

Vadnais – Snail Lakes Regional Park Master Plan Update

Comments Public Meeting No.1 - 1-23-2020

Comments cards Box

1. Thank you! Please consider adding mtn bike trails to this regional park
2. Really need to raise. Yes to boardwalks. Don't see an easy way.
3. The area stretching south from Snail lake to 694 is an undeveloped treasure. For those who don't want to hike the paved trails, we have lots of options to hike numerous trails through the wood west of Grass Lake and west of the unnamed lake between Snail and Grass. Please Keep this relatively undeveloped space undeveloped. – Mike Prouty
4. I am partial to a loop trail. I would like to keep the trees. I do not support changing it to a prairie/wild flowers. The trees reduce road noise from 694, Hodgson. Shade. The neighborhood to the east has oak wilt and is losing trees to disease. It seems senseless to intentionally cut down the trees in the park. Thank you. – Barb Westgard 3990 Virginia. Also – the pumping and cost of the interim pumping concerns me.
5. Removal of cattails on both sides of beach are floating cattail islands
6. Realign or place floating board walks over flooded trail sections in Wetland A area.
7. Remove the cattails both side of beach
8. Remove cattails along south east side of park. Clean out the holding pond that should have been done according to the original snail lake regional park master plan
9. Fix gramsie road – it floods. Restore tunnel on gramsie road. There is no access to the trails from my house. Gramsie road rarely flooded before it was fixed about 5 years ago. Highway 694 affected the water flow and has not been fixed. Snail lake beach has been closed for 2 years.
10. I would like to have a trail system similar to what now exists. I like something where I can go on a riding loop or loops from my house. I was happy to not see any new buildings or parking being added. Keep it as natural as possible, although, I like the paved trails.
11. Love! The Snail Lake trail system as is when its not flooded. My house backs up against Grass Lake park and I walk them 3-4 times a week when temps above 50 degrees. Would love a floating boardwalk where areas are flooded so you can still cross those areas where it is underwater and choose the loop and distance you'd like to walk. Trails are perfect except underwater area. Also happy to see beach being redeveloped. I like to swim there occasionally and play hookey from work there when having lunch.
12. The park is priceless. I've spent hours and hours hiking and skiing in it over the many years I've lived here but much less these last 3 years because of the flooding. I'm glad your working on a plan. Good luck.

13. Is Gramsie road flooding part of the planning? Is the tunnel under Gramsie and its flooding being addressed? A circular trail through wetland a would be preferred.

Grass Lake Section

1. Would like loop trail around lake with floating boardwalk multiuse for walking and biking. One second that.
2. Signs indicating if canoe and kayak are allowed. One second that.
3. Keep tunnel for safe crossing. One second that.
4. Safe crossing (at Gramsie). Yes, badly needed over old tunnel
5. Several comments for more trails in the tower property to the west.
6. One suggestion of a dog park
7. Keep the west trail un-paved.
8. (4 notes) indicating a boardwalk is desired to complete a looped trail system around Grass lake.
9. Access to West Vadnais Lake across railroad and Rice Street (several comments for)
10. Provide a path to Victoria along I-694
11. Appreciate accessibility for people w/varying physical needs (gait impairment, wheelchair users, strollers) as a general approach
12. I like the proposed changes to the paved trail
13. Floating walk around Grass lake
14. Boardwalk trail lake loop
15. Keep turf trail and low affected area (on the east side)
16. Trail connection Snail to Grass to Sucker lake
17. Access to Sucker Lk park from Rice? Possibly a boardwalk or trail so folks don't walk have down Rice?
18. Trail Connection to Vadnais
19. Very important repair needed where trail washed out with exposed rocks
20. Raise turf trails (north prairie area) water spills over and circles around back toward Gramsie.
21. Allow natural areas for Heron/waterfowl habitat
22. Boardwalk along northside of Gramise

Snail Lake Section

1. Nature play area
2. Pavilion sound issues
3. Consider kids crossing road
4. Make boat launch usable up to 888
5. Resurface in park trail by shelter
6. Fix the beach

7. So many groups are using amplification in the large shelter. The noise is too loud for the neighborhood. Can the speakers be pointed East in to the woods? How do you monitor how loud the amplification is? Can you limit the hours a group can use amplification? 9am-10pm is too long a time especially if it is Saturday and Sunday. Would it help to limit the size of the groups? Thank you for your consideration this has really become an issue particularly the last few years. Can the neighborhood have access to a phone number we can call when the noise is too loud.
8. Current parking lot and pavilion are nice!
9. Add sand to the beach
10. I would love a walking path all around Snail Lake
11. Boardwalk when wet can be slippery
12. No pavilion (in the West picnic area)
13. Boardwalk/bog walk appreciated in any areas to allow fluctuations with water levels
14. Cleanout holding pond
15. Holding pond must be dredged and cleaned out
16. Clean dead dying trees along property line
17. Add crosswalk at picnic pavilion lot entrance
18. State of the art fun playground for all ages including small zip line
19. And a nature playground somewhere in the park. Two likes for this
20. Safe access across snail lake blvd if tunnel closed or not usable
21. Dredge the boat launch to be able to launch a boat without backing entire vehicle into the water – need more slope
22. Add shade trees or umbrella structures for beach

Wetland A Section

1. Restore the tunnel on Gramsie Rd
2. Future mountain bike trail development
3. Turf trail would be great rather than one rough trail it is now
4. Reconnect to grass lake trail too
5. Restorer the loops. Offer new trails for biking through the woods. Reconnect to Grass lake
6. Definitely interested in loop trail system
7. A boardwalk would be great on the east side of the wetlands over the currently flooded trail
8. Elevate the trail so we have the loop again
9. Restore the trail loop. It is important to local residents who want to walk in the park instead of just walking through the park.
10. Some concern for road crossing on Snail Lake Blvd to beach. Young adults/tweens that don't drive yet need safe crossing to get to beach.
11. Campaign to educate folks to walk between groomed ski tracks or to one side....

12. Some kind of access from Snail Lake Rd or Dennison so people East of Wetland A have access to Trails/ loops
13. Take out the dead trees in the wetland
14. Multiple, clear, strongly worded signs about dogs plus maybe a dog park west of Grass Lake.
15. Maintain tunnel for safe road crossing. One second note.
16. Or make a bridge instead of a tunnel? Kids/families need a safe way to cross.
17. Keep the loop the way around. Two second notes.
18. Glad you are looking for solutions for and flooding issues. Would like to see mountain bike trails proposed there are no mt bike trails within 20 mins drive of Shoreview.
19. Keep turf trail unpaved
20. Don't develop turf trail area'
21. Add more benches
22. Boardwalk or raise the grades of flooded trails
23. Floating walkways
24. Boardwalk over flooded trails. The loop is very important.
25. Boardwalk (here) for shorter loop
26. Remove asphalt trail – replace with boardwalk trails.
27. Invasive cattails? Remove buckthorn from wetland area.
28. No boardwalk. Yes to trails. Boardwalk is difficult to bike on. It gets very slick in moist weather. There are other materials boardwalks can be constructed from.
29. Trees. Please keep the trees. Many trees in the surrounding neighborhood have oak wilt and are....
30. Bridge or overpass at Gramsie Rd.
31. We like having some unpaved trails
32. Keep loops for sure
33. Love Snail. Love trails when open. Keep open!
34. Elevate the submerged trail
35. Bikeable loop in wetland A (not including sidewalk on Snail lake Blvd)
36. Use looped trail wetland A
37. Floating boardwalk
38. Boardwalks need to be wide enough for biking
39. Keep the ability to ski between the lake and the ski trails
40. Keep the loops: - for bikes walkers; for cross country; elevate if need; safe street crossing; Speed limit?
41. Floating walkway
42. Keep same amount of trail miles
43. Boardwalks need to be wide enough for bikes and pedestrians
44. Love xc ski trails
45. Turtle tunnels like North Oaks? (snail lake blvd)
46. Figure out new crossing snail lake blvd from wetland A to Snail
47. Pedestrian crossing on Gramsie Rd.
48. Very careful crosswalk needs: lights, need wide crosswalk, signs
49. Erosion control with new trails!

50. Possible Mountain bike single track trail
51. Xc skiing option on the trail please
52. Turtle tunnels across snail lake blvd
53. Fix the tunnel or do something else to complete the crossing (Gramsie Rd)
54. Add boardwalk or raise trail for access – I prefer asphalt trails
55. Benches
56. There need to be a way to get from west side of “A” to paved trail north to 96
57. We use wetland A trail a lot and would like a loop trail around area w/boardwalks or elevated trail if necessary. Ditto. Yes to loops
58. Loop trail that a stroller can pass.
59. I represent many friends and families who would like a loop.
60. Consider dredging wetland A areas to store more water, and wetland on west side of Snail. Implement aggressive rain garden program in Shoreview neighborhoods to reduce storm sewer runoff in to system.