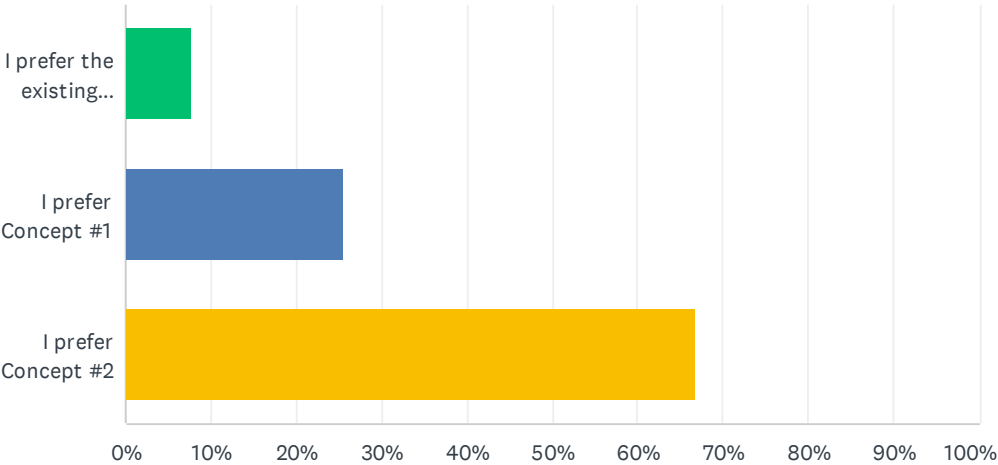


Q1 Which concept best represents the types of enhancements you feel are most appropriate for this location?

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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
I prefer the existing conditions		7.75%	40
I prefer Concept #1		25.58%	132
I prefer Concept #2		66.67%	344
TOTAL			516

Q2 Please provide additional feedback, either in favor or against, specific elements within these concepts.

Answered: 273 Skipped: 249

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The concept seems to be more inclusive than #1 and has more uses.	2/14/2023 1:58 PM
2	I like the reduced sand and that there are fewer concrete/artifical installments trying to guide people's movement. Concept #1 looks like a ton of skinned knees.	2/8/2023 10:24 PM
3	As the parent of a child who uses a wheelchair, I just wanted to acknowledge and say thank you for considering so many accessible options when coming up with all of these options. In this instance, I think both options are great, but when it comes to accessing areas of sand we definitely struggle with our daughter's wheelchair. She is often able to navigate grassy areas a little easier and is more able to participate and be included on grass than in sand. With that said, if the sand is the option that is decided upon, as long as there was an area that was ramped down into the sand that would be so she could have to option to go down. Even if the sand starts out level with the walking path, over time it washes away or gets worn down and without a ramped area into that location she would be left out. I do like how she could stay in her wheelchair almost all the way to the water in this option. It is invaluable for us as a family to be able to access areas like this in town where all of our children are able to interact with the environment easily. It means a lot to us. Thank you.	2/8/2023 8:43 PM
4	Grass is visually appealing with so much concrete, however, it does require water.	2/8/2023 8:24 PM
5	Keeping existing sand and adding trees	2/8/2023 7:02 PM
6	Water access	2/8/2023 6:06 PM
7	I would like to see the sand/beach portion remain. It's one of the few areas in town with sand	2/8/2023 3:50 PM
8	The trees/shade would be a nice addition. However, if the foot traffic here is too high for grass growth then I would rather see pavers in some areas rather than all grass that gets trampled down in some areas. I think especially at the top of the stairs is a potential problem area.	2/8/2023 8:25 AM
9	only one staircase, as opposed to option 2 which has two staircases into water	2/7/2023 7:48 PM
10	Easier access	2/7/2023 4:27 PM
11	Need more beach,not less	2/7/2023 2:14 PM
12	New concrete seawall looks invasive and unnatural going out that far but maybe needed to support new concrete lamp and landing?	2/7/2023 12:27 PM
13	Too much concrete, unnecessary expense. I love it the way it is!	2/7/2023 11:18 AM
14	Concept #2 allows parents with small kids to better access the sand while also giving us more grass for kids to play on.	2/7/2023 10:51 AM
15	I prefer sand at access points as the grass tends to get worn down, resulting in mud.	2/7/2023 9:07 AM
16	I like the trees but maybe no lawn. Also enjoy the look of boulders/rock wall.	2/7/2023 8:34 AM
17	better access not too expensive	2/7/2023 5:38 AM
18	Increased accessibility is nice, but 2 seems more than necessary.	2/6/2023 9:46 PM
19	Handicap kayak launch please!	2/6/2023 7:49 PM
20	The seawall in concept 1 seems like everyone would be stepping over it to cross back and forth.	2/6/2023 6:28 PM
21	I prefer concept #1 but would like to see the grass and trees replace much of the sand like in concept #2.	2/6/2023 5:11 PM

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22	Love keeping the sand	2/6/2023 3:59 PM
23	Access in and out is needed all over to allow for more parking options along river and allow neighborhoods to be involved in the experience	2/6/2023 2:12 PM
24	If you start making things look too pretty, then you're taking things away from the locals. That's not fair, the locals just want to take a dip, we don't wanna have to float the river every single time we go to the river. You do need to add the access back to Columbia because you've been saying you're gonna do that for the last four years. Miller's Landing should just be left alone because the locals need a spot to go hang out at without being overblown by tourism. You should probably just simmer it down that surf park was supposed to be a good idea but then you took away all the parking. And leave something left for the locals. This is getting ridiculous.	2/6/2023 2:06 PM
25	I like the boulder terracing instead of the railing for concept 2. It looks like concept 2 provides more entry/exit points in a crowded area	2/6/2023 12:26 PM
26	Yes, trees for more shade!	2/6/2023 12:16 PM
27	I would rather keep the existing sand and not add any lawn	2/6/2023 12:05 PM
28	Sand migration onto the ADA ramp has and will be a continual problem. Sadly, both concepts remove some amount of that popular activity (Riverside sand play) in their design, to make room for hard scape elements which may or may not conform to existing WOZ code for hardened artificial structures within 10' of the Deschutes River. I'd like to see some enclosed and perhaps covered sandlot areas maintained above the access ramp, especially if it is to become tree shaded! Also, do something more productive with that goddam concrete edifice to the railroad bridge, like build an observation/yoga deck on it, and plant some more shade trees for picnicking while you are at it please. Why is every single picnic table in this park in direct sun? Having more grass and fewer elevation changes bordered by sand will be a big improvement though, thanks #2.	2/6/2023 11:54 AM
29	I like the lawn and trees to provide a place to sit down without getting sandy and shade from the sun.	2/6/2023 11:27 AM
30	concept 1 seems like it will lead to way more congestion when entering and existing the water.	2/6/2023 11:20 AM
31	As a family dad I have been feeling like we need more beaches for kids. I feel like all the designs have so many stairs and very little "beach" feels. With all these new river points I feel like one should act more like the beach near Farewell Bend Park. Somewhere where kids can play in the sand and the water.	2/6/2023 10:57 AM
32	Try and keep the natural beauty, do not add too many artificial elements	2/6/2023 6:18 AM
33	Grass and trees are better than "sand" area above OHWM.	2/6/2023 5:41 AM
34	Whichever allows less crowding for entrance to river	2/5/2023 10:39 PM
35	I would vote to have "no dogs allowed" at McKay Park. It's one of the only easily accessible river beaches for young kids to play and wade in the water. With that in mind, I voted for concept 2 because it seems to allow the most use for people: those with mobility needs, those transferring out of the water, and those wanting to wade in the beach area.	2/5/2023 8:43 PM
36	I prefer this access point	2/5/2023 8:28 PM
37	Handrail on stairs is helpful for accessibility.	2/5/2023 7:54 PM
38	Concept #2 seems to fit the surroundings better and feels safer	2/5/2023 7:54 PM
39	I prefer the additions to look as natural with our native surroundings as possible.	2/5/2023 7:42 PM
40	Do not take River access away from Columbia Park	2/5/2023 5:57 PM
41	Keep access as it is, People need access!	2/5/2023 5:41 PM
42	I prefer added trees to the area. Plenty of access points.	2/5/2023 9:28 AM
43	With all of Central Oregon in a drought, we should not add additional lawn to public spaces when there are already so many with lawn near McKay Park.	2/4/2023 9:23 PM
44	Most open space and more sand is nice	2/4/2023 8:44 PM

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45	Need better access to get in and out of water. Too many places for people to crowd	2/4/2023 1:22 PM
46	I like concept 2 because it moves kayak and paddle board launch points away from tubers exiting the rapids.	2/4/2023 11:05 AM
47	Taking out water craft easier	2/3/2023 4:27 PM
48	No	2/3/2023 7:32 AM
49	Makes it more accessible while maintaining the current sand bank	2/2/2023 3:41 PM
50	No	2/2/2023 2:51 PM
51	Sand is important for the kids. One of the few spots in the area for it.	2/2/2023 2:35 PM
52	Provides more access.	2/2/2023 12:02 PM
53	Big fan of the sand. Not a big fan of the steps in concept.	2/2/2023 10:23 AM
54	Looks more finished and while at first the grass turned me off because it could be used as an animal potty area, I think grass over the super horrible summer HOT rocks looks much better.	2/2/2023 10:17 AM
55	Wider steps in #2 is a better option	2/2/2023 9:29 AM
56	I think either concept is viable, but #2 seems to offer more developed space that I think will help distribute user pressure (and thus allow accessible components to be successfully used by those who need them). #2 also seems more visually appealing.	2/2/2023 9:27 AM
57	But with the lawn and trees in #2	2/2/2023 9:23 AM
58	#1 seems to have better access to the river. I like more lawn, though. So #1 with more lawn.	2/2/2023 9:21 AM
59	Steps are tricky when carrying a boat. I think existing sand approach is better.	2/2/2023 9:08 AM
60	All stairs are good	2/2/2023 9:03 AM
61	Less the best !	2/1/2023 10:31 PM
62	Dog access will be allowed, yes?	2/1/2023 8:56 PM
63	#2 seems to provide more space for people on the water's edge.	2/1/2023 8:08 PM
64	The second concept provides better access to the rapids upstream as well as creates more access points to the river. It feels more integrated into the landing area.	2/1/2023 3:54 PM
65	There are steps all over both concepts. Steps are not a great way to enter or exit the river with a tube, which lots of people are doing at this location.	2/1/2023 2:45 PM
66	Concept #2 will provide more green space and shade in the future.	2/1/2023 2:16 PM
67	No additional feedback	2/1/2023 2:02 PM
68	Keep it simple please.	2/1/2023 1:31 PM
69	Actually, I'm okay with either one or two.	2/1/2023 1:26 PM
70	This is one of few sand areas, please keep. Recc. Also clarifying the play area vs the boat in/out areas along the seat wall to minimize conflicts between kids n other users	2/1/2023 12:40 PM
71	If sand gone in concept 2, people will use and trample new grass	2/1/2023 12:37 PM
72	This is a better layout. #1 smashes every access point and person into one area. #2 is better with spreading out and giving more room for more people to enjoy the area.	2/1/2023 11:59 AM
73	Concept one shows a sharp concrete barrier protruding into the water right in the spot where the tubes exit the rapids. Seems like it might cause injuries. Concept one removes almost all the sand from the beach!?! Kids love sand and there aren't many sandy beaches for them to play on already.	2/1/2023 10:13 AM
74	I like the stairs more off to the side than in the middle. Middle seems to chop up the area more. Also like that #2 leaves more of the "kids area" intact	2/1/2023 9:56 AM
75	More shade trees is really important. I also prefer more grass rather than sand.	2/1/2023 9:37 AM

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76	It's a high traffic area, the more robust the infrastructure the better.	2/1/2023 9:28 AM
77	I also liked concept #1 b/c I'd like to keep the sand. But concept #2 seems more open w/ more access points to the water which is key during peak summer months.	2/1/2023 9:13 AM
78	I really like the accessibility options for those with mobility challenges. If you put grass in that area, it will get trashed and I think maintaining sand allows for families and children more access.	2/1/2023 8:56 AM
79	I like the lawn, shade trees and boulders	2/1/2023 8:39 AM
80	More natural looking while maintaining enough sand area for kids.	2/1/2023 8:34 AM
81	Just seems simpler to navigate in big summer crowds	2/1/2023 8:12 AM
82	McKay park needs beautification! The addition of more lawn and shade trees and boulders instead of concrete and dirty sand areas that people don't want to sit on will add much needed useable space and visual appeal.	2/1/2023 8:00 AM
83	Concrete path from street to water; larger eddy for take out	2/1/2023 7:08 AM
84	Keep the sand do not replace with grass. There is plenty of grass already. As a mom of four kids they loved to go play in the sand when they were younger.	2/1/2023 6:56 AM
85	No preference between concepts	2/1/2023 6:06 AM
86	Ease of access is key for all.	1/31/2023 11:22 PM
87	I like the grass	1/31/2023 10:57 PM
88	heavy use here so a more robust solution makes sense. Addition of trees is also nice.	1/31/2023 6:42 PM
89	A sandy beach is very desirable.	1/31/2023 6:40 PM
90	Not sure why anyone would propose grass in a drought county. Loved concept 2 but don't like the grass.	1/31/2023 3:15 PM
91	I prefer the greenery and the new trees. I'm not sure how I feel about the concrete "curve" on the accessible path. Does it look out of place? Concept 2 provides a lot of options for people and a better long-term plan.	1/31/2023 1:05 PM
92	Safer for everyone to access. We love dogs but it would be nice if it's not covered with pee and poop. The dog park next to the river smells horrible.	1/31/2023 12:58 PM
93	I like the natural rock steps that function as a seating wall on this design. Keeping sand above the pathway down would minimize water use, would that cause issues with sand intrusion onto the path or could that be avoided (which we absolutely want to avoid)?	1/31/2023 10:29 AM
94	Concept 2 seems more accessible	1/30/2023 9:21 PM
95	Rumor has it BPRD will only be allowing river access to dogs at the dog park beach by the District HQ. My dog is old & cannot jump into the river from the shore rocks there - nor can she get out of the river due to the rocks. This is true of my neighbor's small dog and my friend's disabled dog. I hope these rumors are untrue and dogs will still be able to swim from these 4 areas. Otherwise, you are discriminating against a lot of dogs and their owners - afterall, all dogs eventually get old. DEI policies need to include dogs also! Bend is hot in the summer and ALL dogs should have safe access to the river - not just large & able bodied ones. Most of Bend dog owners are GOOD owners. Please don't discriminate against our dogs.	1/30/2023 8:19 PM
96	Please consider adding picnic benches to the new grassy area under the trees (shown in concept #2).	1/30/2023 7:47 PM
97	I think the existing setup is just fine and funding should be saved for higher need updates.	1/30/2023 1:13 PM
98	I like that concept one had more sand near the river. That seems like a location we get a lot of families with kids playing in the sand. Other than that, I thought both concepts were an improvement on existing.	1/30/2023 9:49 AM
99	My 21yr old Son is quadriplegic. The amazing thing about bend is there are many outdoor activities we can still do with him. We currently use McKay park to get him in a tandem tube that supports him along with an adaptive tandem kayak and will float or kayak down to drake	1/30/2023 8:52 AM

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park. The issue with option 2 is the boulders along the concrete ramp will make it difficult to xfer him in/out of his wheelchair and into a tube or kayak. This is a manual process requiring 3 people. Today we can do this given the ramp has no barrier between the ramp and the water level. The 2nd concept would also be ok as long as the boulders next to the ramp do not get installed and the ramp interface is kept "clean"

100	Concept 2 minimizes the use of the sand beach that tends to erode away pretty fast in this area. I like the terraced rock walls suggested at all 3 of these parks, McKay, Miller & Columbia. I think this application throughout this corridor will tie the parks & these projects together nicely.	1/28/2023 4:06 PM
101	The access areas are broader and I think will be easier to use.	1/28/2023 3:39 PM
102	We don't need more grass to water and take care of...keep the sand for a more beachy experience.	1/28/2023 10:13 AM
103	Concept 1 and 2 both take away too much of the sand beach. This area is the most popular with small children and their families. Make improvements, but keep at least half as sand beach.	1/27/2023 2:26 PM
104	Having the long concrete seat wall will make a pinch point for people getting into and out of the river.	1/27/2023 11:55 AM
105	Great for accessibility - my partner is a wheelchair user	1/27/2023 10:20 AM
106	I am opposed to all plans that do not take into consideration dog access to the river, that should be included at all sites.	1/27/2023 9:48 AM
107	I recommend refining concept 1 to focus on mobility and access, repair and protect erosive conditions, and avoiding and minimizing impacts to fringe wetlands and the river channel.	1/27/2023 6:31 AM
108	I can't really tell the difference between the 2 drawings, but I love the ramp into the water	1/27/2023 5:46 AM
109	I'd love to blend the two concepts by implementing the river access of concept #2 and retain the sandy beach between the river and the street that is in concept #1. Without knowing all the factors, my thinking is that more green = more water and use of resources.	1/26/2023 9:38 PM
110	I think the grass and additional trees are a really nice touch. The rock steps along the grass are a great place for people to sit.	1/26/2023 6:33 PM
111	I like the staircase, rocks for seating and grass and trees will make feel more park like.	1/26/2023 6:33 PM
112	Grass is much easier and cleaner to load and unload on and gives more recreating space	1/25/2023 6:25 PM
113	it will be difficult to keep the cutout open, if it is to be used for tube unloading. It will definitely be a gathering spot/wading spot.	1/25/2023 2:17 PM
114	I worry about all the hard rock surfaces and terraces creating unsafe conditions for young children wading and playing at the water's edge. Currently the gravel covering the concrete sections becomes very slippery and I have observed children and adults frequently falling while trying to traverse the concrete sections.	1/25/2023 9:18 AM
115	It's nice to have once access point have more sand	1/24/2023 9:38 PM
116	Better accessibility and space for families.	1/24/2023 3:32 PM
117	Like the trees instead of just concrete	1/24/2023 2:24 PM
118	Design will only deteriorate other areas with increased erosion, please consult people who know how rivers and currents work before taxpayers once again have to pay for more riverbank work due to bad designs.	1/24/2023 12:44 PM
119	I feel like the trees would be nice, but kayaks and SUPs would be all over the new grass, would be more cost effective to leave it gravel.	1/24/2023 12:10 PM
120	More consistent with the rest of the park	1/24/2023 12:09 PM
121	both concepts work for me. But I like Concept #2 because of the added Grass and Trees.	1/24/2023 11:12 AM
122	Keep the river wild and less accessible by polluting people.	1/24/2023 10:07 AM
123	I like the grass and I like the transfer station being out of the way of the other entry into the	1/24/2023 9:59 AM

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	water.	
124	However, no cost estimates were given for Concept#2. We need to know the costs before agreeing. Also, minimize grass areas and watering as we live in a desert climate at this point.	1/24/2023 9:58 AM
125	good handicap access	1/24/2023 9:55 AM
126	Seems to have a wider base for entry into water. Better use & cleaner look to the area. Lots of folks use this area & the broader you can make the access the better. Bend needs more than 1 over crowded area for dogs to be able to access the river.	1/24/2023 9:54 AM
127	I do not see anything regarding a place where off-leash dogs have any safe access. Bend is doing a terrible job accommodating locals that have dogs and prioritizing tourists. Do better for those that live here with their dogs. Bend is a city where most everyone has a dog. Maybe give dogs and their owners as much consideration as you do for coffee, beer & pot shops.	1/24/2023 9:51 AM
128	I don't feel like you have adequately addressed the Bend population with dogs, which is 50% of us. I don't believe that 50% of the residents float the river, so why are all of the plans for them?	1/24/2023 9:44 AM
129	Concept number 2 is more open. It's so busy in the summer, less obstacles for people to walk around is better.	1/24/2023 9:43 AM
130	Use the current infrastructure and improve it, don't add more new area.	1/24/2023 9:05 AM
131	Love the entry and exit access from river.	1/23/2023 3:21 PM
132	The lawn would seem easier to maintain than sand. The sand in Concept #1 would be hard to keep clean from blown in foliage, animal waste, and insect nesting. PLEASE plant drought resistant trees appropriate for the area.	1/23/2023 1:34 PM
133	I like maintaining the natural features. i.e. sand	1/23/2023 11:01 AM
134	If there is not enough money to do them all this is the spot I would leave alone.	1/23/2023 9:27 AM
135	Adding more concrete and grass is terrible. People like it the way it is.	1/23/2023 7:01 AM
136	Like the additional steps and sitting area in left area of park vs random boulders/minimal seating	1/22/2023 8:13 PM
137	These two options are so similar, but I like the openness from the sidewalk without the rail that almost seems like a barrier.	1/22/2023 7:57 PM
138	I appreciate this proposal which includes accessibility and natural elements.	1/22/2023 7:44 PM
139	Concept 1 seems to take the greatest advantage of what's already there.	1/22/2023 4:11 PM
140	More sand play area	1/22/2023 3:50 PM
141	We like the beach here for kids. The extra concrete doesn't look appealing or natural in any way. Less concrete on the river please.	1/22/2023 3:38 PM
142	much more people friendly and safer	1/22/2023 2:31 PM
143	More functional	1/22/2023 12:16 PM
144	We as taxpayers just spent millions of dollars 6 years ago to retrofit McKay Park - which in my experience mainly benefits tourists. I'm tired of paying for poor planning on Bend's part. Bend is in the habit of not planning ahead for future conditions and is consistently asking for taxpayer \$ to retrofit and/or reconstruct recent infrastructure. It's time that Bend take responsibility for its poor planning for future conditions.	1/22/2023 11:28 AM
145	x	1/22/2023 10:53 AM
146	I think both look good, and either would be beneficial, but I like the separation between the steps and the easy entry (not sure what to call it).	1/22/2023 9:20 AM
147	Prefer the steps	1/22/2023 7:11 AM
148	I prefer sand (because of maintenance and water use) to lawn in this area I also believe the trees will provide needed shade for humans and habitat for birds.	1/22/2023 7:08 AM

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149	More ways to step or wade in with concrete seems easier access.	1/21/2023 10:00 PM
150	It seems that option two at all locations would accommodate more people. The riverbanks take a hard hit. Better to have people at the concrete, instead of dirt. It shocks me every summer at the increasing amount of people who use the river.	1/21/2023 7:45 PM
151	More river access	1/21/2023 6:20 PM
152	The more natural look is much preferred.	1/21/2023 1:11 PM
153	Dog area?	1/21/2023 12:53 PM
154	Keeping a portion of usable "beach" is important as at high use for floaters/kayakers seems to be the design here (walking paths, ramps, etc.) Please don't use sight of the fact that people love this spot to be able to simply get into the river as well. Sitting on the grass and enjoying the view is coupled with enjoying a quieter day on the river with a dip...kids enjoy playing in the sand. Not every day is crushed with floaters! Most times are quieter. Keep a "sandy beach" please!	1/21/2023 9:18 AM
155	I like the trees and concept 2 for McKay park. It feels like there is additional pleasant sitting space, I like the more spacious concrete patio spot, and the second stairway coming up will be less congested. The stairway in concept one looks possibly like a too congested point.	1/20/2023 8:45 PM
156	Love the lawn space and the stone terracing, will make a great seating surface	1/20/2023 8:29 PM
157	Stop making the river cater to tourists who litter and have no respect for the environment. Stop making a natural river like a swimming pool its not. Stop disturbing the river bank and ecosystem. Stop wasting tax payer money.	1/20/2023 6:57 PM
158	Leaves the river more natural then other options.	1/20/2023 6:51 PM
159	More grass??? I vote no, as we live in a desert.	1/20/2023 6:28 PM
160	The boulder terracing is esthetically more pleasing and appears to be more user friendly for both river access and sitting on shore nearby.	1/20/2023 4:59 PM
161	The addition of trees at the take out point not only provides much needed shade (people are often grouped under the few ones), but also helps to mitigate the visual impact of the water park since McCay Park was converted making it more natural in feel. The second scenario also provides for two points where families with small children could come and wade. This was my primary use of the park when my children were young. An additional consideration would be to add a few more boulders to the existing one around the south "beach" area (out from the shore) to discourage it being used for take out and encourage it as an area for children to engage in water play.	1/20/2023 1:55 PM
162	There is too much recreation in a place where wildlife call home. Wildlife are losing out when we encourage more and more recreation in the river. Grassy banks favor wildlife. All the development and more entertainment plans destroys vital habitat. Please begin considering wildlife needs in our city, not just dogs and human entertainment. Thank you. I am high risk for COVID and do not attend in person meetings.	1/20/2023 1:48 PM
163	I feel this area is already developed enough	1/20/2023 1:26 PM
164	I believe this rendering would provide better entry for kayaks.	1/20/2023 8:58 AM
165	more space is needed. this area gets so overcrowded	1/20/2023 8:27 AM
166	Like the bouldering look better.	1/20/2023 6:36 AM
167	Dog access please	1/20/2023 6:19 AM
168	I like the tree area	1/20/2023 6:03 AM
169	Kids enjoy playing in the sand.	1/20/2023 5:54 AM
170	Need to keep as much of the sandy beach area as possible	1/20/2023 3:46 AM
171	I think the parts jutting out into the water could be shorter. And the sea wall could be changed because it is partially cutting off the sand section between it and the rocks.	1/19/2023 11:37 PM
172	I like where the access point is located and not installing the new fence. I don't care whether grass is installed or left sandy.	1/19/2023 9:40 PM

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173	I think the grass and additional shade from a few trees will greatly increase the user experience. The additional steps and broadened river access will decongest river entry/exit.	1/19/2023 9:18 PM
174	I don't like the idea of replacing existing sand with grass and trees	1/19/2023 8:31 PM
175	The grass and tress make a place for those wanting a little shade.	1/19/2023 8:24 PM
176	request minimum footprint and limit access to only park access. and fence off all other areas to protect habitat and river shore. since mostly tourist use - pay for these 3 projects with new hotel tax and not through property taxes.	1/19/2023 8:07 PM
177	Please make sure the plan includes parking	1/19/2023 7:28 PM
178	fix the white water wave features so they run year round. this will have a massive economic impact as well as ecological. Both being positive of course. Minor adaptations to the wave adjustment mechanisms can result in a year round wave. Which stimulates the surrounding areas. More money going back to the parks and the community is always a plus!	1/19/2023 6:25 PM
179	I think it is less intrusive visually than option 2 but helps with many if the current issues.	1/19/2023 5:18 PM
180	I like the steps down. Please remove the "sand". It's awful.	1/19/2023 5:04 PM
181	I like the trees for shade but I don't think the park needs any more turf areas. I prefer not having the metal railing so it is easier to access the beach area.	1/19/2023 4:59 PM
182	I don't prefer the metal fence in concept #1--visually & aesthetically unpleasing & is the reason for concept #2 option.	1/19/2023 4:05 PM
183	Concept 1 provides better opportunities for protecting and enhancing important migratory bird habitat values by fencing protection of riparian vegetation on the right side of the concept.	1/19/2023 4:05 PM
184	Maintaining the existing sand area rather than replacing with lawn is a better option-- reduce water consumption, easier to maintain. The heavy foot traffic in that area would make it difficult to successfully grow a healthy lawn. Additionally, many children enjoy digging and playing in the larger sandy area.	1/19/2023 3:51 PM
185	There is already several grassy areas adjacent to the water access at McKay park, I think there is too much traffic in that area for grass, Also Many many children play in the sand	1/19/2023 3:50 PM
186	I love the design, but would like to see sand retained	1/19/2023 3:22 PM
187	I really like the tree and grassy area in place of the sand.	1/19/2023 3:06 PM
188	I prefer Concept 2 because there isn't a rail blocking the sand next to the river. A lot of kids climb on the rocks and play on the sand while the parents sit closer to the parking lot. This rail prevents parents from quickly getting to their kids in case of emergency. Leave it out but leave the sand near the parking lot. Kids love to play in the sand in this area too.	1/19/2023 2:45 PM
189	None of the proposed features in the concepts provide natural features: vegetation, cobble, or really anything that benefits wildlife coexistence. Fish species need slow water refugio, not concrete. So the absence of those features is a shame. However if pressed the first concept looks safer as I have seen kids trip and fall entering the water thus a railing and steps makes sense, in that regard.	1/19/2023 2:17 PM
190	Concept #2 is preferred, but with less amounts of boulder terracing and more shoreline sand area down-stream.	1/19/2023 2:11 PM
191	Live this spot, this will only improve access, nice work BPRD.	1/19/2023 2:08 PM
192	The two separate staircases will help ensure that the ramp is not overly congested	1/19/2023 2:01 PM
193	I like the idea of having some trees or green area fairly close to the river, as opposed to sand.	1/19/2023 1:58 PM
194	I think it appears more accessible and functional.	1/19/2023 1:52 PM
195	Would like to find a place to have a fly casting demo/instruction area similar to the one in Old Mill District. The owners of Old Mill are considering eliminating the old site. The new site could be at Pine Nursery or other location along Deschutes River owned by BPRD.	1/19/2023 1:31 PM
196	Structured green space, seating with view	1/19/2023 12:42 PM

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197	Love the transfer station, Shade and cool grass are critical for individuals who have heat sensitivity and need shade in order to enjoy the outdoors with loved ones. Would be nice to consider making the accessible ramp on the south side for quicker access to the restrooms- many people with walkers and wheelchairs also have incontinence and need to get to a restroom quickly. Shade is critical, and for someone who will be leaving their wheelchair at the dock, the shade will prevent their seat from being overheated when they return. The grass and trees also allow older adults with heat sensitivity to have a shaded area closer to their family members who may be playing in the water. Love the accessible dock, make sure the benches are wide enough for someone to safely sit on them.	1/19/2023 11:59 AM
198	More green space	1/19/2023 11:43 AM
199	2 looks like it would accommodate more people, which will be very important as Bend grows	1/19/2023 11:41 AM
200	A bigger/longer rock barrier between the tubers and the lowest kayak wave would be nice. People frequently get sucked into that big Eddie on river left of the lowest wave and can't get out. Often people jump off their tube without a life jacket where it's too deep. Then they try to pull/swim them and their buddies away, which is rather tricky in that current. It's not very safe.	1/19/2023 11:35 AM
201	Hand rails into the water look very bad and give the impression of an unfinished project. Takes away the natural look of a water front park.	1/19/2023 11:20 AM
202	Concept 2 seems more open -- a bit concerned about excessive railings for concept 1	1/19/2023 10:59 AM
203	Necessary improvement	1/19/2023 10:43 AM
204	Seems overall best- for disabled, kayaks, floaters & swimmers. Plus- looks nicer as well. Lifetime resident of Bend (47 years) & I feel this Looks like a BPR design and best serves the Entire community!	1/19/2023 10:00 AM
205	I use the beach area with my small children and would like to keep the sand. I like the idea of better access and a more "structured" entry to the water	1/19/2023 9:47 AM
206	Shade and cool grass are critical for individuals who have heat sensitivity and need shade in order to enjoy the outdoors with loved ones. Would be nice to consider making the accessible ramp on the south side for quicker access to the restrooms- many people with walkers and wheelchairs also have incontinence and need to get to a restroom quickly.	1/19/2023 9:41 AM
207	The railing in concept 1 blocks access to the river. Concept 2 is better	1/19/2023 9:30 AM
208	Provide for maintaining sand. Loss of sand will be detrimental to the overall concept.	1/19/2023 9:25 AM
209	It appears that Option 1 provides easier access for kayaks and paddleboards due to less stairs.	1/19/2023 8:59 AM
210	Heavily used area and this option creates more access	1/19/2023 8:58 AM
211	This leaves more sand.	1/19/2023 8:54 AM
212	I would like to see minimal cement and keep area as natural as possible but also safe	1/19/2023 8:53 AM
213	The sand area is important for family "beach" recreation. Kids like to dig and play in the sand. Replacing it with grass would take this away while requiring lawn maintenance.	1/19/2023 8:49 AM
214	I like the shade provided by the trees, the comfort of the grass (over sand), but the inclusion of the sandy beach at the water level. I also like the hardscape seating areas.	1/19/2023 8:46 AM
215	We should not add any more grass to new developments	1/19/2023 8:36 AM
216	Do not like the steps...easier to carry kayak/etc without steps..big bolders in water is more a hazard..prefer the natural way...stop messing with nature and trying to overdevelop Bend...its bad enough with the growth.	1/19/2023 8:14 AM
217	In favor of access for wheelchairs but it seems option 2 would help with congestion more? Ideally a solution that helps with congestion and offers wheelchair access.	1/19/2023 8:13 AM
218	Turf in concept 2 will be difficult to maintain and would not grow well due to high traffic	1/19/2023 8:04 AM
219	more grass	1/19/2023 7:57 AM
220	I like the more natural look of McKay Park Concept #2, and encourage creative ways to	1/19/2023 7:53 AM

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	incorporate a more natural handrail to blend in better than a metal railing.	
221	Sand area makes much more sense than trying to maintain grass in a heavily trafficked area	1/19/2023 7:47 AM
222	Adding a bunch of walls, rocks, and concrete would make this area so much less enjoyable for everyone to use while also making congestion worse because it's more difficult to move along the shore. If you look at what people are doing, most avoid the existing concrete and rocks because it's uncomfortable in bare feet and scratches paddleboards and kayaks. This is the best beach in Bend for kiddos to wade and play in the sand (the others don't have the right kind of sand) so reducing the sand areas would be a huge loss.	1/19/2023 7:46 AM
223	Both concepts appear to be an improvement, but #2 looks like it would alleviate the problem of constant sand on the paths.	1/19/2023 7:35 AM
224	Be nice to also have a low wall along the edge of the grass against the sidewalk to provide a barrier between the cars and the new grassy area - using the new grassy area with small kids would feel much safer if we didn't have to worry about kids wandering into the parking spots and street	1/19/2023 7:33 AM
225	Like the grass, trees and terracing	1/19/2023 7:30 AM
226	The existing sand gets pushed onto the concrete within a day after the hard work from the city employees. It blocks accessible access right away. Having grass in the upper section will solve this issue.	1/19/2023 7:21 AM
227	More take out and put in spaces. Very crowded	1/19/2023 7:14 AM
228	I don't see much of a difference between these two concepts. Either is fine	1/19/2023 7:01 AM
229	The current sand is a mess and will end up in the river. The grass is nice to sit on and keeps the soil contained. Nice steps and river access in both options	1/19/2023 6:56 AM
230	Better access for everyone and larger area for people and dogs.	1/19/2023 6:39 AM
231	Prefer the grouted boulder look which has a more natural look overall.	1/19/2023 6:36 AM
232	Neither option, it is pretty obvious once again BMPR is having people design things without putting any actual thought into the actual users and how it will be used. Then a few years from now we will have to rebuild it again. Designed for failure!...again!... what part of building a peninsula directly above a "unnatural sand bar" "eddies cause erosion" How many times do the residents of Bend have to pay for incompetence design work by BMPR and the people they contract to design work!!!	1/19/2023 4:51 AM
233	We have very little "beach" in Bend, like both concepts but keeping it sanding with concept 1 is a win.	1/18/2023 10:53 PM
234	I prefer the wider staircase for #2	1/18/2023 10:25 PM
235	Not interested in the lawn - save water and use the sand. I do think people would like the lawn better though.. tough call. Whatever is most environmentally friendly	1/18/2023 10:04 PM
236	Open stairs allow more traffic to pass when busy	1/18/2023 9:03 PM
237	Love the addition of steps and seating as well as the improved access	1/18/2023 8:46 PM
238	Option appears to be more open to users, especially needed for large volume of tubers exiting water. Plus people will just hop the railing in concept 1	1/18/2023 8:27 PM
239	The trees are great	1/18/2023 8:22 PM
240	Love the accessibility and considerations for a seating wall where transfers can happen for people in wheelchairs. Getting down to the rivers edge in a wheelchair is really great too.	1/18/2023 7:55 PM
241	you need to think much more closely about the narrow "Slot" for walking that's been created south of the curved path. In all these options at McKay Park..seems that there is a "lot going on" with various grades, different surfaces. I don't think this plan is as well thought out as it could be. Simplify, don't add so many different features. Think about how getting into and out of river at peak use times will work..you've created too many obstacles to safely go in and out of river. Consider phased implementation....do some improvements in year 1, see how it works..and complete balance in year 2.	1/18/2023 7:53 PM

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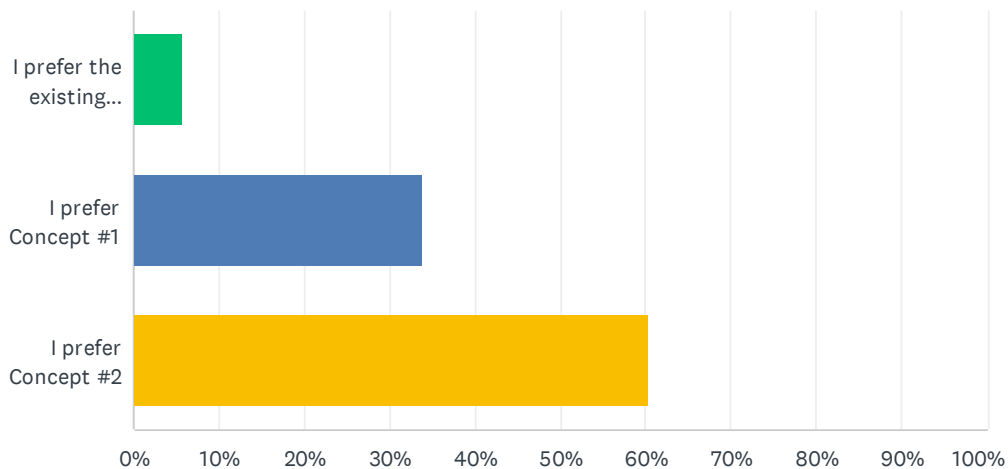
242	tree shade would be amazing in the summer	1/18/2023 7:10 PM
243	Concept 1 seemed dangerous for young children and had no additional shade. My only concern for Concept #2 is the large staircase to the left... Is it possible to also have a ramp for wheelchair access? Otherwise what is the wheelchair access? To go all the way up then down?	1/18/2023 7:01 PM
244	more trees and looks better	1/18/2023 6:50 PM
245	Don't do boulders for water stairs, the grout will fail eventually and raise risk of entrapment. Concrete just be rough for safety	1/18/2023 6:32 PM
246	Don't want to replace the sand with lawn due to watering.	1/18/2023 6:28 PM
247	Looks more accessible for all people	1/18/2023 6:27 PM
248	I prefer expanding access and in water seating and safe kid play zones via boulders but less grass (limit water use)	1/18/2023 6:19 PM
249	The less grass the better! Plus the sand is fun for little kids	1/18/2023 6:15 PM
250	Please keep the sand. It's one of the few "beaches" in Bend	1/18/2023 6:10 PM
251	Concept 1 has jutting concrete in metal and places that disrupt flow. Also nobody uses the current sandy area. it should not be kept and replaced with more usable grass area	1/18/2023 6:06 PM
252	Prefer sand to grass in our high desert environment	1/18/2023 5:32 PM
253	Upper area should be grass and trees. It's really hot on the sand mid-day. And this eliminates the sand covering the wheelchair access problem. The rock wall provides a lot of space for people.	1/18/2023 5:31 PM
254	Parents want to be able to see their younger kids boogey boarding on the lower part of the wave. The steps are in the perfect location to keep an eye on that part of the wave. When it's hot, quite a few people want to linger in the water and it looks like there is more room for this in #2.	1/18/2023 5:04 PM
255	like all the options for kids	1/18/2023 4:03 PM
256	which ever concept is most cost efficient, as Park/Rec already spends a lot of tax payer money on parks. ALSO WE need more kayak access south of Colorado river. The only access is too crowded!	1/18/2023 3:51 PM
257	I didn't like how concept 2 removed the beach area that is frequently used. I don't think the grass terrace will work for the area as it doesn't allow more open play for kids and the grass will get destroyed there anyway due to people resting blanket and tubes on it constantly	1/18/2023 3:19 PM
258	Heavy use...more steps make sense	1/18/2023 3:17 PM
259	This park is heavily used by children for swimming. The proposed additions will make that more difficult, but will not minimize the number of swimmers, making it even more chaotic than it is now.	1/18/2023 3:15 PM
260	too much concrete!	1/18/2023 2:25 PM
261	we don't need more grass in bend, keep natural materials.	1/18/2023 1:41 PM
262	I think the grass is more desirable for more people, in concept a 'beach' like area seems good, but becomes a collector of garbage, pet droppings, etc. Grass can be kept nicer.	1/18/2023 1:32 PM
263	Concept 2 looks more natural and just as functional as Concept 1.	1/18/2023 1:19 PM
264	Lots of young families and kids enjoying playing at this beach the rocks made it inaccessible for little ones to play in the water. And the ramp is sooo slippery covered in sand, there's no way to keep it clear of sand	1/18/2023 1:16 PM
265	The concrete landing on #2 looks to be quite a bit larger than necessary	1/18/2023 12:56 PM
266	The addition of trees and lawn instead of the existing sand is great. It will provide a cleaner more beautiful area and provide some much needed areas of shade.	1/18/2023 12:32 PM
267	The minimal upgrades meet accessibility but don't cost as much. Future maintenance will also	1/18/2023 11:52 AM

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	cost less under this concept.	
268	Concept 2 seems to be the biggest project, but likely the most sustainable with the removal of the upper sand and ample areas for access, many of which look to be accessible for individuals with mobility impairments.	1/18/2023 11:23 AM
269	#1 creates a funnel of access; #2 is broader access.	1/18/2023 10:58 AM
270	This is a BUSY access point. I like the loss of the railing, creating more river access. I like the trees to provide some shade. It would be nice if the boulder terracing can also be seating. I wonder about users creating a new path across the lawn to access the transfer station and sand beach.	1/18/2023 9:52 AM
271	More kid-friendly/safer in general. Kids love the sand as well.	1/18/2023 9:35 AM
272	Larger steps for easier access for multiple people, and larger space to accommodate the number of people who will be utilizing the space	1/18/2023 9:15 AM
273	I like the grassy and shaded area for people wanting to lounge and have a cool place to relax. I also feel like the 2nd option offers a better transfer station and areas for people to get in and out of the river.	1/17/2023 12:33 PM

Q3 Which concept best represents the types of enhancements you feel are most appropriate for this location?

Answered: 503 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer the existing conditions	5.77%	29
I prefer Concept #1	34.00%	171
I prefer Concept #2	60.24%	303
TOTAL		503

Q4 Please provide additional feedback, either in favor or against, specific elements within these concepts.

Answered: 246 Skipped: 276

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more inclusive	2/14/2023 1:58 PM
2	Please keep it simple and talk with actual residents and users. Anything is better than the original design.	2/8/2023 10:06 PM
3	Much prefer the natural stone appearance to the boardwalk. The stone preserves the more wild / rugged nature of our locale.	2/8/2023 9:52 PM
4	Again as a family with a wheelchair user, I love the options here with the accessibility to really get close to the water. I like this second concept because of it's more natural look and the seating in and near the river with the rock formations. As for the kayak ramp, I think both options look great and cant say that I'd be upset about either. And again I appreciate the lawn replacement of the sand for accessibility reasons as it tends to stay more flush with the walkways than sand does overtime.	2/8/2023 8:48 PM
5	I can't see how either concept will protect the really degraded area to the left. People will continue to trash that even with upgrades to the area on the right.	2/8/2023 8:27 PM
6	Adding trees and rock facade	2/8/2023 7:02 PM
7	Water access	2/8/2023 6:07 PM
8	I think the access for kayaks will be helpful and I like the rocks that lead into the water.	2/8/2023 3:51 PM
9	I like this concept, but with the trees for shade :)	2/8/2023 10:38 AM
10	I would prefer Concept 1, however the parking access to this park for the public is not that great so it feels like the money spent here is mainly for those who dwell in the neighborhood. I'd rather see money spent where it benefits the greater community	2/8/2023 8:29 AM
11	Concept 2 is very focused on kayak access, vs SUP.	2/8/2023 8:11 AM
12	This is a great area for dogs to have access to the water for play and exercise. I did not see a Concept that supports access for dogs in the water so I'd say leave as is.	2/7/2023 7:53 PM
13	Dock is good idea	2/7/2023 4:28 PM
14	roller kayak launch in #2 looks unnatural and appears could be used for unintended purposes	2/7/2023 12:28 PM
15	Concept #1 is nice but still too elaborate. The Dock area is way too big! A more simple design would be great	2/7/2023 11:24 AM
16	Having the stairs as an additional access point to the river is ideal!	2/7/2023 10:52 AM
17	Seems to blend in a little more, a more natural look	2/7/2023 8:35 AM
18	Now is pretty limited, don't need canoe roller system	2/7/2023 5:39 AM
19	This is very inaccessible to the water, but the rolling kayak thing is too much as there are many types of watercraft in the area.	2/6/2023 9:47 PM
20	I really like the dock with kayak launch, wood bench and boardwalk. I have no preference on the sand versus trees and grass in concept #2.	2/6/2023 5:14 PM
21	Access for Ada is awesome	2/6/2023 2:12 PM
22	While I don't think grass/lawn is the best environmentally, I do think this area is underutilized today and adding the grass in concept 2 would provide more lounging space in a crowded area.	2/6/2023 12:28 PM

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I take my paddle board in/out of this area frequently and would appreciate easier/safer access to do that that both concepts provide.

23	Yes to the kayak rollers!	2/6/2023 12:17 PM
24	Again, I prefer to keep all existing sand and not put in any lawn	2/6/2023 12:07 PM
25	Access to the river from this spot was always part of the promise, but never delivered upon. A re-grooming of the bottom area and hydraulic engineering of a solid eddy system will make this a safe and more useable swimming zone as well. #2s rock rib at the top of the access seems to possibly hint at that. Again, some concerns that the design does not conform to existing WOZ protocol. Adding shade trees will be a huge win, and it would be worth investigating keeping some sandbox areas, perhaps with cloth covers to keep cats out of where the children play when not in use? Maybe some other elemental play structures such as log piles and bouldering rocks to pay homage to Miller's Landings lumbering heritage and give the littles something to do while their hippy parents get their cold plunge on? What protects the riparian habitat upstream and downstream of this improved access? Especially after the Old Mill Properties develops the dirt dog park lot there will be a lot of pressure on this and all other river access sites by unsanctioned off leash dog use, and dogs only respond to thoughtful design, not signs.	2/6/2023 12:02 PM
26	I like the lawn, trees and boulder terracing but don't think the shad structure or roller kayak launch is necessary.	2/6/2023 11:30 AM
27	Option 2 looks the best but that kayak roller ramp looks costly and can't imagine it will be much better than a simpler option. I'd also worry about a small child playing in there and getting their foot caught	2/6/2023 11:22 AM
28	Do not add too many artificial elements or remove natural beauty	2/6/2023 6:18 AM
29	Too much riparian habitat is impacted by proposal 2.	2/6/2023 5:43 AM
30	Concept 2 seemed to have the friendliest type of ramp for people with mobility issues. Getting from a wheelchair down to a boardwalk, then lowering oneself down below the boardwalk in concept 1 seems like it would be difficult. I like the idea of a specific kayak launch with a ramp that makes it easier to enter/exit the water with watercraft.	2/5/2023 8:45 PM
31	Yes	2/5/2023 8:28 PM
32	I like turning the sandy area back into lawn	2/5/2023 10:29 AM
33	Kayak launch is nice. If coupled with swimmer access, you're likely to get more congestion and swimmers getting hit by kayaks.	2/5/2023 9:29 AM
34	Again, we should not add lawn when there is already so much right in the park.	2/4/2023 9:29 PM
35	Prefer the natural rock and not the boat dock idea	2/4/2023 8:45 PM
36	I like the grass and the improved launch facilities.	2/4/2023 11:07 AM
37	More usability	2/3/2023 4:27 PM
38	Downstream access would be appropriate for dog swimming.	2/3/2023 10:41 AM
39	No	2/3/2023 7:33 AM
40	I wish you could revegetate the left hand side and build out right. I am not seeing this option.	2/2/2023 6:30 PM
41	No	2/2/2023 2:51 PM
42	Again prefer access to some sand for kids to play.	2/2/2023 2:35 PM
43	Provides more access.	2/2/2023 12:03 PM
44	That Kayak launch thing in Concept #2 doesn't seem very practical. People can still launch kayaks in Concept 1.	2/2/2023 10:23 AM
45	Natural looking...Docks are great, but they look like a lawsuit ready to happen.	2/2/2023 10:19 AM
46	This access point is away from the more populated parts of the river	2/2/2023 9:44 AM
47	Having steps into the water along with the kayak chute provides more points of easier access	2/2/2023 9:35 AM

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48	I really am okay with either 1 or 2. I think my decision depends on what type of use the city envisions. #1 seems to encourage primarily boat launching, whereas #2 seems to promote broader (and potentially heavier) use from swimmers, dog owners, and people just generally hanging out. I like aspects of both concepts. I like the trees of #2, I like the boardwalk of #2. I'm not sure I see a ton of value added for sunscreen.	2/2/2023 9:29 AM
49	Again, I like #1 overall, but with the lawn and trees in #2	2/2/2023 9:25 AM
50	Again, I like #1, only with the lawn area shown in #2.	2/2/2023 9:22 AM
51	With concept 1, people will jump of the dock and break their neck for sure. What does concept 1 provide besides a viewing dock? Concept 2 is safer, less likely flipping boats and falling off.	2/2/2023 9:10 AM
52	Love the ramp concept. I'd want the bar people hang onto potentially to be movable to the water height. Bench too? When water levels change staff adjust the ramp.	2/2/2023 9:06 AM
53	replace sod with sand; keep trees	2/2/2023 9:03 AM
54	Please provide or allow for access by dogs. They need to be able to swim in calm areas. the dog access now has many rocks and is difficult for some dogs. My dog is afraid to go into the river with all the rocks and uneven ground.	2/2/2023 7:09 AM
55	Dog access, yes?	2/1/2023 8:56 PM
56	#2 looks like it provides more seating and water access options. Not sure if the kayak access is a danger though if kids try to walk on the submerged rollers?	2/1/2023 8:11 PM
57	Concept #1 seems the most user friendly for all kinds of river sports and enjoyment	2/1/2023 4:58 PM
58	The floating dock in concept #1 seems to allow access to a wider variety of rivercraft (kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, and tubes). I like the idea of a possible shade structure integrated into concept #1.	2/1/2023 3:57 PM
59	The roller launch in concept 2 doesn't seem very useful.	2/1/2023 2:46 PM
60	Who will cover the cost of the park being destroyed due to the increase in traffic and parking will fill up on the street too	2/1/2023 1:32 PM
61	I like this design better than a dock but wonder about maintaining rollers	2/1/2023 1:29 PM
62	It's nice that this side has less play and frolic areas and can be for less energized use than McKay park, please don't keep sand and expand those activities.	2/1/2023 12:42 PM
63	Only prefer 1 because not sure how you take the kayak out on the rollers. Otherwise, concept 1 and 2 would be a tossup	2/1/2023 12:38 PM
64	#2 allows for more access to the water. I really like the stone steps, this allows for people to sit with their feet in the water. #1 doesn't allow for anyone to enjoy the water.	2/1/2023 12:01 PM
65	It's a nice spot as is..	2/1/2023 10:14 AM
66	Like the boardwalk extension. Don't see a need for shad structure in #2	2/1/2023 9:57 AM
67	I like more trees/grass, feels more open without the long railing	2/1/2023 9:40 AM
68	Good parking at Miller's, so the better ADA elements are worth it.	2/1/2023 9:29 AM
69	I would like to keep the sand for the kids and I don't think we need the shade structure. But I feel that concept #2 enables ability to easily dip in the water whereas concept #1 feels like it is only helpful for water vehicles & not swimmers	2/1/2023 9:15 AM
70	I worry with the dock space on concept #1 that there will be trouble with people "posting up" on the dock with chairs, etc, preventing others from easy ingress/egress. I also much prefer the water access from stairs in concept #2.	2/1/2023 9:08 AM
71	Again, this is a much safer option (ramp, railings, steps) for many people not just those with mobility issues.	2/1/2023 8:58 AM
72	I like the lawn, shade trees and boulders. I see pros and cons to each of the kayak launches.	2/1/2023 8:42 AM
73	More natural looking but the oversized kayak access point is a bit much. Prefer the rocks into the water over the dock.	2/1/2023 8:36 AM

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74	Seems like a cleaner design. But ADA pros should have the final say on what version is most functional. Love the increased neighborhood access.	2/1/2023 8:13 AM
75	More lawn and trees for shade, boulders for a more natural look.	2/1/2023 8:06 AM
76	Easier for kids to get in an out of the water.	2/1/2023 6:57 AM
77	The roller kayak thing looks ridiculous and will be full of weeds and trash immediately	2/1/2023 6:07 AM
78	I like trees and grass	1/31/2023 10:57 PM
79	staggered stone depth entrance makes the most sense for getting into and out of the water!	1/31/2023 8:32 PM
80	I think the dock looks nice. And a break from too much concrete – has a more natural feel.	1/31/2023 6:44 PM
81	Seemed the most useful across the biggest group of residents	1/31/2023 3:16 PM
82	I like the many options for people accessing the river. I'm not sure about the kayak ramp yet, it's a bit overboard? Is it easy for paddle board to get in also. I like the added trees. Can we do a wooden bench instead of concrete? Concrete will get very hot. Maybe adding the kayak access on concept 1. That might work just as well and take up less space. I do like the boulders and design.	1/31/2023 1:09 PM
83	Safer for everyone	1/31/2023 12:59 PM
84	Preference for this more natural looking design. Same comment as previous about the sand. I think keeping the sand here makes sense, but would add in shade trees with the sand so it's more comfortable to use.	1/31/2023 10:30 AM
85	You are going to infuriate the residents who live on the banks of the river.	1/31/2023 2:24 AM
86	Love the roller board for kayaks and the more natural access to the river. Love the sand is being replaced with trees and grass	1/30/2023 9:22 PM
87	I liked the additional trees for concept #2. Both are great though!	1/30/2023 9:49 AM
88	he adaptable kayak roller entrance is preferable as it allows transfer for disabled people who lack upper body function to get transferred into a kayak with no risk of falling into water and on dry land. With option 1 the kayak access would not be usable for people with upper body dysfunction and would be risky for manually transferring in/out of kayak.	1/30/2023 9:04 AM
89	I like the kayak launch!	1/28/2023 8:01 PM
90	Have specific need for ADA Wheel chair access and prefer the ramp over the dock	1/28/2023 5:19 PM
91	Again, I like the terraced rocks entering the river, this tends to give a lot of space for park visitors to hang out at the waters edge. I believe this concept will be less maintenance than the dock/deck concept. I have not used the rolled type of ramp, this could create some ongoing maintenance, I hope it helps get river users with limited mobility an easy access to the water!	1/28/2023 4:14 PM
92	Concept #2 appears that it would be easier to use especially with young kids.	1/28/2023 3:39 PM
93	Prefer Concept #2 with the following modifications: 1) no new shade structure and 2) keep existing sand.	1/28/2023 2:37 PM
94	Again, we don't need more grass and the rocks in the sandy area are loved by children. Just leave the sand. LOVE the idea of increasing accessibility to the water for disabled folks! Nice job!	1/28/2023 10:15 AM
95	Kayak entry #1 only seems to be one at a time	1/27/2023 12:00 PM
96	I like a concept between #1 and #2. I prefer to have more rocks as an entrance as they are more natural. The roller kayak ramp seems unnecessary and kids will probably use it as a game/slide.	1/27/2023 11:58 AM
97	The roller kayak launch may become challenging for users trying to share the space in/out of the landing. Does not seem worth the investment.	1/27/2023 10:43 AM
98	Accessibility	1/27/2023 10:20 AM
99	There needs to be dog access given that 50% of residents own dogs.	1/27/2023 9:49 AM

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100	I recommend refining concept 1 to focus on mobility and access, repair and protect erosive conditions, and avoiding and minimizing impacts to fringe wetlands and the river channel. Both concepts appear overbuilt, too expensive, and to encroach too much into the natural waterway.	1/27/2023 6:32 AM
101	I love the ramp into the water. I use a wheelchair and this would be extremely helpful. I remember going to Boise about 5 years ago and they had a river access point like this.	1/27/2023 5:47 AM
102	Dont like the kayak roller or that younwould get rid of the sand	1/26/2023 9:45 PM
103	Similarly to McKay, I prefer a blend of the two concepts. I like the river access in concept #2 and the retention of sand in concept #1	1/26/2023 9:40 PM
104	with the large lawn area in the park there is absolutely no need to take away that sand area. children love it and that is just one more waste of water. keep the sand!	1/26/2023 9:36 PM
105	Love how natural concept 2 looks. The rollers for kayaks are sweet.	1/26/2023 6:34 PM
106	Natural looking, providing easier water access and the roller kayak entrance is a great feature	1/26/2023 6:34 PM
107	Either one of the new concepts would be great.	1/25/2023 8:07 PM
108	the long kayak/board launch site on 2 won't accommodate the crowds	1/25/2023 2:18 PM
109	Concept #1 does very little to provide non-kayakers with the ability to access the river. I do not understand how that would dramatically improve river access. Therefore, Option #2 is the clear choice.	1/25/2023 9:22 AM
110	I like the more natural access but I think the shade structure at the boat launch should be eliminated. Blocks views and if you are heading out on the water its gonna be sunny anyway. Plus it might cause people to linger.	1/24/2023 9:40 PM
111	way better accessibility for boating and swimming	1/24/2023 3:33 PM
112	Design will only deteriorate other areas with increased erosion, please consult people who know how rivers and currents work before taxpayers once again have to pay for more riverbank work due to bad designs.	1/24/2023 12:44 PM
113	the larger access point seems like it would be safer for more users.	1/24/2023 12:12 PM
114	Concept 1 looks very artificial	1/24/2023 12:11 PM
115	Concept #2 . boarder access, more room for entry and exit.	1/24/2023 11:15 AM
116	Keep the river wild and less accessible to polluting people.	1/24/2023 10:07 AM
117	It's more open. I don't like the fence being there. Love the kayak access and the shade spot	1/24/2023 10:01 AM
118	Please incorporate a location for dog access to swimming in the river. Miller's landing is ideal.	1/24/2023 9:59 AM
119	also very good handicap access, the roller version would be a big mistake.....it would be abused!!!	1/24/2023 9:57 AM
120	Like the trees & river access point but not sure the need for a roller kayak launch (overkill). As a dog owner, we need more areas for dog access to the river. One overcrowded area on the entire river is not suff	1/24/2023 9:57 AM
121	I do not see anything regarding a place where off-leash dogs have any safe access. Bend is doing a terrible job accommodating locals that have dogs and prioritizing tourists. Do better for those that live here with their dogs. Bend is a city where most everyone has a dog. Maybe give dogs and their owners as much consideration as you do for coffee, beer & pot shops.	1/24/2023 9:51 AM
122	See previous statement	1/24/2023 9:45 AM
123	The railing in Concept 1 would create a choke-point for people exiting and entering the river when it's really busy in the summer.	1/24/2023 9:45 AM
124	Use and update the current infrastructure. Don't use wood for the bench, use concrete so there is less maintenance and upkeep.	1/24/2023 9:09 AM
125	The roller kayak launch in concept 2 seems like it will be misused for other psuedo recreational purposes. I prefer the dock/launch option of option 1, but would like the grass/lawn portion of option 2 to go with it.	1/23/2023 2:24 PM

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126	Easiest to maintain and easy access for many. Some sort of ladder should be added to south end to allow for 'accidental swimmers' coming from the surf park to exit. While the rolling kayak launch in Concept #2 seems nice, I can see it breaking through inappropriate use (ex. a pet or children's slide) then becoming a useless eye-sore.	1/23/2023 1:34 PM
127	I like the accessibility features	1/23/2023 11:04 AM
128	Minor updates and enhancements would be nice but both concepts feel beyond what is needed	1/22/2023 8:16 PM
129	I like the more natural look. It also seems like more space for people to use the area in a variety of ways. Because of the currents, this side won't be used by floaters, so a nice area for swimming and boat launching without all the floaters.	1/22/2023 7:59 PM
130	I would actually prefer concept 2 with retention of sand area.	1/22/2023 7:57 PM
131	Change the sand area to green	1/22/2023 3:51 PM
132	We like the ability to safely launch paddle boards and floats from this location as it is currently a bit difficult. There are a lot of wet dogs in this area (at nearby river access) and they often conflict with small children. This issue should be addressed.	1/22/2023 3:41 PM
133	makes more useable access	1/22/2023 2:32 PM
134	More functional. Leave sandbox as is please.	1/22/2023 12:17 PM
135	While I'm still reluctant to support retrofitting to infrastructure that was recently paid for by taxpayers, I have always wondered why this area wasn't made river-accessible (common trait of planning in Bend) and think it should be. Concept #2 is less \$. However I DO NOT support changing the sand to grass. We DO NOT need more grass to irrigate in Bend parks, if anything we should be using taxpayer \$ to remove the majority of grass from our parks into no/less water-intensive plants.	1/22/2023 11:33 AM
136	x	1/22/2023 10:53 AM
137	Again either would be good. I just like the staging area for kayaks a little better in concept 1 rather than the second.	1/22/2023 9:22 AM
138	Prefer dock, kayak roller access not sufficient for multiple types of water crafts	1/22/2023 7:12 AM
139	I prefer the rolling kayak ramp and the shade trees in this design.	1/22/2023 7:09 AM
140	Like the look (and upkeep) of the concrete bench better than the wood. Love the addition of trees in concept 2 - also like the grass, but putting trees in sand might be more practical and would assume less maintenance.	1/21/2023 10:25 PM
141	Better capacity and is more creative.	1/21/2023 7:47 PM
142	The dock offers more variation in entry types along the river.	1/21/2023 6:20 PM
143	The docks would be a very welcome addition to the other more natural access points.	1/21/2023 1:12 PM
144	I like concept 2 because it looks like you can get in the water easier. The concept with the boardwalk, though attractive, looks like it is solely for boats.	1/20/2023 8:46 PM
145	The boardwalk concept is terrible. The existing boardwalk is terrible and an expanded boardwalk will not make this better. Concept two is much better for both accessing the river and also sitting along it, which is much needed along Millers Landing Park. Concept 2 rocks!	1/20/2023 8:30 PM
146	Stop making the river cater to tourists who litter and have no respect for the environment. Stop making a natural river like a swimming pool its not. Stop disturbing the river bank and ecosystem. Stop wasting tax payer money.	1/20/2023 6:57 PM
147	Option two provides more functionality and true river/boating access without the moving parts, and potential maintenance and failure of docks and other floating elements	1/20/2023 6:53 PM
148	I like the shade in #2, but again - no grass to maintain.	1/20/2023 6:30 PM
149	This option and keeping the sand box appears to be the most user friendly for all ages. Removing the sandbox is a loss to young ones. This option and keeping sandbox in lieu of trees would be ideal.	1/20/2023 5:02 PM
150	I use this park a lot, and the boardwalk there is very underused. The tiered boardwalk in	1/20/2023 2:01 PM

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scenario one is clean and easy to access coming from the neighborhood and parking area. The mobility dock provides easy access and launch. This is a design that looks like it would be highly used (and accommodate that use). One addition I would consider are the shade trees from Concept 2. Concept two's design would work as well, but the long kayak ramp seemed difficult to navigate and using a lot of space (but I am not a mobility expert, so there may be a very good reason for it)

151	Birds use the water right up to the bank, beavers and Otters live there, need natural soil riverbanks.	1/20/2023 1:49 PM
152	seems the most accessible	1/20/2023 1:27 PM
153	This would provide wading opportunities for young children as well as wheelchair access to river. Please provide benches in the area for older people to sit in a shaded area.	1/20/2023 9:00 AM
154	Concept 2 is very cool, seems more integrated into water and easier access. Love it	1/20/2023 6:37 AM
155	The roller kayak thing looks like a bad idea	1/20/2023 6:20 AM
156	More natural look with multiple layers entering the water. Compliments design of Miller site #2, option 2.	1/20/2023 5:55 AM
157	I like the floating docks at river level and the ability to wade into the river	1/20/2023 3:47 AM
158	The grouted boulder terrace sticks out a little too far	1/19/2023 11:41 PM
159	I think the roller access ramp is cool, and this concept looks nicer.	1/19/2023 9:41 PM
160	I think the dock design will help mitigate congestion at this river access point and it will make for a much more enjoyable lounging experience. My only concern is with people diving off of the dock into the shallow water.	1/19/2023 9:21 PM
161	Creating more access points is important	1/19/2023 8:31 PM
162	Great to have access for kayaks and paddle boards.	1/19/2023 8:25 PM
163	like the full access for those who may need. funding per answer above. still fence and limit access but for parks. Bend Parks should serve citizens - and not design for the tourist hoards - and have daily limits for river access. Have tourist pay through hotel tax or through an access fee for non-citizens.	1/19/2023 8:11 PM
164	I like adding grass instead of the sand. The sand is just too hot to be of any use in the summer months.	1/19/2023 5:19 PM
165	The roller will become a nightmare with the kids who hang out in the park. It will get destroyed. I live near there and see the disregard for the public structures.	1/19/2023 5:05 PM
166	Is the roller kayak launch only for launching and not getting out? If so I prefer the other style. I like replacing the sand with trees, the sand separated from the water gets too hot as is.	1/19/2023 5:02 PM
167	I like the look/feel of the trees planted where the sandbox is in concept #2, however, the sandbox is very much loved & used now by kids & would be missed without it.	1/19/2023 4:07 PM
168	People like to run and jump, or dive, off docks. Not safe.	1/19/2023 4:07 PM
169	The riparian vegetation is important migratory bird habitat values and has added value because because it is accessible to people with disabilities. The goal here should be to enhance, expand and protect the riparian vegetation in Miller's Landing Park while enabling disability access to bird and other wildlife observation without conflict with a general public multiple use of the area.	1/19/2023 4:05 PM
170	The stairs and terraced rocks into the water in concept 2 seem like a very safe and accessible entrance into the river. I like that feature the most! This access point would help decongest the crowded area at McKay Park, allowing both boaters and surfers access to the river from multiple locations.	1/19/2023 3:55 PM
171	The kayak roller launch is cool	1/19/2023 3:50 PM
172	I think a roller kayak entrance is a bad idea, can it just be a ramp	1/19/2023 3:23 PM
173	The roller kayak launch is really fun and unique!	1/19/2023 2:48 PM

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174	With the addition of the newer access and SUP launching features this area is likely to get SLAMMED with tourists and new users who camp out at the park. I would suggest building any features which reduce the probability of trampling native vegetation, adding congestion and/ or create safety concerns. It seems Concept 2 provides easier access and allows slower entry in the water and not jumping or diving off a "dock" as kids tend to do.	1/19/2023 2:22 PM
175	Concept #1 is best for Access #1 but only in conjunction with Concept #2 for Access #2.	1/19/2023 2:19 PM
176	Prefer the easy walk down stone access rather than adding more boardwalk	1/19/2023 2:09 PM
177	The kayak launch from concept one seems easier to use, however the easy water access (stairs) in concept two is needed to ensure children and seniors can access the water	1/19/2023 2:02 PM
178	I think it appears more accessible and functional.	1/19/2023 1:52 PM
179	There is not enough parking to support creating these two huge access points on the Miller's side with more areas for people to hang out. Will need stricter parking enforcement for all of the illegal street parking on Riverside, Riverfront, and Carlon.	1/19/2023 1:37 PM
180	Safer designated swim area with calmer water and less kayak traffic and wreck less floaters traffic taking out children	1/19/2023 12:44 PM
181	I like the addition of the shaded structure. Shade and cool grass are critical for individuals who have heat sensitivity and need shade in order to enjoy the outdoors with loved ones. Would be nice to consider making the accessible ramp on the south side for quicker access to the restrooms- many people with walkers and wheelchairs also have incontinence and need to get to a restroom quickly. Shade is critical, and for someone who will be leaving their wheelchair at the dock, the shade will prevent their seat from being overheated when they return. The grass and trees also allow older adults with heat sensitivity to have a shaded area closer to their family members who may be playing in the water. Love the accessible dock, make sure the benches are wide enough for someone to safely sit on them.	1/19/2023 12:00 PM
182	More green space	1/19/2023 11:43 AM
183	Accommodates more people, nicer looking	1/19/2023 11:41 AM
184	The more natural looking option	1/19/2023 11:20 AM
185	Concept 1 feels more streamlined	1/19/2023 11:00 AM
186	Concept 2 without railing and rock-like extensions into river seems more open and natural feeling	1/19/2023 10:14 AM
187	I feel none of the Current access points are very friendly for Kayakers/canoers & other rowers to enter/exit. The 1st concept actually addresses these users beautifully while also being Great for swimmers & floaters.	1/19/2023 10:02 AM
188	That dock is so cool - and again we like having sand available for my small children to play in.	1/19/2023 9:48 AM
189	Shade is critical, and for someone who will be leaving their wheelchair at the dock, the shade will prevent their seat from being overheated when they return. The grass and trees also allow older adults with heat sensitivity to have a shaded area closer to their family members who may be playing in the water. Love the accessible dock, make sure the benches are wide enough for someone to safely sit on them.	1/19/2023 9:45 AM
190	Provides stable access with boat ramp and steps	1/19/2023 9:27 AM
191	I prefer the pier and floating docks both for "better" river access and less impact.	1/19/2023 9:22 AM
192	I prefer this primarily as an access point for kayaks and paddleboards. I feel that Option 2 would result in people hanging out, getting in the way of watercraft and exacerbating parking issues in the area.	1/19/2023 9:03 AM
193	I have no input on the difference in kayak launch. Concept #2 seems to expand access more than #1.	1/19/2023 9:00 AM
194	This leaves more sandy area to hang out	1/19/2023 8:55 AM
195	I like sand over grass as kids can play. An access point for kayakers and tubers would be great	1/19/2023 8:54 AM

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196	The "dig pit" is another one of the outdoor nature play options for kids that should be preserved. Kids like to dig in sand. Don't replace it with more lawn. There is plenty of lawn across the sidewalk for sunbathers, etc. We need to preserve kid spaces like this.	1/19/2023 8:52 AM
197	As a kayaker, the roller kayak launch from concept #2 is kind of silly, expensive and unnecessary. Most kayakers can easily launch from a beach or shoreside. Concept #1: Although I like this best, concern about the "dock" in the winter. Will a freezing river damage it or will it need to be removed each winter.	1/19/2023 8:44 AM
198	I live right across from Miller's Landing park and don't want to be overwhelmed by tourists come summer time since it's such a small park with limited street parking already. I don't feel like these improvements are needed, and might entice even more people to come to the tiny park and use up all the parking needed for renters	1/19/2023 8:18 AM
199	More people can enter the water at once in concept 2, though the dock in #1 looks cool	1/19/2023 8:18 AM
200	I like the large deck to spread people out and the kayak launch	1/19/2023 7:56 AM
201	The existing conditions aren't great, but the concepts are too much. I would prefer a modest addition to the dock to make it easier to access the water here, but not something as big as the two proposals. Definitely keep the sand! There's a lot of grass in the rest of the park. Parking over here is so limited that most people launch SUPs/ kayaks someplace else, so it doesn't make any sense to spend a ton of money building a huge launch point that no one is going to use.	1/19/2023 7:50 AM
202	Sand area makes much more sense than trying to maintain grass in a heavily trafficked area	1/19/2023 7:47 AM
203	More clearly defined access points vs hang out spots. Seems like it would flow better.	1/19/2023 7:38 AM
204	that side of the river needs a sandy area for the lil kids to dig around in :-)	1/19/2023 7:35 AM
205	Prefer steps and terracing to the boardwalk features	1/19/2023 7:32 AM
206	Same issue where the sand blocks accessible access. Grass will solve this issue	1/19/2023 7:21 AM
207	Easier transition in and out of the water for paddle boards, etc.	1/19/2023 7:14 AM
208	I prefer the dock model but wonder about the cost of ongoing upkeep.	1/19/2023 7:02 AM
209	Again, the plants are better than sand and the shade structure is nicer.	1/19/2023 6:57 AM
210	Easier to get in and out of river	1/19/2023 6:41 AM
211	Prefer the grouted boulder look which has a more natural look overall.	1/19/2023 6:37 AM
212	The proposed changes are just as bad as the current joke of a boat launch. Apparently BMRP hired people to design this that have never been in a boat and never actually used a river put in/take out and also do not grasp the concept of eddies and erosion..... designed for downstream failure and erosion that we will have to once again pay for. Have any of the design team ever been to a river?	1/19/2023 4:58 AM
213	#2 just seems that it could handle flow better. Both concepts are fine	1/18/2023 10:30 PM
214	Sun cover sounds like it would be hard to maintain	1/18/2023 9:03 PM
215	More area for people to access and interact with the water. The rocks make it easier for people to hang out with their feet I. The water or to get in and out than the boardwalk does	1/18/2023 8:48 PM
216	The dock option for water access is unique from other access points. Plus I like design of the kayak launch	1/18/2023 8:30 PM
217	I like the dock	1/18/2023 8:22 PM
218	Great to be able to get closer to the water for people in wheelchairs. We have always had to carry our daughter a long way and over rocks to get there which is really dangerous.	1/18/2023 7:57 PM
219	avoid overbuilding with boardwalk and stuff that requires more maintenance. more natural rock, (smooth) and easy to maintain facilities.	1/18/2023 7:56 PM
220	i like the wooden deck, easy to access. I'm not a fan of those roller things for kayaks i can see people getting hurt on that... i can see myself getting hurt on those.	1/18/2023 7:11 PM

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221	kayak launch without dock is great	1/18/2023 6:51 PM
222	Both options take too much riparian habitat away. If you have to do access here make it smaller and much much softer. Consider a floating boardwalk that has steps ramps or platforms that go in the water for better access	1/18/2023 6:34 PM
223	I like the rock design better than the boardwalk/dock design. The rocks seem like they would offer more space for more people to be loading/swimming/etc. all at the same time.	1/18/2023 6:28 PM
224	Looks more accessible for all people	1/18/2023 6:28 PM
225	More direct access to river and in water seating	1/18/2023 6:20 PM
226	I'd like to see you keep the sand instead of adding thirsty non-native trees and grass. The accessible roller launch is fantastic and MUST be a part of any plan you choose - it will be the only truly equitable river access in Bend.	1/18/2023 6:18 PM
227	The sand is a really fun feature for kids	1/18/2023 6:11 PM
228	Concept 2 except the rollable kayak ramp is an eyesore- remove that	1/18/2023 6:08 PM
229	Please keep the sand. There's already a large grassy area. We use this a lot in the fall through spring for sand play but keeping kids out of the water. I also prefer the access in this over the other	1/18/2023 5:35 PM
230	The accessibility is a pro, for me	1/18/2023 5:32 PM
231	The improved access to the water looks amazing!	1/18/2023 5:06 PM
232	We shouldn't be adding more lawn in any of the proposals. We're in a drought. Just a basic kayak access point is all we need. ALSO WE NEED more areas south of Colorado bridge for kayaks to access the river. Right now there is only 1 access point and it's too busy.	1/18/2023 4:05 PM
233	I would prefer the grass option in concept 2 be added to concept one, If we have dock entry which means more depth keeping it a more adult access point instead of encouraging families and toddler to congregate there. Also the slide ramp could be a hazard and having limited shade will just lead to crowding under that right near the launch point	1/18/2023 3:30 PM
234	I actually liked both options but I went with 1 because it provided an area for people with wheelchairs to get closer to the water. The kayak thing is cool but the kayak people already got the cool white water park, let the wheelchair people get in on the action.	1/18/2023 3:20 PM
235	why do we. need a kayak put it? I think that more people need swimming access with increased temperature	1/18/2023 2:26 PM
236	yay accessibility!	1/18/2023 1:42 PM
237	I prefer keeping the boardwalk feel over adding concrete	1/18/2023 1:36 PM
238	The dock seems like a great way for kids to fall in. It's already hard to keep little ones from the edge with the sand pit there	1/18/2023 1:17 PM
239	I love the idea of replacing that filthy sand with trees and grass to make it a nice area to have a little shade and relax in the grass. I've never seen anyone use the current sand area.	1/18/2023 12:35 PM
240	I don't think a boardwalk will hold up over time.	1/18/2023 12:05 PM
241	Again, the most elaborate project seems to be the best solution. We might as well take the steps now to overbuild and plan for continued growth. The accessibility improvements look to be the best and most robust. Personally, I've never seen anyone using the sandbox area, and a shady grassy areas by the water I suspect will be much appreciated.	1/18/2023 11:31 AM
242	I like the additional trees to provide shade	1/18/2023 11:10 AM
243	I like the steps & boulder terrace in #2	1/18/2023 10:59 AM
244	Concept 2 provides much more area for getting in and out of the water. The small railings on the wood deck of Concept 1 are a barrier.	1/18/2023 9:55 AM
245	The sand provides a small imaginative space for small children to play in, and I think it is necessary if they are not yet ready to get in the water, or are too small	1/18/2023 9:17 AM

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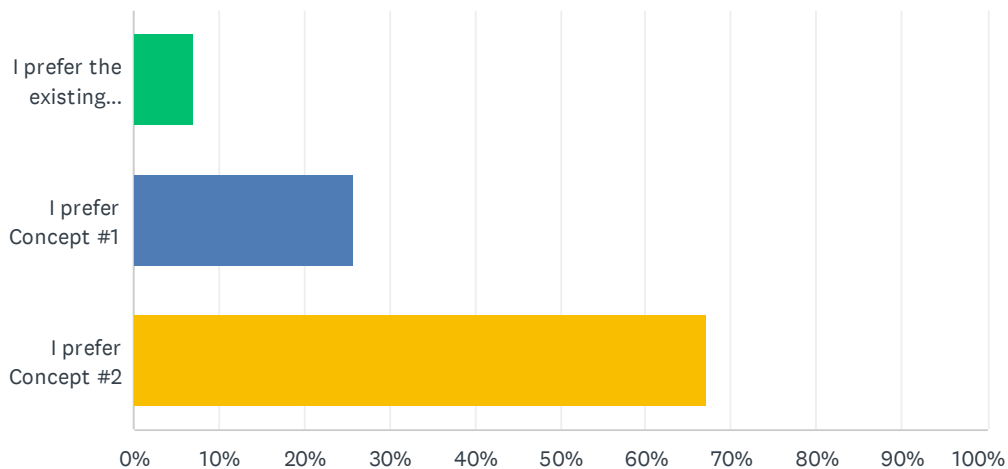
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Same as McKay, I like adding a cooler green space with trees to relax and the sand is unnecessary at this location as it's not currently used. The 2nd option also offers full access to uses into the river instead of a limiting boardwalk. However, if the downriver access point is improved, then option 1 would be fine. In the end, I think people with ADA and mobility needs should have the say for this access point.

1/17/2023 12:37 PM

Q5 Which concept best represents the types of enhancements you feel are most appropriate for this location?

Answered: 500 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer the existing conditions	7.00%	35
I prefer Concept #1	25.80%	129
I prefer Concept #2	67.20%	336
TOTAL		500

Q6 Please provide additional feedback, either in favor or against, specific elements within these concepts.

Answered: 238 Skipped: 284

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The new access point, though illicit in origin, is now in the community's memory. Might as well make it safer and better for the environment or you'll just see the new landscaping trampled.	2/8/2023 10:25 PM
2	Access number two is a hang out for sketchy types in the day and most of the nights during the summer	2/8/2023 10:09 PM
3	While I would be OK with revegetation if that was what was deemed necessary, I would prefer concept 2. Again, as a family with a child who uses a wheelchair there aren't many spaces in town at the moment where we can easily go and access the river together. We have always made it work by carrying her from the upper grass area at Farewell Bend Park by the Bill Healy Bridge, but having a few other options in town on those busy touristy summer days would be amazing. I love how quaint this area is over here and for our daughter to be able to access the river so closely would be amazing. We've also used this access area in the past on busy days to do a short float with her and it was incredibly difficult to get in, but was the perfect distance for her comfort. I like how there are some "beach" entry areas in these renderings along with stair entries which can be nice places to sit partially in the water and partially out. I think these designs are well thought out and still have a very natural look even though they provide much better access for all. Thank you!	2/8/2023 8:54 PM
4	I do hope this substantial development with associated cost will address the issue of serious riparian degradation.	2/8/2023 8:31 PM
5	User friendly	2/8/2023 7:03 PM
6	Water access	2/8/2023 6:07 PM
7	with the improvements to access point 1, I think making another access point would crowd things. I also like the idea of revegetating the area.	2/8/2023 3:53 PM
8	I would like a small access point but not all the concrete...	2/8/2023 10:41 AM
9	It's actually pretty difficult for a weak paddler in a tube to make it to access point 1 after going down the rapids. If you close off access point 2, you have made it quite a bit more difficult for people who are weak paddlers. We had to help an older fellow reconnect with his family a couple summers ago because he couldn't get out at McKay in time and there was no way he was making it to Access point 1.	2/8/2023 8:33 AM
10	With adding in a redesign for the main connector, I think we do not need a second access point 10 steps down.	2/8/2023 8:11 AM
11	Better access to the water for disabled people	2/7/2023 7:55 PM
12	More swimming	2/7/2023 4:28 PM
13	Keeping river as natural possible is desired in an area with another access point	2/7/2023 12:29 PM
14	The more stairs to the river, the better!	2/7/2023 10:52 AM
15	I like the accessibility it provides.	2/7/2023 9:08 AM
16	Restore native since there will be an access point just down the way	2/7/2023 8:36 AM
17	one access point should be good	2/7/2023 5:40 AM
18	Just improve the first spot, don't need 2 access points for such a small park.	2/6/2023 9:48 PM
19	With the increased accessibility to the river upstream at access point #1 and at McKay Park, I would prefer to see this location restored to a natural state. It would also reduce user conflicts	2/6/2023 5:20 PM

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as various watercrafts are launched from access point #1.

20	Playing and swimming pints for littles is great	2/6/2023 2:13 PM
21	I am impartial on this one. I think concept 2 provides additional access points for an area that will only get busier/crowded and could be needed but also appreciate concept 1's preservation of ecological life in a busy/crowded area. I would only do concept 2 if the district feels use/access is merited/needed at this location in the future.	2/6/2023 12:29 PM
22	Revegetate!	2/6/2023 12:17 PM
23	Close it please. This site was only ever envisioned as temporary access during construction of Miller's Landing Community Park, and it's its continued use even in an "improved" state will only invite more private property trespass problems and degradation of the restored riparian habitat upstream. While this site does maintain some semblance of the neighborhood's proud and longstanding history of unseemly and illegal activity in the face of relentless gentrification, it's primary attraction being a large shade giving tree and a less visible spot to let one's dog off-leash are in direct conflict as the erosive action of both people and dogs in the river already gravely threatens the one tree which provides the shade to the area. The proposed design in alternative #2 probably would not be allowed to be built anyway as it does not conform to existing WOZ design guidelines for lands within 10' of the OHWM in this neighborhood.	2/6/2023 12:12 PM
24	I think two new access points are unnecessary. I would rather enhance the Access point #1 with revegetation on access point #2	2/6/2023 12:10 PM
25	With the other access point close by and on the same side of the river, a second access point seems unnecessary.	2/6/2023 11:31 AM
26	more river access the better, especially as Bend grows.	2/6/2023 11:22 AM
27	Natural beauty is best just do clean up	2/6/2023 6:19 AM
28	Concept 2 will encourage more users to enter/exit river. The adjacent park user group tends to be less interested in river access. But this will change if access is improved and those that enjoy using the park won't be able to enjoy the space. There are plenty of places along the river for access.	2/6/2023 5:44 AM
29	That little beach has been used for so long that I think people would just continue to use it. Having some "beach access" on that side of the river is a huge plus; I vote we embrace that and make it easier.	2/5/2023 8:46 PM
30	I like this area as it's shaded. I use it to swim on hot days. I'd prefer to make it available.	2/5/2023 10:30 AM
31	There are plenty of access points. We should refrigerate and not crowd smaller areas with entry points.	2/5/2023 9:30 AM
32	There are already so many access points along the river, and it is crucial that we maintain habitat and reduce erosion and pollution of the river by keeping riverbanks as natural as possible and not add more access points in the stretch of river that is the main use area.	2/4/2023 9:30 PM
33	Yes please include this additional access point that needs attention and gets a lot of use	2/4/2023 8:46 PM
34	I prefer more river access	2/4/2023 11:08 AM
35	Water use	2/3/2023 4:27 PM
36	Would be appropriate for dog swimming!	2/3/2023 10:41 AM
37	No	2/3/2023 7:33 AM
38	Sometimes there can be people smoking over there and making it more open will hopefully reduce that.	2/2/2023 3:42 PM
39	No access please	2/2/2023 2:51 PM
40	I prefer access to removal of.	2/2/2023 2:37 PM
41	If Miller's is already getting better access via point 1, I think point 2 would be nice to keep in its current conditions.	2/2/2023 12:03 PM
42	Make it happen here, otherwise there are plenty of other banks that floaters are going to want to invade and privatize for their day. this is a wonderful option to something that already exists	2/2/2023 10:20 AM

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	on the bank.	
43	The addition of the hand railing forces people to use the access area much safer	2/2/2023 9:36 AM
44	AS a biologist, I love the idea of some riverbank stabilization/restoration, particularly if access point #1 is expanded. If you went with concept #1 here, I would be more inclined to support concept #2 for access point #1.	2/2/2023 9:30 AM
45	Would prefer building it out, rather than have people continue to use it as is.	2/2/2023 9:22 AM
46	More natural looking than access 1 options. Like the new stairs, the access for wheelchair is very user friendly.	2/2/2023 9:11 AM
47	Chill place ot get out away from rapids and crowds	2/2/2023 9:07 AM
48	more access is good	2/2/2023 9:03 AM
49	This is especially a good place for dogs to jump into the river. Don't forget about them. Especially since Bend loves their dogs and excluding them is a losing proposition.	2/2/2023 7:10 AM
50	Dog access still, yes?	2/1/2023 8:56 PM
51	Existing condition really needs help. The decking is usually too high above the water to get in or out of the water, which seems somewhat dangerous. Not easily accessible to anyone.	2/1/2023 8:13 PM
52	Keeping both access points open is important. More access points also means less barging into riparian areas/ creating "cow" trails	2/1/2023 5:00 PM
53	While I like the idea of closing off this portion and revegetating, providing a spot for people to wade in the river is good for this area.	2/1/2023 3:58 PM
54	Concept 2 has stairs. Stairs are a bad way to enter a river while carrying watercraft.	2/1/2023 2:47 PM
55	The extra space for water access is needed for this area. The space is a bit more distanced from residential areas compared to proposed water access at Columbia Park.	2/1/2023 2:19 PM
56	This directly impacts the neighborhood across and beside. The smaller the impact the better. McKay park has a big access already and the float to Drake is long enough to make it worthwhile.	2/1/2023 1:33 PM
57	Transfer Station doesn't need to be built at both areas in Millers Landing. Don't include one here. If the area is closed please don't fence off the dirt area under the trees. This is a good dog potty area as people don't sit here. Encourages dog owners to keep dogs from going on grass.	2/1/2023 1:32 PM
58	This park is used differently and there is a put in with access point 1. Give some of this area back to native uses to keep our river healthy	2/1/2023 12:43 PM
59	People will hop a fence and play in the water. #2 provides a safe and easy access to be in the water.	2/1/2023 12:02 PM
60	I like this idea to have the boat launch separate from the kids sandbox. The floaters can sometimes inadvertently be inappropriate around children. However, these terraced boulders in the design look like they'd make it hard for kids and dogs.. even adult to climb out of the river.	2/1/2023 10:16 AM
61	Would love to see this as a legit access area! Please don't restrict river access here	2/1/2023 9:57 AM
62	I think the river has enough users in summer to warrant preserving this access. If there aren't enough formal access points people will just continue to destroy the riparian areas.	2/1/2023 9:42 AM
63	While I'd rather see that area re-vegetated, since it will be used, and it is a calmer water area the constructed access is a good idea.	2/1/2023 9:31 AM
64	A lot of people take their dogs to this section to fetch for balls. I think concept #2 allows for this to continue to happen while better protecting the erosion issues of current set up	2/1/2023 9:16 AM
65	Assuming that Access Point #1 at Miller's landing will be enhanced with one of the concepts, I think it's appropriate to revegetate this access point.	2/1/2023 9:10 AM
66	While I like the idea of maintaining a natural element (concept #1), as you improve access point #1 more people will be drawn to the area and I think an additional space will be needed to allow for that. I also wonder if you will eventually need to cut more parking spaces into the park	2/1/2023 9:07 AM

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to accommodate increase usage. I know current thought is everyone is going to ride a bike to get there but that really limits families from other parts of town that are in no way going to access these parks by two wheels. I walk these trails everyday with my dog and love seeing the diversity of folks in our town enjoying the river. Thanks for trying to keep it manageable while trying to maintain the ecosystem of the river.

67	If you are improving access point #1 this point should be restored and closed. Focus the financial resources in one place and do it well.	2/1/2023 8:44 AM
68	Providing another direct river access for another neighborhood seems really efficient and smart.	2/1/2023 8:13 AM
69	Don't need two access points so close together. Revegetate and close access	2/1/2023 8:07 AM
70	The more places for people to be able to swim the better.	2/1/2023 6:57 AM
71	Nice access spreads people out	1/31/2023 10:58 PM
72	seems like over kill to create another access point right next to the other. I'd just close it.	1/31/2023 6:45 PM
73	One access point is enough	1/31/2023 3:16 PM
74	At Miller landing, it seems way to much to look at, to propose two large concepts. We should restore the beauty of the river which will invite more wildlife to stay. I worry with too much going on and getting developed, we will scare wildlife away and we will over-develop.	1/31/2023 1:12 PM
75	Safer	1/31/2023 12:59 PM
76	with the improvements at the boardwalk and shade trees where the sand is, I feel like it's appropriate to close and revegetate this access point which is very close to homes and experience severe degradation/erosion.	1/31/2023 10:31 AM
77	Love preserving the banks and preventing the "erosion accessible areas" the areas where people have gone off the beaten path and created their own	1/31/2023 2:26 AM
78	It would be nice to give this back to the wildlife	1/30/2023 9:22 PM
79	Assuming that access point 1 is worked, no need to make another access point so close. The existing low key access is just fine.	1/30/2023 1:15 PM
80	There does not need to be two access points so close together. Close access # 2 and repair the riparian	1/30/2023 11:20 AM
81	I like that there are more defined locations for river access, as opposed to fewer.	1/30/2023 9:50 AM
82	I prefer Access Point #2 to be kept green for wildlife's sake. If you build they will come and if you put in a new concrete landing, etc, you are encouraging masses of people to love to death this area of the river.	1/29/2023 8:25 AM
83	If the boardwalk access is improved, I don't think we need more access in this park.	1/28/2023 8:01 PM
84	Need to still have dog access	1/28/2023 5:21 PM
85	I do think we need to maintain some of these access points. This spot helps spread park users out a bit & an improved access will help with congestion at one access point.	1/28/2023 4:14 PM
86	I think I would leave this area more natural as the other area upstream will be developed for access on the east side of the river and that's really close.	1/28/2023 3:39 PM
87	Many people use this area and closing it off would be a shame. Let's keep it as an option.	1/28/2023 10:16 AM
88	The ramp for kayaks and floats is very good. The close access to parking would make this very popular for take in and out of river craft.	1/27/2023 2:28 PM
89	This area was never meant to be an access point. We need to help with some restoration to the riparian area in this zone.	1/27/2023 12:02 PM
90	Proximity to the main parking lot is not ideal, so it makes more sense to revegetate. The consequence of developing this area as a launch is encouraging people to park in the already congested dead-end neighborhood road (as opposed to walking from the intended lot).	1/27/2023 10:45 AM
91	Dog access is needed, please consider which site of the three will accommodate dogs, that	1/27/2023 9:50 AM

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	can't climb over boulders!!	
92	I support the natural restoration of this area.	1/27/2023 6:34 AM
93	I use this to get in the water with my friends more than any other access point due to location. It is crowded and dangerous. These improvements would really help.	1/27/2023 5:48 AM
94	This is a tough one. Ultimately my thinking is to close off this access in order to preserve natural habitat. I also feel that increasing the space between river access points reduces congestion and spreads out the effects of use.	1/26/2023 9:43 PM
95	revegetate!! There is definitely enough going on in this river. The fish, wildlife and riparian zones are already greatly impacted. This is one zone - sure - but it impacts the entire river system.	1/26/2023 9:39 PM
96	Love the additional vegetation	1/26/2023 6:36 PM
97	I like the additional river access. I believe it will provide more areas to relax and congregate as Bend continues to grow.	1/26/2023 6:36 PM
98	The more access points along this part of the river, the better.	1/25/2023 8:09 PM
99	looks like a great spot	1/25/2023 2:18 PM
100	Option #2 clearly provides better river access, especially for children.	1/25/2023 9:23 AM
101	We need more access points not less. Nice to have some calmer, less busy access points and if there is any place for developed access points it is in the city!	1/24/2023 9:41 PM
102	perfect swimming spot with accessibility	1/24/2023 3:34 PM
103	Design will only deteriorate other areas with increased erosion, please consult people who know how rivers and currents work before taxpayers once again have to pay for more riverbank work due to bad designs.	1/24/2023 12:44 PM
104	would be nice to have more access on that side of the river	1/24/2023 12:12 PM
105	The other access points have been enhanced and have parking nearby. This one does not.	1/24/2023 12:11 PM
106	I think more designated access points in that area, the better. gets crazy in the summer.	1/24/2023 11:17 AM
107	Keep the river wild and less accessible to polluting people.	1/24/2023 10:07 AM
108	The more access points the better! And love the handicapped access area. Don't close this spot down.	1/24/2023 10:02 AM
109	Please incorporate a location for dog access to swimming in the river. Miller's landing is ideal.	1/24/2023 9:59 AM
110	Like the river access opportunities. As a dog owner, we also need more areas for dog access to the river. One overcrowded area on the entire river is not sufficient.	1/24/2023 9:59 AM
111	I do not see anything regarding a place where off-leash dogs have any safe access. Bend is doing a terrible job accommodating locals that have dogs and prioritizing tourists. Do better for those that live here with their dogs. Bend is a city where most everyone has a dog. Maybe give dogs and their owners as much consideration as you do for coffee, beer & pot shops.	1/24/2023 9:51 AM
112	This little area has been hammered for years. Closing access and re-vegetating will only push people into other river access points, crowding those even further. This area needs to stay open to river access, but with more durable surfaces. Concept number 2 is the way to go.	1/24/2023 9:47 AM
113	See previous statement	1/24/2023 9:45 AM
114	Close this off so people are directed to use the remodeled access point.	1/24/2023 9:12 AM
115	For better or worse, people seem willing to find and use the user created access points. Concept 2 at least gives a hardened access point without the same impact.	1/23/2023 2:25 PM
116	Love to see it return to it's natural state. A serious fence with posted signs stating 'No River Access / No Trespassing' would be needed. This access is hard to see from the main road, therefore hard to patrol for safety reasons. It's a favorite teen hangout at night and a favorite for dog owners who won't walk over to the dog park. Hence, I'd like to see the main focus be on Access Point #1.	1/23/2023 1:40 PM

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117	I like the idea to revegetate	1/23/2023 11:05 AM
118	This is one of the only areas where you can hang out in a shaded area along the river with more natural vegetation. I understand the need to rehabilitate the bank, however, but I would like to see a simpler design such as rock steps into the river while maintaining the existing vegetation.	1/23/2023 10:43 AM
119	It's insane you would close the natural access close to the fence. That is prime river access for kids to play at an actual natural part of the river. I used to spend hours there with my young daughter	1/23/2023 7:05 AM
120	Simple existing spot, don't need to disrupt vegetation further. Maybe just some simple clean up.	1/22/2023 8:16 PM
121	An obvious area of use. Would be easier to maintain	1/22/2023 8:06 PM
122	With access point 1 being redone, it seems redundant to have a swimming area here too just steps from point 1. And I'm always a fan of bringing back natural state where it makes sense.	1/22/2023 8:01 PM
123	More water access	1/22/2023 3:51 PM
124	This area is degrading quickly and is basically a default dog park. We have seen several issues occur between young children and dogs at this area.	1/22/2023 3:44 PM
125	Kayak rollers will be more efficient and used more by kayakers	1/22/2023 2:33 PM
126	This is our favorite access point in town! My kids love swimming out to the big rock in the middle. Also, provides in easy exit for a quick float from Miller's Landing Access Point #1.	1/22/2023 2:02 PM
127	More river access not less	1/22/2023 12:18 PM
128	This area is highly eroded and needs to be restored and closed off to public access. I do not support another river access point from Miller's Landing, one is enough.	1/22/2023 11:34 AM
129	x	1/22/2023 10:53 AM
130	As Bend population and tourism grows sufficient and safe water access is required	1/22/2023 7:14 AM
131	I prefer the additional access point in the second design	1/22/2023 7:09 AM
132	Honestly, I'm on the fence on this one. Like the look of both concepts. Does the parking space support two recreation access points?	1/21/2023 10:27 PM
133	Same. Creativity and capacity leans me toward #2.	1/21/2023 7:48 PM
134	Another access point would be great	1/21/2023 6:22 PM
135	Very important to have graduated water access for people, not just docks. Understand that people want to get into the water: whether in watercraft or to cool off. Safe access is a priority.	1/21/2023 9:19 AM
136	To be honest, I am on the fence about access point number two, but feel that developing it for access is probably best. Lots of people want to swim from there so keeping swimming access in that area in general is key. The current area, as is, feels a little grungy, eroded, and like some people can dominate it.	1/20/2023 8:50 PM
137	Please do NOT close this access, it is one of the most popular and should be enhanced, not eliminated. Its a super nice and pleasant place to enter the river and hang out by. I would be devastated if it was closed!	1/20/2023 8:31 PM
138	This is a difficult decision, because of the impact it has on the adjacent neighbor and neighborhood, however, living in this area, I am aware of the popularity of this space, and I believe if nothing is done, it will result in ongoing impact and damage. People are flocking to and using this area in excess, and if it is not reinforced with streambed, restoration or structure. I believe the erosion will continue and damage to the area will be excessive	1/20/2023 6:59 PM
139	Stop making the river cater to tourists who litter and have no respect for the environment. Stop making a natural river like a swimming pool its not. Stop disturbing the river bank and ecosystem. Stop wasting tax payer money.	1/20/2023 6:57 PM
140	The access is nice and the fencing great to minimize shortcuts.	1/20/2023 6:31 PM
141	This is the only rational option for this overly used site. Eliminating this site would be a huge	1/20/2023 5:04 PM

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	loss to the community for residents and tourists. Yes, # 2 option is beautiful!	
142	There is very little parking around millers landing for it to be much of a swimming hole. It would be better as a boat launch or pet swim area	1/20/2023 3:26 PM
143	I fear that if this is made a permanent point of access, the area between the two points will have the vegetation severely impacted as floaters grab on to plants between the two. With such a widened access point at the boardwalk, I would prefer to see this closed off.	1/20/2023 2:03 PM
144	No change please as it encourages human encroachment on wildlife habitat. Dippers used to nest near the Colorado Street bridge but no more with water park. Who else will abandon the area? Many birds and mammals are unable to participate in this survey. I speak for them.	1/20/2023 1:52 PM
145	Revegetate!	1/20/2023 1:27 PM
146	Ok==this is 3rd time you are going to this site. I liked this rendering due to ease of use by disabled and young children. Please also provide benches and/or low stone sitting with shade vegetation for elderly.	1/20/2023 9:08 AM
147	with so much access improvements, this access point should be re-vegetated and restored.	1/20/2023 8:29 AM
148	I debated on this one because the more you build, the more they will come. Will 2 access points at Millers ruin the neighborhood or is there capacity for parking we're my thoughts but I love that nook and give people options. I love it	1/20/2023 6:40 AM
149	I like the tree area	1/20/2023 6:05 AM
150	I think it would be best if the second access point stayed the same	1/19/2023 11:43 PM
151	This concept would invite more use than concept #1 which doesn't change the existing area that much.	1/19/2023 9:42 PM
152	I enjoyed the terraces design and think it would be complementary to a boat dock at access point #1. I would not enjoyed a terraced design at both access points.	1/19/2023 9:22 PM
153	This should be a dog permitted area. Concept two allows dogs to wade with people of all mobilities. Many dogs want to wade and not jump in.	1/19/2023 8:35 PM
154	Access is important	1/19/2023 8:32 PM
155	We need more places to access the river for swimming.	1/19/2023 8:27 PM
156	The presented concepts (. 1 and 2) look identical.	1/19/2023 6:01 PM
157	If you revegitate, how will this be maintained? People will jump the fence. It's considered the rogue put it as it is now.	1/19/2023 5:06 PM
158	I support maintaining access at this point but I don't think it has to be as large of an area as the design has, especially if the upstream dock area is improved.	1/19/2023 5:05 PM
159	Everything about concept #2 is inviting. To fill in with vegetation would be an unfortunate option with the population & tourist pressure for river access to eliminate this access. It is beautiful!	1/19/2023 4:09 PM
160	closing this access not a good idea...people will still do it	1/19/2023 4:09 PM
161	With enhancement and protection of riparian areas. See also previous comments about Miller's Landing Park.	1/19/2023 4:09 PM
162	Providing additional sanctioned access points to the river will help with the overcrowded area at McKay Park. Whether it is sanctioned or not, people will find a way to the river, so you might as well create a safe place for access.	1/19/2023 3:59 PM
163	Terraced water access seems like a nice touch on that side of the river	1/19/2023 3:51 PM
164	We need to maintain good access to the river	1/19/2023 3:23 PM
165	The more access points the better in my opinion	1/19/2023 3:07 PM
166	I like the wading pool area. I can see my kids playing here in the summer.	1/19/2023 2:49 PM
167	With the in-migration to Bend, added pressure to the river and bounty of tourists who often enter the river wherever they see fit, its important to build up heavy vegetation wherever and	1/19/2023 2:26 PM

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whenever possible, to prevent access to sensitive areas. I like the rendering of access point 2, concept 1. The Deschutes needs more plantings

168	If Access #2 is to be eliminated (i.e. Concept #1), then redirect Access #1 to Concept #2	1/19/2023 2:19 PM
169	Rather see better access rather than closing altogether	1/19/2023 2:09 PM
170	more access points mean less congestion	1/19/2023 2:03 PM
171	If Miller's Landing is improved, I don't feel it necessary to have a secondary area to access the river so close. I think it would benefit from being replanted and closed to access.	1/19/2023 1:59 PM
172	I think it appears more accessible and functional.	1/19/2023 1:52 PM
173	Very concerned about parking. Currently this area is a nice spot for an evening swim for the neighborhood. We can walk over and enjoy some quite time away from the craziness of everyone on the grass. Will need stricter parking rules, more parking spaces, and police presence to curb the public drinking and underage drinking. This is already out of hand in the summer and the river access isn't great!	1/19/2023 1:38 PM
174	I like the ramp getting into the water. Shaded areas are extremely important and benches should be wide enough	1/19/2023 12:02 PM
175	More cost effective	1/19/2023 11:44 AM
176	Accommodates more people and is nicer looking	1/19/2023 11:42 AM
177	More access to the river to allow for less crowded parks	1/19/2023 11:20 AM
178	2nd concept seems more open	1/19/2023 10:14 AM
179	We need More access points, that is why people keep creating new ones which cause further erosion. I feel closing this & just restoring it will cause people to just go create new access points- causing Worse Damage. Creating a True access point here will best serve users & likely prevent new damage elsewhere.	1/19/2023 10:04 AM
180	If Millers Landing access point 1 is remodeled to make for easier access, it makes sense to close off access point 2. No need to spend more money for basically the same location.	1/19/2023 9:49 AM
181	Access is needed here. Do not fence it.	1/19/2023 9:34 AM
182	More natural looking. Access point 1 is sufficient for recreational needs.	1/19/2023 9:29 AM
183	With all of the other river access and recreation improvements available, I prefer restoration of Miller's Landing Access Point #2. This gives a needed balance between recreation and habitat improvement.	1/19/2023 9:24 AM
184	This is a nice sheltered shallow spot for wading and has some shade. Would hate to lose it as an access point.	1/19/2023 9:05 AM
185	Make Access Point 1 larger and close off Access Point 2	1/19/2023 9:01 AM
186	Another access point is good	1/19/2023 8:55 AM
187	I think a secure fence with natural habitat	1/19/2023 8:55 AM
188	Intentional access is safer for users.	1/19/2023 8:54 AM
189	Unclear the differences but it looks like it is either having a designated access point here vs. restoring the vegetation? If access point #1 is built sufficiently to have non-congested access then I think we should restore the vegetation.	1/19/2023 8:23 AM
190	I have seen a lot of dogs swim from this area and suggest catering more to that for this second access point.	1/19/2023 7:57 AM
191	It would be great to have an additional access point on this side that's nice for swimming / wading / beach play to hopefully divert some of the users from McKay. However, this concept lacks the elements that make McKay so popular: a wading area sheltered from the current, and a soft beach. If you look at users at McKay and Farewell Bend, kids wading and playing in the sand greatly outnumber swimmers, so it would be great to have additional opportunities for this. Lastly, this concept takes a natural area and makes it look like a city swimming pool. The	1/19/2023 7:57 AM

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natural beauty is what makes the river so special, and it would be very sad to see that diminished with overbuilt access points like this.

192	More access is better. If you don't make a designated space for access people will just use the undesignated area anyway.	1/19/2023 7:48 AM
193	Don't need to add access at both Miller Landing 2 AND Columbia. Columbia better because there is already access at Miller and it adds access on the west side of the river	1/19/2023 7:41 AM
194	it's a good place for dogs only access	1/19/2023 7:39 AM
195	Close it off, seems unnecessary so close to other access points.	1/19/2023 7:34 AM
196	Very few people launch from that spot and it does not need 2 ramps into the water. I would suggest concept 1 with direct water access. Furthermore, that is right next to a house and that is not fair to put a huge access point that can simply be put further upriver were the existing point is.	1/19/2023 7:23 AM
197	Need more access points. Very crowded	1/19/2023 7:15 AM
198	I would STRONGLY prefer to keep this a quieter entry point, not for boats or crafts. Obviously some sort of stone or cement to ensure the bank stops eroding, but no other structure or "enhancement" would be my preference. Keep the traffic lower and point it to the put in just up river. Discourage boats, encourage just foot traffic at this point for those without crafts.	1/19/2023 7:04 AM
199	Access Point #1 is focused on Kayaks so it would help with congestion to have access for swimmers	1/19/2023 7:00 AM
200	Please keep river access at site 2. This is a fairly quiet spot where we get in the water to end a hot day when McKay is overrun with tubers. We use this spot almost daily in the summer, we've lived in the neighborhood for 25 years. Please don't remove this access.	1/19/2023 6:59 AM
201	Prefer the grouted boulder look which has a more natural look overall. This option also seems to give extra space and an additional take-out area for river traffic which is very needed.	1/19/2023 6:38 AM
202	River access at millers landing and Columbia parks, please! We have little kids and need more places to access the river.	1/19/2023 6:31 AM
203	Once again designed for future failure and not designed in a way that actually benefits the actual users.	1/19/2023 5:05 AM
204	It is good to be able to access the river from Columbia Park, but since it is under the kiddie playground we need to make sure that parents can easily supervise young ones coming off of the slide or that access to the transfer area is not too easy/dangerous. It is a very popular play area.	1/18/2023 10:30 PM
205	Voting for the environment - I think native plants/river habitat is important	1/18/2023 10:05 PM
206	I think the extra area will help people spread out and give an area to relax by the water without a constant flow of rafts going past	1/18/2023 9:05 PM
207	Love the additional access point. This area can get very crowded	1/18/2023 8:48 PM
208	Additional access point needed for busy days	1/18/2023 8:34 PM
209	The access point looks nice	1/18/2023 8:23 PM
210	Great to have 2 access points there so it isn't so congested with one. Worry about having both access points and still the same amount of parking though.	1/18/2023 7:58 PM
211	more access points are better. restore habitat..but build improved access where existing user access has occurred.	1/18/2023 7:57 PM
212	we should encourage easy access points to the river, not close off the entrances more especially when so many people are trying to enter the river.	1/18/2023 7:12 PM
213	we need all the access points we can get	1/18/2023 6:51 PM
214	Sweet small access, very nice	1/18/2023 6:35 PM
215	Definitely prefer closing this access point - if Miller's access point #1 is improved, it should be able to handle as much traffic as that parking lot can handle, by far. No sense having 2 access	1/18/2023 6:29 PM

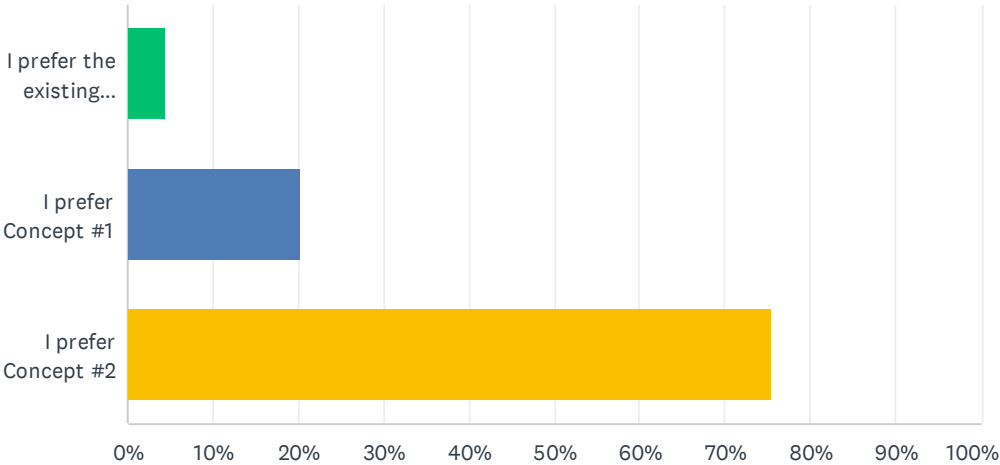
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points for the one small parking lot. Give it back to nature!

216	Easy access for all people	1/18/2023 6:28 PM
217	More access!!	1/18/2023 6:20 PM
218	Definitely close access. There will be ample access just up stream. Let's preserve our natural riparian zones where we can!	1/18/2023 6:19 PM
219	I don't think we should eliminate any river access points. It just gets busier every year.	1/18/2023 5:36 PM
220	Extend up river access	1/18/2023 5:32 PM
221	The second design looks great. It would be great to be able to lounge in the river without having to kayak/paddle board.	1/18/2023 5:07 PM
222	Unless you somehow create more parking it doesn't make sense to improve the usage of this area too much. Because there is not enough parking as it is, in which to take advantage of this park. I'd rather see my tax paying dollars used to increase the parking area and create better kayak access. It doesn't need to be as fancy as the proposals. Just basic kayak access. WE NEED more kayak access up the river, south of the Colorado bridge so folks can kayak from the Bill Healy Bridge to the Colorado Bridge.	1/18/2023 4:11 PM
223	I can't remember why I picked this one but I'm pretty sure it went with functionality.	1/18/2023 3:22 PM
224	Safe river access within that area of the park	1/18/2023 3:20 PM
225	Close it off/revegetate to maintain river integrity and focus traffic on one entrance point	1/18/2023 2:52 PM
226	I like the look of concept two but I don't see the need for two access points right next to each other on the same side of the river.	1/18/2023 1:38 PM
227	I don't think people will stay out, so provide a hardened access is better option. Bend is only growing, so more access will be needed, lest it be taken.	1/18/2023 1:34 PM
228	I like Concept 2 when it is paired with Concept 1 from the Miller's Landing Park - Access Point 1. The two complement one another.	1/18/2023 1:24 PM
229	Fixing one entrance to the river is plenty.	1/18/2023 1:18 PM
230	With the proposed improvements to access point#1, it seems unnecessary to create another new access point here just a few feet from point #1. Revegetate and give the river a rest in this area.	1/18/2023 12:38 PM
231	People will not respect the fence and find a way to the river - build something useful instead of constantly fighting to re-vegetate.	1/18/2023 12:07 PM
232	The first access point at Miller's landing should be upgraded to meet river access needs and the second point can be closed off.	1/18/2023 11:55 AM
233	If the space is to be developed, again the most improvements will benefit the community. It will help disperse folks along the bank and give extra egress points from the river. I could also see this just being resorted to natural habitat if the other projects are taken to their full potential.	1/18/2023 11:32 AM
234	I think it's important to maintain vegetation on this part of the riverbank.	1/18/2023 11:11 AM
235	#2 gives more options on crowded days of river floating.	1/18/2023 11:00 AM
236	This is a popular river access point. Although I'm not against removing it, I worry that folks will break the fence and destroy vegetation to use this area. So, I say fix this area and continue its use.	1/18/2023 9:57 AM
237	The additional enhancements will allow for more people to enjoy the river, similar to the access point that is already there, but this new point will make it much more accessible for other people as well.	1/18/2023 9:18 AM
238	It's a great spot for users to use a calm area of the river.	1/17/2023 12:37 PM

Q7 Which concept best represents the types of enhancements you feel are most appropriate for this location?

Answered: 501 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer the existing conditions	4.39%	22
I prefer Concept #1	20.16%	101
I prefer Concept #2	75.45%	378
TOTAL		501

Q8 Please provide additional feedback, either in favor or against, specific elements within these concepts.

Answered: 272 Skipped: 250

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The access to water for people with disabilities or in wheelchairs, which is also multi-use, is what I like the most. I don't see tables around to be able to sit down to eat or hang out with the family	2/14/2023 1:59 PM
2	Formalize community created access. It's like desire paths, but for the waters edge.	2/8/2023 10:26 PM
3	For the safety of our community, environment of our riparian zone and right to quiet enjoyment of the nearby residents, please restore Columbia Park to its riparian zone.	2/8/2023 10:12 PM
4	While I do understand the need for revegetation and am OK if that is the route that is chosen, I do like the idea of a nice river access point here. It is a beautiful spot and I appreciate the thought put into making this space accessible for all. My only concern for this area is that with the park right there and slide that goes down is the possible issues that could arise from young kids venturing towards the river access points where there parents can't see them from up on the playground. Of course this is something the parents should understand is a possible issue when going to this park, but I know my 3, 5 and 8 year old wander up and down that path going down the slide and up the hill with lots of other kids. It could be one of those times where if you are juggling a few children and your attention was divided it could be a devastating end. I'm not sure if there would be a way to enclose the area below that is accessed by the slide so once kids go down the slide they are directed back up and aren't able to just walk right down the path to the river. (I mention this because if I am there by myself with my two young kids I may be at the top playground with my youngest while my oldest is going down the slide. And even keeping an eye on him he could quickly get to the rivers edge before I could make it down the steps).	2/8/2023 9:01 PM
5	You have created an option for access to the river. We can only hope, people will use that instead of walking across the revegetation.	2/8/2023 8:33 PM
6	User friendly	2/8/2023 7:03 PM
7	Water access	2/8/2023 6:07 PM
8	I think it would be helpful to have another access point along the river for swimming, etc.	2/8/2023 3:53 PM
9	I see a lot of wildlife- ducks, otter, beaver in that area and think it should be restored.	2/8/2023 10:46 AM
10	Not worth the cost. Leave as is and reallocate funds elsewhere.	2/8/2023 8:37 AM
11	Please consider building in additional bike parking to accommodate a more local access point.	2/8/2023 8:14 AM
12	I am strongly in favor of providing access to the river at Columbia Park. In order to best serve the community there should be developed access to the river for kayaks, sups and swimmers. It's better to provide safe access to the river than encourage people to trample vegetation in undeveloped areas.	2/7/2023 7:58 PM
13	More swimming	2/7/2023 4:28 PM
14	Adding a formal access point may encourage traffic from outside of the neighborhood	2/7/2023 12:30 PM
15	The more access to the river, the better!	2/7/2023 10:53 AM
16	I like the idea of closing access to revegetate, but still providing an access point. I feel like if we just close and revegetate, that will force people to find new access points and we'll be addressing those in a few years.	2/7/2023 9:09 AM
17	My heart wants there to be a restored native area but I think people would make there own access point regardless	2/7/2023 8:37 AM

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18	there is a park there, access on that side of the river seems right.	2/7/2023 5:41 AM
19	We need more accessible to the water spots as parking near the district office gets more and more restricted.	2/6/2023 9:49 PM
20	Neighborhood access to the river is important.	2/6/2023 8:28 PM
21	Concept #1 would discourage bridge jumping then swimming to an easy exit. It would also discourage people from using Columbia Park as a destination to put into the river. I would be concerned about overuse or misuse of this neighborhood park. It would keep the neighborhood feel of the river for residents along the waterfront.	2/6/2023 5:24 PM
22	Why you closed off access to this amazing park from people floating has always stumped me	2/6/2023 2:13 PM
23	It would be nice to provide additional access to the neighborhood here for the river. Of the three concepts this one is my lowest priority to provide additional access if funds are limited.	2/6/2023 12:30 PM
24	Revegetate!	2/6/2023 12:18 PM
25	The design probably does not address the conditions which lead to the illegal bridge jumping activity from a City of Bend asset, but maintaining access here would be critical for Columbia park to continue to function as a neighborhood park for paddlers in the adjoining River West neighborhood. My primary concerns with the design are that it likely doesn't confirm to existing WOZ design standards, and that there doesn't seem to be much thought about how to keep people and dogs out of the existing or restored riparian habitat. My \$.02 is that there needs to be a lot more woody material placed both upstream and downstream of such an access point if the quality of the impacted habitat along the park's riparian edge is to be maintained or recovered.	2/6/2023 12:18 PM
26	I would prefer to revegetate and no add an access point to the river there. Often times when kids are playing at Columbia park the parents are hanging out at the top and I wouldn't want there to be a river access point down below when my kids go down the slide. That would be dangerous and parents would have to follow their kids down the slide	2/6/2023 12:13 PM
27	I like the boulder terracing	2/6/2023 11:32 AM
28	I prefer closing off that area. Columbia park is a quiet neighborhood park that doesn't have the parking for people entering and exiting the river. Plus the slide drops down right to the pathway and having an open water access to a park designed for very young children seems to be inviting a tragic accident. I'd hate to see Columbia park get overrun and damaged/trashed by an inappropriate user group.	2/6/2023 11:27 AM
29	Perfect as is	2/6/2023 6:19 AM
30	In the summer, I hate walking across this bridge, because it's full of angsty teenagers that think they're hot shit jumping into the river off the bridge. Have an improve access point will only make this worst. The lack of parking and ongoing vandalism issues in Colombia Park will only get worse.	2/6/2023 5:46 AM
31	With all of the other areas to access the river just upstream, I vote we let this revegetate. I take my kids to Columbia Park often. While the neighbors who live there feel strongly about concept 2, they can easily go to Miller's Landing or McKay to access the water. I would like to see that area preserved as a walking path, with less busyness from the river through the playground and park.	2/5/2023 8:48 PM
32	Adequate other access points. No need to develop here, keep natural	2/5/2023 7:31 PM
33	Columbia Park absolutely needs an access point!	2/5/2023 7:30 PM
34	Please maintain access at Columbia park.	2/5/2023 5:44 PM
35	Need river access there	2/5/2023 5:36 PM
36	Given number of people on river, we should have more access points, not less. Also, kids jump off the bridge all the time. If no access point, they will just climb fences and stuff.	2/5/2023 10:31 AM
37	I prefer to protect the rivers edge. Revegetate and protect with fencing. We have enough water access.	2/5/2023 9:31 AM
38	There is insufficient parking to support increased use at Columbia Park, especially as more ADUs are built in the surrounding neighborhood. Additionally, it seems more prudent and	2/4/2023 9:34 PM

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crucial to reduce erosion and discourage the illegal bridge dumping by making it more difficult to exit the river adjacent to the bridge.

39	Yes please make this area water accessible, great concept idea	2/4/2023 8:47 PM
40	I prefer more river access	2/4/2023 11:08 AM
41	Would be nice to swim while playing at park as well.	2/3/2023 4:27 PM
42	Would be appropriate for dog swimming.	2/3/2023 10:42 AM
43	No	2/3/2023 7:33 AM
44	River access is important	2/2/2023 3:47 PM
45	Would be great to have access here	2/2/2023 3:42 PM
46	No access ease	2/2/2023 2:52 PM
47	I prefer access to improve, not be cut off.	2/2/2023 2:37 PM
48	I like that it is still closed off but also allows an access point from that part of the river.	2/2/2023 12:04 PM
49	While I know all the rich folks on the river would love option #1, I defer to my previous comment that kids and visitors and even locals (like myself with teenagers) will make their own spot on the riverbank. You build it and they will come!!! The bank is open, and Columbia Park needs river access and options for floaters. Don't close it off or trouble will persist, and all vegetation will be kicked aside once again.	2/2/2023 10:23 AM
50	1. It already creates noise for neighbors living on the river. 2. Wildlife will disappear or move due to increased traffic. 3. Access is for a short stretch of river either direction. As with bad winter roads, people can drive to or access the river via a different access point. 4. I have strong feelings against this access point.	2/2/2023 9:50 AM
51	With option 2, I am concerned with the noise created for neighbors along the river. There will be no mitigation for the noise. While some neighbors want access, other like me want to maintain a more peaceful environment. There is a good amount of river access at McKay and soon to be at Millers Landing. Why is access required at Columbia?	2/2/2023 9:46 AM
52	Closing off the river access will not stop the jumping. Create the access and engineer something to deter bridge jumping. I'm sure there are other cities in this country that face the same issue and would share their designs that can be adapted to our bridge	2/2/2023 9:44 AM
53	I'm not strongly opinionated about this one. Again, I always like restoration, but I do also see value in providing a swimming access point that is not overwhelmed by boats/tubes.	2/2/2023 9:31 AM
54	People in the neighborhood launch from this area. Millers it too crowded and can't park. Concept 2 facilitates the behavior that exists of people finding a way to get on the river there.	2/2/2023 9:12 AM
55	A great spot to get out and away from the crowds. Love being able to put kids in and pick them up at Drake, or just hang.	2/2/2023 9:07 AM
56	There's a children's park above and the steps work better	2/2/2023 9:05 AM
57	love graded boulder terracing and stairs into water	2/2/2023 9:04 AM
58	Concept 1 will maintain the quality of life the existing homeowners expected when they purchased their property, while concept 2 will exacerbate the existing problems. 1. Concept 2 will draw more people to the river bank, increasing the bridge jumping. 2. The described "hanging out" by the river will encourage people to swim across the river and trespass on private property, as well as damaging said property. My property has been damaged repeatedly by the existing traffic, which includes a 75+ year old tree in the riparian corridor.	2/2/2023 8:57 AM
59	I like the paved trail. Good for bikes.	2/2/2023 7:10 AM
60	Please continue to allow dog access!	2/1/2023 8:56 PM
61	#2 provides more access points. Love it.	2/1/2023 8:14 PM
62	Please please keep, and improve, Columbia Park River access!!! Our favorite area to access the river	2/1/2023 5:00 PM

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63	Revegetating this area seems to be best possible situation in concept #1. I feel that with the three other access points up stream, adding a fourth here creates more opportunities for river congestion. The route to get to this launch point is longer and this launch would probably not get used as much. Plus, I feel the revegetation of this area would enhance this portion of the river and be better for the residents on the other side.	2/1/2023 4:02 PM
64	In favor for Concept #1, returning the river edge to its natural state. This area is too close to residences and would not well suited for surges of visitors that summers bring. Plus, this the last section of the river float, and it's quite tranquil after passing through the bustle of McKay Park. Keep it natural.	2/1/2023 2:26 PM
65	Under Concept 2: 1. This will encourage more illegal jumping from the Gilchrist Bridge 2. The proposed protrusion into the river will cause increased erosion on the opposite side of the river, leading to potential lawsuits. 3. The increased number of people "hanging out" by the river will result in increased conflict with landowners on the opposite side of the river. There are already too many instances of trespass on homeowners property and destruction of private property. 4. This will greatly increase the noise pollution that homeowners will have to endure. Columbia Park already has way too much middle of the night yelling and screaming. Is there any provision for closing the river access at night? 5. Is there any provision for increased patrol of this area to enforce the rights of the local homeowners?	2/1/2023 1:57 PM
66	How are you planning to stop the bridge jumping and screaming all day long. If you build option 1 or 2 where will people park. Who will pay for the erosion that changing the river will cause across from the park. This is the narrow part of the river and by adding intrusions like concrete etc it will force water to the other side and the banks in the yards will begin to erode even more. This access does not make for a very long float either. I don't see the benefit and it changes the park usage for our kids.	2/1/2023 1:36 PM
67	I think it is a good idea to have more access on the West side of the River. Good for Columbia Park Users.	2/1/2023 1:33 PM
68	There are already enough access points and this is one would not benefit	2/1/2023 1:13 PM
69	This river access is sorely missed. It just needs to be a small spot as proposed for a quick dip in by kids and dogs at the park. Please please return this access.	2/1/2023 12:44 PM
70	Does more than concept 1. However, except for paddleboards, the landing is not easy to use for a kayak	2/1/2023 12:39 PM
71	#2 allows for people to enjoy being in the water AND have a safe trail. This also allows for a space to pull out of the river if needed. Putting up a fence in #1 won't stop kids from hoping over.	2/1/2023 12:05 PM
72	I like the idea of a fence here because my kids love going down that big tube slide. When they pop out the bottom, I can't see them well from up top, and I don't want them wandering too close to the river without my eyes on them. It would be awesome to have a wading area here if there were a way to make it safe for kids.	2/1/2023 10:19 AM
73	Please don't restrict access in this area! Love idea of being able to enjoy the river from this area again	2/1/2023 9:58 AM
74	This access is very important. Getting to another access point is a long walk. Keeping this open is more critical than the second millers landing area, although I think both should stay open and be formalized.	2/1/2023 9:44 AM
75	Columbia Park is not intended as a destination, no parking. The bridge is an attractive nuisance as far as bridge jumping and negative uses of the river. An access would not help to deter these behaviors. Either restore the riparian, or re-design the entire park to accommodate the river access use.	2/1/2023 9:34 AM
76	It's important for people who live on this side of the river to have an easy access point to dip in the river or launch water vehicles. Concept 1 will not work -- people will still attempt to access the river & just climb over the fence.	2/1/2023 9:17 AM
77	Again, concept #1 maintains a more natural environment but that will not stop people from trying to use that part of the river or the a%#lings from jumping from the bridge. So, perhaps a controlled access point (#2) is better.	2/1/2023 9:13 AM
78	Good balance of revegetation and river access.	2/1/2023 9:11 AM

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79	This is a neighborhood park. Adding river access will draw people to the neighborhood and clog up the parking on the street.	2/1/2023 8:57 AM
80	This area gets a lot of traffic and needs the access point. As is the jumpers will still make their own trails through the vegetation.	2/1/2023 8:38 AM
81	Again, big benefit is another neighborhood access point	2/1/2023 8:14 AM
82	Adding access here would enhance use options at Columbia park for families. It would enable people to do a short float from McKay park to Columbia park and walk back to McKay on a trail (or walk up to McKay from Columbia and float back) perfect for families with little kids!	2/1/2023 8:12 AM
83	This is a great kids park. Having access to wade in the river seems important.	2/1/2023 6:58 AM
84	No preference between concepts	2/1/2023 6:07 AM
85	Don't need access to river here. Good walking paths are nice.	1/31/2023 10:59 PM
86	Needs a river access point or people will continue to climb the fence and ruin the vegetation	1/31/2023 8:32 PM
87	I would say it's worth keeping that side of the river more natural, and not have the new access point. It's not super accessible to say bring a float of kayak down there – I think the most common use you see is just kids jumping off the bridge and just getting out of the water there.	1/31/2023 6:48 PM
88	Clearly people want access there based on erosion.	1/31/2023 3:17 PM
89	Please do not add open river access here. The slide goes right down to it and with two kids at the park it is terrifying enough when one goes down the slide and you can't see them because your up top with a littler one. Seems very dangerous.	1/31/2023 1:29 PM
90	Building out the river will produce problems with tourism to the neighboring residents and parking issues. It also encourages more youngsters to jump in the river. How about a little opening that is not so obvious? I prefer to keep the extra people out of the river and if they want to swim, go to a pool. It's a river and it doesn't belong to us alone.	1/31/2023 1:16 PM
91	Safer for everyone. Would love to see no dogs allowed in this area.	1/31/2023 1:00 PM
92	Concept 2 SHOULD include a new bridge to prevent bridge jumping. If this access point is closed, I think there is much more of a reason to not close the downstream miller's landing access point.	1/31/2023 10:33 AM
93	Walking access only for the river area there. No one wants to swim there and only locals know about it	1/31/2023 2:27 AM
94	Placing enticing water access right down from where the slide lets out doesn't seem safe. Kids love going down the slide and running up river along the path and back up to the park. Having water access right there worries me as a parent. Love that you're closing access to the river up nearer to the bridge.	1/30/2023 9:24 PM
95	River access here would be a real benefit as it serves as a mid-way point to Drake park.	1/30/2023 1:17 PM
96	Columbia Park access should be closed until the bridge jumping is stopped. The riparian should be replanted and not replaced with concrete. I live close to Columbia Park on the river and watch an Otter family go into their den which is located close to where Concept # 2 is showing concrete poured into the river. I often see otter and beaver traveling up and down the river near the riparian along Columbia Park. Please don't destroy their home.	1/30/2023 11:25 AM
97	Yay for more defined river access!	1/30/2023 9:50 AM
98	Allows access to park...although keep the access small and consider the parking situation near the park above which is limited.	1/30/2023 9:07 AM
99	In Concept #2, how close is the river access to the bottom of the tube slide? A single parent can't be at the top and bottom of that slide at the same time. Is there a risk kids could run into the river before a parent makes it down the long stairs?	1/28/2023 8:03 PM
100	Again, I believe we need to create defined areas for our community to access the river while protecting the banks, i believe this concept addresses that.	1/28/2023 4:15 PM
101	I think it would be great to have river access at Columbia Park as this will spread out access points on the river.	1/28/2023 3:39 PM

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102	We need more designated river access points, not less. Columbia Park is well loved by locals and families. Having a designated access point to the river in this area would be wonderful!	1/28/2023 10:18 AM
103	either concept is a great improvement.	1/27/2023 2:29 PM
104	This was never a designated access area, and is in a residential area. Having a developed access there will encourage bridge jumping, and someone will eventually die. Many people have been hurt there, and it falls on the neighbors of the area to "save" them. There is an otter den just downstream of this proposed access and that would definitely be disturbed as the access would certainly become an area for people to throw the ball for their dogs...I've seen that in the past and they trapse all over the riparian area there. It's quite sad.	1/27/2023 12:10 PM
105	More transfer stations... why not?	1/27/2023 10:45 AM
106	Where is the dog access? It needs to be included in at least one more location.	1/27/2023 9:51 AM
107	I recommend devlopment of an alternative that repairs and protects erosive conditions, and avoids and minimizes impacts to fringe wetlands and the river channel.	1/27/2023 6:35 AM
108	Same as earlier comments	1/27/2023 5:49 AM
109	This was a tough decision as well for different reasons. Here I was thinking of the homeowners who would be losing their riverfront access and who would likely experience an increase in activity around their properties. At the same time, having a path on that side of the river makes for a much smoother connection between the footbridge and Miller's landing. It also would move activity from the street where there is no designated path and where the street and sidewalk are in disrepair. I also have mixed feelings about the amount of accessible (in general) river locations versus the importance of the river to be accessible for all creatures, including humans. Ultimately I chose the concept I felt was more open and thought that this location is makes more sense to improve than location #2 of Miller's Landing.	1/26/2023 9:54 PM
110	people access this water no matter what - so even if we closed it off it would just get trampled anyhow - might be best to have a designated area on that side and lower down stream. Regarding the bridge jumping - if we can offer that surf wave we should be able to figure out a way to allow bridge jumping legally and safely - we did it when we were kids - it's never going to stop - kids are going to do it - so you might as well give the officers a break and the kids a break and dig it dipper, mark a jump spot, put up some signs like at the wave - that is significantly more dangerous than jumping off of a 20 foot bridge. Someone has died at the wave - as far as I know - and I am 35 year old true local - nobody has died jumping off Columbia bridge.	1/26/2023 9:48 PM
111	We live two blocks from Columbia park and really have missed not having access to the river with the recent fencing off, in the summer. While I am voting for concept 2 as far as accessibility for that location, I am concerned that this will make this park even more of a "zoo" than it already is in the summer time. It has already become a teen hangout spot in the summer with kids jumping off the bridge and groups of teenagers lingering along the bridge breezeway and park lawns. I can only imagine what this area will be like with this new river access as an even more popular spot, not to mention with all the floater trafficking in and out. It's gonna be a zoo in the summer! And not in a good way.	1/26/2023 8:34 PM
112	Concept 2 is the best of both worlds	1/26/2023 6:37 PM
113	2 feels like the best parts of 1 in riparian protection and fencing but also with a nice little river access area.	1/26/2023 6:37 PM
114	I live across the street fromColumbia park and see the current closure not preventing illegal bridge jumping and see new places being accessed illegally and in safely and I imagine causing even more riparian damage. Please reopen a safe entry point at Columbia park.	1/26/2023 4:31 PM
115	No need for river access here. Keep it fenced off, improve the bridge, and pave the trail.	1/25/2023 8:10 PM
116	Hopefully the more access points you can offer, the easier parking will be and the less accessing at random points will happen	1/25/2023 6:26 PM
117	this allows good access. #1 will still get run over by people who want to get in the river.	1/25/2023 2:20 PM
118	This is the only way to access the river from the West Central area of Bend and Columbia Park, and is badly needed.	1/25/2023 9:38 AM

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119	This access point is a must! Tucked away feel is unique, provides and option for shade, nice to have playground nearby for families, and great to have an access point along this key bike and pedestrian crossing! A less crowded option for people who walk and roll.	1/24/2023 9:43 PM
120	Accessibility and community use	1/24/2023 3:34 PM
121	Design will only deteriorate other areas with increased erosion, please consult people who know how rivers and currents work before taxpayers once again have to pay for more riverbank work due to bad designs.	1/24/2023 12:44 PM
122	The field and the playground are already busy points. Adding river access to this area would be a parking nightmare.	1/24/2023 12:13 PM
123	The other access points have been enhanced and have parking nearby. This one does not.	1/24/2023 12:11 PM
124	close it off. That area is getting beat down.	1/24/2023 11:19 AM
125	Keep the river wild and less accessible to polluting people.	1/24/2023 10:08 AM
126	Again, the more access to river the better. This is perfect!	1/24/2023 10:03 AM
127	this is great for all....just make it so all vegetative areas are adequately fenced off...need to keep people off the bridge rails!!! One day the city of Bend will be shelling out for wrongful death, enforce the law!!	1/24/2023 10:03 AM
128	like having more opportunities to access the river. As a dog owner, we need more areas for dog access to the river. One overcrowded area on the entire river is not sufficient	1/24/2023 10:00 AM
129	Please incorporate a location for dog access to swimming in the river. Concept#2 would be ideal for dog access to the Deschutes.	1/24/2023 9:59 AM
130	I do not see anything regarding a place where off-leash dogs have any safe access. Bend is doing a terrible job accommodating locals that have dogs and prioritizing tourists. Do better for those that live here with their dogs. Bend is a city where most everyone has a dog. Maybe give dogs and their owners as much consideration as you do for coffee, beer & pot shops.	1/24/2023 9:52 AM
131	If you close access here completely, people will just hop the fence anyway to enter and exit the river in the busy summer days. Much better to keep river access here, but with more durable, lasting surfaces.	1/24/2023 9:48 AM
132	See previous statement	1/24/2023 9:46 AM
133	People will continue to ruin the vegetated area if you block all access from this point. Add a designated access point so people don't make their own.	1/24/2023 9:13 AM
134	Unlike the other areas in this survey, the Columbia Park access point represents a portion of the river without good river access at the moment. I think adding the access point as outlined in Concept 2 provides an important river link where one is not currently available (at least to the public).	1/23/2023 2:26 PM
135	The natural state is preferable with a sturdy fence and signs posted stating 'No River Access / No Trespassing'. It is just too hard to see from the street for patrolling purposes and emergency access. It would definitely become a nighttime gathering spot for teens. Concept #2 would likely encourage MORE bridge jumpers because of the easy turnaround access. Keep the major construction focus on McKay and Miller, then reassess from there.	1/23/2023 1:51 PM
136	I like the additions	1/23/2023 11:07 AM
137	As a parent of a young child who plays at Columbia Park frequently, I have enjoyed having the river access closed at this location for safety reasons. With the slide down to the path it will be important to install a gate of other way to prevent children from accessing the river. Perhaps the bottom of the slide and stairs could be fenced/gated so that children cannot easily get to any new river access that is installed.	1/23/2023 10:47 AM
138	I feel strongly that this access point is needed. It would allow park users and the neighborhood a much missed river access point. Thanks	1/23/2023 10:35 AM
139	Maybe because I take my grandkids to the park here but I see this one more as a spot for kids to play safely by the water and needed.	1/23/2023 9:27 AM
140	We need to use the river access we have. People are going to jump off the bridge. They've	1/23/2023 7:06 AM

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been doing it for decades without a problem. . Make it so they don't have to tramp through and over barricades.

141	I'd be okay just fencing off the path but concept 2 looks pretty awesome, and great hangout spot during warmer months	1/22/2023 8:18 PM
142	Desirable area to launch small watercraft.	1/22/2023 8:07 PM
143	This is a great takeout for floaters....adds an element of safety I think. Great boat launch and swim area too. Love the idea.	1/22/2023 8:03 PM
144	This option offers a both a highly useable and sustainable access for river use.	1/22/2023 4:23 PM
145	This allows access to the river that won't degrade the riparian area	1/22/2023 4:12 PM
146	No water access where the slide from the park comes out	1/22/2023 3:51 PM
147	This is an important access point for the entire neighborhood on this side of the river. Please include river access in your plans for this location similar to concept #2. I know dozens of folks who currently need to drive and park at nearby access spots rather than simply walk here. The temporary closure has now been several years. The fence is ugly and we'd appreciate if access at this location is deemed a priority. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	1/22/2023 3:51 PM
148	Since the access was closed, the park itself, is used by fewer people. Also badly needed for people on west side of the river and it would make a safer ingress and egress. It would also stop bank erosion and fence jumping.	1/22/2023 2:38 PM
149	Important public access site needed between whitewater and drake park!! More access not less. Consider bridge jumping railing deterrents for safety and vegetation preservation. Those 2 issues can be easily mitigated with consideration for this much needed and necessary access point as the river users' safety. We need more access not less for tourists and residents alike.	1/22/2023 12:24 PM
150	I do not think we should be installing another river access point. This area is small and congested. People run, walk and ride their bikes on the trail along with children playing. It would become way too congested if a river access point was installed here. There's limited parking in the area. McKay Park already offers river access on this side of the river less than a 1/4 mile away and Miller's Landing will most likely offer future river access nearby. The riparian area here needs to be restored to increase function.	1/22/2023 11:38 AM
151	x	1/22/2023 10:53 AM
152	No access is not an option.	1/22/2023 7:16 AM
153	I think we should maintain an access point on this side of the river at this location.	1/22/2023 7:12 AM
154	I prefer concept two if parking and congestion can be handled without negatively impacting residents of the area. My initial thought was that the access point would only promote more illegal bridge jumping, however, I don't think that not adding an access point will prevent the bridge jumping. So if safety concerns with an access point at the park near the slide are addressed - and neighborhood impacts are addressed, I vote for concept 2.	1/21/2023 10:32 PM
155	It's a nice little park with the playground slide dumping right there? Children and parents would like to have safe water access. I cycle that path frequently and can see an issue with congestion in the summer.	1/21/2023 7:55 PM
156	I think revegetating the area would be nice.	1/21/2023 6:24 PM
157	The more river access the better!	1/21/2023 1:13 PM
158	Off leash dog area?	1/21/2023 12:54 PM
159	I love it but also worried about un attended kids from the playground accessing the water easily. It might be good to have a gate to enter like the dock at west of river Harmon park	1/21/2023 10:23 AM
160	Safe access is a priority. Blocking off access just kicks access either up or down river, creating more congestion at those points, OR illegal access occurs at this spot. Safe access and designated riparian areas is a win.	1/21/2023 9:20 AM
161	Well, although I am generally an environmentalist, I could go either way in developing this spot. The kids will jump off the bridge and swim to the spot. It will be a farther swim! Probably	1/20/2023 8:56 PM

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not what bend parks wants them to do, but at least they are not playing video games! In general, I think more access is better here given Columbia Park is right above it but I could go either way.

162	Please do NOT close this access point! It is silly not to have river access at Columbia Park and it provides a nice refuge away from the crowds near the whitewater park. It provides a nice diversity of river access points.	1/20/2023 8:33 PM
163	River access in town in Bend is paramount, and this area has proven to be a high use access point for the neighborhood on the west side of the river, while also taking pressure off the limited river access in town. Doing nothing at this location is exactly what has been done for the past several years and has proven to be a failure with temporary gates, kids finding ways around them and safety concerns with limited access for people needing to exit the river.	1/20/2023 7:04 PM
164	Stop making the river cater to tourists who litter and have no respect for the environment. Stop making a natural river like a swimming pool its not. Stop disturbing the river bank and ecosystem. Stop wasting tax payer money.	1/20/2023 6:57 PM
165	More water access may spread people out more. I think?	1/20/2023 6:32 PM
166	Option #1 should NOT be included here as there was adequate community response to be included in the remodel of important river access sites. The #2 concept is the option of choice for Bend's growing, active population of residents and tourists. Bend needs more public access sites, not fewer. And, Columbia is a most important one as it will be the only sure public access between McKay and Drake Park without private residences used in this stretch of river. Working with City of Bend to place bridge railing deterrents in the footbridge would be ideal to minimize bridge jumpers. River access further downstream from the bridge will also help deter jumpers. Without bridge railing deterrents, streamside foliage will surely be impacted.	1/20/2023 5:12 PM
167	Having a natural point of access to the river from Columbia Park feels like an asset.	1/20/2023 2:06 PM
168	No change. Footbridge is enough	1/20/2023 1:52 PM
169	I prefer some river access but it may be safer to move if further from the bottom of the big slide.	1/20/2023 12:57 PM
170	This is 2nd time for this question. I like the 2nd rendering due to water entry. My concern would be for residents. Would have to provide tall vegetation to block out noise.	1/20/2023 9:11 AM
171	another access point here is not needed.	1/20/2023 8:30 AM
172	This would be great spot to get in and out!	1/20/2023 6:40 AM
173	Dog access please, try to make up for ignoring the public and DOGPAC before	1/20/2023 6:21 AM
174	More access is better to decongest other areas	1/20/2023 6:06 AM
175	Having a small river access at Columbia St Park is a nice value addition to the park.	1/20/2023 5:57 AM
176	Ability to wade into the river	1/20/2023 3:48 AM
177	I think the trail should stay close to the river, not separated with trees	1/19/2023 11:46 PM
178	Concept #2 would invite more use and offer an alternative to rafters getting out of the water at Drake Park, reducing crowds in that area.	1/19/2023 9:45 PM
179	With expanded access upstream I would like to see riparian restoration at this location. The reach from here to drake park is very enjoyable because it isn't as busy with folks entering and exiting the water. I think riparian restoration should take place at some a few current access points since access is being expanded in other locations. This seems like a prime location for restoration since it is already a marginal river access location.	1/19/2023 9:25 PM
180	If you don't provide an access point, revegetating will only last a short time as people will continue to seek access.	1/19/2023 9:17 PM
181	Concept 2 is more user friendly and still appears natural enough to fit in.	1/19/2023 8:36 PM
182	Access is important	1/19/2023 8:32 PM
183	We need continued support for access to the river for swimming. First street rapids is always	1/19/2023 8:28 PM

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	over crowded and this would help.	
184	not sure where the exit point is for floaters, but this is not the place. parking is limited. but i've seen folks get out about anywhere and with lots of impacts to the shoreline. maybe have kiosks with info and fence areas that need protected.	1/19/2023 8:14 PM
185	Parking....could you reduce grass area at park to add additional parking?	1/19/2023 7:32 PM
186	It is very important that those of us who live in the neighborhood still have access to swim and wade, even if we're not rich enough to own river property and don't want to fight crowds of tourists in other areas. I like this design!	1/19/2023 5:21 PM
187	While I'd much rather see this closed, people STILL jump off the bridge (don't kid yourself). They will continue to trample the natural parts north of the old put in. You are better off creating a usable, sustainable put in.	1/19/2023 5:08 PM
188	I support river access being maintained at this site.	1/19/2023 5:06 PM
189	Because it enhances and protects riparian vegetation and does not (should not) encourage the launching and landing of watercraft in this park.	1/19/2023 4:13 PM
190	#1 concept is absolutely unacceptable. Due to the growing population of residents as well as tourists, fewer river access sites is not a reasonable option. I applaud this concept for creating river access further downstream & away from the foot bridge which may dissuade bridge jumping. Hopefully, this concept will include raised bridge railings to further dissuade jumping. This is beautiful! Thanks so much!	1/19/2023 4:12 PM
191	this park needs a"real"access	1/19/2023 4:11 PM
192	We need more locations for river access, period. Adding this location will allow for tubers and boaters to take out here rather than at Drake Park, reducing the impact on the the river bank and surrounding area (parking in neighborhoods, etc). Adding this location will give more options for people access the river in a way that will reduce the impact on vegetation. However, it is very close to the slide that exits Columbia Park, and may be a safety risk to small children playing at the playground.	1/19/2023 4:03 PM
193	Closing all access to the river at Columbia park seems unrealistic, given the volume of user created access.	1/19/2023 3:52 PM
194	This is a must do. Access to the River here will greatly improve Children's access to growing up with a love of the Deschutes River and a desire to protect it for future generations. If this access point goes away, kids will loose interest in the River and I fear they will not want to protect our waterways in the future	1/19/2023 3:25 PM
195	again, the more access points the better, will help spread out the crowds.	1/19/2023 3:08 PM
196	This is a really nice upgrade to Columbia Park! More entry and exit points are needed in proximity to parks and this upgrade satisfies this need.	1/19/2023 2:54 PM
197	Not a fan of new access to this area. It is cost prohibitive and not necessary	1/19/2023 2:28 PM
198	Should retain some direct river access at Columbia Park.	1/19/2023 2:20 PM
199	Rather see improves access rather than closing all together	1/19/2023 2:10 PM
200	I think it appears more accessible and functional.	1/19/2023 1:52 PM
201	Keep this area natural. There is no need to encourage people to jump off the bridge and have an easy way to get out and do it again. We all saw the quick decay in the river bank over the last few years. Keep it a Riparian area.	1/19/2023 1:39 PM
202	People are going to be getting it off the water here whether it is wanted or not, due to the bridge. Option 2 will provide a designated water access point. Otherwise all the new vegetation in the world is not going to stop teenagers from immediately re-degrading the riverbank	1/19/2023 12:47 PM
203	Seems more accessible than the other, especially with the transfer stations. Shade and cool grass are critical for individuals who have heat sensitivity and need shade in order to enjoy the outdoors with loved ones. Would be nice to consider making the accessible ramp on the south side for quicker access to the restrooms- many people with walkers and wheelchairs also have incontinence and need to get to a restroom quickly. Shade is critical, and for someone who will be leaving their wheelchair at the dock, the shade will prevent their seat from being overheated	1/19/2023 12:03 PM

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when they return. The grass and trees also allow older adults with heat sensitivity to have a shaded area closer to their family members who may be playing in the water. Love the accessible dock, make sure the benches are wide enough for someone to safely sit on them.

204	Cost effective. Safer for small children playing in that area and park above	1/19/2023 11:44 AM
205	Accommodates more people and is nicer looking	1/19/2023 11:42 AM
206	This is one of the more secluded and beautiful access points on the Deschutes. It provides access for people who live in RiverWest who do not want to brave the crowds of Millers and McKay. Please re-open river access at Columbia Park.	1/19/2023 11:22 AM
207	Concept #1 provides no access.	1/19/2023 10:27 AM
208	it makes sense to close off area near bridge	1/19/2023 10:15 AM
209	People Want access to the river- close this and they will just damage a new location. There IS NEED for More access- don't close this. Also, I think turning this into a true access point/park area will increase Legal usage. Thus I expect more families would use the enhanced area and likely there would be more Reporting of illegal bridge jumping nearby- in an effort to protect Everyones safety.	1/19/2023 10:08 AM
210	We use the "pirate ship" park all the time. I like knowing that my 4 year old can slide down the big slide and not have access to sneak into the water. I'd love for access to be closed. Plus the parking is so far away - no one is really going to carry their boats all the way down.	1/19/2023 9:50 AM
211	Will there be any bathrooms nearby? Would be great to enhance accessibility, but not critical since there are also nearby parks that do have nice bathrooms.	1/19/2023 9:49 AM
212	Access is needed here. Lots of kids and families play here in the summer.	1/19/2023 9:34 AM
213	More natural/less concrete and millers landing and McKay park close enough for boaters n floaters needs	1/19/2023 9:31 AM
214	Given the lack of parking and other avenues for accessing Columbia Park, I feel this access point is unnecessary, and that funds should be directed elsewhere. Additionally, I appreciate the opportunity for restoration here. I also have safety concerns over river access being so close to the slide, parents at the top of the slide are a long way from children at the bottom.	1/19/2023 9:26 AM
215	It is nice to have an access point on that side of the river in this area.	1/19/2023 9:06 AM
216	I actually prefer Concept #1 but you need to be realistic. People are going to keep jumping off the bridge and accessing the river from Columbia Park.	1/19/2023 9:02 AM
217	I think a lot of people who live in area would like access instead of walking to McKay Park. Again a natural element when constructing	1/19/2023 8:57 AM
218	More access points are good	1/19/2023 8:56 AM
219	Intentional access will make this safer.	1/19/2023 8:55 AM
220	I like #2 as it will hopefully take some of the takeout pressure away from Drake Park. Being on the same side of the river, it will also hopefully redistribute some of the people away from the congestion at McKay park.	1/19/2023 8:48 AM
221	There is more and better public access	1/19/2023 8:37 AM
222	More access points is better for safety.	1/19/2023 8:24 AM
223	I appreciate adding a better access point here, but can you please eliminate the stairs and replace some of the rocks with a sand entrance? The river should look like a river, and not a swimming pool. Also, note that due to the playground here, Columbia is really popular with young kids, so if you're building a new landing, it would be great to shape it so that it creates a sheltered wading / beach play area with sand for young kids like the small, very popular beach at McKay.	1/19/2023 8:00 AM
224	Like the mostly natural look/restoration with a little access.	1/19/2023 7:58 AM
225	More access is better. If you don't make a designated space for access people will just use the undesignated area anyway.	1/19/2023 7:48 AM
226	Access on west of river!!	1/19/2023 7:42 AM

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227	the kids need a safe river egress ;-)	1/19/2023 7:40 AM
228	you need a water access point here.	1/19/2023 7:23 AM
229	Need more access to get in and out of the river	1/19/2023 7:15 AM
230	Perhaps a small entry point for necessity, but not a "hang out" place would be best. A safe entry/exit but don't make it a destination? I don't have a strong opinion on this one.	1/19/2023 7:07 AM
231	Again, river access is key. Please maintain some access to the river so we can get into the water. This area is way better for an evening dip than McKay since the water is deeper.	1/19/2023 7:01 AM
232	Plenty of access to river at other proposed sites. Quiets area.	1/19/2023 6:44 AM
233	We need to be adding river take-out spots to spread out river traffic, not removing one.	1/19/2023 6:39 AM
234	Once again designed for future failure and not designed in a way that actually benefits the actual users. Please hire competent people to design river bank features. It is pretty obvious designers have no actual concept of how a river actually works and residents will once again have to pay to fix this in a few years.	1/19/2023 5:08 AM
235	Love the idea of another entry/exit point on this side of the west side of the river at Columbia Park. Something that feels like it's for the community, a point for locals to use without having to fight huge crowds at the other busy points during the summer.	1/18/2023 11:00 PM
236	I feel that it's important that Columbia Park has some level of river access.	1/18/2023 10:39 PM
237	Second option with swimming access downstream from wood bridge will promote jumping from the bridge even more causing increased danger	1/18/2023 9:56 PM
238	We shouldn't not build an access point because of bridge jumping. Hopefully we can find a way to make both work.	1/18/2023 9:05 PM
239	Would be amazing to have access here that locals could walk to	1/18/2023 8:48 PM
240	Bouldered terrace access point to hop in river from trail	1/18/2023 8:37 PM
241	The access point is nice	1/18/2023 8:24 PM
242	This is a nice to have as for people with accessibility issues it is a more convenient place to get out of the water if they are doing a float than down at drake park. Also great for the kids to be able to play there a little when visiting the playground at Columbia park	1/18/2023 8:00 PM
243	need to mitigate bridge jumpers...replace the bridge. adding access is a net benefit.	1/18/2023 7:58 PM
244	again we should encourage easy access, not limit access.	1/18/2023 7:13 PM
245	we need all the access we can get, otherwise people will make their own access	1/18/2023 6:51 PM
246	I like the consistency of having river access at each park. My concern would be having the river access really near the bottom of the little kids' slide. I have lost my kid at that park before and it was terrifying, given its proximity to the river. Adding an inviting splash area so close to the playground elements feels like a significant liability risk. I wonder why you don't build this area down where the existing "access" point is? That way it's at least not a straight shot from the playground stairs to the river? I also have concerns about a wading/play area in that bit of the river. It's deep there, and can run pretty swiftly. I honestly think that it would be safer to not have anything that looks like it might be little kid-friendly. Maybe just kayak/tube access and a more fenced off overlook. So, my vote is for the river access aspect of option 2 but not how it is currently envisioned!	1/18/2023 6:32 PM
247	Seems like having an access point here will help relieve congestion at others so it's worth having one. Parking is still an issue here.	1/18/2023 6:30 PM
248	Easy access for all people	1/18/2023 6:28 PM
249	More access!	1/18/2023 6:20 PM
250	There needs to be access on the west side of the river besides McKay park - which is often overcrowded in summer.	1/18/2023 6:13 PM
251	Please don't eliminate this access point. I like this design concept .	1/18/2023 5:37 PM

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252	No need for extra access here with additional erosion.	1/18/2023 5:33 PM
253	I appreciate the steps that would make it easier for little kids to go in the water after playing in the park	1/18/2023 5:09 PM
254	We don't need to have every little area of the river being accessed. Leave this area the way it is. It's too narrow for much, there is plenty of access at Drake Park. Would be nice to have a walking/accessible trail along the river, but other than that, leave it alone. ADD more kayak access up the river. The only access point is overloaded with people and kayaks.	1/18/2023 4:13 PM
255	I think you have a park for children right above which kids are not always monitored well at and then large steps in option two right into deep water could be a bad idea for safety reasons. steps that look really fun to play on	1/18/2023 3:33 PM
256	I think this is great, people are constantly getting out at that point anyway. One thing I would mention is that if you give people easy access to this area, more people are going to be jumping the bridge so, you might want to consider that. I know it is not allowed but people do it all the time. I have been floating the River multiple times a week in the summer for nearly 20 years. People will always jump off that bridge so, you may want to consider changing the rules and maybe making a "jump at your own risk" kind of sign. I have yet to see anyone floating get hit by a bridge jumper but there was one close call I witnessed last summer. Just things to consider when going with this option.	1/18/2023 3:25 PM
257	River usage should be reduced at this point: developing a concrete entrance will increase illegal bridge jumping, and accessible entrances are being developed at other parks	1/18/2023 2:54 PM
258	how can you make the bridge safer? so many kids jump - can we make it safer rather than prohibit?	1/18/2023 2:26 PM
259	An access point at Columbia park is very much needed, there are no other access point on the west side of the river between McKay park and Harmon Park in a dense residential area. Illegal bridge jumping has not been eliminated by the current fences in place and won't be solved by concept #1, kids will find a way to get over or around any fence that is constructed. Enforcement of the rules is necessary to curb this behavior. The limited parking does not take into consideration all of the residents within walking distance of the park. It is unfortunate that the description of the proposal for Columbia park has a very negative bias and doesn't point out any of the upsides for these improvement. It appears the railing and paving the trail would allow for access for those with mobility issues as well.	1/18/2023 1:55 PM
260	Can get very crowded in that section with tubers and kayaks.	1/18/2023 1:54 PM
261	lots of folks tend to hop in and out near the columbia bridge, will need an access point or folks will continue to create their own or pop onto private property.	1/18/2023 1:43 PM
262	More access will be the best defense against unauthorized access.	1/18/2023 1:34 PM
263	concept is more functional.	1/18/2023 1:24 PM
264	It's too hard to watch kids if you're playing at Columbia park and they head down the slide and are suddenly unattended at the river bank. There's also not a lot of parking at Columbia park, more river entrance will congest the neighborhood	1/18/2023 1:20 PM
265	Concept 2 provides river access while concept 1 closes it entirely.	1/18/2023 12:08 PM
266	Citizens want more river access, this concept is a great compromise to maintaining riparian habitat along with having a long-term sustainable river access point.	1/18/2023 11:59 AM
267	I don't have a strong preference here, but in general the more developed and sustainably built access points the better in my opinion. Usage is increasing, not decreasing. This access point I know was sought after by many folks from the paddling community.	1/18/2023 11:34 AM
268	I think it's important to maintain river access for children and families right next to this park instead of fencing it off.	1/18/2023 11:11 AM
269	additional access point is great.	1/18/2023 11:01 AM
270	Community members and I spent many hours in meetings with others and Parks and Rec. to ensure river access at Columbia Park. I'm very disappointed to see that removing our river access is even an option (Concept 1). River access should be created and maintained at Columbia Park. A lot of Columbia Park neighbors use this area for river access for our kayaks,	1/18/2023 10:05 AM

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SUPS, etc. Since carrying boats can be heavy, losing this access would require many of us to drive to Miller's Landing or McKay, which already has limited parking. The city needs to address bridge jumping as a separate issue and not shut down river access because of it.

271	Having an additional point of access to the river for people to get in and out of the river will be beneficial for this area	1/18/2023 9:19 AM
272	I'm conflicted because I believe the bank should be protected and revegetated, but I know people will still try to use this area and could cause damage. Maybe the access point could be about half the size?	1/17/2023 12:39 PM

Q9 Is there any other feedback about this project you would like to provide the project team?

Answered: 240 Skipped: 282

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The more accesses, the more opportunities for residents to enjoy the city. More signs with universal symbols for your use. What about people who don't speak English? How deep is the water in those places, use of lifeguards, more guidance on the use of the river.	2/14/2023 1:59 PM
2	Nope. Except, maybe more shade features at McKay Park would be beneficial.	2/8/2023 10:27 PM
3	Please realize that Columbia Park is directly across from a residential district and is very different from almost every river access point in Bend. Ultimately, a change of use won't be advantageous for BPRD or the nearby residents negatively affected by these changes.	2/8/2023 10:17 PM
4	Thank you for being so thoughtful about accessibility and inclusion. I like how each concept has way more accessible components than any of the other river access points in town currently have. I like that there are options to replace sand with grass as that is a more accessible option for our daughter, who uses a powered wheelchair, to be included. I LOVE how she can get close to the rivers edge all on her own in many of these concept options. Thank you for taking your time and putting in the effort to be inclusive! Now the only other issue I think becomes the parking. Ugh. Now that's a whole other issue. But I think these are great options and I appreciate that you reach out to the community in so many ways to ask for help! We love Bend!	2/8/2023 9:05 PM
5	I applaud your efforts and do hope they will work. My own opinion is that river floating has far exceeded the river's capacity. If this doesn't work, then I think we face a choice between letting degradation go unabated (with occasional efforts at rehab) or regulating river use. We love our favorite places to death.	2/8/2023 8:37 PM
6	All great improvements	2/8/2023 7:03 PM
7	Please provide more get in spots with room to hang out near the water	2/8/2023 6:08 PM
8	Having river access is important, but so is the rich wildlife we have along the river. Each river access point is an opportunity for people to bring their off leash dogs so I really think closing some of the access points is imperative. Especially at Miller's Landing which is the only one that is actually in a residential zone with houses very nearby.	2/8/2023 11:02 AM
9	thank you for your hard work	2/8/2023 9:33 AM
10	I worry that both of the McKay Concepts do not support the heavy traffic that this river access sees in the summer. It is important to avoid narrowing the access for people to enter and leave the water while floating. It is imperative to keep this as wide open as possible and not restrict access with narrow stairs. This point is important for public safety. I also think we need to keep as much beach as possible for small children to play in the sand.	2/7/2023 8:06 PM
11	More access to swimming spreads out usage	2/7/2023 4:29 PM
12	Not easy balancing building in the infrastructure to promote sustainability and access for all, while preserving the natural feel to the river. Thank you for your efforts!	2/7/2023 12:31 PM
13	Great to allow the neighbors around Columbia Park a way to access the river. The other locations, Miller and McKay, Keep them Simple! We don't need to break the bank to get in and out of the river! Thanks	2/7/2023 11:26 AM
14	Thank you for proposing all of these wonderful options!	2/7/2023 10:53 AM
15	I'd like a better analysis of the ecological impact of these designs on the river and surrounding areas. We have the opportunity to do this right this time, rather than doing what's best in the moment.	2/7/2023 9:10 AM

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16	Trying to blend in to natural surroundings using boulders/plantings. Could still look more natural even though will be used/accessible	2/7/2023 8:39 AM
17	It's not Disneyland, and mostly seasonal so try to be efficient and try for easy maintenance.	2/7/2023 5:44 AM
18	Please make it accessible for all!	2/6/2023 7:50 PM
19	None at this time. Thank you for all your hard work.	2/6/2023 5:25 PM
20	I propose less grass in favor of native drought resistant plants	2/6/2023 3:38 PM
21	somewhere in between concrete jungle and access without drastic erosion; access for people just wanting to wade/swim/play/cool off in water should take priority over river floater tourism/party scene. I think amount of daily floaters allowed should be reduced.	2/6/2023 3:01 PM
22	I dont care how hard you try you won't be able to "Close access" in Millers Landing. Our river access is one of the highlights of Bend lifestyle and we should provide as much access to the resource as reasonable.	2/6/2023 2:46 PM
23	More access people that's what we need, not less	2/6/2023 2:14 PM
24	Concepts for me in order of priority: 1) Miller's Landing; 2) McKay Park; 3) Columbia Park. I would like to see ADA improvements be made to Columbia Park bridge though as a priority. Right now it is hard for wheelchair users to have any visibility of the river from the bridge, City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Board had feedback on this bridge recently.	2/6/2023 12:32 PM
25	Glad to see BPRD finally getting around to these projects. Adding more shade next to the river should be a really good thing for both users and the river's health. What's up with all of the proposed concrete landings and steel handrails though? Not only is that a totally 1950's style of design, but it probably doesn't meet current design constraints set forth in Bend City Code. I'd love to see a lot more emphasis on small and medium sized wood in the riparian areas to stabilize banks, deter encroachment and promote revegetation. There are many shit-tons of this type of material available adjacent to the project sites if it were able to be pulled from the bottom of the river itself. These 100 year old logs are free of limbs (safety) and could be a ready resource which could be fairly easily mobilized with the right kind of salvage boat.	2/6/2023 12:26 PM
26	no	2/6/2023 12:13 PM
27	Thank you for asking for our input!	2/6/2023 11:32 AM
28	what about dog access?	2/6/2023 8:49 AM
29	Limit the amount of people/animals that can occupy a space/area such as max capacity at 15	2/6/2023 6:20 AM
30	I'm excited!!	2/5/2023 10:40 PM
31	Thank you for inviting the public to provide input. We cherish our Bend Parks and spend time near the river year-round and on it during the summer months.	2/5/2023 8:49 PM
32	Nice job!	2/5/2023 8:28 PM
33	Thank you for listening to the community and providing opportunities for us to have our voices heard.	2/5/2023 7:55 PM
34	Both concepts look nice for all sites #2 seem to have more natural fit	2/5/2023 7:55 PM
35	Its a wild river. I prefer to see developed and hardened sites closer to McKay and Millers Landing where development already exists. Miller Landing #2 if hardened and developed could result in user created access combining both #1 and #2 sites and a loss of natural riparian vegetation. Columbia should be revegetated.	2/5/2023 7:36 PM
36	There is plenty of habitat along this section of the river. There is insufficient access, especially at the more popular swimming spots like Columbia Park.	2/5/2023 7:31 PM
37	None	2/5/2023 5:57 PM
38	Thanks for all of your work to make the river such a great part of Bend! We live close to Columbia Park and are hoping to get the close access to the river open again!!	2/5/2023 10:34 AM
39	Thank you for surveying the community and for providing options to protect our river.	2/5/2023 9:32 AM
40	I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the designs and the ability to provide feedback in the	2/4/2023 9:35 PM

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process. It is vital that we protect our river from erosion, habitat destruction, and pollution due to overuse and access from too many locations.

41	Thank you for these great improvements.	2/4/2023 8:48 PM
42	Great work!	2/4/2023 11:09 AM
43	Parking for free near access	2/3/2023 4:28 PM
44	New designs for both Miller's Landing and Columbia parks would be appropriate for dog swimming sites.	2/3/2023 10:42 AM
45	Thank you	2/3/2023 7:33 AM
46	At all the areas with stairs, there needs to be a hose outlet to allow cleaning of the stairs. A couple years ago I tried to launch my kayak at Harmon park, but the steps to the water were so covered with Goose sh*t it was too gross to be useable. A way to hose off the steps and ramps will be needed.	2/2/2023 3:55 PM
47	This looks great, thanks	2/2/2023 3:42 PM
48	No	2/2/2023 2:52 PM
49	It would be great to find more ways to create play areas for children that combine access to water and sand that don't necessarily encourage erosion. Maybe a confined sand and water play area that has some barriers to prevent movement of the sand downstream and further into the channel?	2/2/2023 2:38 PM
50	Beautiful renderings. Thank you.	2/2/2023 12:04 PM
51	These graphics were uncanny	2/2/2023 10:27 AM
52	Good work Bend Parks Team, we appreciate you and having a say in this even though we live just outside city limits (DRW). I work for an engineering firm in Bend and have kids that float and jump on bridge.....access, ingress and egress is essential otherwise people will make their own. Columbia park option 2 is the only plan that is a win win for all....sorry to the folks who live in the area, but it's a must to have that in and out access there.	2/2/2023 10:27 AM
53	Unless you live on the river, you cannot fully appreciate the noise which is carried/amplified by the river. Noise from the playground area is already a problem at times. Noise is difficult to mitigate. Sitting on one's dock to enjoy the river is no longer something one looks forward to doing. Users will still go off trail and "trash" natural areas near the access point.	2/2/2023 9:51 AM
54	When there is a bridge to get to Millers Landing, my expectation is that parks and rec will seriously look at being a good neighbor... All of the current and proposed access points are away from housing areas along the river, why is Columbia needed? One last thing, Columbia is designed for individual use. It is not a "community" park. Please leave it that way.	2/2/2023 9:48 AM
55	There isn't enough river access right now for dogs.	2/2/2023 9:22 AM
56	Thank you, great work!	2/2/2023 9:12 AM
57	(Columbia Park continued). 3. After hours park noise (which is an almost daily occurrence in summer) will be exacerbated with access to the river. Hanging out at the river after hours will become a major issue. 4. Erosion along the opposite side of the river is occurring. The additional fill of concept 2 may direct more flow towards that side resulting in additional erosion. 5. For the homeowners along this stretch of river, constructing a place for hanging out along the river is akin to placing a tavern across the street from any home in a residential area. Hanging out should be reserved for McKay and Miller's Landing.	2/2/2023 9:02 AM
58	Dogs need more than one access point.	2/2/2023 7:11 AM
59	Wildlife first ! Grew up there in the 50-60s duck& grease were everywhere along with a few swans. They need some room as well !	2/1/2023 10:35 PM
60	We need to keep spreading out and enhancing access points along the river. Nice work. Next, we need a 2nd pool in town. Consider partnering with OSU, COCC, BLP school district, YMCA, etc.	2/1/2023 8:16 PM
61	It would have been more user friendly if one could see the options while taking the survey. The way the survey is set up I think it is likely that many people will vote for an option they did not	2/1/2023 5:01 PM

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intend to. It is difficult to remember the different options, just by number, with out seeing them as one is voting

62	All of these concepts look great and I appreciate that they will create better access for all residents and visitors of Bend!	2/1/2023 4:03 PM
63	They should go try to carry a kayak down stairs.	2/1/2023 2:49 PM
64	Maybe spend some of this money on mirror pond dredging instead of creating more access points to a river that is already do overused. If we don't dredge the pond soon it will just fill up with weeds and more silt and the "Mirror Pond" will be no more. Has someone actually done a river impact study that all of these new access points will have on the river. This does not seem like good river management and protection of an ecosystem to me or neighbors. How about putting money into controlling the current problems before you destroy the river even more. Also what happened to replacing Riverfront St and creating sidewalks for all the current traffic and floaters to use to keep walkers off the road. You have paved Avery other street in the old mill neighborhood except for Riverfront St, which just gets worse every year.	2/1/2023 1:41 PM
65	More official access points will reduce user-created access points. A good thing. Too bad we don't include more for dogs. I can see folks using those ramps as dog launching areas because there need to be more dog-friendly access points all along the river. Driving to RimRock/Good Dog for water access is not carbon footprint friendly.	2/1/2023 1:41 PM
66	Too many access points. Having them at millers and McKay is fine because it is a park across from a park I guess and would not impact residences.	2/1/2023 1:14 PM
67	Thanks for giving us such great parks and amenities and working to keep them...next finding a way to keep the dog park by the bprd offices!	2/1/2023 12:44 PM
68	Thank you for working on these improvements! With the increase in population and tourism, these new access points could hopefully spread out people. Everyone likes to play in the water!	2/1/2023 12:07 PM
69	Thank you for undertaking these studies of how Bendites use the river. River access is something I love most about Bend, and I'm excited about improvements to areas I visit several times a week	2/1/2023 9:59 AM
70	These renderings are all so much better than existing conditions! I hope we continue to improve additional river access points up and down the river. Thank you!	2/1/2023 9:45 AM
71	Nope	2/1/2023 9:35 AM
72	Definitely appreciate the work on this project. Very important.	2/1/2023 9:17 AM
73	Thank you for all the hard work that went into these designs and the consideration for those with mobility issues.	2/1/2023 9:14 AM
74	Create more access points while trying to maintain a natural appearance with rock etc. rather than excessive concrete usage.	2/1/2023 8:40 AM
75	Thank you to everyone at P and R for all you do!	2/1/2023 8:15 AM
76	I love the idea of getting access for more people. I just don't want the enhancements to be made during summer when we use the rivers. Thanks!	2/1/2023 7:12 AM
77	Thanks for taking care of our river and providing access for us as families to play in it.	2/1/2023 6:58 AM
78	Why is there no dog access or pictures of dogs in any of these? That's what the river is used for, dog owners are a huge local population and tons of tourists.	2/1/2023 6:08 AM
79	More developed river access points is better. Keeps people from making their own and helps reduce crowding. Need to make more parking available.	1/31/2023 8:57 PM
80	I actually like all of the proposals. Kayak friendly access is great!	1/31/2023 8:41 PM
81	More river access parking. The main area to park is being developed with no plans to add additional parking in the area	1/31/2023 8:33 PM
82	It's always a balance of a lot of factors. I love that Bend (and you) make the effort.	1/31/2023 6:49 PM
83	Thank you for opening this up to the community for feedback. Shows you care!	1/31/2023 3:17 PM

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84	Plant trees and add wood where you can. Less concrete and more natural materials will make this project a success for years to come.	1/31/2023 1:17 PM
85	You're doing a great job Ian :) I'm going to go look for some money :)	1/31/2023 10:33 AM
86	I'd love to see some access features specific for dogs at any of the parks: off leash swimming areas, in particular.	1/31/2023 4:25 AM
87	Thanks for making it cleaner looking, but stop making it so attractive to all the visitors who keep moving here! Make it beautiful but not so pretty that the masses will ruin it! I miss the old Bend 😞	1/31/2023 2:30 AM
88	Please take seriously dog access for dogs of all abilities. I do not pay my taxes that support BPRD to have rights taken away from my well-behaved dogs.	1/30/2023 8:21 PM
89	Please make each option KID-FRIENDLY, especially for younger kids (ages 8 and under).	1/30/2023 7:50 PM
90	The work done here is why Bend is such an amazing place. As a parent of a severely disabled 21yr old who was a crazy skier and mt biker before a brain injury left him quadriplegic and non-verbal there are so many options for us to enjoy the outdoors as a family. Making river access easier enables him to be like everyone else on the river when his reality and future can be grim. Thank you for spending time on these options and look forward to seeing these become reality.	1/30/2023 9:13 AM
91	If you plant trees or bushes, please make certain they are pine/juniper and native shrubs. No maple trees or cherry trees. And please make any "dogs must be kept on leash signs" highly visible.	1/29/2023 8:29 AM
92	Thank you for all your hard work! All the options look beautiful and beneficial to the community.	1/28/2023 8:04 PM
93	Thanks for working on this!! :o)	1/28/2023 3:40 PM
94	Nice presentation of alternatives. Would be helpful to see a single map showing existing developed access, current user-created access, and proposed new developed access and their proximity to one another. Would be helpful to have a better sense of how close together access points would be, if all were developed.	1/28/2023 2:44 PM
95	PLEASE do something about stopping the bridge jumping!! People are jumping near or onto others who are floating underneath the bridges and it is a BIG safety issue for all involved!	1/28/2023 10:19 AM
96	Please try to listen to the neighbors around these access points. People parking and partying in the parks by the river as well as all the trash are becoming bigger issues that also need to be considered. Thank you!	1/27/2023 12:11 PM
97	Great work! This has been a phenomenal effort so far.	1/27/2023 10:46 AM
98	Dog access, the one existing legal dog access is terrible, one of these new plans must allow dogs or further erosion will continue when owners let dogs access river illegally.	1/27/2023 9:53 AM
99	I live near these parks and use these facilities often. The natural beauty of this area is perhaos its greatest amenity. I support design alternatives that enhance the natural beaty and ecological health of the site while affording high quality and durable public access and use for all users.	1/27/2023 6:37 AM
100	Accessibility to get in the water is very important for wheelchair users, thank you!	1/27/2023 5:49 AM
101	Nice work on these concepts! Love the screen over with the existing and new areas. Appreciate the simplicity of the survey and the allowance to diver deeper if we had more thoughts.	1/26/2023 9:57 PM
102	thanks for involving the community	1/26/2023 9:48 PM
103	While I want more access to the river in the heat of the summer, I am concerned that too much accessibility will ruin our beautiful Deschutes river.	1/26/2023 8:35 PM
104	Love everything you're doing and it's wonderful you're including the community in the decision making.	1/26/2023 6:38 PM
105	LOVE these improvements. LOVE Bend's continued focus on protecting and enhancing our best resources.	1/26/2023 6:38 PM

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106	Water recreational opportunities for small children are limited in Bend, having only one outdoor public pool for the whole city. Ensuring that children and families can access the river easily at these locations will go a long way to increase recreational opportunities, general quality of life satisfaction, as well as opportunities to practice swimming and water safety that are so hard to find in town for families for much of the year.	1/25/2023 9:42 AM
107	If choosing between number of access points and degree of improvements from a budgetary perspective, more access points are preferred over less access points.	1/24/2023 9:45 PM
108	Design will only deteriorate other areas with increased erosion, please consult people who know how rivers and currents work before taxpayers once again have to pay for more riverbank work due to bad designs. You cannot put jetties in the river and not expect a erosion causing eddy to form both upstream and downstream. Bad design got us the mess we have now, repeating this simply because a "landscape architect" is in charge of "river" design will only get us the same results no matter how much money Parks and Rec spends on fancy storyboards and pretty water color murals. All areas being redesigned seem to lack the knowledge of how users actually use the areas. It would seem Parks and Recreation designers are not actually people who use water crafts, poor entry and exit designs for all users beyond tubers. With the sheer number of people using these locations, all designs seem to be confining with pinch points which will lead to injury's and people once again venturing to other areas causing further erosion. Parks and Rec built a whitewater park out of gravel and continuously want to put un-natural sand in eddie areas by the dump truck load only to have all of it wash downstream into mirror pond. Please stop making the same mistakes over and over expecting the taxpayers to continuously pay of bad designs.	1/24/2023 1:03 PM
109	All of these ideas are improvements. keep up the good work!	1/24/2023 11:20 AM
110	Less access to the river by people is best for the river.	1/24/2023 10:08 AM
111	I float the river almost every day. I've done it way before the rapids were put in, when we had to portage around the spillway. I love the rapids and I love everything that's been done so far! Keep it up! This is one of the aspects of Bend that make it so special!	1/24/2023 10:04 AM
112	Please incorporate locations for dog access to swimming in the river. The one location at Riverbend park is not enough, and that is a terrible location as it is.	1/24/2023 10:00 AM
113	As a dog owner, we need more areas for dog access to the river. One overcrowded area on the entire river is not sufficient	1/24/2023 10:00 AM
114	I do not see anything regarding a place where off-leash dogs have any safe access. Bend is doing a terrible job accommodating locals that have dogs and prioritizing tourists. Do better for those that live here with their dogs. Bend is a city where most everyone has a dog. Maybe give dogs and their owners as much consideration as you do for coffee, beer & pot shops.	1/24/2023 9:52 AM
115	Please consider dog owners as a major stakeholder. Many of us take joy in getting our dogs to the river for some off-leash swimming and playing on hot summer days. Please make one or more of these areas an off-leash access point for dogs to cool off without us having to worry about being ticketed.	1/24/2023 9:50 AM
116	Better access for dog owners.	1/24/2023 9:46 AM
117	An area for dogs would be great	1/23/2023 10:19 PM
118	Sure would like to see a new Drake Park footbridge. It is a major thoroughfare. The one now is VERY difficult for strollers, wagons, wheelchairs, walkers and any kind of shoe with a heel or wedge.	1/23/2023 1:54 PM
119	I still find it offensive the amount of money spent on a fake wave in the middle of the river by the park district. Sold as a safety issue for rafters and resulting in a safety risk STILL after several rebuilds. Certainly does not make me want to vote for any more bonds for this town.	1/23/2023 9:32 AM
120	Thank you for providing some great options to choose from!	1/22/2023 8:03 PM
121	The bridge at Cloumbia Park needs to be redone/replaced to update and restrict jumping into the river. the beautiful river access in that area will incourage more jumping from bridge.	1/22/2023 4:11 PM
122	Generally, we appreciate safe access to the river and prefer more natural access and MUCH less concrete. We appreciate the need to protect the river and surrounding natural features. A	1/22/2023 3:54 PM

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simple stone step and small landing would be sufficient for a large majority of small craft users in the area (paddle boards, floats, fishing).

123	Thank you for this work!	1/22/2023 3:52 PM
124	Get er done, to quote some famous dude. Personally Columbia park needs this very, very much.	1/22/2023 2:39 PM
125	Thank you. The tourist and local resident population has increased and we need to preserve the the pre established popular public access sites that we have had. More, not fewer, access sites is the only answer.	1/22/2023 12:26 PM
126	I would highly suggested that they really consider the future growth of Bend and what it's going to look like, what the needs will be and who will be using these areas and plan and design for those conditions. There's been so many historical mistakes with our parks and infrastructure due to lack of insight of future conditions and needs. Plan for a denser population, plan for a wide array of recreational users, plan for people with mobility issues, plan for climate change by installing less grass and more xeriscaping, and take into consideration what the river and fish/wildlife need when designing and quit asking the taxpayers to fix your poor historical planning or lack thereof. It would be really nice if we could have some sort of tourist tax to help maintain/retrofit/develop Bend parks as they are one of the heaviest users. I'm tired of paying for nice facilities that tourists take over, overuse and undervalue.	1/22/2023 11:43 AM
127	None at this time. Thanks for having this survey	1/22/2023 10:54 AM
128	I think the proposed changes are great and I like that you're trying to make it more accessible for everyone. My biggest concern, are the environmental impacts to the River during construction. I've worked on many construction sites, there is a lot of carelessness that goes on. (Ie. They just throw trash right over their shoulder.) I would hope there would be very strict oversight of whomever was hired to work on the different projects.	1/22/2023 9:27 AM
129	"A river runs through it..." i.e. the town of Bend. Embrace it. Don't cut off access. Parks & Rec must stay responsible to safe and sufficient access, especially within river zones which serve people where they are - in the neighborhoods, where walking is possible and cars/parking can be eliminated from the equation.	1/22/2023 7:20 AM
130	I love BMPRD! You are an amazing team that does great work in our community!	1/22/2023 7:13 AM
131	Loved how the options are presented - easy to understand and the sliding existing and proposed visuals are great!!	1/21/2023 10:34 PM
132	Hopefully there will be creative but efficient bike racks at all three locations. I would like to be able to see my locked up bike while I take a dip. No lockable storage, just bikepacking bags, easy to steal out of. I want to keep an eye on it..	1/21/2023 8:04 PM
133	None	1/21/2023 6:24 PM
134	Keep it natural looking not Disney esque	1/21/2023 12:54 PM
135	I would LOVE to see a pond for dogs SOMEWHERE in Bend....	1/21/2023 11:32 AM
136	Thank you for all you do! This is exciting!	1/21/2023 10:24 AM
137	Thank you for the thoughtful proposal. Please remember though, river use is not limited to days of highest use. For example, at McKay: families gather and enjoy the "beach." Please don't create simply a route for floaters and kayakers at the expense of a beautiful riverside park. Thanks!	1/21/2023 9:22 AM
138	As someone who used to live downtown near the old Mill District, I think these concepts are all fabulous! Concepts 2 are best in my opinion. We often go to Miller's Landing, and my 4th grade son finds a way into the river one way or another! It would be nice to have better access, and not just for the boats.	1/20/2023 8:59 PM
139	Please move forward with enhancing/expanding these river access points! This is the most popular area to hang out in the summer time and these are critical to make sure we can support recreation while also making sure other areas of the river remain protected.	1/20/2023 8:34 PM
140	Action today is better than action years from now. These areas have been pointed out as opportunities for Bend's community for years. Bend park, and Rex's inability to fully embrace the potential success of these areas, going against the wisdom of many seems to have the	1/20/2023 7:10 PM

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community funding, multiple rebuilds, temporary fences, and costly reworking. I support listening to your community and seeing how these areas are truly being used and not thinking that you can mitigate human traffic patterns. Once they've been established, humans will always take the path of least resistance, even if it's over, or through one of the fences That Bend park and rec has put in

141	Stop making the river cater to tourists who litter and have no respect for the environment. Stop making a natural river like a swimming pool its not. Stop disturbing the river bank and ecosystem. Stop wasting tax payer money.	1/20/2023 6:58 PM
142	Great project, excellent presentations and seeing before and concepts side by side. Amazing work - thank you.	1/20/2023 6:32 PM
143	I'm disappointed that concept #1 for Columbia was included in the survey after all the input you received from residents to have Columbia be considered for remodel. Additionally, increased and vigilant maintenance personnel is surely being considered for these remodeled sites.	1/20/2023 5:15 PM
144	Pet swim areas are lacking.	1/20/2023 3:27 PM
145	I appreciate the work being done on this. I am curious if any thought has gone into creating points around First Street Rapids, as much of the local community now goes there to enjoy the river.	1/20/2023 2:07 PM
146	Please consider wildlife areas important for people in our accessible parks. That is an unmentioned recreation that needs protection for the citizens to understand we can live in harmony together.	1/20/2023 1:54 PM
147	General feedback for all was loving the additional areas to get in the water as that is sadly lacking currently.	1/20/2023 12:24 PM
148	I have been happy with all the parks and vegetation you have created except for the street in front of the community ctr. Realize it is supposed to be native but you did a poor job. These renderings look good.	1/20/2023 9:13 AM
149	please don't add an access point at columbia park. with all these improvements it would be unnecessary. the river user experience will be impacted by so many access points along such a short stretch of river.	1/20/2023 8:31 AM
150	So glad I had a chance to comment!! Love the changes and will hopefully help with distribution of river goers	1/20/2023 6:41 AM
151	Add dog access to some of these for locals instead of ridiculous expensive kayak chutes	1/20/2023 6:22 AM
152	Dog access?	1/20/2023 6:06 AM
153	Needs to be a better wading access point area on the Old Mill Shops side of the river	1/20/2023 3:49 AM
154	Styles that are too modern would look weird compared to everything around it. And also things shouldn't change too much. The natural looking river bank looks good so there shouldn't be too many new changes	1/19/2023 11:48 PM
155	Love the idea of increasing access points & having accessible access to the waterfront!	1/19/2023 9:57 PM
156	I appreciate the effort to expand access throughout the town reach of the deschutes by decongesting access points and enhancing the individual user experience. I think these projects are warranted and will be positively received by the community. Although, I would like to see some riparian enhancement to go along with these expanded access projects.	1/19/2023 9:32 PM
157	Dogs! Dogs! Dogs! Bend is a dog town and there need to be in-town areas where dogs can swim and wade!	1/19/2023 8:36 PM
158	No	1/19/2023 8:32 PM
159	Please continue to put in safe places for those that can only afford or want to swim in the Deschutes river.	1/19/2023 8:28 PM
160	1) protect the shoreline and fence off areas needing protection 2) limit points to enter and exit. 3) inform users where to enter and exit. 4) tube rent outfits must provide buses for pickup as part of rentals - as parking is limited. 5) Fees from tourism should pay for project either through hotel tax or rental surcharge. Property owners should NOT pay for project through property taxes. We are not causing this problem and we should not be paying for tourist attractions.	1/19/2023 8:21 PM

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161	Parking is an important factor to consider. Appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback. So proud of our BPRD projects for our community!	1/19/2023 7:34 PM
162	Fix the waves!	1/19/2023 6:26 PM
163	Who will clean the river with all the additional usage these plans create?	1/19/2023 5:08 PM
164	I appreciate all the hard work & effort with these river access site concepts. I fully reject Miller's concept #1 & Columbia concept #1 as both would negate river access. Without these two access sites, public access would be unavailable the entire distance from McKay to Drake Park without private trespass. The options in keeping river access available to the public--residents & tourists--is what is important for a thriving, desirable community. Thanks for including the public & hearing our words, concerns & allowing feedback. Thank you.	1/19/2023 4:18 PM
165	Thanks for the opportunity to share my views on upcoming projects.	1/19/2023 4:16 PM
166	Providing more access points to the river is incredibly necessary in this growing community. People will find a way to the river whether it's through a sanctioned access point or not, so we might as well rise to meet the need that clearly exists. Creating more access will reduce crowds at the current locations, and improve the overall experience for all who wish to recreate on the river.	1/19/2023 4:05 PM
167	Thank you for maintaining access to our beautiful river for all people who live in and visit Bend	1/19/2023 3:26 PM
168	this is all very exciting!	1/19/2023 3:08 PM
169	Are there any plans for a drake park upgrade? The exit point that river floaters use is pretty muddy and unsightly.	1/19/2023 2:56 PM
170	I can understand why BPR wants to take advantage of funding, however rivers and riverbanks have a carrying capacity. We are beginning to really test that capacity in Bend. There must be an upper limit to the amount of people you provide access to. The Deschutes is the lifeblood river of Bend and Central Oregon. It is a national treasure. We have seen a tremendous increase in riverside business activities, an uptick in E-bike use and misuse, an increase in young people trampling over vegetation, littering and other uses that are not part of the character of the community. There needs to be more sanctions and enforcement for wrongdoing around the river. You would be hard-pressed to find any enforcement of any violations or bad behavior on the river in the summer time. It feels like a free for all and a little dangerous for folks like us with young children. We would really appreciate better enforcement of underage drinking, littering and behaviors we saw better enforcement of, in our home town in New Hampshire. Thank you	1/19/2023 2:37 PM
171	Do these projects include addition riverside revegetation/restoration?	1/19/2023 2:22 PM
172	Nope	1/19/2023 2:10 PM
173	there should be further actions taken on the Columbia Bridge to prevent illegal jumping, such as higher guard rails	1/19/2023 2:05 PM
174	Thank you for your hard work developing this plan and seeking opinions from the public before proceeding.	1/19/2023 1:53 PM
175	Thank you for asking for input. We appreciate being able to share feedback about changes going on in our backyard!	1/19/2023 1:39 PM
176	Looking for a fly casting demo/instruction area in the Bend area, similar to the site constructed in 2002 at Old Mill by the Ovis Shop. The new owners are indicating they may desire to have this site moved due to new uses in the area. Possible new locations are the pond and irrigation ditch at Pine Nursery site or some other site along the Deschutes River with public access.	1/19/2023 1:34 PM
177	Thank you! These improvements are wonderful.	1/19/2023 1:14 PM
178	If you don't build access points where people want to get to the river, they will inevitably make their own way. Even if that includes jumping fences and trampling vegetation. Using the example of Miller's landing access 2: That is someone's favorite spot to hang out. If you build a fence there, do you think they will stop using that spot or simply hop the fence? Better to	1/19/2023 1:08 PM

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build these sites out to prevent erosion. More access sites will alleviate crowding at places like Farewell Bend and the WW park. Cheers!

179	well thought out concept plans! The proposed improvements look great	1/19/2023 12:11 PM
180	Shade and cool grass are critical for individuals who have heat sensitivity and need shade in order to enjoy the outdoors with loved ones. Would be nice to consider making the accessible ramp on the south side for quicker access to the restrooms- many people with walkers and wheelchairs also have incontinence and need to get to a restroom quickly. Shade is critical, and for someone who will be leaving their wheelchair at the dock, the shade will prevent their seat from being overheated when they return. The grass and trees also allow older adults with heat sensitivity to have a shaded area closer to their family members who may be playing in the water. Love the accessible dock, make sure the benches are wide enough for someone to safely sit on them.	1/19/2023 12:03 PM
181	Minimize car parking and accommodate bikes to minimize disruption for nearby residents and improve user experience and safety and minimize maintenance costs	1/19/2023 11:46 AM
182	Great job! The more river access the better.	1/19/2023 11:33 AM
183	Consider natural granite stones or basalt vs lava rock. Much more conducive to river recreation.	1/19/2023 11:24 AM
184	River access at Columbia Park is needed as much, if not more than at Millers Landing Park. Please include this access!	1/19/2023 10:21 AM
185	I know you are probably working within the limitation of the program, but it's really hard to compare the options and then remember them for the survey. Wish the images were embedded in the survey itself and that concepts were shown side by side for easier comparison of how they differ from one another. Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in!	1/19/2023 10:16 AM
186	These improvements/renderings look good & are MORE than necessary. If more access points are not created (with river preservation in mind), people will just continue to create their own thus causing more erosion. I am quite pleased to see that these needs are Finally being addressed.	1/19/2023 10:10 AM
187	Please err on the side of more and safer access. Thank you.	1/19/2023 9:56 AM
188	As a taxpayer and an avid user of the river and parks, you should ask my opinion for all changes. :)	1/19/2023 9:52 AM
189	Thank you, this look incredible! Please be mindful of those who need quick accessible routes to the bathroom and shade options in order to enjoy our incredible parks	1/19/2023 9:50 AM
190	Good job on this survey and info. Appreciate ease of use to understand designs n concepts.	1/19/2023 9:32 AM
191	I am excited about the improvements to come, I think Bend will be better for it!	1/19/2023 9:27 AM
192	Get it done. A good use of funds.	1/19/2023 9:02 AM
193	All improvements should consider ALL users. Spaces for kids to dig in the sand is just as important as grown ups with kayaks. Kids also need to be able to play at the river without becoming hypothermic. Shoreline sand play provides this warming opportunity while also providing an intentional place for kids to dig and modify the landscape.	1/19/2023 9:02 AM
194	It's a beautiful river - any construction should blend with habitat	1/19/2023 8:58 AM
195	Thanks for all the planning work done.	1/19/2023 8:56 AM
196	Great ideas. I'm in favor of any way to redistribute the crowds along the river and away from Mckay Park.	1/19/2023 8:49 AM
197	Cost shouldn't be an issue, this is one of the major highlights of Bend summer recreation and we should invest in our city's future by maintaining it properly. It will be used either way so let's make it as safe and environmentally friendly as possible.	1/19/2023 8:25 AM
198	Additional enhansment to the development of the river will only bring more rubbish and overuse/crowds and problems than what is already in existence.	1/19/2023 8:16 AM
199	Overall, I'm really disappointed to see so park funds being put toward overdevelopment of the river banks like this. I understand the need to protect river bank environments, but there are	1/19/2023 8:06 AM

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ways to do that without detracting from the natural beauty of the river and residents' enjoyment of the park. It really feels like these concepts were developed without looking at or considering how these treasured places are currently being enjoyed. Please throw away these concepts and start from scratch with a design brief focused on preserving the natural beauty of the river as well as existing recreational usage (particularly wading and beach play for kids). Thank you for giving us a chance to provide feedback - I hope you will take it to heart since we're the ones funding BPRD.

200	Keep up the good work!	1/19/2023 7:58 AM
201	Excellent work.	1/19/2023 7:56 AM
202	More durable and more accessible is always better. River usage will continue to increase, it is why we're here.	1/19/2023 7:49 AM
203	I feel like the Columbia Park improvement is the most important one of the 4 being considered - it makes me sad every time I walk past and see the poorly utilized river adjacent space	1/19/2023 7:43 AM
204	You do a wonderful job caring for our parks. Keep doing what is needed to keep our city green and lovely. Bend Park & Rec are the only taxes I do not mind paying,	1/19/2023 7:19 AM
205	I understand the need to protect the river and enhance user experience, but I'd like to see more investment in trails and parks on the east side of town...Make the Larkspur trail/Pilot Butte connect with safe routes (sidewalks, trails, crosswalks) to Pine Nursery, put more bouldering walls in playgrounds, protect Hollinshead and Al Moody trails from erosion, and on and on.	1/19/2023 7:11 AM
206	Please leave some river access at Millers Landing site 2 and in Columbia Park. These are our neighborhood water access spots since McKay is far to busy in the summer with tubers and visiting day users. Removing river access would be a super bumner as it would require getting in a car to drive to another "quiet " access point. As a neighbor I avoid McKay in the summer since it has very heavy use.	1/19/2023 7:04 AM
207	People are going to create access to the river if it is not provided. Better to control the entries than close everything off.	1/19/2023 7:01 AM
208	I like what BRPD is doing to provide safe and less destructive access to the river.	1/19/2023 6:44 AM
209	From designing sub surface log death traps directly above a put-in take-out to building peninsulas directly above un-natural sand bars..... all of this is designed to fail once again. The first design was a failure (which all design failures were blatantly obvious even during initial construction) Now BMPR is waisting more money on things we will once again have to pay to fix in a few years. STOP looking a shiny water color pictures and hire someone who knows how rivers work because it is obvious your current design team does not know how rivers work or how users will actually use the area.	1/19/2023 5:19 AM
210	Please don't close access at Columbia Park!	1/18/2023 11:01 PM
211	Please prioritize wildlife/native plant protection.	1/18/2023 10:06 PM
212	This will be a huge improvement on our ability to enjoy the river. Thank you	1/18/2023 9:06 PM
213	Love the proposed #2 improvements for all areas!	1/18/2023 8:49 PM
214	No. Thanks for your work on these improvements!	1/18/2023 8:37 PM
215	Looks great!	1/18/2023 8:24 PM
216	Thrilled that this is something being worked on. Appreciate the though and consideration for accessibility.	1/18/2023 8:00 PM
217	make sure to get feedback from actual boaters and high use and regular use floaters. consider summer 2023 focus group float with concept plans in-hand. make the board go with you.	1/18/2023 7:59 PM
218	It would be nice to have some definition at least in one/some locations where areas specifically for launch and wading are well defined and separate.	1/18/2023 7:22 PM
219	more trees or shade covers?	1/18/2023 7:14 PM
220	let's get this done fast!	1/18/2023 6:51 PM
221	I'd like the river access at Columbia park to be opened asap. We lost river access about 2	1/18/2023 6:46 PM

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	years ago.	
222	Let ADA access be the same as “regular” acces. As in give them the same route. Equal access. That will make it better for all. Don't be so heavy with the stairs and big rocks.	1/18/2023 6:37 PM
223	Thank you for inviting feedback! I love seeing the plans you have!	1/18/2023 6:32 PM
224	I am excited to see the changes & upgrades to river access	1/18/2023 6:29 PM
225	This is an excellent way to view alternatives. A bit more understanding of trade-offs of each alternative would be helpful. Expand access, plan for safe kiddo use, retain some sand (kiddos!), limit high water use plants like grass. Thank you!	1/18/2023 6:22 PM
226	Do not close Columbia Park access.	1/18/2023 6:13 PM
227	No	1/18/2023 5:37 PM
228	The was an excellent product!	1/18/2023 5:33 PM
229	So much money was spent on the rapids park, we need to be smarter about the money we spend on these improvements. We need more access up the river, from Bill Healy bridge to Colorado bridge for kayaker. The only access point right now is way too busy with kayakers and Stand Up Paddlers trying to get in/out. We need more up river access and that will spread out the access points and make it less crowded in other areas. By added all the access points north of the Colorado Bridge you're going to make the narrow portion of the river even more crowded than it is now. Create better access points north and south of the Columbia street bridge.	1/18/2023 4:20 PM
230	Agree that protection of the shore against erosion should be main goal however some of these renderings make it look like a swimming pool just encouraging more use and I am not sure how our river will possibly stay clean if instead of a few good access points we end up with large swaths of the river encouraging lounging on man made rocks en mass.	1/18/2023 3:36 PM
231	I think it is great that they are looking at ways to help the vegetation while still making the River easy for those who are obviously still going to use it.	1/18/2023 3:27 PM
232	Parking is already congested as is. Will additional parking be developed also?	1/18/2023 3:09 PM
233	great work!	1/18/2023 1:44 PM
234	Great work and great community involvement. Thank you.	1/18/2023 1:25 PM
235	I've lived here since the late 80s and appreciate defined access points to the river to keep the tourists from making their own. More safe accesses and more defined safe animal habitats. There were otters and beavers in the river when I was a kid.	1/18/2023 1:21 PM
236	Thank for you for the approach to accessibility and universal design!	1/18/2023 11:35 AM
237	This is a great project and I am excited about all the improvements to river access that you are planning!	1/18/2023 11:12 AM
238	controlled access points are important to save vegetation elsewhere. without specified access points, all riverfront becomes access points (people break rules), so more access points actually equals preservation.	1/18/2023 11:03 AM
239	Please do not consider removing the Columbia Park river access point (per previous discussions/ decisions with stakeholders). Please also consider water runoff at McKay with possible culverts under the cement ramp. (Last time the ramp was fixed, a rainstorm moved a lot of the sand on the beach)	1/18/2023 10:08 AM
240	Gold star for the project manager!	1/17/2023 12:39 PM

Email Comment Log from MMC Outreach

Hi Ian!

Thanks so much for your email- I reviewed the concepts, completed the survey, and shared it with friends. I noticed that removing the Columbia Park river access was an option. The neighbors in vicinity of Columbia Park (of which I am one) spent lots of hours last year meeting with other neighbors and Parks and Rec. to keep river access at Columbia Park. After all of our meetings and discussions, Parks and Rec. agreed to keep the very popular river access at Columbia Park. I'm disappointed and concerned that getting rid of river access is an option in the plan and survey.

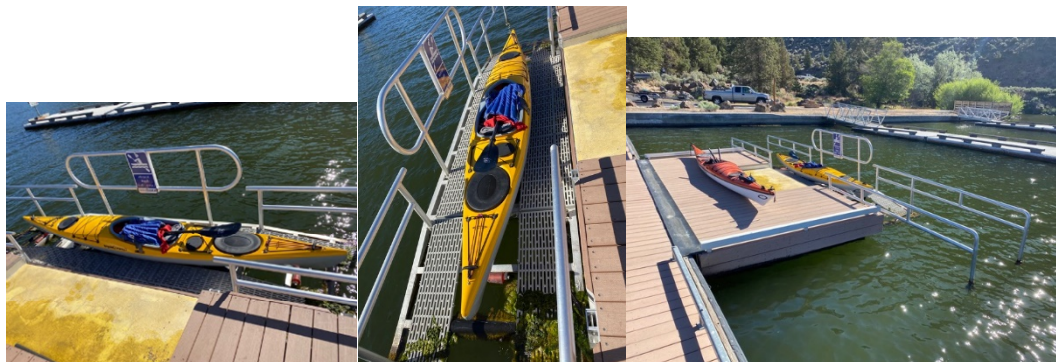
As stated in previous communication (and in my survey response), the Columbia Park river access was very popular and widely used but a variety of user groups. Kayaks, SUPs, canoes, and other watercraft can be heavy and difficult to carry longer distances. (I am able to carry my 45 pound kayak the 1/4 mile to Columbia Park but not the 1/2 mile to Miller's Landing or McKay). Closing river access at Columbia Park will both increase driving/ parking issues at Miller's Landing and McKay and will also lend itself to unmaintained and not environmentally friendly user-created access at Columbia Park.

All parks along the river should have river access so that the public can access the river. Being too popular of a river access point shouldn't be a valid reason to close access. Neither should bridge jumping from a bridge owned by the city. The city can fix the bridge issue if it is a true concern for them. Other users shouldn't be banned due to an issue with one user group.

Thanks for your work with the river access points and considering the removal of Concept 1 from the Columbia Park river access survey.

I looked at the photos of the planned accessible boat launches that you are planning and they don't look very accessible to me. The State Park at Lake Billy Chinook has several very nice accessible kayak launches that work amazingly well. Photos are attached. Please consider installing these at all of the boat access points in the parks.

Thanks for your consideration.



thank you for information. I am excited about your projects. I will submit my response whenever you send survey.

Good day, Ian,

Since I've completed the BPRD river access survey I'm unable to add further input online, so am reaching out to you.

Re: Columbia site location and even if City of Bend places bridge jumping deterrent uprights in the railings, it would seem to be prudent to allow for jumpers to exit the riverbank through the landscaping when they do exit the river. Placing some pavers or a little path of decomposed granite of 3/4 minus rock might be a consideration. Preventing trampling the riverbank can be mitigated with some foresight.

Thanks for adding my comment to the Columbia site, option #2.

Good afternoon, Ian,

Another thought to offer after talking to my brother whose former business was boat/dock maintenance.

Floating docks, as it appears are in a few of the proposed river access sites, will require more maintenance and personnel to do the work. Minimizing further maintenance might move toward land based access with consideration for river access that is less maintenance heavy.

Thanks.

Hello,

It is concerning that new areas are being considered for development for river access for people but no new areas seem to be considered for local dog owners to use the river with off leash areas.

I am not seeing anything that shows BPRD's plans for off-leash dog areas in town with access to the river. Why? I bet half of Bend's population own a dog or two. Why do we have to drive far to get our dogs in the water during the summer months? Bend is not providing river access for the local population that own dogs. I have heard that the river access that is down by your offices is going away. Even if it isn't going away it is not ideal. The river floaters are completely unaware and use the dog park as a in/out to the river as they are too lazy to actually get out where they are suppose too. And people let their toddlers walk around the gated dog area while dogs are running & jumping into the water.

Tourism is great but tourist are not paying taxes that directly go back into our community mean while making it harder for locals to enjoy the place they live. Bend will never be a natural haven if locals have

to drive 10 miles or more to enjoy the natural beauty that we have chosen to live in just to get our dogs swimming.

We do drive out to the trails & river only to be inundated with tourists who leave trash and trash the natural spaces. I love that I can be up into trails fairly quickly from my home but the tourist ruin it for everyone. They don't live here so they don't care if they trash a natural space.

I do not see anything regarding a place where off-leash dogs have any safe access. Bend is doing a terrible job accommodating locals that have dogs and prioritizing tourists. Do better for those that live here with their dogs. Bend is a city where most everyone has a dog. Maybe give dogs & their owners as much consideration as you do for coffee, beer & pot shops.

If off leash access for dog swimming is limited to only one park, then there will continue to be lots of illegal access elsewhere along the rest of the river and the associated degradation of riverbank and associated issues. If everyone who wants to swim their dog tries to cram into the fairly small [Riverbend] Park, there will be conflicts - between dogs and between dog people and non-dog people. I stopped taking my dog to the swimming area by the dog park in Old Mill for this reason. BPD has the opportunity to get ahead of this in the planning process. Your planning process needs to reflect the reality of human and dog behavior, not wishful thinking.

Hi Ian,

We have collaborated with Bend Parks and Rec in the past for pollinator habitat expansion. We would be very interested in continuing to collaborate with this current project of the 3 parks. We will be sending a representative to the upcoming meeting.

If there is anything else we can do before or after the meeting please let us know.

I'm glad you are doing things to improve access while preserving the shoreline/plants/animals affected. As a former outdoor educator, I think interpretive signage can help tell the story of the river's natural history/human history including Native American river uses, so that people will respect the river. I know that the more people know about nature, the more they will care/respect/advocate for it. Please put this at the top of concerns. We can always develop more, but it's hard to return things as they were/should be, and influencing people's hearts and minds does a lot of good. Perhaps natural history/river safety walks for K-12 students/collaborating with the school district would be a welcome program cultivating safety for our local children and awareness of the precious ecosystem at the same time? Even a curriculum in the schools for this? Maybe collaborating with The High Desert Museum?

Hi Ian,

Thank you for hearing our stories last night. Just so you know, we're not making up these risks to Columbia Park users, please see the video link below. The EMT's brought the young man back to life on the shore of the Columbia Park banks just after a typical jump off of the foot bridge. On May 24th of 2021 our neighbor was the paddle boarder who pulled him out of the water roughly 300' downstream of the foot bridge. Needless to say, was and is traumatized by the ongoing risk the bridge and take out present. Just days before this happened, I had been warning a previous BPRD employee about "it's not if, but when somebody drowns as a function of jumping off the foot bridge next to Columbia Park".

[Near-drowning, rescue puts spotlight on Bend bridge jumping - YouTube](#)

Hello Rachel,

Thank you for providing information about these proposed projects and inviting comments. (I hope this is the appropriate forum to make comments.)

I attended the Open House at the Parks and Rec building on Wednesday, February 1st and would like to comment on the proposed designs:

1. My first priority for these projects would be **Miller's Landing Park- Access #2**. Since this area is unimproved it is experiencing erosion and safety issues. I like the design with fencing to protect the riparian edge. Since this is an area that can withstand a sand beach, it would be good to develop it so children can walk into the water.
2. My second priority would be **McKay Park** because it has such high usage and is experiencing erosion and safety issues. I like that the design allows for handicapped access and places for children to play. I would prefer that there not be so much concrete and rock, but that may be your only option to prevent sand from filling the river.
3. My third priority would be **Miller's Landing Park Access #1**. The existing improvements allow for viewing the river, but do not provide safe access. The proposed design shows some sort of handicapped access to the river. I think this is very important since there is adequate parking in this park with wheelchair access to the river. Some sort of ramp or other way for people to get into and out of kayaks and other water craft is important.
4. The **Columbia Park** improvements are my last priority. When I use this path to the river, I think of it as access to the bridge across to the other parks; not a place to access the river. McKay Park provides adequate access on this side of the river. This area is too steep for wheelchairs, and I don't see a safe way to provide access to the river for anyone at this site. Access should remain fenced off and people encouraged to cross the river if they want to actually access the river.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment.

I would like to see the most natural landscaping for the new development at Miller, McKay and Columbia parks. Less concrete and more rock formation design and native plants. I am disappointed that there isn't a specified place where dogs can access the water. The choices appear to be catering more to tourists and less for locals, many who have canines that like to swim and cool down too.

Ian,

Thank you for such a very thoughtful and detailed response. It was very informative and you presented several points that I hadn't given thought to. Your information makes me feel more hopeful for the future development of the tri park areas.

Hello,
What is the public comment timeline for this project?
Thank you!

Ian,

I am writing to present my thoughts about allowing river access from Columbia Park. I am a homeowner who has lived full time on the river since 2007 and the livability of my home and surroundings are very important to me. I have been to both sets of presentations on the proposed changes to allow access for kayakers/floaters and people who want river access for "wading/swimming/hanging out by the river". I have concerns that make this alternative an unacceptable fit for this place on the river.

- All of the river access activities that would be supported here are available for people at multiple locations along the river. From Riverbend Park, McKay Park and Millers Landing, people will be able to float, wade, swim or hang out by the river.
- Columbia Park is short walk to Millers Landing where river activities will be available.
- This is a very narrow portion of the river with many nearby homes and it is not at all suitable as a place for the noise that will be created by allowing river access here. Columbia Park is the only area under consideration for expanded river access that is located within a neighborhood setting with houses on both sides of the river.
- The noise created by river activities would be loud, imposing and continuous in our back yards. There is already a large amount of noise from the Playscape and Slide, and over the years, Park staff has visited my back yard, recognized the noise from the slide and made significant changes to the slide area to mitigate some of the noise. I appreciated their support in recognizing the problem and putting these changes in place.

- I anticipate a dozen or two adults and children at the proposed river access point producing the same level of noise as on the Playscape and Slide but now in the river even closer to our back yards. I have learned through experience that sound travels well across the water's surface. I am also concerned that all of activity on the river access structure and adjacent walkway will result in damage to the riparian area of the river as we saw with the last river access solution put in place at this Park.
- I saw a local Outfitter on TV News praising the expansion of river access at the 3 locations. I am concerned that Columbia Park, a Neighborhood Park, may end up as a location where Outfitters bring clients for river access. This would only add to the noise levels created with even more people entering and exiting the river at this location.
- All of the noise and activity in the river and along the adjacent walkway leaves me concerned about the impact of this development on the value of my home.
- There are times when teenagers show up at the park and play on the slide and in the park at all hours of the night, producing aggravating noise interruptions. Providing them with a place to hang out in the river to party at, say 1 or 2 AM, would produce far more prolonged and intrusive noise than a few trips down the slide that we are experiencing today. My bedroom is on the river side of the house, and noise at such times results in an unacceptable interruption of my sleep and a denial of my right to the quiet enjoyment of my home.

And so, in closing, I ask that river access not be allowed at Columbia Park. Unlike the slide, where some work was done to mitigate some of the noise, nothing short of removing the river access structure will be available to mitigate any of the noise produced by people in the river using this structure for access. I look at this park as my neighbor. My other neighbors and I get together to talk about our activities to make sure that we are not encroaching on each others' lives. I am asking Parks and Rec to be that kind of neighbor.

Dear Mr. Isaacson,

Attached please find a letter of support for Columbia Park River Access Concept #1 or slight modification thereof. I am deeply concerned about Concept #2 changing the neighborhood park character of Columbia Park to that of a destination park and all of the existing problems that it will serve to exacerbate and new ones that it will likely create.

Should you have any questions regarding this email and/or attached letter please contact me via my email address.

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Re: Columbia Park River Access

Dear Mr. Isaacson

I am writing to express my family's support for Columbia Park River Access Concept #1 (Concept #1) and our vehement opposition to Columbia Park River Access Concept #2 (Concept #2). Concept #1 will maintain the character of Columbia Park as a neighborhood park, while Concept #2 will change Columbia Park into a destination park. The Columbia Park river access point was originally developed in 2011 as a "launch point for small water craft". Concept #2 completely disregards that original purpose and replaces it with the purposes of "wading, swimming, and hanging out by the river". This change in character of the park and changing of river access purpose(s) will only lead to exacerbation of existing neighborhood problems. This magnification of existing problems directly results from the increased visitation by people from outside the neighborhood.

As currently conceived, Concept #2 will knowingly encourage and promote increased violation of city ordinances and state laws designed to protect the rights of city residents and improve public safety. More specifically, these regulations include, but are not limited to, ordinances/laws designed to provide for the quiet enjoyment of residents, minimize trespass and damage to private property, and discourage illegal jumping from city bridges. Further, physical development of Concept #2 will likely result in a takings of private property through increased erosion of the river bank. To knowingly re-design and repurpose Columbia Park in such a manner that will encourage and promote violation of ordinances/laws and reduce public safety is improper. Promoting increased violation of city ordinances will result in reduced property values for landowners, reduce their quality of life, and increase conflict with locals.

None of us want to live next door to a noisy neighbor. We should be entitled to quiet enjoyment of our residences. I believe that ideal is the basis for the Bend City ordinance limiting noise levels in residential areas to 65 dBA during daytime hours and 60 dBA at night. Anyone who has spent any time along the river near Columbia Park can attest to noise levels regularly exceeding that 65 dBA threshold. As residents along this stretch of river we have come to accept this infringement of our rights to quiet enjoyment. However, implementation of Concept #2 will exacerbate this noise problem and extend them into the night hours.

One of the newly described purposes of Concept #2 is to provide a place to "hang out" along the river. This "hanging out" will be a significant impact of Concept #2 and will mainly be from visitors who live outside the neighborhood. Many of the ~100,000 people that annually float through this section of river will stop and anchor at this new access point and "hang out", resulting in a continuous noise source as opposed to the transient noise source that currently exists. This is just one example of the manner in which Concept #2 will promote increased violations of the Bend City noise ordinance.

A second example of Concept #2 promoting an increase in Bend City noise ordinance violations concerns illegal use of Columbia Park during the middle of the night. All throughout the summer people are yelling and screaming at all hours of the night in Columbia Park well in excess of the 60 dBA threshold. Currently, most of these prohibited noises emanate from the plateau area just above the Gilchrist foot bridge. Implementation of Concept #2 will encourage the perpetrators of this illegal behavior to move to

the Concept #2 access point along the river. Without any of the noise buffering provided by the park's trees, the noise level will be even louder and carry much further up and down the river.

Modifying the original purpose(s) of Columbia Park to include "swimming" and "hanging out" will only serve to increase the instances of trespass on adjacent homeowner property. Homeowners currently experience trespass of their yards and docks by people both clothed and unclothed throughout the summer. Concept #2 creates a congregating place along the river for both floaters and on-shore park visitors. Many of these congregated floaters/visitors will be inebriated and have little or no respect for private property. Instances of trespass by night time "skinny-dippers" is also likely to increase due to the easy access to the river afforded by Concept #2.

Illegal jumping from the Gilchrist Street bridge is a well-known problem, creating both noise and public safety issues. The increased outside neighborhood visitor draw and "hanging out" along the river due to Concept #2 changing the parks character and purpose(s) will only serve to exacerbate this dangerous behavior.

Concept #2's river access design includes a significant protrusion into the river. This protrusion will re-direct the river's current towards the opposite river bank. The re-directed flow has the potential for increasing erosion on the river's eastern bank, negatively affecting property values and damaging private property. At a minimum, the potential for increased erosion should be studied and the results shared with the public.

Concept #2's changing the character of Columbia Park to a destination park will greatly increase the number of visitors to the park from outside the neighborhood. The increased outside visitation will result in greatly increased traffic and parking issues throughout the local neighborhood.

In conclusion, my family is highly supportive of Concept #1 as it will maintain the existing neighborhood park character and park purpose(s) of Columbia Park and avoid exacerbating existing neighborhood problems and creating new ones. Should a "launch point for small water craft" be desired by local residents, my family is not opposed to modifying Concept #1 to include a small ramp or dock allowing access. Conversely, my family vehemently opposes Concept #2 as it will change Columbia Park's character from a neighborhood park to a destination park and introduce new purposes which will only serve to exacerbate and promote existing problems and create new ones. With all the proposed changes to Miller's Landing and McKay Parks to providing increased swimming, wading, and hanging out opportunities, it is unnecessary to alter Columbia Park's character and exacerbate neighborhood problems through Concept #2.

Ian,

For the public record. If you enhance the take out for the Jumpers at the foot bridge at Columbia Park, you will be facilitating the next upcoming drowning. Columbia Park is a Neighborhood Park, not a community park. Already this notion is challenged in Columbia Park by the noise and development of the "Pirate Park". By choosing anything other than Option one for Columbia Park, you would be in further conflict of you're own definition of a Neighborhood Park. Emergency life support vehicles, parking, and the right to quiet enjoyment are already jeopardized by how much you've already

developed Columbia Park beyond your own definition of a neighborhood park. There is a pending sound analysis from an engineering firm of the decibels created from the Pirate Park, results to follow. Please do not foster more chaos from our neighborhood park, please choose option one, choose habitat restoration over additional development.

Hi Ian,

I would like to comment briefly on the river plan, specifically in Columbia Park.

1) The whole plan is meant to be a "Habitat restoration" and access plan. It is nearly impossible to have both of those happening in the same zone. Unless leash laws are fully enforced (in dog town USA!) :) Columbia park is very small, so if you have an access point, you definitely will not have habitat restoration. Since the access has been closed, the otter have come back to den at the end of the park again!! It is truly a riparian zone that has been great to see happening again.

2) Safety/Parking/Greenway: There is not adequate parking to further turn this neighborhood park into a community park (the play structure has helped with that). Increased parking is a safety issue-imagine having to pull a fire truck up at this park and get help down to the river? People have jumped off the bridge from access at your park and neighbors end up being first responders. It is very limited for emergency help- with no parking lot, so having river access there is even more of a concern. This park also has the neighborhood greenway, which means there are a lot of bicycle users. Having increased **tube** traffic really impedes the trail for the greenway. This park also has a play structure, and a lot of kids. Do you have any safety plans in effect for that? The slide looks like it lands about ten feet from the river entrance. Yikes!

3) All of the other access points do not have residential homes/lots completely surrounding the park. This park is different from the others in the fact that it is a neighborhood park vs a community park. There is not enough space for all of the people that arrive on bike and walk, let alone more drivers. Creating a developed river access point will exasperate the issue. With more access comes more noise. There are often kids jumping from the bridge at all hours of the night. They enter and exit from Columbia Park, and scream before, during, and after. With the access closed, it has decreased dramatically and likely saved lives. At least many trips to the ER, where a good friend of mine works.

The amount of wildlife that is on the river in this residential zone is something to be cherished and protected as Bend grows. There are ducks (several species), heron, eagles, hawks, mink, otter, beaver, crawdads, many fish species, deer, and a lot more! Closing the river access in that area will definitely help keep all of these here.

Please keep in mind that all of the adjacent residential properties are prohibited from building within 40 feet of the high water mark in order to protect the riparian zone. We respect and honor that, so I think it is the right direction for Bend Parks & Rec to do the same.

Hi Ian,

I wanted to make you aware of the email below. They are using their entire business mailing list to potentially skew data for this survey. I know that not everyone on her mailing list even lives in our town or state. I'm hoping your survey can extrapolate for that? This actually happened the first time the survey went around- many came out in support of the business owner personally, not necessarily being educated on the actual project. The survey in 2021 had the majority voting for the access to be closed, but then suddenly they got a lot of "public comment". I think it is very important to know where specifically the comments are coming from.



Help Ulla and her neighbors save their river access at Columbia Park



Hello Yoga Friends! Please give your feedback on river access for Columbia Park, Miller's Landing, and McKay Park as part of the Deschutes River Access & Habitat Restoration Plan.

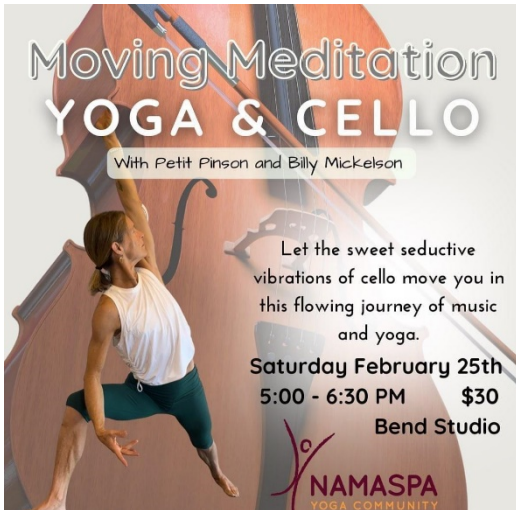
If you value safe and fun river access **please take a few minutes to fill out this survey by February 8.** If you have

it in your heart please vote for Concept 2 for Columbia Park. Concept 1 means my neighbors and I, and everyone in Bend who take their kids and dogs to Columbia Park, will lose our closest river access.

I recommend writing down the option for the concepts you like. The actual voting part of the survey does not have any images to help you remember which concepts you prefer.

[Take the survey here, please!](#)

Yoga Lab Teachers and Subs Teaching at Namaspa



Petit is teaching 8 classes per week and is offering a Moving Meditation Healing Flow with live cello on 2/25

Deven is teaching 2 classes per week, a monthly acro yoga workshop, and Valentines Partner Yoga Workshop on 2/12!

Kristen L is teaching Mondays at Noon

Ruth Ann is on the schedule Tuesdays Noon.

Lauren Davey teaches 5 classes per week.

Ticari is teaching and subbing at the Redmond studio.

You can find Ulla upstairs in the Life studio three days per week (not part of namaspa memberships) look under additional classes.

[Check Out Schedule](#)



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My 2¢: please restrict water access at Columbia Park. Providing water access encourages bridge jumping which is illegal but not enforced. Do we have to wait for someone to get hurt?

At Miller Landing I support just one entry point in the center. The current "entry point" is almost useless but it is my preferred location for a better water entry.

I would also encourage restraint in the use of taxpayer dollars. No need to build the Taj Majal.

Media and Social Media Comment Log from MMC Outreach

- I wish they would put pavers down where the gravel trail is!
- Miller's Landing design looks great!!
- The plans look pretty cool to me.
- Return it to its natural state and lock people out of it. Plant some native species. Make it a spotted frog sanctuary.
- Lifeguards. Increasing river access/use also increases safety risks. We can increase job opportunities and limit costly rescue or recovery services.
- Concept #2 is best for McKay in my opinion because the additional shade is needed. Also the rock setup in concept 1 looks dangerous for young children which I see use this park all Summer long. Too much fall potential for kids and seems like not much of an improvement overall.
- It's really sad what they are doing to Drake Park. Lots of concrete, including high walls. Destroying the natural feel of the walk along the Pond.
- Boat ramps
- Regardless of my opinion re: the suggested improvements, a big shout out to Bends Park and Rec for taking this step to show the different alternatives and ask for public input! We'll done!
- Handicap entrance/exit to river.
- Now that area will be a complete sh*t show
- LOVE IT!!!
- Have No doubts this is going to get both sides of the opinions, positive and negative but I'll truly excited to see it all come together..
- I can't wait for this!
- Here's where you can take the survey and let the city know OPTION 2 is **rad**
. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JPSMXTT>
- The other thing that I notice (aside from the gross overdevelopment of natural areas), is that these 'build outs' of concrete, form artificial beaches. One thing about the Deschutes, as it runs through town, is that it is not particularly inviting to jump in and swim. Either weedy, or too rocky, or slimy (Drake Park), so you don't see that many people just swimming. This new construction will invite swimmers into a sometimes swift current. We have already had one unintended death at the Water Park...btw KTVZ should educated its new reporters that (1) There is only one 's' in BPRD and (2) It is not a City agency. Today's on-screen reporter made both errors.
- Ammmm we really need new and better ball sports field. The Timbers versus Apex soccer fields are a mess. Spending more \$\$ to further augment the river is a hard NO for my family. Will spread the word to shut this down. Not necessary. Sports turf ⚽ fields - yes!

- I think the person who designed these concepts should spend some time walking up and down crowded stairs carrying a heavy kayak, paddleboard, or large float. Inclined sandy banks are safer, accommodate more users, and provide play space for kids. Stairs are great for swimmers, but we have many more floaters / watercraft users and waders than swimmers. Concrete stairs and ramps also diminish the natural beauty of the riverbank. Thank you for collecting feedback!
- Did an actual hydrologist design this? My concern other than a bunch of edge habitat is lost is the potential for an eddy to form right where the steps are. An eddy will deposit organics that lead to weed growth that will interfere with launching and may lead to anaerobic sediments that are not the best for human contact.
- Slightly off-topic, I know, butHow about Bend Parks & Rec focusing on more projects that benefit our youth? River projects are exciting, but we really need to focus on the basics like soccer and baseball fields. Nearly every park in the Portland area has turf multiple soccer fields, yet the only TWO we have here in Bend were partially funded by local parents and a soccer club. Not only would such facilities be utilized by local residents on a daily basis, but they could attract visitors from outside the area for tournaments. [#more](#) fields for kids in Bend.
- Access for alllllll people. Wheelchair access is severely lacking in this town.
- This will increase rental rates
- I'll be voting no on the tax increase
- *** Where are all the "tree huggers" for all the old growth trees the city is allowing to be cut down in Drake Park? I can't believe people aren't having a fit about this, and stopping it. They can make a path wind around the trees--what a novel idea!!

Everyone needs to call Parks & Rec and the City and tell them they don't want the trees cut down in the park!!! They can still have their trail & the trees!! The park was created over 100 years ago, so you know those trees have been there for longer than that! Mr. Drake might come back to haunt you all!!!

PLEASE PUT A STOP TO LOSING THESE MAJESTIC TREES IN DRAKE PARK THAT HAVE BEEN A SPECIAL PART OF BEND FOR SO LONG!!!

- So you are ok with the tax increase making especially rentals even more expensive?
- Miller's landing should be an access point to the river. Not a bridge with no fence. Take down that wooden platform with the sand and just have it be a beach. It's dangerous for little kids the way it is now
- Dredge Mirror Pond
- "As long as there IS NOT adequate parking, continue forward."
- Handrails for the handicap!! I could go more often!!!
- Hold up, working on my 8thth and hopefully final draft review of my dissertation. Citations are always so tedious. I'm emailing the slides and PDF, but do you also prefer printed versions?

Oregon State Marine Board

• McKay Park

○ Concept #1:

- The concrete seat wall is an excellent addition that will help keep sand and debris off the concrete path keeping it clear and accessible.
- Will the concrete path be wide enough to allow people to sit and assemble on the wall while maintaining an accessible route?
 - We suggest a minimum of 8 feet wide to accommodate traffic on the path and people using the seat wall.
- Transfer station
 - The location of the transfer station and steps provides separation from the swim beach, whitewater exit area, and bank angling areas.
 - This separation should help minimize swim beach sand from impacting the path and transfer station use.
 - It will also help to limit unintended activities and is preferred when compared to the location of the transfer station in concept 2.
- Landscaping
 - We recommend alternatives to using sand close to an accessible path. This could create unintended maintenance and accessibility issues.

○ Concept #2:

- Transfer station
 - The orientation of the transfer station to the swim beach area could be desirable for swimmers to play and hang on the transfer handrail.

- Beach sand could accumulate on the transfer seat steps and create friction points for people with limited sensation as they slide from step to step.
- This orientation could also encourage kayaks, standup paddleboards, and canoes to enter the swim beach area, potentially creating a safety concern.
- Concrete patio
 - The concrete patio could become a gathering point for people to watch whitewater park activities, watch and assist swimming children, or sunbathe.
 - Unfortunately, these activities could restrict the use of the transfer station and even make it feel uninviting.
 - Striping this area as a staging area with signage could help to designate this area.
- Landscaping
 - The trees and lawn area will reduce debris from impacting the accessible concrete path.
 - The lawn area may be more inviting for park users to assemble, which helps to keep the pathways clear.
 - The natural boulder terracing is a nice look.

• **Miller's Landing Park**

○ **Access Point #1, Concept #1:**

- Kayak launch
 - The accessible kayak launch with a transfer bench appears to have plenty of staging room for nonmotorized boats and mobility devices to maneuver.
 - This floating launch provides the best flexibility for different types and sizes of boats.
- Transfer bench
 - The transfer bench should include an extension extending across the boat launch channel.
 - That extension allows people to center themselves over the boat and position their legs easily instead of reaching on a diagonal.
- Dock
 - We would also recommend an opening in the bull rail on the river-facing dock a minimum of 38 inches to allow someone to enter or exit their boat without stepping over the bull rail.

- Color coding the bull rail opening can help designate the access.
- We recommend efforts through signage and enforcement to keep other activities, such as angling, sunbathing, and swimmers, off the boat dock.
 - This is for safety reasons and helps to create a better experience for boaters.
- Landscaping
 - There is ample separation between the sand area and the accessible pathway and kayak launch.
- Paired with the accessible route from the parking lot to the kayak launch, this is an excellent location for an alternative way to access the water by recreational boat.

○ **Access Point #1, Concept #2:**

- Kayak launch
 - The kayak launch in concept 2 can be difficult depending on hull shape and size.
 - Boats may sit unevenly, feel unstable and not operate on the roller system.
 - In addition, the roller functionality is susceptible to debris, sediment, and vandalism.
 - We would not recommend this style of launch.
 - Concept 1 launch provides greater flexibility for a variety of nonmotorized boats.
- The shade structure is nice and well-intended, but it could invite longer-term use than what it's intended for and create crowding or conflict at the launch site.
 - If the shading structure is installed, we recommend adding additional structures to help disperse and provide non-boaters seeking shade.
- The grouted boulders could provide additional protection for the dock structure from debris.
- The steps leading into the river could be used as a boat take-out; however, it seems more suitable for swimmers, people playing in the water, and anglers.

○ **Access Point #2, Concept #1:**

- The distance from the parking to the access point is not ideal, the path would cross one access point to get to the other, and the proximity to nearby houses could be problematic.

- From a boating standpoint, if Access Point 1 is developed, we support closing access and revegetating this location.
- **Access Point #2, Concept #2:**
 - Development of Access Point 1 is preferred because of the proximity to private homes in concept 2.
 - In addition, the parking and distance to the launch site are ideal at site one, and a floating structure for nonmotorized boating is preferred.

• **Columbia Park**

- **Concept #1:**
 - Concept 1 proposes to close access and revegetate.
 - Given the additional constraints at this site, which include limited parking, a steep slope, and illegal bridge-jumping activities, we feel that other locations may be better suited for making improvements to facilitate boating.
- **Concept #2:**
 - We understand the local community wants to have river access at Columbia Park; the improvements in concept 2 would meet that need.
 - The stairs leading into the river would provide a place for boaters to put in and take out; however, it could become a safety issue if other river recreation users compete for this space.
 - OSMB prioritizes accessibility when considering boating improvements.
 - Due to the site constraints for people with mobility challenges, we would recommend focusing boating improvements at sites more suitable to provide equitable access.