

THORNTON CREEK PARK #1
RENAMED "LICORICE FERN NATURAL AREA ON THORNTON CREEK" ON 6/9/11

SUMMARY OF VOTES ON HABITAT & TRAIL ALTERNATIVES
PRESENTED AT PUBLIC MEETING #2 HELD ON 5/31/11

HABITAT RESTORATION ALTERNATIVE COMBINATIONS:

ALTERNATIVE A: 1 – WETLAND FOREST + 2 – UPLAND FOREST	0 VOTES
ALTERNATIVE B: 1 + 2 + 3 – SCRUB SHRUB WETLAND	3 VOTES
ALTERNATIVE C: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 – MADRONE FOREST	18 VOTES

CLEAR FAVORITE IS ALT C: RESTORING & ENHANCING ALL 4 NATIVE HABITATS

HABITAT PRESERVATION & RESTORATION GOALS FOR 15-20 YEAR PLAN:

- 1. REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES**
- 2. RESTORE & ENHANCE NATIVE HABITAT MOSAIC**
- 3. PRESERVE & INCREASE WILDLIFE HABITAT CONNECTIONS & CORRIDORS**

HABITAT ALTERNATIVE COMPONENTS:

- 1 - WF WETLAND FOREST:** Cedar-dominated wetland habitat with other conifers and deciduous trees, understory trees, shrubs & ground covers; Preserve existing Wet Meadow.
 - 2 – UF UPLAND FOREST:** Douglas fir-dominated upland habitat with other conifers and deciduous trees, understory trees, shrubs & ground covers; Thorny buffer plants along private property.
 - 3 – SS SCRUB SHRUB:** Willow, shrub & emergent wetland; Sunnier, open; Good for birds & amphibians.
 - 4 – MF MADRONE FOREST:** Madrone-dominated upland habitat with shrubs & ground covers; For sunniest, best drained areas.
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TRAIL COMBINATIONS:

A: NO PLANNED TRAIL SYSTEM 3 VOTES

(NOTE: A will not result in no trails in the park as there will be unplanned, social trails if no planned trails are provided.)

B: 1 – OLD HOMESTEAD TRAIL + 4 – ADA WILDLIFE WALK 9 VOTES

(NOTE: B also includes improvements to the main park entry on 130th & Overlooks, which will minimally maintain views into the park by removing blackberries & other non-native view-blocking vegetation, and replacing with native groundcovers and low shrubs. Other Overlook amenities, such as railings or benches, will be determined in future with specific neighborhood input.)

C: 1 + 4 + 2 – SOUTH CREEK LOOP 2 VOTES

D: 1 + 4 + 3 – NORTH CREEK LOOP 2 VOTES

E: 1 + 4 + 2 + 3 (WHOLE PROPOSED TRAIL SYSTEM) 5 VOTES

FAVORITE IS COMBINATION B: TRAILS 1 + 4 + OVERLOOKS

THERE IS AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS (9 VOTES) FOR A MORE EXTENSIVE TRAIL SYSTEM INTO THE WETLAND/CREEK AREA OF THE PARK.



AS SUCH, IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO RE-VISIT THIS TOPIC IN FUTURE AS THE COMMUNITY DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

TRAIL ALTERNATIVES GOALS:

- 1. ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE**
- 2. INTERESTING, SCENIC, EXPERIENTIAL / EDUCATIONAL**
- 3. ACCESSIBLE & SAFE, INCLUDING BEING AS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE**

TRAIL ALTERNATIVE COMPONENTS:

- 1 OLD HOMESTEAD TRAIL:** 4' wide crushed rock trail & overlook; 120 l.f. @ 8-12% slope
- 2 SOUTH CREEK LOOP:** 3-4' wide crushed rock trail with wetland boardwalk; 600 l.f.
- 3 NORTH CREEK LOOP:** 3-4' wide cr rock trail with 2 bridges & wetland boardwalk; 640 l.f.
- 4 WILDLIFE VIEW WALK:** 4' wide handicap-accessible walk along 130th; 180 l.f.

OVERLOOKS: FROM 10TH AND STREET ENDS AT 11TH & BROCKMAN PLACE

Photo: Licorice Ferns growing on bigleaf maple in newly renamed "Licorice Fern Natural Area on Thornton Creek"

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