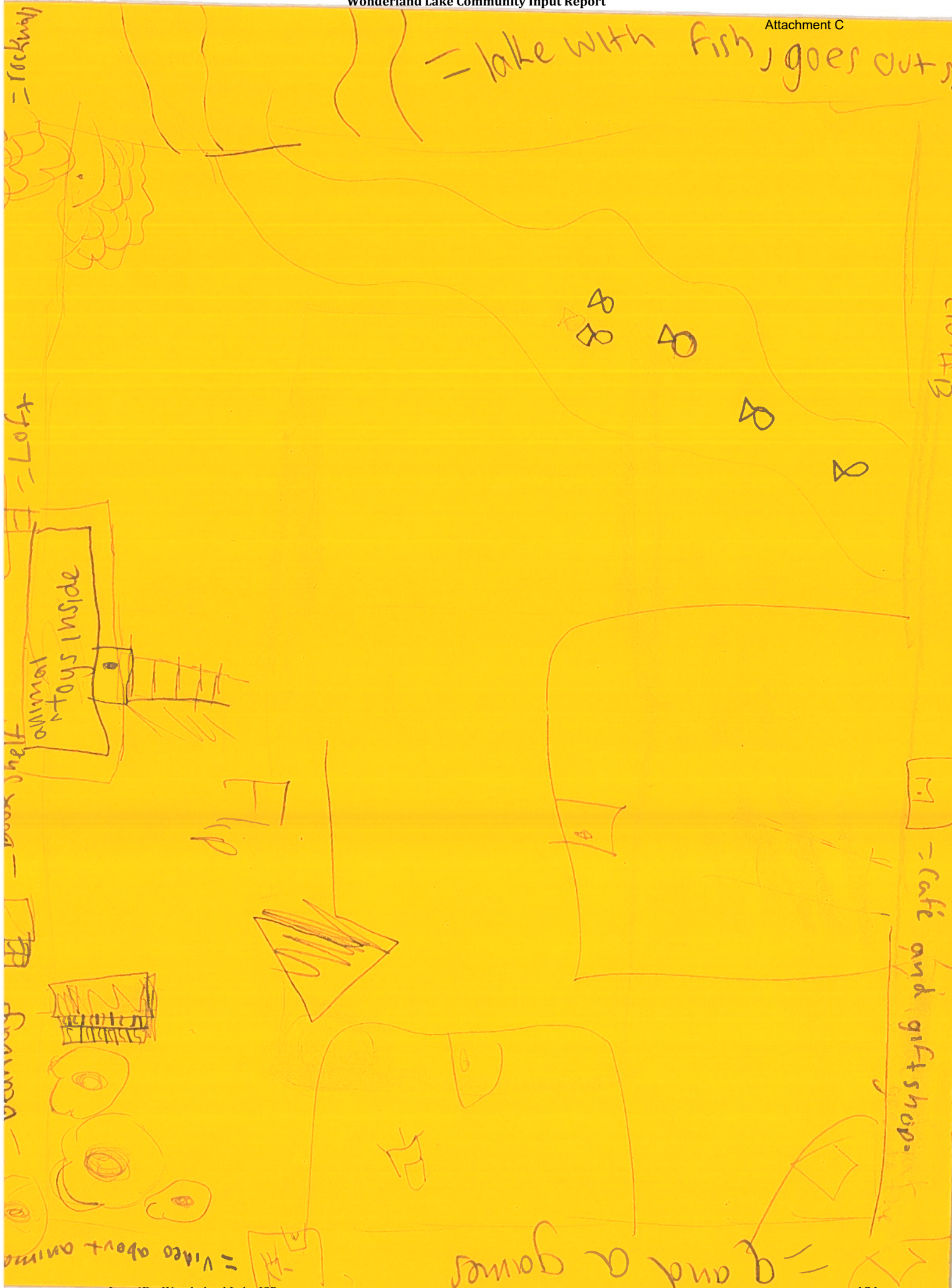
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~~Foot Hill~~

Foothill

Elementary



Wonderland Lake Community Feedback November 14, 2018

Plan Sheet	Comment
Site Opportunities and Constraints	We oppose the development of trails and "nature center" in the expanse of meadow east of the dam.
Site Opportunities and Constraints	I also oppose new trails in in the meadow east of the dam
Site Opportunities and Constraints	Let's enhance this bus stop. This is one of the few places where RTD buses connect to OSMP trails.
Site Opportunities and Constraints	Cross walk needed at Sumac
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Vegetation	The trail around the lake is quite level - an ideal walking place for people who are in form. But the lack of benches at regular intervals would totally open up the round - lake trail to many. This is my #1 concern for the area.
Vegetation	The relatively undisturbed shoreline around at least 3/4 of the lake is key. I think, to maintaining the wildlife value, especially for ducks, ospreys, grebes, red-winged blackbirds.
Vegetation	Let's put an osprey pole here. They perch in this area, fishing. A breeding site would be fabulous!
Vegetation	Would love to see more cottonwoods & fewer cedar willows. The songbirds would, too.
Vegetation	Dog poop trash can here really smells bad and the trail is narrow. A Breath holding place, especially in summer. Can we change management so that the aromas of fermented dog poop are not such a prominent feature of visitor experience?
Best Ideas	Educational facilities for both children & adults seem appropriate in this area.
Best Ideas	As an advocate for native plants, I would like to see more education on, eg, what local plants there are native & which all non-native invasive For example at least 2 species of native thistle can grow in this local area, but many people think all thistles are "bad". Signs distinguishing native from non-native thistle could help preserve the former and encourage people to control the latter (on their own property). It's obviously also very important to attempt to eradicate the Canada thistle, teasel, Russian olive and other non-native in this area.
Best Ideas	Best ideas = -protect wildlife habitat -increase accessibility -connect to RTD (skip bus)
Best Ideas	Please leave things natural. No more trails, no more buildings. Man-made things on open space=bad
Best Ideas	Our town(crossed out) city is only going to grow in population. I support you in planning for that (unwelcome) growth
Best Ideas	Before Next Meeting: Post a sign at the trailhead to get feedback from people who use the Wonderland Lake Trail
Best Ideas	I think the trail works well now. Leave it as natural as possible-no new trails
Best Ideas	I think the fishing pier is a good idea
Best Ideas	Please leave things as natural as possible. No one wants to look at more man-made thing on the open space! I AGREE!!!
Best Ideas	Please keep dogs off the peninsula. With the focus on nature education + potential sampling/viewing aquatic life, allowing dogs in these aquatic edges would reduce the # + type of aquatic species
Best Ideas	*Have space for a natural history library *Restoration of native species
Best Ideas	Less is more! Less structures, etc paths etc
Best Ideas	Close access to open space - East of lake. Off limits to protect the wildlife
Best Ideas	Reduce (not expand) access to any lake shores including cat tail marsh
Best Ideas	The fishing from the dam is dangerous - possibilities of pedestrians getting or dogs "hooked".
Best Ideas	No fishing! Hooks left on Trails Fish Trash!
Best Ideas	Better enforcement of leash laws and poop pickup
Best Ideas	No sledding on the Lake Dam
Best Ideas	This is a perfect place for *long-term monitoring of env. Conditions w/kids *studying groundwater/surface water interaction *Be sure to make the "wet" lab big enough
Best Ideas	Establish a neighborhood cleanup day to let people see how much trash/poop is on trails
Best Ideas	Social paths need to be discouraged somehow! Too bad what happens with the area at the park!
Best Ideas	Ban electric bikes on the paths too fast/dangerous! Cannot stop in time

Best Ideas	Regular bikes to too fast as well.
Best Ideas	Better to study fish than catch them-lots of unintended impacts from fishing
Best Ideas	Bird blind(s) are a good idea Support "nature play" in areas w/invasive species
Best Ideas	Bags of poop left on the trail. How to fix
Best Ideas	Enforce the closure of the spill way path before someone gets hurt and sues for their own lack of following the rules
Best Ideas	Keep these trails open to bikes (even Ebikes) These are important commuting corridors!
Best Ideas	We need an aggressive public education effort to support GOOD THOUGHTFUL MANNERS on the trail...
Best Ideas	Leave it natural! Minimize man made things.
Best Ideas	QR code to survey on site signs
Best Ideas	yes-self guided walk could be a good educational tool-rather than organized groups
Site Concepts	Wonderland Lake is heavily traveled now - Let's not turn it into a freeway. Attracting more people is not necessarily a good idea.
Site Concepts	I oppose more trails in this area. More paths in this areal will destroy the sense of space - open space by are more trails better? Lets leave open space open.
Site Concepts	I know it is a problem - a tic in North Plan but I would like to see a boardwalk on the south shore for bird watching.
Site Concepts	This seems somewhat useless as a birding location, but a support a loop trail down "towards" the lake edge.
Site Concepts	This new trail will encourage people to walk on towards the lake
Site Concepts	If adding a bench, place it under the trees for shade Yes!
Site Concepts	Bird blind not needed. The best view of birds is from path just south of here. Path into open space will just encourage encroachment into marsh. Educational area nearer the peninsula already goes closer to the birds
Site Concepts	Trail is already wide enough to stop + enjoy view. Leaving things as natural as possible - without structures/benches lets everyone enjoy the view more.
Site Concepts	Work with the ditch company to fence off social trail west of the main trail.
Site Concepts	I'd invest in more widely-spaced benches and sitting areas all around the lake to increase accessibility for the interim.
Site Concepts	
Peninsula Concepts	Yes, I would like to see this boardwalk to use as a birding platform ala sawmill. Yes!
Peninsula Concepts	Great idea to take this neglected, seldom used area & upgrade for more usage. NO DOG at wading beach, pls.
Peninsula Concepts	Let's keep dogs out of the water, they freak out the ducks and the lake nests hundreds of ducks in spring & fall.
Peninsula Concepts	I agree! Dogs can access Silver Lake Ditch.
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Foothills Nature Center Concept A	Wonderland Lake is already crowded. Not a good idea to make it even more so. I oppose the nature center concept A & B.
Foothills Nature Center Concept A	Let's an overload the trails with groups of kids!
Foothills Nature Center Concept A	How many school groups use this area? Enough for a new building?
Foothills Nature Center Concept A	Will restrooms be open 24.7?
Foothills Nature Center Concept A	Too many parking spaces. Don't encourage people to drive here.
Foothills Nature Center Concept A	I vote for concept A - LESS PARKING!
Foothills Nature Center Concept A	What usage studies have you done for these 17 spaces? How often are they filled? Where does overflow park?
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Formal crosswalk needed @ Sumac/Broadway
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Public Restrooms - ??

Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Too many parking spaces! Don't encourage people to drive here
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Community Connections Through Programs	Why would you want a bird blind in the middle of this view?
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Wonderland Lake Community Feedback October 27, 2018

Plan Sheet	Comment
Site Concepts	Add island in the middle of the lake to create more bird habitat
Site Concepts	Is the deck (#7) necessary?
Site Concepts	Human waste in the ditch is frequent
Site Concepts	Love it! Thoughtful way to increase enjoyment while keepign natureal areas nice.
Site Concepts	Narrowing wetland buffer for bird blind and interp trail (#8) is a bad idea
Site Concepts	More monitoring of behaviors onsite? Nature play activities disrupt medetative quality of site.
Site Concepts	Do we need the link trail between main trail and new interp trail near creek?
Site Concepts	Need to fence trail looking down on creek
Site Concepts	Love the interp loop!
Site Concepts	Add more rock spots/seats for people to hang by the lake along the dam
Site Concepts	Accessibility and benches are a huge plus! (from someone with accessible needs
Peninsula Concepts	Scaring off wildlife with boardwalk location? Geese and blue heron live and fish there.
Peninsula Concepts	No boardwalk on north side of peninsula
Peninsula Concepts	Move the boardwalk out of the wetlands
Peninsula Concepts	Clean up water. Don't change the land perimiter.
Peninsula Concepts	Signs: not consistent and too many.
Peninsula Concepts	No need for a fishing dock. Dictating people's behavior
Peninsula Concepts	Need more "no smoking" signs.
Peninsula Concepts	Keep quiet, medetative spaces
Peninsula Concepts	Dogs and people are pooping right next to people's houses
Peninsula Concepts	On dam, benches are yes, shade structure maybe isn't best.
Peninsula Concepts	Any kind of wetland interaction would be awesome! Keep the boardwalk.
Foothills Nature Center Concept C	Preferred because picnic shelter location
Foothills Nature Center Concept C	More parking preferred
Foothills Nature Center Concept C	Viewshed implications from house to Junior Ranger Storage building?
Foothills Nature Center Concept C	E-bike charging station!
Foothills Nature Center Concept C	Overbuilt (heard multiple times)
Foothills Nature Center Concept C	Keep open space open
Foothills Nature Center Concept C	More open spaces
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Preferred because less parking
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Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Less parking is better (twice)
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Use the Skip! Less parking
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	If using Skip is preferred way to get here, what about parents?
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	More space that is open
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Preferred alternative because less impact. Use shuttle, if that's not possible, more parking is better.
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Necessary to have 75-person community room? Maybe 50 people makes more sense.
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Preferred, but maybe broader study of all No Bo needs to be done to determine parking needs.
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Crossing dangers of Boardwalk and Sumac intersection.
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Need crosswalk
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Preferred alternative because lower impact.
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Yay preschool!
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Not fan of community room on OSMP
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Picnic shelter needs to move closer to impacts
Foothills Nature Center Concept B	Forced community - don't tell people how to behave