

## Dovetail Recreation Area

### Park improvement Ideas and Plan

*These action steps were developed by staff in conjunction with the wetland health reviews conducted in 2016 and 2021 and input given during the June, 2022 open house with residents.*

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1. Continue to work with Engineering and Community Development to monitor Auburn Ridge development and sediment flowing into wetland and lake area at Dovetail Recreation Area. *Ongoing until Auburn Ridge Development grading is completed and seeding is established at 80% coverage.*
  - a. Monitor wetland and pond for changes.
  - b. Work with Stormwater Coordinator on cost for potential clean up of sediment and reseeded of wetland.
  - c. Post Auburn Ridge construction, evaluate and make corrective measures as needed which may include sediment clean out or installation of sediment basin.
  
2. Remove invasive species and weed trees from park land and reestablish native plants, shrubs and trees. *2022-2026*
  - a. Continue periodic volunteer work days for removal of invasive trees and shrubs including honeysuckle, multiflora rose, oriental bittersweet, and other weed trees.
  - b. Continue banding efforts with the native seeding around the pond starting with sidewalk to pond area and progressing yearly with a different area to reestablish native vegetation. This involves killing out vegetation and reseeded with desirable seed mix by seed and straw matting or hydroseed.
  - c. Post seeding project, work with fire department on small burn projects on a rotational basis so that all native vegetation is burned every three years to control non-native species and to put fire to the rhizomes and seed that thrive and are invigorated by fire.
  - d. Apply for REAP grant in 2022 for assistance with invasive species removal and seeding for west bank mid-way to north to north end.
  - e. Apply for tree planting grants for Dovetail Recreation Area.
  - f. Plant desirable hardwood, native trees in natural formation patterns around retention basin and park. Begin on east side in fall 2022 and continue at rate of 7-8 trees per year for 3-4 years.
  
3. Reinforce native wetland vegetation in wetland areas. *2022-2024*
  - a. Control cattails by cutting below water line throughout growing season. Do in small areas and evaluate success.
  - b. Spray small areas of reed canary yearly and work to establish desired wetland vegetation.
  - c. Evaluate areas for button bush and rose mallow plantings and plant small areas each year.

- d. Monitor wetland development in area on east side of lake/wetland area and follow the mitigation permit map for wetland areas for Dove-tail Recreation Area.
    - e. Monitor deep water areas of pond for wetland plant activity away from shore, which would be undesirable and a sign that the main lake basin is changing in status.
    - f. Remove scrub willows as able.
    - g. If weather conditions allow north end to dry out enough for mowing or burning, conduct these activities.
4. Provide educational signage around Dove-tail Recreation Area. *2023-2024*
  - a. Work with Impact 7G on educational signage for area and budget for signage in FY24 budget cycle.
  - b. Develop scavenger hunt participation sheet for Dove-tail to post on webpage.
  - c. Add reports and plan to City's Dove-tail page.
  - d. Develop way for residents to sign up to receive notifications about work days and volunteer opportunities for Dove-tail Recreation Area.
5. Enhance recreational opportunities for use of Dove-tail Recreation Area.
  - a. Mow access points to water's edge periodically around deep-water area of the lake. 2022
  - b. Evaluate cost and feasibility of adding 2-3 outcropping stone locations at water's edge.
  - c. Evaluate cost and feasibility of small, ADA accessible fishing pier and walk to pier.
  - d. Mow and sign small, non-motorized kayak access at southeast corner of pond where there's a natural sloped access point.
  - e. Develop and price boardwalk opportunities extending into the wetland area for greater exploration opportunities. Goal of installation in 2023 and 2024.
  - f. Looks at development and cost of a natural surface trail on west side connecting a circular loop after invasive species removal.
  - g. Price small shelter and grill for east side of lake.
  - h. Price estimate for nature scape playground for south side of park (south of Oakdale Boulevard).
  - i. Price shelter (6-8 picnic table size) and grill for south side of park.