

# LAKE ACCESS



## COMMUNITY CULTURE SUMMIT COMMENTS

### **Workgroup comments (2 total)**

- Recreation work groups referenced lake access twice. Once in reference to allowing non-motorized watercraft from swim parks, and once regarding the need for a discussion about lake access in general.

### **Comment Forms and Policy Wall (0 total)**

- There were no references to lake access in either the comment forms or the policy wall

## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE COMMENTS

**Number respondents who referred to lake access: 82 (46%)**

**Number of references: 221**

**Policy questions, existing goals, or existing policies receiving lake access references:**

### **Recreation (219 references total)**

- **Policy question 1:** Residents have identified that the City should ensure that all residents have access to essential recreation services which includes Exercise and Sports Play for Children and Nature Experiences. This is currently not available equally throughout the city and would be difficult to provide in certain areas. To fill geographic gaps and provide equitable access to these experiences recreation facilities such as traditional playgrounds nature play areas sports fields sports courts trails and opportunities to enjoy nature will need to be renovated or new ones will need to be developed. How much and under what circumstances should the city invest in providing new parks and recreation opportunities in these underserved areas? Should the city provide public places if private recreation facilities are available? **(23 references)**
- **Policy question 2:** The community said that renovating existing parks to maximize city investment in existing facilities is the highest priority. Is it more important to care for existing assets that may serve fewer people or to provide new ones that will provide more equity? At what point should the city not invest in facilities that provide limited service? **(5 references)**
- **Goal 5 Section 7: Oswego Lake (recreational component).** The City shall protect the natural resource energy aesthetic and recreation values of Oswego Lake. **(71 references)**
  1. Cooperate with the Lake Oswego Corporation to protect the natural resource energy aesthetic and recreation values of Oswego Lake. **(33 references)**
  2. Establish significant public viewpoints to assure that residents of the community can identify with and enjoy Oswego Lake. **(23 references)**
  3. Work with the Lake Oswego School District to preserve its rights to the existing swimming easement in the Lake Grove Area Swim Park. **(35 references)**
- **GOAL 8: Parks and Recreation.** The City shall plan acquire develop and maintain a system of park open space and recreation facilities both active and passive that is attractive safe functional available to all segments of the population and serves diverse current and long-range community needs. **(5 references)**
  1. Plan for park and recreation facilities which: a. Provide for active and passive recreational opportunities; b. Educate and entertain the public through interpretive and recreational programs; c. Promote enjoyment of the cultural arts; and d. Enhance the environmental quality of the City. **(1 reference)**
  5. Ensure a long-range balance is maintained between land acquisition and facility development efforts to: a. Avoid the irrevocable loss of land suitable for park and recreation uses b. Minimize future land acquisition costs; and c. Provide for the activity needs and preferences of the community. **(1 reference)**

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10. Provide accessibility to all park users according to applicable state and federal laws. **(5 references)**
11. Develop major neighborhood park and play field facilities in conjunction with schools wherever possible. **(1 reference)**
12. Preserve and enhance distinctive natural areas which are located on parklands. **(1 reference)**
13. Integrate open space pathways and view corridors with parkland and facilities. **(6 references)**
15. Enhance the quality of life in the community by providing recreation programs that are creative productive and responsive to the needs of the public including those who have special needs such as the elderly disabled and disadvantaged. **(1 reference)**
16. Give City residents priority in pricing and scheduling City sponsored activities. **(1 reference)**
18. Coordinate and cooperate with school districts and other organizations to meet park and recreation needs of the City and the region and to assure optimum efficient use of all parks and recreation facilities and resources. **(1 reference)**
19. Ensure the opportunity for Lake Oswego residents to have access to parks and recreation facilities and programs regardless of income. **(5 references)**

**Civic Engagement (2 references total)**

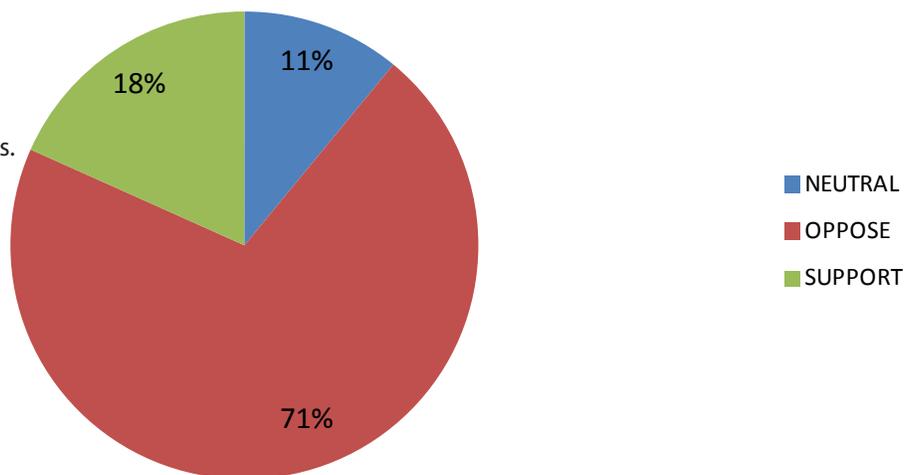
- **Policy Question 1:** What strategies (including new technologies and social media) are needed to ensure all segments of the community are able to participate in decision-making? **(1 reference)**
- 1. Provide citizen involvement opportunities that are appropriate to the scale of a given planning effort. Large area plans affecting a large portion of community residents and groups require citizen involvement opportunities of a broader scope than that required for more limited land use decisions. **(1 reference)**

58 of 82 respondents were against expanding lake access.

15 of 82 respondents supported expanding lake access.

9 of 82 respondents were neutral or did not take a position on lake access.

### Lake Access Opinions



**- "Oppose" -**

Respondents who did not support expanding lake access cited concerns over cost to the city of maintaining the lake if it were public. They also stated that increased public access would reduce property values for lake-front and easement property owners.

**- "Support" -**

Those respondents who supported expanding lake access asked for expansion of the Lake Grove swim park to all residents, access for non-motorized watercraft, and improved lake views.