

LCTN 2012 SURVEY RESULTS:COMMENTS

Suggestions for Trail Locations

Connectivity

- 1.23 A north-south hiking trail running the length of the island would be really cool!
- 1.31 Please maximize connectivity of trails/pathways
- 1.36 I would love to see longer trails, or trails somehow connected. I love the trails, but they are so short so I feel like I have to get on the road to get as much exercise as I want.
- 2.1 Connect Lopez Hill trails to Hunter Bay. A park on Hunter Bay would be great.
- 2.3b Prioritize trail development that provides connections to public facilities, especially the school.
- 2.11 Bike path from Shark Reef to Hummel Lake.
- 2.14 a trail around the entire island—to the extent physically feasible
- 2.26c I'm supportive of creating mini-trails along with the above suggested longer trails. For example, a trail farm join several farm lands along edges of fences or where ever the land owner agrees may be accessed.
- 2.34b I really like the idea of a N. to S. and E. to W. (Village to Spencer Spit) trail.
- 2.35 East side of island, from Swift Bay north and south
- 2.40b -Shark reef to the Point (tip of Fisherman Point)
- 2.40d -Any series of connected trails along the water
- 2.40e -Loop around the island that is off-road
- 2.40g -Ferry landing to Spencer Spit
- 2.51b A farm-to-farm walking trail would be fun, to be able to see the farms and the farm land, and perhaps buy picnic lunches.
- 2.55 island circumference loop trail
- 2.66 A marked circular trail that encompasses all the scenic areas, the village, the beaches, the woods, the village, etc. Like a "Tour do Lopez" on foot.
- 4.3 Our priority is the network, so we can get to the nature trails conveniently without a car.
- 4.11 The trails at Watmough, Iceberg Point, and Shark Reef are already adequate, in my opinion. I worry that "expanding or improving" them will cause these areas to be too over-used, especially during the peak tourist season. I would rather see new, low-key trails developed that go from various points on the island to the Village.

4.23 Please prioritize building trails in other places. Chadwick, Lopez Hill, Iceberg and Shark Reef could easily be "loved to death".
Trails that improve safe foot and bike trails to and from places seem like a good place to focus efforts.

4.24 I think these are already pretty good. I'd like to see us connect them.

4.30 I think connecting trails should be a higher priority. Already have quite a few nature trails.

4.36 I think the trails at these places are excellent. What's missing is the ability to walk TO these places.

4.45 Trails everywhere!

9.29 I think a "Tour de Lopez" for foot travelers would be fun, combining a walk from the ferry to the village and a stop at a farm or a beach.

Finally, I think this is a great idea. I've thought for years that a ~10 mile path through woodland, along a beach and through farmland would be a wonderful addition to the island.

North End

2.76 shoal and swifts bay

2.74b I think most people traveling to the village from the ferry are likely to use the roads, as not likely to be walking, But those trails through Odlin are very nice, just found those myself. am not sure how much more public land is south of there to get people to the village.

4.27 Flat Point

4.44a I have marked only several as top priority, because the others have good trails already. Odlin South because there aren't really any trails there.

4.51 Open flat point to mountain bike, create trails there for more exciting park, improve park conditions. I would help with building trails.

4.60c Permission to walk from Swift's Bay to Spencer Spit, including the tidelands or inland trail.

Center (includes Village Connections)

1.3c When I lived on Center Road, I thought it would be neat to have a trail direct to the village, east/west, through the area between cross and Hummel lake roads. I had horse who always appreciate trailing away from vehicle traffic, especially when in harness pulling a wagon or buggy. This idea was also favored by _____, my neighbor. If this was established, issues of ownership and eminent domain would need to be addressed.

1.16 Trails for walking and biking linking the ferry with the village and the village go the school are top priority in my mind. A safer bike alternative than Center Road from ferry down island would be nice.

- 1.39e I would love to walk or bike on the following two trails: a) along the waters of Fisherman Bay but not on the beach, b) along Agate Beach in the current road right-of-way after they move the County road behind the houses due to the cost of maintenance due to erosion.
- 1.41 A trail from Port Stanley to Lopez Village would cut down on our auto trips when we are on the island especially if the trail were mostly separate from the roadside.
- 2.25 From the village to the marina
- 2.28 Not interested in too much change that would affect Lopez and its character. I like the idea of people being able to get off or on the ferry and then being able to get to the village, hopefully nothing paved. Anything should be low key.
- 2.32b Also, I belong to a volksporing group and seriously examined the area between the ferry landing and Lopez Village, hoping to find a way that walk-on passé herds could get to the Village without walking on the main road. Too much of the route would have been hazardous for walkers so I abandoned the idea. I'd love to see #2 (above) [ferry landing to Village point-to-point trail] implemented.
- 2.33 Pedestrian traffic between Lopez Village and the Islander in the summer visitor season can create dangerous situations when cars are passing them from both directions simultaneously. Building sidewalks to deal with this is probably the responsibility of Public Works, but their budget may not be able to handle this in the near future. Perhaps a walking trail by the road could be built with a small grant as a temporary fix until Public Works can do more. Just a thought.
- 2.40a -Lopez Village to the marina and on to Fisherman Point (or at least the beginning of Bayshore Rd)
- 2.44 Trail / path from Fisherman Bay to Village
- 2.63 I'm interested in a solution to the current impasse between the ends of Suntides Lane and Hooterville Lane. Solving this would help connect Lopez Hill with points north via a more pedestrian friendly route than either Lopez Sound Road or Center Road. What about a trail through forest on lots _____ and _____ connecting Suntides Lane with Wild Plum Lane, thence to Hooterville Lane? Has this been investigated?
- 2.65 Dragon Run ridge
- 2.72b * Trail from Common Ground to village -- perhaps aiming at the post office. This would be used a lot by kids (and adults) in the neighborhood, and it would provide peace of mind to parents with kids who like to walk to the store / skate park.
- 2.72c * Trail from Common Ground to Fisherman's Bay road -- say near Grace Church.
- 2.74a I think things within the village are very easy to access. Don't really see a need for additional pathways.
- 2.77b Sunset view trails that look west/north to the Canadian Islands, perhaps up on Whiskey Hill.
- 4.1 Access in west-side of Lopez Hill
- 4.2 At Fisherman Bay Preserve I would enjoy a loop trail, so that I don't have to return the same way I arrived.

- 4.4 Again, this *[expanded or improved nature trails]* sounds like a good idea, but many of the existing trails seem OK, (esp. on BLM lands with the hard work of the LICC crew!) and I'm not sure where there is room for more trails without habitat loss. The one area where I think there is room for improvement is the LIFE trail. It is fitness oriented, which is fine and a good purpose, but that area is also a pretty unique ecosystem of willows and other native species, and one of the few remaining on the island. It seems an educational component could be added along with the fitness -- perhaps signs for people to read while they are doing their exercises? The trail itself is good, but more could be done with raising awareness of what people are seeing.
- 4.41 From my perspective...all of the above have good expanded access with existing trails. Hummel lake is very limited in access and more would enjoy if the trails could encompass the lake.
- 4.57b A trail that goes all the way around Hummel Lake, offering a safe alternate to walking on the road, would be good for visitors as well as locals.
- 4.57c I think we should do whatever we can to concentrate the most use in the areas closer to the village and more accessible to visitors pressure increasing pressure on our island's more natural, "wild" areas.
- 4.60d Along the shore of Fishbay, especially along the eastern shore. This would take a bit more trail work, and the trail may wash out, but there is such a different view at eye level from the water. We miss so much by walking at the higher level of the road. (This would be a dream trail), including benches for sitting at the shore level. This would make a nice exploratory trip, to see what is currently possible, even bushwhacking along the shoreline.
- 9.22 We'd like to see a trail go from FB Rd south of _____'s (across from horse area) go across field in front of _____'s to Lopez Rd gate across from _____'s.

South End

- 2.19 better access points to Chadwick hill, integration between Watmough & Chadwick hill to Pt colville access
- 2.21 Trail access to SE end of Lopez beyond Watmough Bight
- 2.34a I would like to see a trail from Chadwick Hill to Telegraph Bay.
- 2.40c -Southend connection: Shark Reef to Iceberg to Watmough
- 2.45 Watmough Bight (Bay) trail from Chadwick Point area - This had existed for over 100 years, but has never been "recognized". The Humes brothers used it to take their milk cow to the Bight to graze in the 1920's - 1940's. I, my family, and my friends have used it yearly since 1946.

Iceberg Point: There is a serious need to establish an adequate parking area AT the "trail's" beginning - (not at the County Park).

There are a number of significant GEOLOGIC features on Lopez. I have led my college classes, groups of Seniors, SJ Nature institute "classes", and many friends to them. It would be great to have reader boards at these sites discussing these many very fine examples. For example: Watmough Bight Beach AND Chadwick Hill; Shark Reef; Iceberg Point AND monument; Spencer

- Spit** State Park beach; Tombolo-type Spits: 1) to Humphrey Head, 2) to Sperry Point, 3) on south-west side of Fishermans Bay, 4) at north end of **Fishermans Bay**.
- 2.47 walking access from Cape Saint Mary Rd to **Chadwick** Hill trails (was one historically) going access from the opposite side of **Chadwick** Hill, reducing need to drive and park to trail access.
- 2.60 I would love to see some trails on the south end connecting neighborhoods to Islandale Store.
- 4.44b **Chadwick** Hill, because there could be more trails to create more of a network.
- 4.57a I think the existing trails in these natural areas are fine the way they are and do not favor any efforts at expanding or improving them. Many of these areas are already at the point of over-use, such as **Shark Reef** and **Iceberg** Point.

School

- 2.8 Bicycle routes to school
- 2.10 Connecting the School to areas where children live and the Village would be my next top priority. Perhaps there could be nodes where children could be dropped off to walk/bike the remaining distance to the school, safe from the traffic. Definitely to the Village.
- 2.40f -Lopez School to **Lopez Hill**
- 2.43 Once again, trails alongside Center Road, to and from the school.....very important.
- 2.59 School to village
- 2.61 From Village to school is a high priority. Thanks.
- 3.2 Improving safety for walking/biking to school will benefit and encourage other walkers and bikers, not just students.
- 3.3 All areas which would serve young folks biking to school would be a good long term plan. engage the county Public works to incorporate the desires of LCTN into their planning documents and hold them accountable through implementation.
- 3.4 Star-shaped access paths for those kids living closest. Survey/ask the school where kids live now.
- [On paper survey was drawn a diagram of school with pathways going out three directions from the school with comment]: Or just a feeder path along School Rd. to start.*
- Do NOT feed these kids into the village just to hang out. In our climate, kids are not going to walk the south end to school.
- 3.5 Project idea: From the south end of the island to the school—not sure, seems too difficult
- 3.7 Where do most of the students live?
- 3.10 Any walking or cycling to school would be great, but I imagine the busses would still run. So, it may not be a top priority until/unless the busses stop running.

- 3.12 I like the idea of riding a bike to school. But I don't think Center Road would be safe for kids to cross on a bike even at a well marked intersection. And would kids choose to ride their bikes to school in the rain when the bus would get them there dry?
- 3.14 do kids walk to school on Lopez?
- 3.15 safe bicycling pathways north south and east west nexses at school
- 3.17 We live in the village and have 3 children. All of whom would use a trail to bike to and from school if available. I currently drive them or they use the bus, due to safety considerations on Center Rd.
Thanks.
- 3.22 I don't see many kids walking or riding bikes to school. IF they live far away, they take the bus.
- 3.24 There are lots of cut-offs where a trail from the school could go without being on Center Road or Dill Road. I would explore all the landowners in that block of land including _____ [*several names listed*]. Thanks
- 3.26 If developed together with a commitment of students and adults working at the school to bicycle rather than ride gasoline motorized vehicles. We might also have slower speed limits during commuting hours.
- 3.29 I really don't have an opinion on this. I'm not sure what the safety issues are, and thought most kids were bussed. Is this an issue of widening roads?
- 3.30 From the north end of the island to the school
- 4.33a -school to Lopez Hill
- 4.60b Trail from school to Lopez Hill, more direct route

Beach Access

- 1.11 Please consider using beaches as part of the trail system. We walk on the beach three to four times a week as part of our walk routine.
- 1.32 spend more time at the beaches in the summer
- 2.2 There seem to be enough beach access trails to beaches on public land (BLM, etc.) and in parks
- 2.3a Look for beach access points at street ends and undeveloped rights of way
- 2.37 Make Blackie Brady Beach more accessible, Get rid of the wasps so people can get down to enjoy that small beach.
- 2.4 More beach access trails sounds like a good idea, but I don't know where this would be possible. I only know the beaches one can already go to.
- 2.5 better access to all SJC Public works end roads which lead to water, beaches, and views.

Better access to all WA DNR public shoreline beaches

Beach access, long hikes with trail easements over private tidelands

Clarification needed on ownership of tide lands, hiking is legal across private tidelands as long as folks are not engaged in shellfishing and harvesting. This is huge but could help provide private property owners full disclosure on what the law states regarding their ownership authority of tide lands. We, the common, public do still have access across these tide lands.

- 2.7 Beach access: work with Parks and Public Works on road-end access sites and provide in-neighborhood access paths - i.e., no parking, just providing neighborhood folks on landlocked parcels nice walking access to the water: exercise, good family activity, no longer feel like an under-class to the wealthy folks who don't live here but own the waterfront.
- 2.15 Identify public access to beaches
- 2.18a About more beaches, I don't know where they would be, but I and my family always like hiking the trails out to the water.
- 2.22a Increased beach access, however, especially non-automobile beach access, is a good idea
- 2.23 It is often confusing how to get to a shore or to see the shore without trespassing on private land
- 2.26 Because I am not familiar with many of the beaches, I'm not sure whether there is adequate access to these beaches.
- 2.27 More than just beach access, I'd like longer walks along the beach. What about a referendum to make ALL beaches below high tide public beaches?
- 2.29 Increased beach access for tourists and kicks is only likely going to add to beach/ocean pollution. I'd prefer to keep people away from the beaches. There is enough trash along the shoreline as is.
- 2.38a Beach access trails -- anywhere that there is public land and adequate legitimate parking
- 2.41 To be honest, I think it can be hard to know where beach access is in some areas (I am a part-time resident).
- Great ideas listed above! Can't wait to see what happens:)
- 2.42 Not sure where but it would be nice to have more beach access to tourists and those who do not have waterfront property.
- 2.48 beach walk along San Juan Channel
- 2.50 Whatever beaches that are left on Lopez that are open to public use, it would be fabulous to have legal access by land to those places.
- 2.53 Any place there is public beach
- 2.58 Are there beaches that do not have some sort of access on Lopez?
- 2.62 More beach access on south end

- 2.64 Agate Beach and all beaches that are owned by the state and SJC government. All beaches in SJC should that are not private beaches should be listed on a map or web site. Some people put out signs "private beach" and they are by the state of Washington.
- 2.68 beach access? anywhere and everywhere possible
- 2.72a * Beach access from Lopez Road to the beach. We live at Common Ground (just north of the sewer pond) and would love to have trail access to the beach nearby. Currently closest is the steps down to the public beach near the Bay Cafe, but it is far enough away that we don't walk there often.
- 2.74c I'm quite satisfied with the amount of beach access - between Agate Beach, Otis Perkins, Upright Head, Odlin, Shark Reef, Watmough - it's a very good amount. Not sure how much more public beach is very accessible.
- 2.77a Access to Westside walking beach north of Shark reef park, south of Otis Perkins.
- 4.8 Fix Blackie Brady Beach Access

Trail Types/Usage of Trails

Trail Type Preferences

- 2.16 I favor the ideas of trails being multi-use, bikes and walking.
- 3.31 If paths can be placed beside roads-of-way, fine. I don't agree with creating paths that are significantly away from the public rights-of-way.
- 4.32 Again, as a mountain biker, I would prioritize trails that are multi-use.
- 5.1 Separate off-road pathways would be preferable, but if the cost is too high, stick w/widened road shoulders.
- 5.2 Widening the road shoulders on main roads makes sense to us. It could accommodate bikers, walkers, joggers AND horses.
- 5.3 I'm not an equestrian, so don't have a knowledgeable opinion. Riders would be the most qualified to answer this. It doesn't seem that there are very many riders on Lopez. I've encountered only one rider in four years of regular cycling.
- I don't think the Fisherman Bay project a few years ago yielded enough benefit to justify the cost or the number of trees cut-down. If shoulders on really critical curves could be widened, that would be helpful. There's a particularly scary (from a cyclist's viewpoint) on Center Road south of Midnight's Farm and north of _____'s place (the first 90 degree curve north of _____'s). It's especially problematic when going north.
- I'm familiar with Seattle's Burke-Gilman Trail. There are areas where it's impossible to ride because of the tree roots, potholes, too much walking and biking traffic, crosses with streets, etc. I much prefer to ride on paved roads, which is why I love cycling on Lopez. Others would disagree, but I find most of the drivers co-operative and love not having much traffic, even in August.
- 5.4 where trails are located are on a case by case basis, depending property owners' rights and road easements.
- 5.5 Providing for walking on widened road shoulders is an acceptable way to build the trail network, depending on the speed/volume of motorized traffic; separated and parallel from the road is preferable for both walking and biking (especially on the designated routes to school).
- 5.6 I'm not sure on these. Certainly there are places that are not currently safe for bikers or pedestrians (or horses,) but I don't know enough to have an opinion on whether there should be separate paths or just widened shoulders.
- 5.7 Bicycle lanes on widened roads OK; walking trails and equestrian/off-road vehicles/trail bikes etc. etc. off roads unless absolutely necessary.
- 5.8 I would like to see trails for walking, biking, stroller/wheel chair and horses (although I don't ride), as far off the road as is feasible. But I realize that this is not always possible, so use the shoulder when necessary.
- 5.9 the most ideal would be the type of surface at Acadia National Park.

- 5.10 Wider roads = faster traffic (applies to walking, bicycle and equestrian lanes on widened shoulders)
- Equestrian trails on separate off-road pathways: waste of resources
- Bike trails only if also separate from walkers—we'll just get run over by the summer hordes
- 5.11 Bicycle transportation trails can fit into a 6-8 foot width and cut through places that a road wouldn't work in.
- 5-12 We can share the pathways. Have a system of yielding, it works in other areas. Most cyclists would prefer the roadway anyway. I would proposed gravel or even dirt/grass paths.
- 5-13 bicycles should be kept off the roads and shoulders wherever alternate bike paths can be established
- 5-14 Much prefer walking trails on off-road pathways, but undoubtedly there will be areas where there will not be sufficient off-road access, so trails along road shoulders will have to suffice
- 5-15 Before I write yea or nay, I would like to see a comprehensive plan.
- 5-16 No public money for improved road shoulders. I have observed that about half or more bicycle riders, especially visitors, do not use the shoulder, which is functionally a bike lane. So I can't see making a special bicycle lane for them. Horses and hikers could use the non-paved shoulder area as is.
- 5.17 Separate trails are ideal for nature hikes, but practical use for non-motorized transportation suggest widened road shoulders. Encouraging both uses is important if Lopez is to maintain the quiet pace that attracted many of us to chose to be on this island. Non-motorized travel can be a means to maintain feeling of abundant space as the population increases, as is inevitable.
- 5.18 In general, I would prefer to see separate off-road pathways that would be safe from road traffic and provide peaceful, quiet trails experiences. But, I understand that they would be more expensive to create and not feasible in all locations. So, it makes sense to widen road shoulders some locations (blind curves, heavily trafficked roads) mostly for safety reasons.
- 5.19 Ideally separate walking paths and off road bike paths would be wonderful. Biking on the side of the road is fine if the shoulder is wide. I do not like to walk along the road and prefer a path. Providing horse trails is a low priority for me but would be nice,
- 5.20 Anything to get the walkers, bikers, etc. out of way of car traffic because of safety issues.
- 5.21 Since road shoulder trails are probably more feasible, I am in favor of them. I would love to see off road trail development for all non-motorized use.
- 5.22 Bikes and pedestrians don't always mix well. And we cannot afford the luxury of separate off-road networks. As long as we have cars and roadways, a widened shoulder may be the most practical solution. Roadways tend to be more circuitous which is especially hard for pedestrians—they want the most direct route. Bicyclists can out up with the longer distances on roadways. Looking out 50 years in the future, off-road paths that were wide enough to safely accommodate bikes and peds seems like a great deal.

- 5.23 I do not prefer the idea of widening roadways.
- 5.24 It all depends on the purpose of the trail and what easements are available.
- 5.25 I would very much wish to donate a trail right-of-way through our property, as part of a linking pathway for walking/bicycling/horse, parallel to and near the road.
- 5.26 I don't like to see bicycles used on the trails at chadwick (yes, seen the tracks!) or iceberg point.
- 5.27 We think the island is small and rural enough that it makes no sense to have separate lanes for bikes and walkers, as if it were downtown Seattle. Even many moderate-sized urban areas (e.g., Everett, Lynnwood) don't have networks of such lanes except in unusual cases where there are higher speeds and higher traffic volumes (much, much higher than Lopez). We would like to see the rural character of Lopez remain without so much regimentation -- separate paths, separate lanes, etc. The roads are the best way to walk or bike or ride from place to place; we don't need separate trails for anything except recreational/enjoyment of nature uses.
- 5.28 Again, as a walker and bike commuter and mountain biker, I would hope that we can have trails that are all multiuser with clear signage telling people the "rules of the trail". I would prefer to walk and bike away from the road but would also use pathways that are beside the road.
- 5.29 My strong preference is that walking paths are separated from the road. Why not go cross-country and be away from the roads completely like in the English countryside. At a minimum parallel the road on off-road pathways detouring away from the road whenever possible.
- It would be great if bikes could use the same paths as pedestrians - I think they could share the path. In cases where that won't work, a safe bike lane along the road is fine.
- 5.30 Given the history of car-related accidents on Lopez (for walkers, bikers, and equestrians), I highly prefer that the trails be placed away from the cars.
- 5.31 Whether a trail is separate or along side a roadway depends on the type and use of the roadway. If it is very busy a separate trail would make sense. It also depends on how directly the trail leads to the destination. For cycling, the surface makes a difference. Gravel is OK for a mountain bike, not a road bike.
- 5.32 It would be wonderful to have trails that are off the road, but widened shoulders would be a good second option.
- 5.33 I would prefer the off-road paths but certainly the widened road oaths are better than nothing.
- 5.34 Any trails and widened shoulders would be better than nothing, but separated from roadways would be preferred.
- 5.35 these are more expensive - would be nice, but could wait until money allows.
- 5.36 I am not a mountain biker so I don't have a strong opinion about bikes off road anyways.
- 5.37 my guess is that widened road trails are less expensive and we can get more mileage per dollar. a mix of widened road/off road based on some vague consensus is all we can hope for???

- 5.38 Terrain and money will limit locations of many places, Dogs will be walked on trails and sometimes dogs and horses do not mix well. Widen trails enough that horses and people, some on bikes, can get past each other comfortably. maintenance of trails can be costly or minimal.

We use volunteers here on Vashon Burton Acres woods but associated Jensen Point (boathouse, launch ramp, beach, and picnic tables) uses a combination of paid and volunteer maintenance. Burton Acres is meant to be a "Let nature take its course" park, but keep the trails open so we can watch what is going on." Thus, the trails are narrow, around two feet wide, and volunteers prune back brush and spread wood chips in muddy areas. Other parks have other standards of maintenance. One park has a forest management plan which results in an open cathedral-like aspect and the trails are covered with gravel. Underbrush is mostly absent since the conifer canopy is mostly unbroken.

- 5.39 only by school for hitching rides
- 5.40 incorporate with walking trails (but for safety best if no Mountain Bikes which are best on widened shoulders but not too bad on Lopez Hill since trails not conducive to bike speed)
- 5.41 If the island has extra money for this sort of thing, consider cutting our taxes first.
- 5.42 In general, it's a great idea to have trails separated from the roadway, but perhaps will be too expensive. Bicycles can be accommodated on the side of wide shoulders. Walkers and horses should NOT be close to the roadway.
- 5.43 Walking, bicycle and equestrian lanes or trails on widened road shoulders are my 2nd choice, the 1st would be trails on separate off-road pathways.
- 5.44 Riding a bicycle down the hill past Woodman Hall and around the corner at the bottom is very scary....the shoulder, if it exists at all, is very narrow. If somehow this could be cleared or widened and made safer it would be a huge improvement.
- 5.46 we live near Odlin so we have pretty great trails at our disposal.
- 5.47 It would be best to keep the bikes adjacent to the roadway, and move the rest of us (walking, jogging, riding our horses) off the path. Bikers must follow the same rules as cars....stop signs, speed limits, yielding, and can be dangerous to pedestrians. It is important to remember that equines are prey animals and pedestrians, too! Both in experiences driving a car and riding a horse, I have had bicyclists behave very dangerously. As an example I was PASSED by a bicyclist coming down Woodman Hall hill....he was exceeding the speed limit, I was heeding it, so he crossed the double yellow line to pass me. I have rarely seen one stop at a stop sign, especially if it is located in a downhill direction! Walkers, Joggers, and Equestrians do not do "momentum" motivated, we are more willing to stop and wait for someone.
- 5.48 I do not particularly treasure the idea of encountering horses and other large or rabid animals on trails.
- 5.49 More "Share the Road signs"
- Foster a "Hitch Hiker" culture on the island, so that walkers going somewhere are picked up for the rest of or part of their trip.

- 5.50 I would appreciate any improvements in safety re: walking, trekking, etc. best would be off road but when not possible, by the road is better than on the road. thanks for all you are doing with this.
- 5.51 Off-road vs. road shoulder should be decided on a case-by-case basis. Cost, land availability, speed of roadway, etc. all should be considered. Multi-use transportation routes need much larger ROW to mitigate conflicts. Paths for slow-speed walkers (seniors, disabled, children in strollers) usually not compatible with bicycle and equestrian use--need separate paths for these user groups.
- 5.52 In general, I'm in support for walking and bicycling trails and lanes but not in sensitive areas. Would like to see the roads being shared with bicyclists and pedestrians without have to create a lot more impervious surfaces. If any road were to be widened, it should be to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, not faster moving vehicle traffic.
- 5.53 I would be happy to see all forms of non-motorized transport made easier and safer.
- 5.54 walking/biking trails separated from the road is the ideal but if not possible widened lanes acceptable
- 5.55 I'm primarily a walker, occasional road biker, and not an equestrian, so that affects my response. Also I don't know what's involved in getting use access to off-road pathways of any kind, Easements? There's only so much public lands, and they probably don't connect like we'd always like.
- One comment is that mtn bikers and horses can wreak real havoc on trails with ruts, erosion, bikes speeding up behind or towards you without earning, nowhere to get off trail when coming upon horse rides, etc. so I wouldn't favor 'open season' on all walking trails for those users.
- 5.56 I would rather there was at least some protective barrier between potentially high speed traffic and cyclists and pedestrians, and especially between riders and horses...However, this is not the same thing as wanting trails through the "woods" that would essentially take private property or else require owners of parcels to make trails through their properties that others can use.
- We've spent uncounted, and uncountable hours picking up trash thrown by careless others. We've given quite a lot of time to trimming back brush along roadways. If trails are created then trails need to be maintained I don't see that happening.
- 5.57 A properly constructed off-road path or widened shoulder trail will serve all those of non-motorized users. It would be prohibitively expensive to create separate paths, and no need. Roads have clear sight lines and trail "traffic jams" are unlikely. Anything would help give us back what used to be a road shoulder safe enough to walk, bike, ride.
- 5.58 Safer side of roads on corners, especially Center Rd.
- Easy trails for medium/beginner Mtn. Bikes. The trail to the beach at Spencer Spit is a good example of an easy trail, wide and smooth, but natural.
- Lopez Hill** is good for expert Mt. Bikers, or daring Medium bikers, but very poor for beginner or gentle rider. Trails on Orcas that are fantastic for beginner bikers or older Mt. Bikers is the Mountain Lake Trail, with rides restricted to certain times of year. It is wide and smooth with interesting features.

- 9.1 I don't like the idea of widening the roads. But I love the idea of off road trails.
- 9.14 perhaps a mention of the difference between "trail" and "pathway" and what is being considered or preferred so far in the discussions regarding unpaved/paved. I picture and would welcome an UNPAVED path or trail through my property, for instance, but have a different reaction when considering e.g. a wide PAVED path.
- 9.23a I find that equestrian use of trails is not compatible with walking or biking, especially if they are heavily used.

Walking Trails

- 1.3a My occasional use on foot is nearly always when I have company, whom I want to show the island, to go somewhere to have lunch and enjoy the scenery and each other's company.
- 1.13 We are in Lopez only part time. But when ever we are there we hike on existing trails and paths.
- 1.15 Showing friends/guests the diversity of Lopez Island environs and special views
- 1.21 Need some long trails
- 1.22a I like having designated walking trails in wilderness areas. It helps disperse tourists, aids in their enjoyment of nature, and adds variety to relatively limited land-based activities on Lopez.
- 1.24 It was hard to answer these because I am not a full-time resident of Lopez. When I do visit (every month or two) I walk the beaches and trails daily. However, I had to say "occasionally" since I'm not there daily. Also, it would have been good to have an N/A column for things That I do not do (like walk with a child in a stroller, or go by wheelchair, etc.)
- 1.28 I am only a part time resident and so walk mostly for recreation or to walk to grocery store,
- 1.33 We do not live on Lopez Island yet so when we visit once a month we do the above. Once we live in our house permanently it would be daily.
- 1.43 Hiking all around the island on trails would be wonderful and I would support
- 1.47 Developed off-road trails throughout the island would be a huge plus!
- 1.48 Not a resident but an occasional visitor ... and we ALWAYS go for one walk per day ... ~5 miles.
- 1.52 We're just discovering some trails we didn't know about or hadn't been on before - Chadwick Hill, Pt. Colville, the one by the Ferry up by the hill, and Upright Channel. We've used Shark Reef and Iceberg Point many times, Lopez Hill once. Also we're looking for a variety of scenic low-traffic roads to add into our road walks. We live in the village and do the Lopez Rd/Military Rd/Fish Bay Rd loop mostly.
- 2.22a I would probably not use these long trails.
- 2.74d In general, I'm speaking of walking. Not a mountain biker, and road biking has all kinds of possibilities already
- 4.21 Am not familiar with all those various areas, but I enjoyed the new trails I found this past summer. They were wonderful!

Bicycle Trails

- 1.3b On bicycle, my usual use is in the Village, on errands or to get to work, in good weather.
- 1.27 As a cyclist, and a property owner (the land has been in our family since 1925), and a visitor since 1953, I have witnessed many changes on the island.
- The island needs some commerce. An ideal solution would be to add smooth pavement trails around the island for cyclists. The "chip seal" is hard on street bikes/tires. A number of cyclists could and would flock to a "Burke-Gilman" trail system on Lopez. San Juan takes too much time to reach and ride and the roads are not great. Orcas Island is nice for it's hills and Mt. Constitution, but the roads to East Sound are unsafe. Lopez is a cheaper ferry fare, accessible for day riding, family friendly with its limited hills, and great views afe more accessible.
- 1.29 just a note re: part timers on the island. I walk or bike almost every time I come to the island. This would be "almost every visit", which is heavy usage, comparably. Perhaps this would equal "weekly" if we lived on the island.
- 2.6 Could private land be used for biking paths - owners would be paid got use with Lopez bike path permit fees. All bike visitors would be assessed a fee or it would be added to rental cost. Is there grant money?
- 2.12 Off road bicycle paths or dedicated bicycle land would be great.
- 2.36 I am most interested in "road bike" projects to increase local commerce benefit, without Condominium-izing the island.
- 2.39 I would greatly appreciate bicycling to be allowed on all new trails, for commuting and mountain biking. This is very important to myself, husband and two children. Most or all of the mountain bikers and bike commuters on the island would be highly respectful of other uses and of trail wear and tear as well as helping with maintenance. Thanks!
Happy Trails!!
- 2.46 bicycle safety on roads and if possible on off road path in critical (danger zones, such as s curves north of McCauly farm.
- 2.51a Connect Hunter Bay to Lopez Sound Road, for bicycles.
- 2.54 Need good bike lane from Ferry to Village
- 3.9 I think bicycles should remain on the roadways, but some of the most problematic spots could be widened to accommodate a bicycle lane to make them safer. Maybe even eventually bicycle lanes on Center Road all the way through to the Village and Ferry.
- 3.13 I'm with you! And see how this plays with Cascade Cycling Club.
- 3.16 bike lanes are a great idea, especially if the bicyclists stay in the lanes. :)
- 3.27 Some small side-of-the-road bicycle lanes or widened shoulders would be wonderful at some key areas such as the S-curves in Center road near *[name ommitted]*'s property (south of Hummel Lake). Here the road is narrow with blind spots, and people drive fast.

Equestrian Trails

- 1.9 Horse back riding park/area. Wider bicycle/horse paths on major routes leading into town. A place to tie up horses in town.
- 1.20 Would like to see more horse friendly trails.
- 1.34 As a north-end horse owner, I currently ride in the road edge almost exclusively, as private owners seem to think horses do undesirable damage to trails. I have been riding almost daily for 5 years, and have yet to see another horse on a trail or along the road on the north end. Please keel in mind that "horses" does not mean a cavalry running through the trails - there'd are actually very few of us here on Lopez. We are responsible people, who want to keep the trails in good condition so everyone can use them.
- 2.24 horse trails please!
- 3.6 Add horses to walking/cycling. PLEASE. After all, people love Lopez for its rural aspect, but then want the animals to go away.
- 9.4 I think equestrian use is not compatible with foot and bicycle uses. Horses tend to tear up foot trails and deposit horse poop in the trail which is quite unpleasant and relatively long lasting.
- 9.36 Currently it seems that tourists get the most use out of our trails and public areas. I was overjoyed when horses were allowed back at Iceberg!! It was a thrill to be able to ride out there with my daughter. Due to an old knee injury, excessive walking on the trails is not in the cards for me, so it is especially important that I can use these public areas on horseback. We don't go too often.....work, chores, etc....but when we do we cherish our time!

Other Trail Uses

- 1.2 Birding.
- 1.5 Walking as a spiritual experience daily
Walking to get away from others, monthly
- 1.37 We use trails and pathways to herd sheep from one pasture to another. We also run them down the road, but would always prefer a trail or pathway since they tend to be shorter, safer and more pleasant.

Ideas for Trail Improvements

Signage/Maps

- 1.1 Helps to have trails marked...we always take our guests to the trails or send them out. appreciate all you do.
- 1.4 Nature trails with botanical signage
Exercise trails with light/medium/extreme exercise stops
- 1.40 maybe some maps on the web of **chadwick** hill from the bend in the road that has access to the edge of the farm as you walk north to the start of the trail
- 1.44 post mileage and directional signs at major intersections or landmarks
- 1.45 More painted and signed crosswalks in Lopez Village, especially at "T" intersections, which many drivers think don't have crosswalks (Washington State Lae says they're there, but few drivers acknowledge them). The one I cross most is the intersection of Lopez Road and Village Rd. walking to and from Blossom Grocery. Cars zip down Lopez Road and, unless I am very assertive, they don't stop for me, even though they are supposed to. Paint a crosswalk there, put a sign there, help out a poor pedestrian for Pete's sake.
- 2.18b Other ideas: I would like to see better-marked trails and more maps available, in particular on **Lopez Hill**.
- 2.26b I would like something published that shows what accesses we have to trails on Lopez at this time. If there is something published, how do I get this?
- Thank you for organizing these trail networks on Lopez.
- 2.30 I would like more maintenance and expansion of existing trails in our current access areas (e.g., **Lopez Hill**). More signage would also be helpful.
- 2.32 I explored what I think is **Lopez Hill** two or three years ago, just after I learned it existed. The woods were lovely, but the trails criss-crossed and were unmarked and I was a little concerned about getting lost. Perhaps it has been improved since then. If not, I'd be pleased to see that network made easier to navigate.
- 2.38b It's a shame that signage and parking do not work well for **iceberg**. It takes local knowledge to know how to park and find the way to this lovely trail. ACCESS will be improved when it's possible to post signage and provide adequate parking for the already existing beautiful chunk of land. It's OK for tourists to discover this sort of place, but to a first-timer it is not welcoming, due to obscurity of access.
- 2.67 An updated map of useable trails (permission by private owners might require a phone call)
- 2.74e One thing I would say is signage could be improved in a couple places, like **Chadwick** Hill & **Lopez Hill**.
- 4.6b Maybe a little signage on the climb to **Chadwick** Hill
- 4.13 The areas I checked could use better-marked trails/trailhead maps so that people don't break trail and walk all over sensitive foliage. **Lopez Hill** and **Chadwick Hill** are very easy to get lost on.

- 4.14 Signage at Lopez Hill would be great - I get lost there! I think there are adequate trails at Iceberg, Odlin, near school and at Shark Reef
- 4.25 The park at Hummel Lake is a particularly well suited example for this because its relative compactness would make it easiest for relevant organizations to set up and maintain identifying signs. There may be equally good examples of site at some of the other locations listed above.
- 4.29 Chadwick Hill -- also requires improved signage/direction for getting onto the trail and continuing out to the bluff. It has not been easy for first-timers to show up and do this successfully.
- 4.40 Interpretive trails with vandal resistant signs explaining what is going on at various locations should improve general understanding of natural processes on the island. _____
[name given] does this very well for various agencies (we have several on Vashon Island and should have more. What people understand they are more apt to value.
- 4.42b As a side note, there really needs to be some signage at Point Colville as the native lichen patches are being trampled!
- 4.49 recently went up to chadwick hill for the first time, had sketch directions...parked on side of road...assume on private property? found the trail but never really found the summit (overlooking watmough preserve). lots of spur trails leading nowhere...we were hoping for a look out point but ended up doing a loop back to the car. it was still very enjoyable...but felt like we were adding to the erosion following all these spur trails that ended loops going nowhere.
- 4.50 Long hikes should have mileposts along the way and a book that hikers enter when starting their hikes and sign out, so that we know that someone isn't out there and disabled. Plasticized trail maps could be made available at the start, to be returned when completed.
- 4.56 I only checked the ones that we've had trouble either finding (but eventually did find. Lopez Hill) and the ones we never would have found without someone showing us (Chadwick Hill).
- I think the Preserve, Hummel Lake, Odlin, Shark Reef, and Spencer Spit are well marked, obvious parking, well maintained, etc.
- I forgot to mention that someone had to give us "insider info" originally to find Iceberg Pt. That is so easy to miss with the "end of county road" sign and then feeling like you're going down someone's driveway when you turn at "the saw." That could really have better signage. Such a spectacular walk.
- Watmough is also easy to miss without either a fair amount of wandering and/or an insider giving you exact directions.
- 5.49 More "Share the Road" signs
- Foster a "Hitch Hiker" culture on the island, so that walker going somewhere are picked up for the rest of or part of their trip
- 9.11 Better marking of trails, description of best season and time of day to walk and degree or difficulty and time to walk at normal pace desired. Naturalist notes would be helpful. Guided walks on regular basis desirable.

- 9.30 I do not know where there is a list and description of hikes available on the island. This site would be a handy place to have it, with a map showing the location of the hikes on the island and a map of the hike itself and a description.
I have read a number of surveys from parks departments on what the public would like to see more of from their parks departments and "more trails" is always number #1.
Maps of safe bike rides would also be good with the descriptions of places to stop and rest or see along the way.
Links to hikes on other islands as well would be good on the website.
I have been coming to Lopez for 65 years and last year I hiked on Lopez hill for the first time. It was a great hike!
You may have already thought of these ideas, I realize.
I have noticed that Lopez has more county parks than all of the other islands combined.
- 9.40 Just the comments from earlier sections -
- Better signage: Iceberg Pt., Chadwick Hill, Lopez Hill
- A good detailed map on the site & available to pick up at various places around Lopez.

Parking

- 4.37 Parking at Iceberg with trail
- 4.60a Better access on Lopez Hill for parking.

Other Thoughts about Trail Improvements

- 1.22b Providing poop bags for dogs is very good, as well as public toilets if not cost prohibitive
- 1.25 We appreciate Lopez Island's abundance of walking trails that provide access to waterfront views and beaches looking out in all directions from the island. It is great that there far also a number of places that cyclists can access such views from roadways and a few of the parks.
- There may be some interest in creating more bicycle and horseback trails, but I am not sure how these would be made and maintained without substantial funding, Their construction in a wet climate may be much more costly than pedestrian trails. Perhaps an interim, low maintenance, low budget accommodation to the needs of the cyclists would be to expand the placement of solid, secure bike racks at as many trailheads as we can. Sorry, but I don't have an analogous accommodation to the needs of horseback riders, who would probably not want to leave their horses hitched at a trailhead for an extended time!
- 1.54 Would like more trails that go up and down for cardiovascular workout. Most of our island walking is great but does not get the heart rate up like running or jogging does. I do like to choose trails with ups and downs. We don't have that many to choose from or that long. The ones we do have, like Chadwick, may be too steep for most walkers. Spencer Spit is a good example of a long nice uphill for cardio walking.

- 4.5 BLM lands via their current ACEC plan do not call for additional trails to be made. The BLM is going through a planning effort right now soooooo if people think there should be more trails please have the LCTN represent the results of this survey to BLM fast so the feedback is in the public record. There may be opportunities for well thought out trail additions to BLM lands on Lopez.
- 4.16 Many of these trails are important for me, but the current set of trails seems pretty good.
- 4.17 The more the merrier.
- 4.18 This depends on what is meant by 'expanded & improved'. I am not in favor of paved trails, etc.
- 4.20 We have limited public land and somewhat adequate trails on them, so this may not be a high priority as trails for walking/biking transportation (which ideally, can be nature-oriented).
- 4.26 In general, I think Lopez has good trails and public access to beaches but I'm always in favor of expanding it.
- 4.33b -Agate Beach
- 4.33c -other public land (BLM?)
- 4.39 See earlier comments! Plus: sites of historical significance!
- 4.34 I checked "OK, but not important to me" on most of these locations because I feel that the trails are already delightful and in good condition.
- 4.35 These are great places and have adequate existing trails.
- 4.38 Honestly, all these trails seem in good shape to me. I use them regularly throughout the year and love them all. The only one I am unfamiliar with is Lopez Hill which is why I checked it.
- 4.42a I think our local places such as Chadwick, Watmough, Lopez Hill, Iceberg, are heavily trailed already, and more trails would bring more disruption to the ecosystems there.
- 4.46 I hear Lopez Hill has better signage. Historically has been too easy to get lost there, and it would be nice to have an outlook somewhere.
- 4.53 It seems to me that the nature trails are pretty good in each of these areas, but I'm sure there is room for improvement.
- 4.58 I actually think that the trails all the locations mentioned above are just fine the way they are.
- 9.8 Need more trash and recycle bins near trail heads.

Other Comments

Safety and Accessibility

- 1.7 When in a disabled state: Would use trails or pathways more, if accessible & short. A previous state of disability included use of a wheelchair. Would have appreciated more wheelchair accessible trails or pathways at that time.
- 1.8 I don't use trails. It's best for me to have stable pavement. I use road in front of my house or paths in village to exercise or get somewhere.
- 1.19 I often worry about the pedestrians on F. Bay Road going north from Dill to the Village because their walk is so close to the car traffic. Walking on Dill and Center provides the same danger.
- 1.38 Wouldn't it be nice to have off the road trails along Center Road, to and from the school, even a mile or so in each direction from the school. I worry about children riding their bikes with such fast cars and trucks.
- 1.39 I have limited walking mobility, I would use trails (and walk) if a) there were shorter options with something nifty at the end, b) there was adequate parking to access the trail (ie Iceberg), c) they connected things in the Village, d) they were well maintained and of limited slope.
- a-d
- I would use trails when I needed to be in my wheelchair if there were a paved option (like some bike and running trail combos in cities).
- I would use trails (and bike) more if they were paved and not simply narrow shoulder strips of already narrow roads.
- 1.42 My riding or walking is seasonal. That's why I checked two options. Riding horse on Lopez is dangerous. Drivers seldom slow down to a safe speed while passing a horse. Signs that say "share the road" should also include a horse image.
- It may be impossible BUT, it would be so great to have one long right-of-way trail the length of Lopez. Could enough contiguous property owners agree? Kids need a safe path to school from all directions, I would be terrified to send my child out biking on Lopez roads.
- 1.49 I definitely support increased trail and pathway access. I am the crazy mom who runs/walks daily with a double stroller to get places...Usually it's okay, but I feel unsafe using Center Rd with my kids in a stroller and no shoulder. I would love to see more long-distance pathways available on Lopez.
- 2.49 I think the first priority should be a trail from the Islander marina to the village -- to allow people a way to safely get to the stores without having to walk on the shoulder of Fisherman Bay Road.
- 2.52 It would be great to have a bike trail from the ferry to the Village. I would then feel safe biking with my young children to town. It is a huge safety concern for people of Lopez when so many bikers come to the island.

- 2.57 "Share the Road" signs at key places showing cars, bicycles, walkers, horses, tractors, etc. all with equal weight on the sign. Some of the past signage has inferred that it is the duty of cyclists to be careful because "the roads are narrow and curvy." Well, shouldn't EVERYONE be careful for that reason? EVERY user should be asked to watch out, ESPECIALLY those who are using more dangerous modes like motor vehicles. As a walker on this island, I find drivers to fall into a wide spectrum of decency toward pedestrians. Many are kind and give a wide clearance when passing a walker, but others zip by and never look back. I have been knocked into more than one ditch by asshole and clueless drivers. That needs to stop, and it starts by sending the right signals to road users. Cars are dangerous to pedestrians. A driver's license is a privilege, not a right. The roads belong to all of us, and state law allows all users equal right to use them together.
- 2.70 I believe that paved sidewalks should take priority over unpaved paths for Lopez Village. Mobility of seniors, children in strollers, disabled, etc. severely hampered by lack of sidewalks. Lopez Village is NOT a walking village--yet!
- 2.71 Top priority: safe biking/walking trail from Village to school
- 3.1 dangerous curves, for bicycle and horse and foot traffic, are a top priority for me. for instance the corners on Center between Dill and Hummel Lake roads
- 3.11 I do not have school age children, but think their safety should be given priority. If there are pathways through heavily vegetative areas, security should be given serious consideration in the development of those trails.
- We had a young man in Ashland murdered as he was walking home from work on a public biking/hiking trail. Do not want to be going child predators opportunity.
- 3.19 Especially dangerous corners on stretch between Islandale Store and Vista Rd (blind corners, no shoulder and currently no available alternate routes).
- 3.20 If ever one child died or was seriously hurt while riding a bike, we would all be building alternative ways for the to get to school safely. This needs to happen BEFORE such a thing happens.
- 3.23 Excuse me, but the curves are not dangerous (as you say above). Some of the users (i.e., drivers who drive too fast) make dangerous situations in those places, perhaps, but the curves themselves are not dangerous. In fact, without cars, the curves are quite nice and very safe! Place the blame where it belongs! It is PEOPLE who create danger on roads, not the roads themselves.
- 3.25 I use Center Rd with my kids in a jogging stroller or a bike trailer and feel unsafe. I would like to see a safe way to get there from both the North and the South.
- 3.28 Off road bike path/walkway all along Center Road- this isn't a safe option currently
- 4.6a I think a little work would make Pt. Colville and Shark Reef more handicap (wheelchair) accessible.
- 4.7 Work on higher accessibility on current paths
- 4.48 Nature trails are secondary in importance to commuter-oriented, safety trails. I use the roads with stroller/bike and bike trailer as a form of commuting.

9.18 I have a 93 year old friend who just last week said she wished there was a place we could go for a walk away from cars and that was "pretty". I told her I would try to think of a place we could walk. I am also walking with a cane (to prevent any falls) so do not find the trails at Shark Reef user friendly for older walkers, though I love to sit on the west edge of the island to watch the sea life and boating traffic.

I have no idea what the trails are like at Odlin Park. Perhaps you could eventually post a list of trails that are safer & easier for seniors to use, as well as trails that are a bit more challenging,

I think the first concern should be safety for the user of the trail, of whatever type. Cars, horses & kids do not mix that well, even though people say they will be responsible and careful.

9.34 Safety on Center Rd is the top priority for me.

Trail Stewardship

1.10 Love the idea of having more trails available for respectful use by our island community.

Wild life and flowers will need to be respected and honored.

Thank you for inspiring us to think outside the box, and for the community to come together.

1.42b I REALLY would much rather walk on trails that were more natural and not parked-out. Earlier this spring, I walked the circular route at **Watmough** and every inch of the way had been raked! There was not even a fir needle on the path. That's silly and undesirable. I also would rather not see wide- swath-trails machetes by machetes. Plants should rub against the walker or even swallow them up for a while. Please do NOT over-manicure for the sake of someone needing a job. Nature should be wild and with some surprises. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to say these things that are important to me concerning trails and road safety. Thank you also for your good work.

2.9 Trails are hard to keep good. Tourists can mess up trails; they have no responsibility for it.

I think trails can damage eco-system unless lots of care & planning is done to prevent damage & educate users to help care for it.

4.9 Nature trails are HELL for wildlife. Ground-nesting blrds, waterfowl, small mammals are soon extirpated. Invasive species are spread (I include tourists in this category). Dogs, as much as I love them, do enormous damage around & along trails.

Locals know where to go. Lopez is not a theme park! It is our home, do not encourage strangers/tourists/gaskets to vomit all over it!

4.10 Before the expense of putting in signage to promote natural history appreciation, put in signage to protect areas from overtramping.

4.15 I think all these existing trails should be maintained and some expanded, but not to the point of sacrificing the wildness that still surrounds them. No paving of trails or big interpretive centers, just keep it natural.

4.19 I would like to see the existing trails at **Shark Reef**, **Watmough**, **Iceberg** and **Chadwick** maintained on a minimal level, so they are narrow but clear footpaths providing access but minimum impact

- to these fragile and wild areas. I would favor more trails at areas that have high use already: Spencer Spit, Odlin, Lopez Hill, near the school.
- 4.28 would need to monitor for the fine balance between offering access to nature and stimulating too much usage, signage, motorized maintenance, etc.
- 4.31 Wild areas need to be preserved...more trails more people more destruction of native flora.
- 4.43 Improvement should be sure to keep the "rustic" and natural type trails that exist. "Maintained" is a better term here.
- 4.47 I could be in favor of expanded or improved nature-oriented trails but it would depend on where and for what reasons, and I would want to see some careful analysis of the expected impact on habitat and wildlife species. I feel concerned about opening up more trails in the BLM-protected lands that are listed about or doing anything that would encourage much growth in the usage of these areas. Other areas designated as parks I could more readily favor if there is some demonstrable need and no major drawbacks.
- 4.52 It is important when building trails natural areas that they divide and fragment areas of habitat reducing overall quality and can introduce significant disturbance and invasives.
- 4.54 Shark Reef's shoreline is being destroyed by overuse and bad trail planning.
- 4.55 Some areas are already overused or heavily used and more trails would just make the impact worse. Hence my unfavorable checkmarks above.
- 4.59 I and we almost never go to any of these places; neither do we take visitors. I don't have any problem with putting more time, energy and available funds into improving existing public lands, but I don't agree with creating large parking lots to accommodate vehicles. Most "Lopezians" may be honest and peaceful and would likely not cause problems as they travel along, however, most of us have come from places where such freedoms would result in dangers and damage. So idealism fails when meeting reality of present life.
- 9.41 Please put the emphasis on easing pressure on the land as well as the Safety of those who choose methods of transportation other than cars or trucks.

Use of Public/Private Lands

- 1.12 I would very much like to see a hike/bike/horse trail system next to our adjacent roads, 1. so that I could safely commute by bike, 2. so that I could safely ride my horse along the roadside: this used to be safe, but one there is too much traffic, cars travel inconsiderately, and put animals at peril. 3. It would be good to have a system of clarification of which trails are public access, and which are private property, and to encourage hikers etc. to respect other's privacy.
- 1.17 There are many places on the island that are not directly accessible because of private land. In England, there are footpath 'right of ways' across private land that cannot be taken away as long as the footpaths are used. As a landowner, I would be open to a public footpath across my land if needed to access public land,

I would love to see access to more footpaths. The bicycles can stay on the road, they are vehicles.

Thank you for listening.

- 1.30 Generally would encourage continued development of trails on the public lands that provide access to scenic spots in natural settings on Lopez.
- 2.17 As a property owner nearby a fairly new trail, trespassing has been an issue. (Some to extend their outing; others to use my property for purposes up to and including camp fires or drinking alcohol as well as parking recreational vehicles.) In other states where I own property, short-cutting through my land to access trails or shops (including cutting fences, tearing out barriers or signage) have been a problem. I would like to see discussions on how to protect the privacy and quality of life for property owners/residents near public trail systems (on in-between as short-cutting will occur).
- 2.20 The problem is with private land. Need permission, then what to do when people leave and the owner wants to retract permission. The existing public roads provide plenty of access for the public. I really don't think we need a bunch of new trails. Some new ones on public property might be good.
- 2.56 Also: clarify what beaches or parts of beaches are public. I always assume that beaches are public to the high-tide line, but am told this is often NOT the case.
- Flat Point: are all the beaches accessible from the little park on Military Rd?
- East side of Lopez, access to Lopez Sound beaches (mostly high bank).
- 2.73 Wherever the trails would not infringe upon private property.
- 2.75 From all these questions, it looks like the intention is to create trails through private properties. I'd just rather there were sidewalks. I never have been comfortable walking through other people's property, even when this is presumed to be o.k.
- Would you propose to buy rights-of-way for all these trails, assuming people would agree to sell? What would you do about properties that already are fenced, especially where people have gardens and don't want deer.
- 3.18 can bike and walking trails be built through fields along property lines instead of following the roads?
- 3.21 OK, but DO NOT use private land unless the owner(s) get reimbursed fully for the loss of any of their land. Plus if a trail should be placed next to private land there should be insurance to cover and damage to or theft of private property. There should be sanicans along the longer trails so home owners will not be bothered by people wanting to use their facilities.
- Until bicycles (with riders over 16) buy a license I am against any public funds being spent on paths for them.
- 4.12 Trespassing is an issue on Lopez Hill due to adjacent public use of nearby areas. This creates a concern when more trail development is discussed.
- 9.21 We would really like to have trails through our private lands, but how do you deal with the liability?

Funding

- 5.41 If the island has extra money for this sort of thing, consider cutting our taxes first.
- 5.44 I'm wondering who is going to fund these programs. Grass root effort should be considered to license any bike that uses SJC roads.
- 5.45 I'm wondering who is going to fund these programs. Grass root effort should be considered to license any bike that uses SJC roads.
- 9.12 I'm wondering where the money is coming from to fund these trails.
- 9.31 This sounds like another thing that a few full time locals want us "off island" property owners to pay for.
- 9.32b Some of your questions were hard to answer since so little information was given as to how much the work would cost and how it would be financed. For example, widened roads or separate bike trails along the road can be very expensive. I know they were considered several years ago along with the County Tourism Advisory Committee report and found to be prohibitively expensive. If you are asking people if they would like these, their answer may be different if they have an idea of the cost.
- 9.37 while lots of the ideas suggested here sound good, it seems to me the biggest impact is the hardest to achieve: obtaining new trails for the public. I don't know where they might be, because so much is privately owned. Expanding beach access is also a great idea, but where? I don't think expanding trail systems in existing preserves is necessarily worth a lot of work, because the current trails seem pretty good to me. Expanding road shoulders for bicyclists is also a great idea, but seems prohibitively expensive. I don't think just painting lanes on existing roads is worth the money. I'm glad there's a group working on this, so good luck!

Concern/Not in favor

- 1.14 Somehow I think you need to redo the survey questions and articulate some possibilities. I don't think this will in reality tell you much useful information and won't provide any insight into what people might want. Hate to be so negative, but after spending money on your mailing, this doesn't do the job.
- 1.46 I don't want any more organized anything on Lopez.
I don't want anything which encourages more tourists.
I don't want development of any kind,
I like the island the way it is,
Leave us all alone, please.
- 1.53 I guess I'm not really interested in creating walking trails on Lopez Island.
- 9.16 We are wondering what has spurred this survey and the expensive printing/mailing of same. Is there discontent about the present availability of trails on Lopez? If so, why? We have never seen trail ways and recreational areas overcrowded except in the most highly populated tourist times (such as holiday weekends and high-summer season), and even then, it is pretty easy to get to the beach or to walk on existing paths. To our knowledge, there has not been a dramatic rise in accidents involving vehicles and bikes or pedestrians, even though the population has risen.

If it's not broken, don't fix it. We are not persuaded that the present system is broken, and we wonder why it is perceived as needing such substantial improvements.

- 9.42 Right now, I'm feeling really growly having mostly filled out this form and left comments. I don't know whether my other half would be more in favor of building trails. I'll ask, and if he would be in favor, I'll come back and add input to reflect his views. I am almost hostile to the idea.
- 9.7 Will hunting continue to be allowed on **Lopez Hill**? I was disheartened to read about the various kinds of weapons that were permitted last summer when I was hiking there. They seem cruel, and the instructions about gutting an animal off-trail so people don't stumble upon a bloody mess make a graphic picture that confirms my sense that hunting is a violent sport. How do I know that hunters will respect the hunting season, and how will hikers be protected from an errant hunter?

General Comments

- 9.2 Generally I think this is a good idea and applaud those who are organizing and active in this endeavor. Thank you.
- 9.5 I strongly support trail creation, and thank you for the work you are doing. I am too busy with other organizations/projects to help. Please do not, however, project the attitude of entitlement. It can be a real turn-off, and I would very much like to see you progress. Again, thanks for what you do.
- 9.6 hold a public forum to review the results of the study, get public more input and encourage people power to take LCTN to the next level
- 9.9 Trails are the best part of the island!
- 9.13 Keep up the good work
- 9.15 Thanks for doing this!
- 9.17 You should call the group "Locomotion" - LOpezCOMmunityTrailsNetwork
- 9.19 I support your work and wish I lived there full time so I could get more involved.
- 9.20 You're doing an amazing job. So much was accomplished and a lot of hard work, I know. I appreciate being on the mailing list to follow the progress even though I am unable to attend meetings generally.
- 9.24 Thanks for your efforts and accomplishments thus far!
- 9.25 Thanks for doing this!
- 9.26 Thank you
- 9.27 Appreciate your efforts and glad to see others that treasure Lopez trail opportunities.
- 9.28 We have lived and travelled in the UK previously, and know first-hand the importance of a network of walking paths in making the countryside accessible. It's great to see your efforts -- keep it up!

- 9.32 Thanks for your efforts.
- 9.33 Ideas to be floated in the community - trail in honor of someone, trail sponsored by particular group such as Garden Club, 4H horses, dog walkers/park
- 9.35 Thank you all for your time and energy in this issue - it really appreciated.
- 9.38 Great work everyone!
- 9.39 Nice work! Lopez will be even more wonderful when it has an extensive walking trail network. Trails networks in the UK are a wonderful legacy and I would love to see the heritage of an extensive trails network grow here.

Miscellaneous Comments

- 1.18 I spend a lot of time off-island. These rates are for when I am at Lopez.
- 1.35 FYI I am only on Lopez part-time but filled out the survey for the time I am on island.
- 1.50 Our family occasionally walks to Iceberg but this section should have contained a "never" button.
- 1.51 I didn't mark any more than the first four above because we never do the other forms of use mentioned.
- 2.13 I don't even know where to suggest, but I really like the idea!
- 3.8 do not have children in district, so this is not significant
- 4.22 Good idea but these areas already have trails
- 9.3 You guys are awesome!!!! please keep up the dream and find more ways to tell y'er great story. Check into "Let's Move" campaign tier as much as ya can to America's Health and children obesity, benefits of trails in communities.
- 9.10 Have a nice day!