

Classification and Management Planning (CAMP)



Presentation Summary

- Description of CAMP planning process
- Planning area and park overview



Possession Point State Park



Why Plan?

- Specific issue
- Assessment of park assets and future needs
- Provide direction for land use, camping, trails, and facility needs
- Strengthen existing partnerships and identify new partnerships



What are the end products?

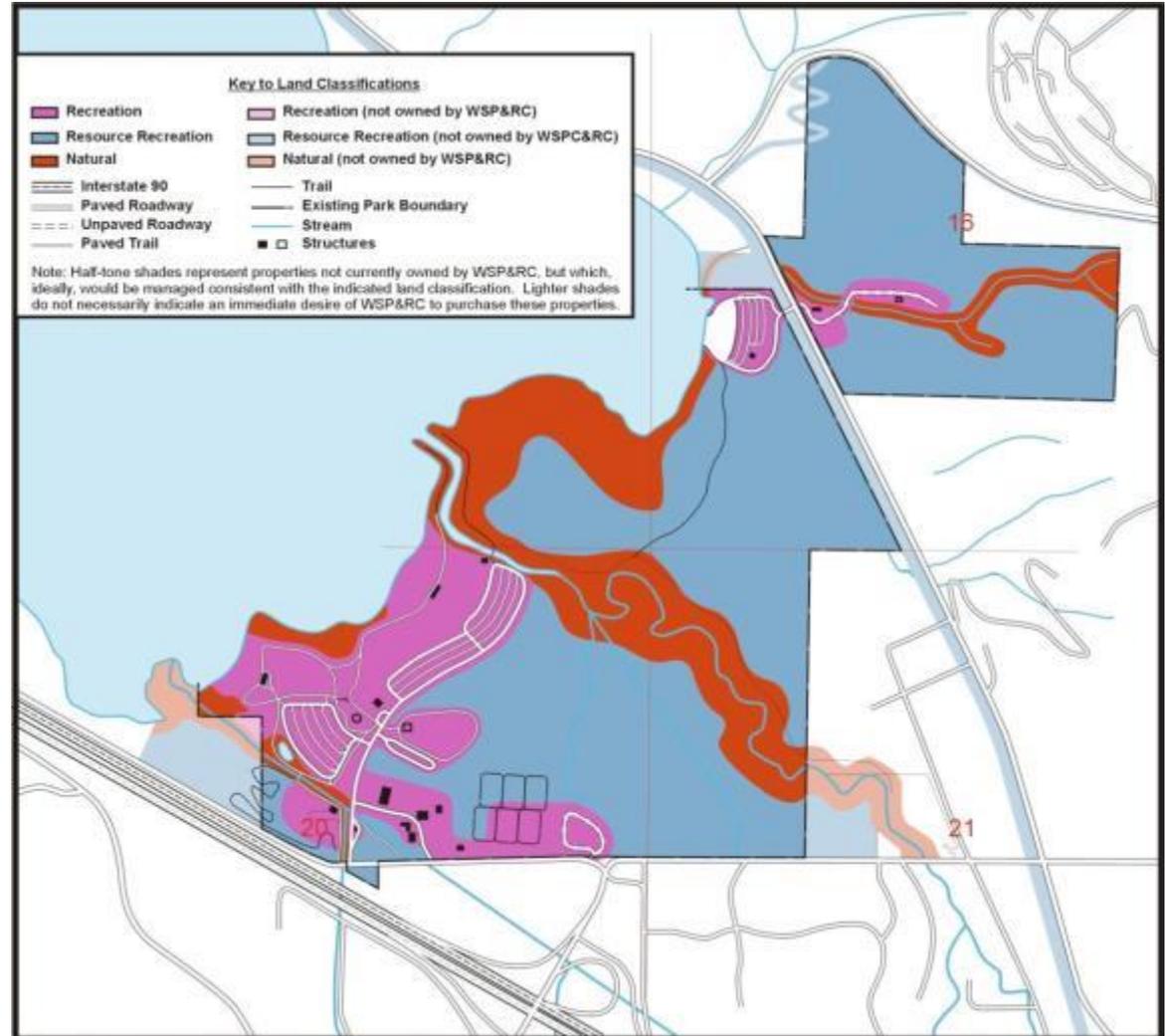
- Land Classification
- Long-Term Park Boundary
- Park Management Plan



Land Classification

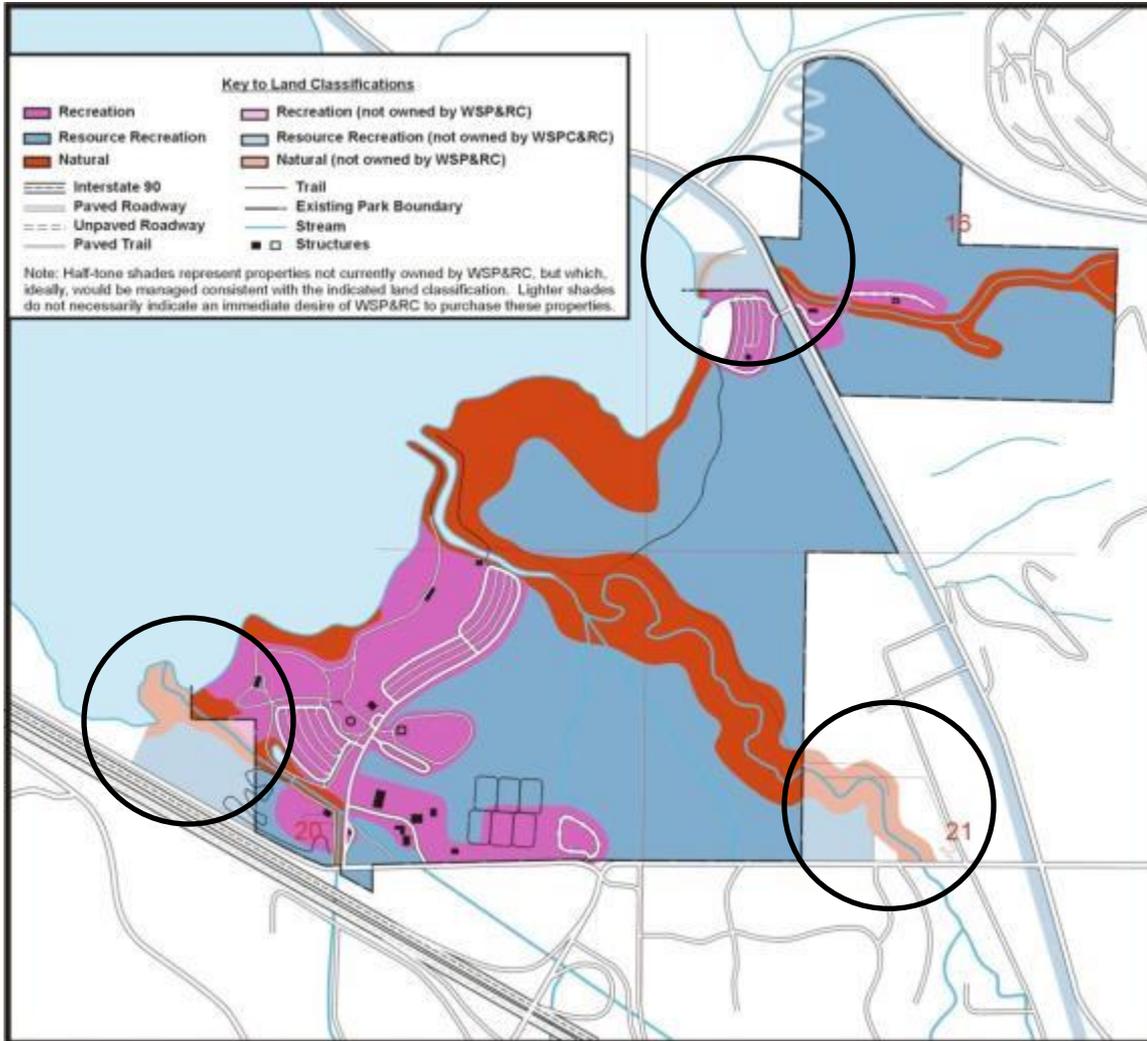
Lake Sammamish example

- Management zoning that sets use and development intensities
- Classifications include:
 - Natural Forest
 - Heritage
 - Resource Recreation
 - Recreation
- Approved by Parks and Recreation Commission



Long-Term Park Boundary

Lake Sammamish example

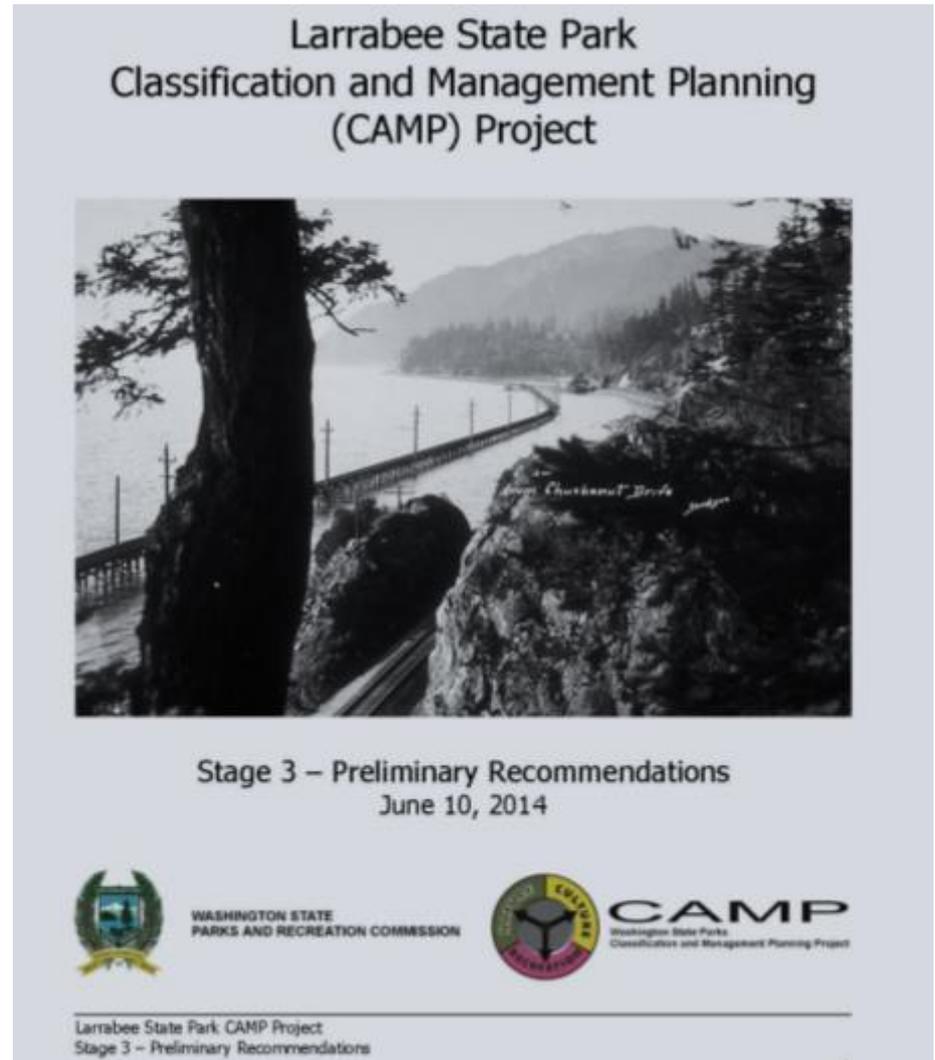


- Identifies properties that further the agency's recreation and conservation mission
- Identifies agency-owned properties not essential to the park mission
- Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission



Park Management Plan

- Responds to issues and concerns
- Describes how the agency intends to manage the park's natural, cultural and recreational resources
- Approved by the agency Director



CAMP

Four Stage Planning Process

- Stage 1 Identify park issues
- Stage 2 Develop alternatives to address issues
- Stage 3 Preliminary staff recommendations
- Stage 4 Final recommendations to the Commission



Stage 1

Identification of Park Issues

- Anything you think is important for us to consider in our plans
- Anything agency staff think is important and want to communicate to you

Identified in first public workshop



Identifying Issues

- Campgrounds
- Day-use areas
- Trails
- Natural resource protection
- Long-term boundary
- Volunteers, programs and events
- Neighboring property owners
- Other



Getting Feedback

- Sticky note process
- Write down your issues, concerns and questions
- Sort the issues
- Reconvene and we all listen
- Process is as important as the product



Stage 2

Development of Plan Alternatives

- Exploration of “thematic” approaches . . .
 - Natural
 - Historical and Cultural
 - Recreation and Facilities

Presented in second
public workshop



Stage 3

Preliminary Staff Recommendations

Combination of the thematic approaches . . .

- Land classification
- Long-term park boundaries
- Park management plan

Presented in third
public workshop



Stage 4

Final Recommendations to the Commission

- Commission consideration at regularly scheduled meeting



South Whidbey CAMP

- Each CAMP is unique
- South Whidbey CAMP involves three parks with different issues and constituencies
- High level of engagement by partners and community



Planning Area

- South Whidbey State Park
- Useless Bay State Park property
- Possession Point State Park



South Whidbey State Park



345 acres

Facilities

- 46 campsites
- Group camp
- Amphitheater
- Picnic shelters
- 4500 feet shoreline
- 3.5 miles trail

Partners

- Friends of South Whidbey
- Calyx School
- Service, Education, Adventure (SEA)



South Whidbey Issues

- Campground and group camp temporarily closed due to elevated risk of tree failure (2015 & 2016)
- Focus tree removal on areas in or immediately adjacent to campsites, day-use facilities, and structures



South Whidbey Issues



- January 2016 beach trail closure
- Dynamic shoreline makes it difficult to provide beach access



Useless Bay Property

- Acquired in 1947
- 560 acres of tidelands
- Includes one half of Deer Lagoon
- No upland access
- No improvements



Useless Bay Issues

- Access concerns from neighboring property owners
- Recreational use by kite boarders
- Lack of upland ownership



Possession Point State Park

- Acquired in 2001 for Cascade Marine Trail
- Water trail campsite
- 2500 feet of salt water footage
- Includes 25 acres of uplands
- Day use for uplands
- Signage, parking and staff residence



Possession Point Issues

- Water trail site location
- Shoreline erosion
- Interest and trail building on the upland portion of the parcel
- Diving community
- **What can you tell me?**



South Whidbey CAMP

- Stage 1** Identification of park issues (10-21-15 meeting)
- Stage 2** Land classification alternatives (1-7-16 meeting & 4-26-16 meeting)
- Stage 3** Preliminary recommendations (Review at winter 2016 meeting)
- Stage 4** Final recommendations to Commission (Winter 2016/2017)



Any questions?

