EMAILED COMMENTS:
November 30, 2018 to January 15, 2019
Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project (ISP)
Record of Public Comments from Email and City Webforms from 11/30/2018 to 1/15/2019

Note: This document provides a record of public comments submitted to the city of Boulder’s Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department staff between November 30, 2018, and a community meeting on January 15, 2019, concerning a proposed project at Wonderland Lake. For ease of reference, the comments have been grouped broadly by the topic primarily addressed in each comment, although there is some overlap between categories within most comments. The comments are included in their original form with occasional corrections for spelling, grammar, commenter anonymity, acronyms, and abbreviations.

Access

- I’m a city resident and grew up here in Boulder (I have also been working for the city these past 21 years) and I’d like to add my perspective that I’m thrilled to pieces that you all are considering adding more parking along the Broadway trailhead for this area; it’s gorgeous and should be accessible for community members who do not live nearby and who are not able to easily take transit to get there, which I believe is a pretty large number of folks. Please add my name and my family’s names to the list of people who support the plans for trail access improvements in this area.

- I am an 18-year-old resident of Wonderland Hills. I am thrilled to hear about the plan for the development of Wonderland Lake. This development would make Wonderland Lake more enjoyable for me personally, but it would also create more opportunity for everyone to enjoy the sights and experiences I am privileged enough to see and have on a daily basis. I also think that the plans were created with an eye towards environmental protection and sustainability. As such, I am in full support of this project, because it will create equity and allow more people to develop an appreciation for nature. Thank you for all that you do!

- This is a fantastic proposal! It provides better opportunities for us to commune with nature, richer interactions for children to learn about the natural environment, and better trails and facilities that allow mobility-challenged folks to still enjoy this beautiful venue. Furthermore, living in a high desert environment, we badly lack water-centric recreational amenities; for those of us that can’t seem to get enough time near the water, this is a great thing! I can’t wait for it!

- I am a North Boulder resident. I often run around the lake and have fished at the lake with my 9-year-old son. I think the proposed changes are well thought-out and will bring much-needed improvements to the area that will be seen as a benefit by the majority of Boulder residents while minimizing any environmental impacts.

- Please further reconsider cancelling plans for more access and inviting pressure on the sanctuary. There are plenty of parks in Boulder that provide easy access. However, there are few that offer untouched wildlife habitat.

- While I realize there are clear benefits to creating as many opportunities for people to get out in nature and recreate as possible, I am opposed to the changes being proposed for Wonderland Lake. Although I have lived in Boulder for over 20 years, I also lived in Jackson, Wyoming and watched as the nature of giant National Parks got distressed by the ever-growing population who wish for and deserve these opportunities. Nature cannot survive the pressure we keep putting on it. Boulder has such a wonderful amount and diversity of open space that provides opportunities similar to Wonderland Lake; please, can we just leave it like it is and not “access” it to death? All the construction will have a negative effect on the flora and fauna of that area, and a pier into the lake just seems an unnecessary intrusion. I realize that it isn’t a pristine, native ecosystem, but there is something special
about Wonderland Lake and the limited improvements. I can’t imagine how hard it is to balance all the needs and desires of Boulder residents, but I urge you to limit improvements at Wonderland Lake. It ain’t broke, so maybe don’t fix it.

**Crowding, Parking, and Trash Concerns**

- **We could not be more against this plan!** This plan takes direct aim at undermining the tranquility and open space that is afforded by the lake, wetlands, surrounding hills, and trails. The trails are already congested, and, at peak times, the current volume of pedestrians and cyclists almost make the trails unsafe. This plan will exacerbate the trail problem and increase traffic on an already congested North Broadway Street. Taking a left onto Broadway from Poplar Avenue, Redwood Avenue, or the current trail parking lot is nearly impossible now! What is next, adding more stoplights to accommodate the changes to Wonderland Lake? Currently, there is more than adequate space and parking at Foothills Park. Foothills Park affords the type of experienced (pavilions, bathrooms, playgrounds, picnic areas, open fields, soccer fields, dog parks, access to the trails, etc.) that this project will only duplicate. We do not need or want another Foothills Park! This is a bad idea that does not serve the residents of Woodland Hills, the surrounding area, or the Boulder public in general. It will open Woodland Lake and the Woodland Hills residents to a significant increase in traffic and trail use that will destroy the current attributes that make it so WONDERLAND (no pun intended). We look forward to your support in stopping this project.

- **I use the lake for walking with friends, family, and visitors; walking the dog; and for bird watching.** I would have to say that there is very little of the proposed plan that I like. There are already quite a lot of people coming and going through the area and, as a resident, I spend time asking people to obey the rules (stay away from the north, south, and west shores, keep your dog on the leash, etc.). My concerns are that increased density will diminish the very thing that makes Wonderland a great sanctuary for wildlife. I contend that what needs to happen is that the split rail fence be continued along the south border (actually bordering parkland) with additional signage alerting people to the fact that it’s not an area for people to walk, fish, have photo shoots, run their dogs off-leash, etc.

- **I believe the increased foot traffic, car, and parking increases; trash and damage to the landscape will lead to the destruction of a beautiful and natural area in the middle of the city.** This is an unneeded change that will not benefit the area.

- **This plan is unacceptable to the residents of this and adjoining neighborhoods.** It will attract more traffic to an already congested area with not enough parking as it is.

- **I run around the lake probably four times a day, and we drive on Broadway almost every day.** While Wonderland is getting busier (there are cars parking on Broadway now on the weekends), making it an even busier park will make traffic problematic on Broadway and will ruin the "natural" feeling and appeal of Wonderland. Our and our children’s lives are becoming increasingly artificial; isn’t it better to preserve the natural beauty for as long as possible?

- **One of the reasons we chose to live on Quince Avenue was Wonderland Lake. We walk at 5:00 am during the week and at least one day on the weekend. Even at 5:00 am, we see people using the open space. On a Saturday, nice weather or not, there are hundreds of people out. The Lake is not going to last unless the sort of improvements in the plan are carried out. We are all in favor of the plan.**

- **The best way to ruin nature is to add more man-made stuff.** Please don’t change this beautiful place and make it an overused playground. Please don’t add more parking, either. Why do you want to encourage more people to use this place? Do you think there are not
enough people coming to enjoy this beauty, so you want to destroy the beauty to get more people out in "nature" to destroy it even more?

- I walk my dog around Wonderland Lake every day. There has been a huge increase in litter, including long strands and tangles of fishing line and hooks which are very dangerous for dogs and wildlife. There is broken glass in the lake where my dog likes to wade. There has been a huge increase in discarded dirty diapers in the weeds--especially along the Utica Avenue entrance where the fishermen/women park (even though garbage cans are just a few yards away from Utica). When I’ve seen a ranger, I’ve reported broken beer bottles, fence damage, and debris over in the park along the south side of the lake at what was turned into a “party site,” where the picnic tables were dragged behind some trees. I am very concerned about furthering "development" at Wonderland Lake. It is way too small and fragile to become a regional destination.

- I have many concerns regarding adding multiple, additional parking spots. The traffic on Broadway during much of the day is already massive, loud, and highly polluting. It is very dangerous for pedestrians crossing at the entrance to the trailhead, and left hand turning into the trailhead parking will be very congested and dangerous. Please don’t add additional parking!! Whether they were originally intended to or not, the existing buildings act as a buffer for the transition from Broadway to the Open Space. Please recognize that there are many homeowners that intentionally bought their homes here to be on open space. A constant flow of additional parking, cars, headlights, tailpipe pollution, and a marked increase in noise will detract from all those that bike, run, or hike to the trailhead! I urge you to keep any additional parking directly adjacent to Broadway and not to place it deeper into open space!!

- While I do not live near the lake, I am offended that the proposed items are even being considered. My use is related to walking with my family and pets. The suggested plans are not well thought-out, will create too much usage and traffic, and will lower the quality of the area for EVERYONE. I strongly suggest you do not move forward with any of the proposed items.

- We’ve noticed a huge increase in people whenever we walk around the lake, especially in the warmer seasons. The development being planned sounds like it will commercialize the lake and trail areas even more, which will impact wildlife negatively. I plan on being at the meeting on January 15.

- I am concerned about the delicate wildlife and natural beauty being disturbed, and (with the large north Boulder population surge we are currently experiencing) I don’t believe we want to try to draw more people to the lake. It is already buzzing. More people, more trash.

- When I first moved here in 1990, Chautauqua was my go-to hiking place (I hike or walk three or four times a week.) When I could no longer find parking there, I went to Sanitas. When that parking lot was full, I found Lion’s Lair. Now it is difficult to find parking there as well. I usually go to the Wonderland Lake area once a week and have for many years. Now I find that the parking lot there is sometimes full! So, I now park in the neighborhood (the neighbors probably don’t like that). I’m sure the plan will be beautiful, as are all the other open space areas in Boulder. I just want you to know how discouraging it is for a 30-year Boulder resident to keep getting pushed out of my favorite hiking places because of the crowds and parking. I’m sure I’m not the only one who feels this way.

- The kind of outdoors people that require or are drawn to a nature center and water access via a dock are often people who don’t respect 'leave no trace' principles. They are more concerned with personal access and their ability to conquer nature than with protecting nature. I’m afraid that creating this proposed scenario would lead to heavier foot traffic.
with even educated people feeding birds, ducks, and other wildlife; create litter; and disturb the peace and the ecosystem. I have seen it happen before.

**Ecosystems and Wildlife**

- I enjoy the natural setting and the birds, so it does bother me to see people abuse the area by walking into protected areas (I saw someone snowshoeing in there last week). I want to keep an open mind and see what the planners are proposing. Providing improved access and repairing the trails while maintaining the spirit of the area is acceptable. Given the number of people who fish from the dam, providing a safer and more comfortable area could be a good thing. I am not so sure about wading. We don't want to turn this into Boulder Reservoir. I would like to see better marking of the trails leading up into the hills.

- I took the survey online, but I do not like either Concept A or B at all. I am wondering where the concession stands, deer hunting blinds, petting zoo, animal feeding machines, canoe/ice skate rental, and other theme park attractions are? Please let me know why those were forgotten. The plan as submitted is beyond absurd. What makes Wonderland Lake so special is that although it was man-made many years ago, nature has begun to take over. It is just beautiful because of that, unlike Viele Lake in south Boulder, which is not lovely like a Frederick Law Olmstead park and just ends up as a poorly-planned, sad excuse for a park. There are signs at Wonderland Lake warning us that the shoreline is fragile and to stay off and I see that people generally respect that. Yet somehow, your plan seeks to put people right there on the fragile shoreline in many areas. Perhaps you are unaware that many animals have populated the area. There are many types of birds (in addition to ducks) that live and breed in the marshes. Many more birds live in the trees on the peninsula. There are deer that regularly graze by the creek that flows from the dam. I think that the numerous trails that you are building down to the creek will scare the deer as you invade that space with trails. I never see deer on the loop around the lake, nor do I see them by the Broadway underpass. The idea of the dock is appalling; actually, there are three enormous built structures, all of which are out of scale and character with the surrounding area. There is the enormous building you plan to erect there, which is again out of scale with the surroundings. The idea of a picnic area, while nice, is again out of place. Perhaps placing the picnic area down by the parking area would work without marking the natural character of the lake. Please remember that we have problems with bear, raccoons, and skunks up here that scavenge food. The community works hard to prevent these creatures from becoming a nuisance. A picnic area is in opposition to that. I live on open space by the creek. I love how peaceful and natural this looks. I watch people on the trails, hiking, biking, running, and paragliding. I watch the deer graze in the fields by the creek every day. The development proposed simply belongs in another more urban environment such as Denver. I had thought that a mission of the Open Space Department was nature preservation; this is not at all what is proposed.

- I will keep this short. Please cancel any plans for the expansion of people into the Wonderland Lake area. I do live in the vicinity and have often thought how nice it was that it was not overdeveloped. The open space area east of the lake has become a wild area, and people are rarely in there. We have often chased people out of the "closed" areas around the lake so that the birds and animals could be left in peace. If more people are encouraged to come to the lake area, these areas will be overrun and compromised. At the moment, the area is occupied by deer, fox, mice, coyotes, and the occasional bear, just as it should be. Fishing is already a problem at the lake. People leave trash, fishing line, hooks, and all of that junk. More than once we have had to pull the hooks out of the dog's paws. Check for yourself to see the trash left behind by the "fishermen." It is awful. Nobody in Boulder needs
to be in the wild areas around the lake. Please leave a little bit of open space for the animals! Humans do not need to occupy every square inch of the planet! The Wonderland Lake area is very nice the way it is. There is plenty of space for people along the foothills and in the mountains. Please let me know what I can do to stop this invasive project. I and the creatures of the area will greatly appreciate it.

- Have you considered these issues?
  1. The question I have is, if you add activity-specific areas, what is the impact on the ecosystem? If you officially label something a "wading beach," then it seems like you are inviting people to, for example, put on sunscreen and hang out there. The sunscreen, etc. gets in the water and then what? I don’t know; I’m no expert. But on the surface, it feels like that is more impactful on the environment than leaving it as is. I’m not against improvements for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) purposes (for sure), but if they are marking this as a project to "help ensure the conservation of the area’s special natural resources" (as stated on the Boulder website), then I want to know how adding a dock and allowing wading achieves that goal.
  2. Anyone who thinks Wonderland Lake is crowded now really needs to rethink their stance on moving forward with the proposed changes. The changes will draw exponentially more people to the park and, frankly, it sounds like that is the intent of the proposed changes. Again, please consider Eben G. Fine Park (west of downtown along Boulder Creek) on a weekend pretty much any time of year except winter. People are camped out on every inch of available land, there is loud music, and there is leftover food strewn about. Is that really what we want Wonderland Lake to become? Also, I’ll defer to the environmental experts, but I can’t imagine a man-made lake as small as Wonderland could sustain swimming. It doesn’t refresh itself naturally, and the sunscreen will pool up in stagnant areas. There is so much wildlife dependent on the lake and the ditches; I can’t see how that could be allowed. Also, as to the argument that the area should be available for more people to enjoy, I don’t see what’s stopping them from enjoying it as it is. If picnic facilities are required for some people to enjoy a place, then there are plenty of other parks in Boulder to accommodate those folks. Thank you for considering this matter.

- I’m writing regarding the OSMP’s North Trail Study Area (NTSA)-related planned development immediately around Wonderland Lake. I am heartened by your email from December 23, in which you indicated that the process is not as set in stone as many of us have come to believe. Even though I plan on attending the January 15 meeting, I would like to make sure I get my voice on the record. The wildlife habitat and conservation area around Wonderland Lake is one of Boulder’s success stories. I live on Rainlilly Lane and have for almost 30 years. My home backs up to the open space immediately east of the Wonderland Lake dam, and I walk the trails around the area extensively. From my walks and even from my house, I see daily how well the area is visited and enjoyed. I find the NTSA plan for Wonderland Lake very disturbing. I’m reminded of the Joni Mitchell song, “they paved paradise and put up a parking lot,” and, even more poignantly, “you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone.” After several meetings and numerous emails, I am not convinced that we are all on the same page as to the degree to which the NTSA plan is “set in stone.” Dan Burke’s email of 12/11/18 to City Council stated that the NTSA as drafted was approved by Council during a June 2016 meeting and that the plan includes “creating a Wonderland Lake fishing pier and interpretive boardwalk.” My meeting with Tom Isaacson, Chair of the OSMP board (as well as another meeting with OSMP staff involved with this project) left me with the sense that tweaks to implementation might be possible. However, the plan calls for a fishing pier, boardwalks, additional trails east of the dam, “hardened areas” on the peninsula, and a wading area. While the plan includes many other items, these
are of particular concern to me. I'm opposed to a fishing pier. It's inappropriate and runs counter to the goal of limiting impacts to this ecologically sensitive area. Construction and maintenance will adversely affect the wildlife and the scenic characteristics of the lake. Long-term maintenance or lack thereof is particularly concerning. Fishing is already available from the dam. There are also safety issues. While this area may be closed at night in theory, it is in a semi-urban area with minimal patrolling that is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I have similar concerns regarding the access boardwalks. “Hardened” areas on the peninsula and additional trails in the open space east of the dam is are needed nor are they in keeping with minimizing impacts to a conservation area. The idea of encouraging wading, which will lead to deeper water intrusions, is very troubling. This is a bird sanctuary. The migratory avian population has been increasing year over year. Why would we encourage more competition with that? Why would we let dogs swim out into the lake? It is also very unsafe for humans. I have a background in raw water management. The water inflows and outflows from Wonderland Lake are very low to nonexistent. The buildup of contaminants from birds is harmful to humans. Google “duck poop in lake water” and you get 2,830,000 results. Is the city going to bear the cost of conducting daily water testing and posting if water is unsafe for wading? Wading by humans or dogs is in direct conflict with the interest of maintaining Wonderland Lake as an avian migratory stop and habitat. The Wonderland Lake area attracts a lot of visitors, as it should: it’s a beautiful slice of nature surrounded by semi-urban neighborhoods and is accessible to all of Boulder. Let’s not spoil it with overdevelopment.

- I am writing to express my extreme disappointment upon learning of your plans to develop Wonderland Lake. I am heartsick imagining the permanent changes that will forever alter what is one of the few remaining open space gems located in the city. There are many areas in Boulder that already have the facilities you plan on adding here: in fact, literally less than five minutes away is Foothills Park, which has ample parking, bathrooms, shade structures, a playground, picnic tables, etc. There is easy walking access to Wonderland from Foothills Park for most people. If you wish to make this area more accessible, even out several small parts of the path and it will be ready to go. There are already handicap parking options, and you could increase those spaces if you wish. Others who are unable to find parking there can park elsewhere and walk (there is already a handy underground pass under Broadway), park at Foothills, take the bus, or come back another time. Sometimes you just have to accept that things work just fine the way they are; not everything has to be "improved." Wonderland is one of, if not the only, the most undisturbed locations left in Boulder and it would be a travesty to turn it into yet another "attraction." People love, and already heavily use, Wonderland because of what it is. It does not need improving; it needs protecting. The mission of Boulder's Open Space Department is to protect and preserve, and these plans seem to run exactly counter to that mission. Encouraging people to congregate around the lake and wade (which will, without question, lead to actual swimming and people letting their dogs swim) will have a profound impact on the ecosystem and on the character of the area. It will be forever changed; and not for the better. You are proposing changes that will lead to more trash, more noise, and more harm to the fragile ecosystem. The uninterrupted views of Wonderland from Broadway, the trails, and the neighborhoods on either side of the lake are iconic Boulder images. It is unthinkable that OSMP would consider adding shade structures and a pier (not to mention the nature center) that would ruin views from every angle. Shade structures already exist; they are called trees, and they are plentiful. Please do not pour cement and remove trees to create something that already exists. This is not a city park; it is an open space, and it should be treated as such. The idea that the city needs an outdoor educational center (in a very small space like Wonderland of all places) seems seriously misguided. The best way to teach children and others to enjoy and respect open
space is to actually take them outside; children do not need to sit in a room to learn about open space. This is a seriously misguided use of your resources, and I beg you to reconsider your plans. Once you do this, you cannot go back. You will have permanently altered one of the most serene and beautiful places in Boulder, and you will be accountable to everyone who lives near or visits Wonderland, not to mention future generations who will never get to experience its unadulterated beauty. If OSMP decides to change its mind, forego these plans, and put its resources into a more sensible project, the vast majority of the community will be forever grateful and will remember OSMP as actually doing what it was designed to do: prevent plans like this from coming to fruition and prioritize the preservation of a beautiful and fragile ecosystem that attracts countless happy visitors just as it is. Thank you for taking the time to read this and to actually consider changing your mind.

- Thank you for taking my call yesterday regarding my concerns for the Wonderland Lake Trail. I have looked more closely at the pier project, which you say has been approved. I am horrified to see how large that pier is. I have lived on the lake for 28 years, and this year is the very first year that there have been flocks of widgeons, scaup, and redheads in the lake along with the geese, occasional grebe, and blue heron. This was the first year in 28 years that there have been groups of varied bird species! Might that be because there are more and varied fish in the lake? Even if there are invasive fish species, I cannot find any rationale to warrant disrupting the ecosystem by putting in such a massive structure that would bring invasive people into the natural habitat. Swimming and boating are prohibited in the lake for the very reason of not disturbing the wildlife. A 50-foot platform and a 60-foot pier are much more regular presences and disturbances to the wildlife than the occasional dog or person in the water. Once again, even though the pier has been approved, I beg you to reconfigure the size and shape of it to reduce the human footprint on this gorgeous treasure in North Boulder. Many thanks for considering input from those who actually live on and use the lake trail.

- I am a concerned resident of the Wonderland Lake area. I have recently been made aware of the proposed changes to the Wonderland Lake area. I am in favor of expanding the Nature Center. However, I am strongly against the pier for fishing. I think the Nature Center would be a great asset to Wonderland Lake. My concern about the proposed pier is the potential danger to the native birds posed by disrupting their ecosystem. I frequently walk the lake loop with my children and dog, probably five times a week. I always see fishing debris along the ditch path. As someone who has been nearly hooked by a casting fishing line, I still think the pier is a bad idea. I guess the only way I could be in favor of the pier is if there were increased patrols of the area by rangers, but honestly, I am not optimistic about that because there are never rangers monitoring the area. Off-leash dogs that aren't well behaved are often walking the lake with their negligent owners. Frequently, I have had to tell the owners that this is a leash-required path, which is often met with entitled arguments that this is their area and that they can do what they want. Secondly, if there is money to spend for the Wonderland Lake area I would rather it go to making the path more handicap-accessible. I have a quadriplegic bother who visits often. We tried to walk the path on two separate occasions, and both times he fell out of his chair because of the unevenness of the path. I believe the Wonderland Lake loop is supposed to be handicap-accessible and I can assure you that the path is not handicap-accessible from firsthand experience. I sincerely hope that the proposed plan is carefully examined according to what makes sense and is safe and not for pure recreation purposes. For the most part, Wonderland Lake is cared for by the locals. Have you met the “poop fairy”? She is a woman who is not a dog owner and who picks up the dog poop along the path. Additionally, if there is money to spend, the homeless situation needs to be addressed. I know many families, including mine, that don’t use the underpass by Quince Avenue because of unsafe scenarios of homeless people taking
shelter and demonstrating questionable behavior. Thanks in advance for reading my concerns.

- I am appalled that the City (or whomever) wants to make the peninsula on Wonderland Lake an amusement area! I see the natural cattails are to be removed as well? This is a natural wetland area! I have been living in north Boulder for 40 years, and this idea is an atrocity to nature. There are geese, ducks, and turtles that come to this little peninsula to rest on the shore or lay their eggs. It is a peaceful spot, and now you all want to change this and also install a covered seating area? Whose idea is this, some newcomer to the Boulder area from New York or California? I have beautiful pictures of the serenity, and you all want to destroy that? People go there to meditate in the morning and listen to the birds sing, but you all want to turn this into Grand Central Station. I am livid! P.S. I saw someone’s dog attack a goose and it was awful. Please acknowledge receipt of this email and respond!

- I walk around the lake almost daily and have for ten years. I take photos each trip around the lake during every season. I can tell you what birds return to which trees to nest and I can tell you where the painted turtles live. I have pictures of mountain lions, fox, deer, coyotes, and many types of birds. I can tell you all of the different birds that visit during which times of the year. I have photos of the osprey who returns each year, and I know what times of day it visits the lake to grab a fish meal. Two years ago, there were five ospreys visiting each day. I was told by a ranger two years ago that the plans were to PROTECT the peninsula and to protect the shorelines. I want it to remain as “wild” as it can be, even though it’s surrounded by neighborhoods. Protect the shorelines and preserve the Open Space for wildlife, for birds, and for all of us to learn how to live with nature.

- I think it’s extremely important to cease encroaching on the ever-shrinking amount of land available to wildlife and flora. It’s our most precious natural gift. It would be criminal and thoughtless to expand into this area. There will always be more people. If the line doesn’t get drawn now, expansion will never end. People can visit less often.

- This lake is a key place of rest, beauty, activity, and relaxation in Boulder. I am strongly against building a pier on this local treasure. I am concerned about toxic chemicals affecting the vegetation and animals, as well as unnatural materials such as concrete being introduced to this ecosystem. Similarly, this poses safety concerns such as drowning, infection, and hazard to the fish. There are many other poorly maintained areas with access to water, and there is no need to add another! Let’s leave Wonderland Lake as the perfection it is. Thank you.

- Please allow nature and the delicate ecosystem to remain respected and protected from overdevelopment. Tourism is not the priority. This jewel deserves preservation!

- I was a University of Colorado (CU) student and used the lake as a study site for aquatic invertebrates. The shoreline is delicate, and shallow benthic areas are full of live forage for birds, fish, and some mammals. Wading would invite too many people and make the destruction of habitat inevitable.

- This has always been an ecosite.

- My concerns about the proposed development concern the potential negative environmental impacts.

- Walking around the lake, my concerns are that we have already encroached on animal habitats a lot and that it is important to share with them and not take up more of the resources that they need. It also is a very peaceful place and creating more recreational opportunities there would completely change the energy. There are abundant recreational opportunities already available at Boulder Reservoir, which is close by, so I don’t see the need or advantage of this development. It is just a costly endeavor that benefits few.
As a volunteer naturalist for Boulder, I have been leading trips for school groups for many years. The opportunity for teaching the advantages of wetlands, land protected for wildlife, and observing deer and water birds (ducks, cormorants, grebes) is difficult to find elsewhere. There is joy in seeing and hearing the first bluebirds and meadowlarks of the season. Please preserve one of the only natural areas for students and nature lovers alike.

I would like the city to leave Wonderland Lake alone. It is not appropriate to have a wading beach in a wildlife refuge. Human use of this water will hurt the wildlife. People can go to the reservoir.

I appreciate city staff’s basic intent, which is to improve the user access of Wonderland Lake in various ways. However, my personal feeling is to leave it as it is for people to visit without man-made additions that will cause heavier traffic use (foot, car, bicycle, etc.) of the area and thus affect wildlife in a way that is detrimental to nature altogether over time. Man-made structures tend to have a negative impact on nature at multiple unforeseen levels with unanticipated, often irreversible consequences both at a coarse level and at a subtle level. The maintenance and upkeep of manmade structures also has a negative impact on animals of all kinds, including humans. Wonderland Lake is doing just fine as it is. Humankind, often with the best intentions, seems driven to dominate nature. We should follow the protection guidelines that are followed with the Sandhill Cranes in Nebraska and minimize any impact on nature, be it structures, chemicals, or the tendency for humans to destroy nature to one degree or another. Following nature’s law, whatever is made should be able to be unmade with zero pollution or negative impact.

Please keep this as a natural area while holding respect for the environment. Look to Germany, where they preserve the forest next to the city. Can we keep some places sacred to nature, please? I’ve lived here in the city for 20 years, and we are making changes too fast with little regard except for short-sighted goals. Please stop development and give nature a place.

I hike every day there. I admire the wildlife sanctuary of birds, coyotes, and bears.

I don’t mind a few improvements to the lake area, but what you are proposing will destroy the natural habitat of the wildlife that call the area home. It is important to keep the wetlands as they are because they are populated by a lot of wildlife.

**Infrastructure**

Overall, I think the Integrated Site Plan (ISP) looks good. The only things I might change are:
1. I don’t think the bird blind is of much use since it is set back so far from the water. In its place, you might put up some information signs describing the birds that inhabit the lake.
2. I would leave the cattails near the Overflow Weir.
3. The Fishing Dock looks fine as long as it does not go out too far.

I have been living in North Boulder for over forty years. I find that some of the complaints about the ISP seem to be from people who consider the area their own and would prefer to keep others out. Thanks for your work on the ISP.

This is just a quick note to say that I support the more modest development plan (the one without an on-site daycare).

I have lived in the Wonderland Lake neighborhood on the north end of Promontory Court for 26 years. I do appreciate having the open space next to my home and also the efforts being made by the city to preserve these natural habitats, while also making it accessible to the public. BUT: regarding the proposed lofty plans for the Wonderland Lake project, I have significant concerns which are summarized below:
1. I would vote for Concept A over Concept B. Why so many parking spaces? Offering to accommodate so many visitors at one time will overwhelm this natural habitat!

2. Peninsula concepts: Bottom line: minimize infrastructure along the shore.
   I. NO fishing dock: it would be obtrusive and scare away the waterfowl that usually frequent this shore. For fishing, perhaps offer better access along the dam where most people fish now anyway due to the fish beds being just offshore. For handicapped access to fish, etc., simply improve the stability of the trail on the peninsula.
   II. MOVE the proposed wading beach concept over to where the proposed fishing dock was located. Placing and encouraging wading on the proposed northwest side of the peninsula is too close to the cattails where the territorial red-winged blackbirds nest.
   III. NO boardwalk on the northeast side over by the cattails. Again, this structure is too close to the cattails where red-winged blackbirds nest and thrive
   IV. NO cantilevered shade structure; perhaps a wooden platform at that location, but no roof. It is too obtrusive! If the weather is inclement, then people may seek shelter there if it is a roofed shelter. In such conditions, they shouldn’t be out there anyway since inclement weather in this area is typically accompanied by lightning.

3. Along the western side of the Wonderland Lake Open Space:
   I. NO bird blind: rather, simply place placards on some of the current fence posts that highlight the type of flora and fauna the visitors might see. Don’t encroach on the wetlands buffer!! This is a drainage area that shouldn’t be disturbed!!
   II. One bench should be sufficient while minimizing disturbance of the current environs.

4. Summary comments:
   I. We should not disturb/disrupt the current wetlands buffer. If we do, we put at risk the current wildlife habitat, e.g., by scaring away the red-winged blackbirds that nest in the cattails all around the lake, disrupting the free flow of waterfowl around all shores of the lake, diverting or discouraging the currently unencumbered roaming of deer, coyotes, fox, raccoons, and bobcats within this buffer as they seek water, nourishment, etc.
   II. The current buffer provides a safe screen distance for the wildlife. If visitors want to get up close to see the wildlife, then recommend that they bring binoculars.
   III. Just maintain the current trail system and perhaps improve the stability of these trails for the handicapped. No one, not even the handicapped, needs to get any closer than they are currently able to.

   • I think better parking, a nature center, wading area, and a fishing dock are all great amenities for Boulder’s kids.
   • I would like to describe to you a hypothetical situation that may help you understand the position the city has thrust upon the residents in the Wonderland Lake area. Imagine one day receiving by the following official OSMP message: "To protect your home and enhance the way visitors experience the area, we have declared it to be an Integrated Site Project. We have embarked upon the North Trail Study Area Plan behind your back. Please choose which of the two renovations below you prefer:
     o A bus stop and 36 new parking spaces just off your property, with paths (A) in your front yard to an education building (orientation A) and to the interior of your home.
o A bus stop and 18 new parking spaces just off your property, with paths (B) in your front yard to an education building (orientation B) and to the interior of your home. In either case:
  o Choose between the access and new pathways leading to your front door or a new one we will install on the side.
  o Choose one of two locations on your front lawn for the new education building.

We are so happy to provide you with these improvements so that all of Boulder can come enjoy the beauties of your home. Please be aware that your property taxes will remain as high as before these renovations (despite the invasive, unwanted changes) and the tremendous influx of people crowding out the beauty that you love. Thank you for your input on this exciting project. Oh, by the way, this was all approved before we gave you the opportunity to comment.”

Please express to your superiors the full force of indignation and outrage you would feel under these circumstances. Wonderland Lake is beautiful and beloved just as it is. The intrinsic beauty of its natural state is a major reason many of us chose to buy property here. The proposed plans will NOT protect and preserve wildlife habitat, unique geologic features, and greenways, as described in your mission statement; they will destroy all three. We don’t need or want the proposed changes in pathways and architecture, nor all the additional foot traffic that expanded parking will bring. This travesty will be the end of OSMP if it goes through.

• I live near Wonderland Lake on Promontory Court; I walk around the lake many times each week and frequent all of the nearby trails. I won’t be able to attend the public meeting next Tuesday, January 15th, so I would like to share my feedback with you in this email. I have looked at the plans and read the text of proposed changes at Wonderland Lake, and I am very unhappy with some of the plans. I very much want to make the lake accessible to those with mobility issues, and the path around the lake definitely needs improvement. The path gets very muddy in spots after precipitation, and I like the proposed re-routing of the path on the northeast side of the lake. That little 'hill' gets very icy in the winter! I also like the proposed 'bird blind' on the west side of the lake, and all the benches that are proposed. There are no places to really sit and enjoy looking at the lake right now, so that would be awesome. Basically, I fear that some of the proposals will destroy the 'nature' aspect of the lake (with the wildlife, birds, and tranquility). I’m very much against the fishing pier, the shade structure, the wading beach, and the boardwalk. I will briefly outline my thoughts on each:
  o The fishing pier is too long, will damage the lake when constructed, and will do nothing to enhance tranquility and nature!
  o The shade structure will again do nothing to enhance tranquility and nature; in fact, it will detract from it. I believe any “man-made” structure (including the pier and the boardwalk) makes the lake lean toward being an “amusement park” and not nature. More people, more noise, fewer birds, less wildlife, less enjoyable.
  o In addition to my comments above, I can’t believe the plan is to destroy the cattails in order to build a boardwalk!! The red-winged blackbirds LOVE those cattails as do other birds & animals. If the cattails in front of the small dam need to be cleared for water control, that is one thing, but to destroy them to put a boardwalk in???
  o The wading beach is also contrary to nature: kids bathed in sunscreen going into the water is not good for the birds in the lake. Lots of screaming children are not conducive to tranquility and nature. Boulder Reservoir already has a beach, I believe, if kids want to wade in water other than a pool.
I also don't like the enlarged parking lot; I thought Boulder was encouraging people to ride their bikes, take the bus, or walk? Encouraging all these cars & people will harm the lake, the neighborhood, and the oasis of nature we currently have.

The newly proposed paths coming from Broadway to the lake are unnecessary & will destroy this wildlife habitat. I'm always seeing deer and other critters hanging out there, and we can't continue to destroy their habitat and encroach even more into their territory.

I really don't want to sound like a NIMBY (not in my back yard), but I have lived here for over 14 years and so I appreciate the natural feel of Wonderland Lake. It's truly an oasis in the city, and I don't want to see it destroyed for future generations. In the past week, I have talked to many neighbors about this project, and almost 100% of them were even more against the plans than I am! I wish I could attend the meeting next week in order to convey my feelings more effectively, but this will have to suffice.

- I use the lake for serenity, meditation, peaceful reflection, walking, and running. I like the plans that include a crosswalk on Sumac Avenue, an educational component, and cleaning up the beach area. I have concerns about the bus routes, the fishing docks, and the comprehensive educational center. I'd like to see education enforced without additional structures and picnic areas. Nature signs along the path (similar to Coot Lake) offer a great way to teach while preserving the peacefulness of the park. Any footprint built should model the existing footprint of the park. There are two structures already in place near the northeast side of the park by the parking lot. These structures should be refurbished and put to good use but should not be expanded on (this is similar to other Boulder building codes). Additional parking is not necessary: I observed the parking lot last Sunday on a beautiful, sunny, 50-degree day. Spaces remained vacant for 45 minutes during prime time at 11:00 am. With the addition of a Sumac crosswalk, more people can access the trail safely without parking on the west side of Broadway. The fishing dock is concerning as the beauty of the lake is realized by the undisturbed reflections. I've seen other fishing ponds in Boulder with poor maintenance, extreme litter, and pollution. I want to keep the peace and beauty at Wonderland without disruption. The bus route is most concerning. People visit the lake because of the fresh air and serenity. A bus route in the middle of a dense neighborhood brings sound and air pollution. Now that there is a crosswalk on Sumac with these plans the bus route can be used along Broadway where there are several existing RTD stops in extremely close proximity. The "wading" beach is also concerning; this water is not meant for swimming. Additional trails in the wetlands would be interesting, should the city be able to provide the infrastructure needed to support the water control in the area. This would keep visitors focused in an open space (and away from high-density housing around the lake).

- I cannot make the meeting, but I want to share my opinion. I live on the path around the lake. We want to keep it a natural wildlife area, and many of the elements suggested by the ill-informed consultant you hired would serve to keep the animals away. Let's allow beautiful natural space to stay natural! I do not want a nature center, bird blind, or boardwalk built! They would be fake and unneeded structures that would stick out like sore thumbs!!!! The only parts of the proposal I support are widening and improving paths and the additional benches. You should update the existing small children's park area by fixing the surface and perhaps adding some nicer equipment, too. Please add my comments to those already submitted.

- I've been visiting and walking around the trails of Wonderland Lake for 15 years. I love its quiet natural state. The fishing youngsters do off of the banks is charming and non-intrusive. Everyone gets along. In the winter, the ice freezes and people walk out on and often across the lake. The dock would be an eyesore of intrusion during the fishing season.
and would be crowded with people and dogs jumping into the lake (check Coot Lake for a good example – Wonderland is too small at this point to handle this.). During the winter, the ice would be less secure and firm, inviting people to go out onto weak, cracking ice at great detriment to them. Please, it is so simple and lovely as it is. Please: do not extend the dock, pollute the view, or disturb the peace and serenity of the natural world. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

- I have heard some recent resistance to the proposed Wonderland Lake updates, so I want to express my support of the changes. I believe these changes do a good job of balancing preservation with access and education goals. Specifically, I believe the peninsula updates, including the fishing pier and other improvements, will be nice additions to Wonderland Lake. As a 15-year resident of the Wonderland Lake area, it is an amazing local resource, but I have seen a notable increase in people enjoying it, and I think these upgrades will help preserve that experience for the next 15 years. Thank you.

- Right now, Wonderland Lake Open Space is a relaxing space that feels like being a part of nature. Man-made structures will destroy this feeling. It will feel like we just can’t stop ourselves from exerting control. Also, please don’t put in a bigger parking lot. Parking lots are ugly, and Wonderland lake is already crowded. If you want kids to have a structured nature experience with an educational component, do it without creating new trails or putting in educational stations. Don’t destroy the laidback, relaxing feeling of a nature space with limited human construction. Alternatively, do it in a park. But please just leave Wonderland Lake alone. It is great the way it is. Thanks.

- Thanks for talking today about some of my concerns about the expansion of people-oriented infrastructure at Wonderland Lake. I would love to be included in the upcoming outreach event in January. As a resident on the lake, I am already seeing the effects of increased use of the area, particularly in the following ways:
  1. People’s reluctance to stay within the designated area even after they notice the signs and fencing.
  2. Bike groups who speed on the trails shouting out “on your left” when they are coming up behind pedestrians.
  3. The increasing need of trail users to bring their own invasive soundscape.

- I’m a resident of the Wonderland Lake area (20 years), and I am hoping to get in some feedback about the proposed changes. I know it’s past the survey date, but I learned about it late, and then was out with the flu for two weeks. Hopefully, better later than never. My biggest concerns are that I don’t think adding structures in natural spaces enhances the enjoyment of places, especially for children’s experience of nature. I particularly object to the proposed boardwalk and bird blind right along the trail. The buildings and facilities up near Broadway don’t seem as intrusive and seem useful for education programs, but I don’t want to see new signs and structures otherwise. Even though there are houses surrounding the park, the best part of enjoying the trails and views around here is that the human intervention is relatively low-key. Please keep it as pristine as possible even though it’s a highly used facility.

- I was just made aware of the planned Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project. If the planned project is as described, it will involve a long pier and a boardwalk. If this is accurate, then I want to voice my opposition to those elements of the project. I have enjoyed Wonderland as a nearby neighbor for over 30 years, and my wife and I are happy with the way the lake is without the described “improvements.”

- I’m writing about my concerns over proposed changes (which are alleged to be improvements) to the Wonderland Lake open space area. Frankly, I’m dismayed and very concerned. First, let me address the proposed peninsula plan with its new fishing dock,
cantilevered shade structure, and benches. All I can say is: why? Currently, it's a quiet place to walk where one can get close to the water and see a variety of waterfowl, especially migrating ducks. I've even seen osprey fishing and hunting from a nearby tree, not to mention the mule deer, rabbits, and coyotes. What makes the area attractive is its simplicity and its naturalness. I don't want to see structures there. The water, grasses, and birds (and peace and quiet) are enough. Sometimes less is more. A fishing dock will intrude into the area being used by waterfowl. Why try to make Wonderland more of a destination than it already is? I don't think the trails and the neighborhood can really support more human and other traffic. It's busy (it's used), but there is nothing wrong with the way it is working now. Moreover, as someone who walks around the lake almost every day, I can attest to the fact that at certain times of year, especially around the beach, I already see trash, fishing line, empty beer cans, etc. Adding a dock and other structures is going to encourage behavior that is detrimental to what makes Wonderland special. It's a haven within the city. Please don't try to make it into a more formal park. There are benches and picnic areas on the far side of the lake already. We don't need more crap on the beach area. Moreover, the last things we need are more parking spaces and restrooms there along Broadway. Please, please, please leave well enough alone.

- The plans as proposed are a massive overbuild and would really hurt the wildlife refuge and critical habitat of Wonderland Lake. We support some thoughtful improvements and upgrades, but this is way too much. It is interesting that in the last five years, the city has never repaired the flood damage on the existing Foothills Trail, which posed a major safety risk to bikers.
- The only item I like is improving the peninsula.
- There should be no pier of any size. I think boardwalks are a good idea because they can decrease the impact of foot traffic. There should be no wading beach or shading structure; this should not be developed as a picnic destination.
- Please do not build anything on the land surrounding the lake: no pier, no boardwalk, nothing that will increase foot or bike traffic in this last unspoiled area. The only thing that would be useful would be a proper restroom improvement at the visitor center/trailhead. Wonderland Lake is a wildlife refuge for real wildlife, not for the folks who will come in droves after the “improvements” and who may not understand its value. Please do not spoil it!
- I come here to go running or to go on a walk with friends. I've been coming here for years. It's a nice, quiet, relaxing spot to have access to. I feel that it is unnecessary to add a fishing pier, boardwalk, or the whole beach thing, especially its structures. I am definitely not a fan of adding a nature center. I love nature, but I am not for adding more buildings, especially so close to the Foothills. One of the great things about this area is that it has unobstructed views of the mountains. I'm OK with adding trails, but everything else is not needed, and it sounds like you are ruining a good thing.
- Wonderland Lake is one of the most pristine water bodies close to neighborhoods in Boulder. There are other water bodies that are available for fishing and recreation that are not being cared for adequately due to a lack of resources. There is no need to increase human-built structures around Wonderland Lake. Education and enjoyment can be found in the natural habitats without disrupting flora and fauna with construction and additions. Let’s minimize our footprint, not increase it.
- My concerns with the plan would be mitigated by using non-wood planking to eliminate toxins.
- I like hiking in the area and think that the current plans do not represent an appropriate use of the area. We don’t need an amusement park in that area. A dock into the deepest part of
the lake is a tragedy waiting to happen as a child falls in and drowns. One can view the wildlife in the cattails without a boardwalk. In fact, it would drive away the birds. Limited parking keeps the number of users at one time in check.

- I support the changes to the nature center, including additional parking. People coming to the lake use the neighborhood to park, and the additional parking would be appreciated.
- Why not build out parking by Lee Hill Road and/or create a new entry point to the north for walking into the Wonderland Lake area?
- I do not approve of the changes, which will result in trails, boardwalks, structures, etc. in what are now undisturbed natural areas.
- I would like to submit a comment in favor of proposed improvements to Wonderland Lake including shade, the fishing pier, and improved boardwalk trails.
- I’m deeply concerned about the plan for development of the Wonderland Lake area. Of particular concern to me are the new structures and the trails between Broadway and the lake.
- Please, please NO pier, boardwalk, or shade structures. Do not add anything that will intrude on the pristine setting we all cherish. There are other already-developed places in Boulder that can be expanded. Thank you.
- I don't know why we need a wading beach?
- I would recommend that you choose only ONE of the proposed additions.

**Maintenance and Park Management**

- I enjoy walking around the lake and watching the ducks, the birds, and the geese. I enjoy the quietness of the area and the native landscape. I also enjoy hiking up the trails off the Wonderland Lake Trail. The native landscape and the naturalness of the area are treasures. I understand that more people are coming to town and that the area is getting more crowded, but there have been many times in the recent past that I’ve been one of only a handful of people enjoying the solitude of the area. If more people coming to the lake is producing more trash, etc. I would like to see Open Space rangers in the area educating these newbies about trail etiquette, dogs on-leash, and other rules of the area. We don’t need to have another developed urban playground in Boulder. I would like to see an information center at the beginning of the hike off Broadway by the parking area staffed by a ranger or a volunteer to educate the public on taking care of our natural spaces and what it means to leave no trace. This is an area for a walk or a hike, not for a large family gathering. We already have the Foothills Community Park north of the lake area for restrooms and picnicking. There’s also plenty of parking at that location for large family gatherings.
- There should be more maintenance of trails and fences. Wonderland is the last place in the city where nature can be observed and enjoyed. There is currently no adequate monitoring, so let’s start there. Two snowmobiles were tearing up and down on New Year’s Day, causing dangerous interactions between families with toddlers, strollers, seniors, runners, and walkers. We have a natural jewel; let’s protect it, not destroy it.
- I use the Wonderland Lake open space on a daily basis, often multiple times per day. Although I do like the fact that consideration has been given to make the area more accessible and educational given the importance of nature in our lives, I am concerned by the intrusion into some of these relatively undisturbed spots, as well as by the upkeep of proposed structures. As it currently stands, more people are leaving big traces of their visits with litter (bottles, food, papers, etc.) scattered by the east end rocks that border the lake. There are fishing lines and bobbins hanging from trees or floating in the water left for unsuspecting marine life to die a slow death if they become entrapped (I witnessed that...
over the course of a few days - it was very sad) and there is coastal wear-and-tear as people continue to access the lake at whatever point they want to without concern about the plants beneath their feet. To address these concerns and future ones that will arise with increased visitation, I would suggest discreetly placing more educational signage so as not to take away from the treasured natural beauty, creating possible new "trails" or "slim single line"-type indicators at lake access points, and an annual city budget item to indefinitely maintain any new construction (whatever that may be) and education. What I do not want is more police activity and increased ticket issuance for violations (that will just add more unnecessary stress for all).

- Please make Wonderland Lake more resilient. It is getting well-worn. Make sure it can sustain the usage.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- We feel that Wonderland Lake is a wonderful place just as it is. There are so few places in Boulder anymore that have a feeling of wilderness, that aren't overly manicured, and where children and others can feel a sense of closeness to nature. Please do all you can to leave it natural and wild.

- My husband and I have walked the lake trail nearly every day for 29 years. Its quiet, natural serenity is a great gift to north Boulder. There is no need to “improve” anything about the lake trail. More parking would increase more traffic, and there is already a crowding situation on the trail.

- My wife and I walk around the lake almost every day. PLEASE do not destroy the quiet, contemplative, and natural state of this lake by trying to develop it and build structures to "improve" it. This will destroy the quality that is most precious here: the natural environment.

- This plan takes direct aim at undermining the tranquility and open space that is afforded by the lake, surrounding hills, and trails. This will not serve the residents of the area but will open the area to a significant increase in traffic and use which, on the surface, will destroy the current aspects that make it so wonderful (no pun intended).

- My concern is that it will ruin the natural, simple beauty. I was recently in New York City and went to the Freedom Tower. It is a horrible memorial; too commercial. The reflecting pool is much better, simple, and a beautiful tribute. The tower is a perfect example of American greed and control.

- Boulder does not have many natural sanctuaries; Wonderland Lake is close to being one. People visiting the area are, for the most part, respectful of the fragile nature of the birds and wildlife there. More visitors would disrupt that stability and tranquility. I am strongly against any "development" of the Wonderland Lake location. Please respect what we have.

- These plans are absurd. What is driving the requirements and the perceived 'need' for changes or improvements to this area? The park seems to fit the needs of the community as it is. It is a haven for many types of wildlife. Also, we have plenty of existing alternatives within the current OSMP system to serve the proposed function. If the lot is full, I move on to a Plan B and walk/hike someplace else. We don't need to overrun this area as has been done in so many other areas, like Sanitas.

- In lieu of attending the citizen meeting tomorrow night, I wish to convey the following comments regarding Wonderland Lake: I have been using the Wonderland Lake trails for running and walking for several decades, and I continue to do so despite currently residing in Gunbarrel. The primary value of that area is closeness to nature. Any further development would detract from the simplicity that remains. There is no pressing need to use this property to serve needs other than the quiet enjoyment of the place as it is. It is
good for the heart and soul. Any other purposes can be served, or are being served elsewhere in the OSMP system, or at a place like the Nature Education facility south of Arapahoe at 63rd Street. I urge you not to undertake any “improvements” or development at Wonderland Lake, other than modest upgrades at the Broadway trailhead.

- Leave the lake alone! Please do not build structures into it. This is the last "wild" lake in our city and will be ruined as a wildlife area and a look into the past if you and the city staff make this into a Disney-type attraction. I repeat, leave the lake and its shores alone!!
- DO NOT DO THIS! Wonderland Lake is one of the most magical places in Boulder. Those who saved our open spaces would be horrified. Shame, shame, shame!!!!
- I walk the trails around the lake and sometimes just sit near the lake for quiet and serene moments to look at the beautiful wildlife. I think the plans to build a shade structure, wading area, and fishing dock (and to widen and build more trails in the wetlands) are not only not needed but are also in no way friendly to the environment. Adding more parking spaces and spaces for bus traffic is going to turn the beautiful preserve of wonderland lake into a mob scene. There will end up being more crime in the parking lots and in the area in general. There will be trash strewn around that will only attract bears and mountain lions into the area. The geese and ducks will suffer from people feeding them. How about just enjoying nature for what it is without messing with the ecosystem? This is a poor idea that will create many problems down the road. Please re-think this and let folks just enjoy the lake and trails as they are. A better use of money would be to fix the beat-up streets in Boulder's many neighborhoods and to replace aging city sewer lines.
- Wonderland Lake is one of the few remaining wild places to hike and contemplate our beautiful scenery. I am appalled that the city wants to develop it. Please don't!! It's perfect just the way it is.
- Keep the Wonderland Lake area as natural as it can be. Don't develop this natural beauty with more human-made structures.
- This area is very special in Boulder in that it is used primarily for reflective and quiet time with nature by those who walk, run, bike, and hike the area. The proposed development threatens that quiet and natural connection to the area and invites noise, congestion, and activity that will disrupt the quiet of the lake and its animal inhabitants. I also agree with many of my neighbors that there is not adequate maintenance and enforcement capacity to support this degree of additional development. The Wonderland Lake area isn't a large area unlike, say, the Chautauqua Park area. It's not so much a destination as it is a local park where residents might get out and into nature, walk their dog, go for a run, and breath the fresh air. It seems, however, that the proposal aims to build up Wonderland Lake to make it more of a destination park. My main question is: why?
- Do not do this.
- It ain’t broken.
- Leave the area as it is! Our tax dollars are needed elsewhere in the city! More parking is not needed!
- I lived in Wonderland Hills from 1975 to 1999 and visited the lake daily. I have watched as the area has become less and less natural. The proposed development breaks my heart. Please don't make Disneyland out of one of the few municipal natural wonders we have left.
- Reading the city of Boulder’s website: “We're working to improve visitors’ enjoyment of Wonderland Lake”... I have to honestly say, that in the past 22 years that my family has been using the lake area, I cannot think of a single person who said that their enjoyment needed to be improved. Do not fix what is not broken. This is one of the last areas where children can enjoy the (nearby) outdoors that are mainly "unmanaged." That exactly IS the attraction of the area: sitting quietly behind a bush watching all kinds of critters, skipping stones, and
feeling to be IN nature because it does NOT look like Eben G. Fine Park or Sawhill Ponds. The city website states: ... “to help youth and families connect with nature” ..., Well, that’s exactly what is going to be disturbed and changed. If you have spent as much time at the lake as our family, our neighbors, you would see that that is going on every single day in a beautiful, (mainly) unmanaged way. Even our out of town visitors LOVE the Lake area because it feels so far away. It feels rural, rugged, natural (although we know it’s not), and so connected to nature. You really are IN nature. I don’t know anyone who would go to Eben G. Fine Park to connect with nature. Please do not fix what is not broken and conserve this sanctuary for the next generation of little guys who find it amazing when a little turtle nose pops up in the water or who enjoy a little race with their 5 year-old buddies OFF their parents’ hands (and the parents don’t have to worry about it.)

- I’ve frequently enjoyed the lake for 35 years: swimming, fishing, and ice skating as I grew up. I was devastated when trees were cut down along the damn. The lake was emptied for a project of fortifying the damn. I watched fishes flop around to their death, which was sad. I also watched the greenbelt disappear to housing and park development on the south side. I would prefer the lake be left the way it is.
- Please just leave it be! Do you people not have anything else to do or spend your money on than ruining one of the last little bits of nature left in North Boulder? I left the area because of all the upscaling and development. This disgusts me.
- I vote for leaving the natural features of this area as intact as possible.
- I know from having lived in Boulder for over 30 years that this is a pristine area. It would be a travesty to develop it as proposed, destroying the treasure that it is to the residents of Boulder. Please abandon these plans!!
- I bike from my home in lower Chautauqua to Wonderland Lake a couple times a week in warm weather. I listen to birdsong and often eat lunch watching the lake. It is perfect just as it is. Keep the lake and surrounding area as natural as possible. It is well-used and, like every open space in Boulder, in danger of overuse. Please just leave it and the wild things that live there alone.
- I love this area for its quiet and natural beauty and would hate to see it become overcrowded or made into a less wild place. Going forward with extensive development would make me less interested in visiting.
- I am a 25-year property owner on Wonderland Lake and my purchase of my house 25 years ago motivated predominantly by the quiet scene at the lake. I have looked at the prospective plans for development of the lake area and see nothing in it that I would support or be happy to see come to pass.
- I appreciate that the city is looking to improve Wonderland Lake and make it more accessible to the Boulder community. What makes Wonderland Lake really special is the peaceful serenity of the space - the fact that the lake has uninterrupted reflections of the mountains, that it feels like a nature preserve meant for birds and wildlife, and that the trail systems blends nicely into the geographic features of the area. I think a few parts of this plan are highly disruptive to what makes this place special. The T-Shaped fishing dock would reduce the reflective quality of the lake and its feeling as a natural habitat for birds. The Nature Center seems like it would be a very large man-made structure introduced into the area. I think a series of signs explaining the nature throughout Wonderland Hills might be better and less intrusive. Perhaps the city could create a nature walk through the preserver that guests could follow; an example is the signage at Coot Lake. The boardwalk in the cattails on the north side of the peninsula could be nice if done in a subtle way that blends the feature with the natural environment.
I live in the Wonderland Hills neighborhood and am distressed to hear that there is a plan to develop it, which means more noise and more people. It is beautiful the way it is...can't we leave it alone? Boulder is losing its charm and turning into a mini-Aspen. Please leave Wonderland Lake alone. I would hope that we, the neighbors who live here, would have a say in the matter. Please, please don't do this development! Thank you for your time.

PLEASE LEAVE WONDERLAND LAKE ALONE. Its simplicity and quiet beauty should be preserved, not built up. Not everywhere in Boulder’s natural areas has to be expanded and made more accessible/busier. Places can be loved to death in Boulder (like Sanitas Trail and Chautauqua). Don't do this to the Lake. The Lake is wonderful as it is. Don't ruin it, please. Thank you.

LEAVE WONDERLAND LAKE AS IT IS. If there is a need to get closer to the water, Coot Lake or Boulder Reservoir are the locations. Picnic shelters exist at Wonderland Lake Park and at Foothills Community Park. Wonderland is ideal as is. More walkways will mean more maintenance needs in the future which will need a greater budget. City Council will ask city staff for five or ten percent reductions of service in the future as they currently do. There are already too many filled and discarded dog poop bags along other trails like Chautauqua. This increased access can only lead to further degradation of the Lake area. The Lake is wonderful as it is. Please don't ruin it.

I just spoke with you; thank you for your returned call and input. As I’ve mentioned, we are not seeing Wonderland Lake Wildlife Park as a good place to highly promote more activities, as there are already hundreds of people fully using the area on a daily basis. We have fully enjoyed the beauty and peace of watching the wildlife, as it brings such calm to our overly busy lives. If it can continue to be viewed and respected on a calm level, we think it would continue to benefit all as a wildlife sanctuary that supports the animals and birds and serves as a place of solitude for people that is so needed. I’m emailing in response to the proposed.

We feel strongly that the scale and ambitions of plans for Wonderland Lake must be minimized. This is a wild area and needs no "improvement" other than that necessary for safety. Please leave the Lake alone!

I am a frequent user of the trail around Wonderland Lake and take my grandchildren to the children’s recreation area. Having lived near the lake for more than 30 years, I have appreciated the proximity to it and my walks with my wife and guests. Its major attraction is the opportunity to be in a natural habitat (except for the houses that are unfortunately located along the north side). Adding any sort of non-natural “amenities” would be inappropriate. As a side note, it appears that the cattails growing along the shore are getting out of control, and some form of intervention should take place.

Please don’t do this. I understand the interest and urge to "build, build, build," but part of what makes Boulder so special are places like this: somewhat hidden gems where you can get away from the crowds. Keep this area serene and special and don’t develop it.

The lake is fine as it is. Please don’t ruin it with overdevelopment.

I would love to have just one beautiful place not developed. Boulder is developing almost any space that it can, so please leave this beautiful, pristine lake alone and let the birds and other wildlife that wander about have it.

Don’t destroy/lessen this lovely piece of this special city.

I run/hike/walk almost daily in that area. I would like to see it kept the way it is. Thank you.

I walk my dog around the lake very often. It would be a shame to lose the natural, pristine quality of Wonderland Lake as it is. I love seeing the large variety of birds, which I feel would be affected by the increased human density with the new plan.
I run, hike and walk Wonderland Lake. It is an ideal place to see wildlife like deer, rabbits, and birds. It is calm, quiet, and a good place to go to be away from the busy Boulder streets. Adding your suggested plans would change all of this and make it a crowded, built-up area with trash. Wonderland Lake will lose its charm. The trails that are currently available meet the needs of the hikers, bikers, joggers, and walkers I see every day. The trails are never crowded. I do not understand why more trails through the wetlands are needed.

My wife and I hike around the lake several times a week (we live a few minutes away).

I love the quiet and pristine nature of the lake. I’ve been frequenting the lake for over 30 years. It is quite sad to think of the destruction the plans are considering for the area. Just leave it alone.

Hi, sorry, I do not like this at all. There are so many areas of Boulder that need improvement, while this little secret paradise is perfect as it is. Please don’t mess with it. There are already so many visitors at all times of the day, please don’t make it even more crowded. It is my oasis to connect with nature, to run, to get away from the business of life, and here you’re going to exploit it further and make it like “anywhere USA,” like the rest of Boulder. I love going to the lake to steal a tiny moment when no one else is around. I can take a deep breath- for just a moment of peace before someone walks up. Boulder is already changing so much, and it is SO overcrowded and noisy now. Please just leave it alone. I pay so much to live nearby. I don’t see the appeal of making it as busy as Sanitas. How about instead investing in crime prevention and helping the homelessness that is happening all around here too? That is where this investment needs to go. Just please don’t.

I use the area for hiking and would like to see it stay the way it is. I am concerned about the wildlife and about destroying the peace and quiet.

If there are accessibility issues and general trail maintenance concerns at Wonderland Lake, those should be addressed. However, as someone who has enjoyed contemplative walks around this lake for decades, I cannot support making this an urban destination and attraction. It is one little oasis of serenity in what has become a Boulder some of us old-timers hardly recognize anymore. It is a rare wildlife refuge within city limits, and increased development will affect the ecosystem in negative ways. This proposal is a “solution without a problem.”

I walk around the lake four to six times a week. Its beauty is inspiring to me. I love the fact that it is quiet and attracts a wide assortment of wildlife. Our neighborhood is quiet with an older population. Bringing in busloads of school children in here would completely change the tenor of our community. We bought into this community because of the quiet beauty and the fact that it was a sanctuary for wildlife. Your plan would destroy both of these qualities, or, at the very least, seriously compromise both. I wonder who came up with this plan and why they insist on spoiling the quiet beauty that it possesses. My guess is that it was people from outside of this community who have no clue about what our Wonderland Lake community is about. I wonder whose concerns you are referring to. I seriously doubt the concerns are from the people that live here. Most people I know are very happy with how it is now and are against this plan for development. In our culture of greed and excess, sometimes people overlook the simple truth that less is more. Please stay out of our community. Let us be. My suggestion is to leave our lake the way it is.

My family live on Wonderland Hill Avenue and enjoy walks in that area. Please leave it undisturbed.

It was always designated as a wildlife preserve, and those of us in the neighborhood always respected that, appreciated it, and did just fine without seeing the need for any fancy upgrades. As a former resident, the thought of all the fancy improvements is alarming and weighs heavily on my heart. I would hate to see the lake developed. It’s just fine as it is.
Please keep this rural paradise intact for wildlife and quiet contemplation. The only thing that has to be added is a bathroom!

The lake represents a real public treasure. It should NOT be prostituted for short-term gains. It is a wildlife sanctuary. It is a place where Boulderites come to jog, walk with their families and dogs, and let the stress ooze away.

Please keep Wonderland Lake in its untouched state. It is a wildlife preserve, not a tourist attraction. Anyone can walk its trails or fish along its banks all year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week: why should it become an overbuilt theme park????

I live close enough to the distance to walk but just far enough that sometimes I will drive. I visit several times per week, generally. I’ve lived in Boulder for 11 years and am beyond upset about these potential plans. Wonderland is one of the few (only?!?) remaining semi-natural outdoor areas in the city and its charm and appeal is that it is simple and natural. It does not need to be turned into a zoo like Chautauqua with a visitor center, expanded parking, dock, etc. It is teeming with wildlife, and I fear that adding all of these structures will have a major negative impact on them. The shade structures, fishing dock, and pier, in particular, are outrageously out of touch with what makes Wonderland so enjoyable to so many people. Wonderland is great because it is so natural and simple and allows one to feel like they are in nature. There is no reason to spend money to "improve" it; you can’t improve upon nature by adding unnatural features. Once you do this, you can’t take it back. I beg you to reconsider these plans; clearly, the city or OSMP had some extra funds and decided to come up with a project to use them. This is not the right application at all. Also, I keep being told that these plans were made public a long time ago and that citizens were given a chance for input; well, I have lived here for over 10 years in North Boulder and have never once heard about this. This is your opportunity to actually think hard about whether what you are doing is right for Boulder, right for the wildlife around the lake, and right for the majority of citizens who live nearby and to decide that you can change your mind and take back this disastrous plan. There is no going back once you do this; this will be a watermark moment that drastically changes the character of Wonderland Lake and the surrounding neighborhoods. Please, please, please, please reconsider.

This "improvement" is a big mistake. Wonderland Lake is fine just as it is. "If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it." We should be spending (limited) money for OSMP on maintaining existing trails, not on introducing structures that are inconsistent with open space and the natural conditions of the lake and the land surrounding it.

I am writing with the hope that I can discourage many of the changes that have been proposed at Wonderland Lake. I live in a neighborhood surrounding the lake and appreciate its natural beauty, the quiet, and the wildlife that live here. I feel that the proposed changes will alter forever these special qualities and that the area will be turned into a recreational area rather than a place of protection and preservation of one of the few somewhat natural spots left within city limits. I am curious how this proposal came to be. I understand that it is part of the 2016 North Trail Study Area project, but how was this specific plan developed? Was it citizen-instigated? Is there data supporting the need for the changes? Is there research on how these changes will affect wildlife, traffic, and the surrounding neighborhoods? I would really appreciate your thoughts on this, and if you can pass along my thoughts to Open Space officials, I would be grateful. I have written to the Boulder City Council, advising them that I am against all changes that directly affect the lake: the dock, the bird blind, and the shade structure on the peninsula, in particular.

As a frequent user of the area, I have a few comments. First, I would like it to remain as it is: "wild," simple, and quiet. I live on the southeast end of town but really enjoy running and walking the lake and upper trails. I hope you will listen to the local residents. Please do NOT
over-enhance Wonderland Lake with entertainment and play. I read somewhere that you were considering a simple (but safe) fishing dock of some sort; that might be ok. Add nature signs identifying waterfowl and maybe the history of the area. Whatever changes you make and add, please keep them simple and unobtrusive accoutrements. If people want a destination "park," there are others they can go to. Wonderland Lake is a residents’ area; we like it wild, simple and quiet! The biggest addition the area needs is bathrooms! We need something at the lake with a sink, something smaller at the upper trailhead on Lee Hill. There’s nothing worse than looking for a bush after jogging three or four times around drinking water.

- I have lived in Boulder since the 1970s and have resided in the Wonderland Lake neighborhood since 1985. For 30-plus years my family and I have enjoyed the incredible offerings of the Wonderland Lake area, including the children’s play-structure area, the grassy park areas, and the paths/trails that encircle the lake, allowing one to enjoy serenity and beauty of the lake itself as well as the wildlife in its natural areas.
  - Please support LIMITING additional development of the lake area. The fishing dock, the sheltered picnic area on the peninsula, and the 70-foot beach wading area could have such a NEGATIVE impact on the integrity and current state of Wonderland Lake as a natural wildlife area preserve.
  - Please support PROTECTING the Wonderland Lake area in its NATURAL state. Wonderland Lake is a real treasure, and SO many people use its well-maintained paths throughout the day as they enjoy the natural beauty of the area.
  - Please help to keep the Wonderland Lake area wonderful as it is!!

**Trails, Hiking, and Walking**

- I am writing with regards to the proposed improvements to Wonderland Lake. I have many thoughts and concerns, and I plan to attend the meeting in January. However, there is one particular concern that I wish to voice now to you. I am a resident of the neighborhood. My property backs to the trail. I live on the north side on Cottage Lane. My husband and I are out on the trail at least once a day, if not twice a day. In looking over the plans, I am very concerned about the realignment of the trail on the east side along the peninsula. As it is now, the path is straight across the dam and passes the peninsula. There is a rough trail that goes out into the peninsula that is rarely used. You are proposing realigning the trail to "improve the experience." This proposed improvement frankly scares me. There are many of us that frequent the trail in the morning or at dusk. With the realignment of the trail, you will be pushing us into the bushes and trees, where it is not safe in the morning or evenings. I have seen vagrants camping there. Create the alternate route if you will, but please, please keep the current straight path along the dam so we do not have to put ourselves at risk by having to go through the shrubs and trees.
- Either my wife or I walk our dog around the lake almost every day, sometimes in the morning and at night.
- We live in the foothills of Pinebrook Hills and use the lake for quiet hiking and enjoying the area’s nature and wildlife.

**Other Recreation**

- I called earlier, but I know you’re busy, so I’m sending you this email. I am quite concerned about a 50-by-70-foot structure being built on this lake. I am the original owner, having lived here on the south shore for 42 years. I am also a realtor and have sold most of these
houses that front the lake, so I’m getting quite an earful from the neighbors. When I
originally moved here, this was just a pond with people running willy-nilly, swimming,
boating, windsurfing, using model and remote-control boats/seaplanes, and you name it.
We even had a rubber raft that we dragged down to the water occasionally. The wise people
who converted this to a wildlife sanctuary with restrictions would be aghast at the idea of a
Coney Island-like atmosphere on the peninsula. As it is now, all spring, summer, and fall
there are hundreds of people that come to the peninsula with their dogs and kids. Kids
swim in the water and their dogs stand on the shore and bark at them constantly, or they go
out and swim with them. Sound carries extremely well across water, and it not only disturbs
the residents that live here who were expecting peace and quiet in a wildlife sanctuary, but
I’m sure also chases off the blue heron, night heron, ducks, geese and anything else that lives
here. We have even seen tents there with people camping, using boom boxes, and using
barbecues. I am sure you have visited the peninsula during the season and have seen what
all goes on, which would only increase many times if you make attractions to welcome more
people to that area. As it is now, people don’t just fish the dam and peninsula; every week,
we see people along the shoreline fly-fishing or fly-fishing in the water off the peninsula in
waders. If you were to do such a thing, I think you would need to have a full-time ranger
there to police the masses and keep things under control. But after all, isn’t this supposed to
be a wildlife sanctuary? Why invite this behavior in the first place? Maybe Coot Lake would
be a better place! What we could really use here is some additional split-rail fencing to keep
people out of the nesting areas and additional signage. There used to be several signs about
not disturbing the nesting birds, but most of those signs have disappeared over the years. I
hope you don’t consider this message too harsh, but I really am getting bombarded by
people who live around here, and I can’t blame them. This lake is nationally known as one of
the few wildlife sanctuaries in a major city, so let’s please keep it that way. Thank you for
your consideration, and please call me if you want more information.

- I use the lake area to walk my dog on a leash. I have lived in Wonderland Hills since 1977,
  and I own my home there. Wonderland Lake is a wetland treasure.
- I used the trails for walking, birding, meditating, and getting a fix of calm from the frenzy. I
  like the plans overall. I would worry about crowds and increasing use. I especially like the
  expansion of the trails.
- I walk the trail for enjoyment for myself and my dog. This is my route to the store. I also
  enjoy doing plant identification and taking photos.
- I walk the trails almost daily and have been doing so for the last 30 years.
- Will stand-up paddleboards be allowed? I’m cautiously optimistic that this is a good idea to
  make this area more accessible to the public.
- I am and have been a daily user of Wonderland as a pedestrian, a runner, a fisherman, and
  an educator of my two sons and, in turn, two grandsons in the art of fishing and
  appreciating the wonderful lake and trails.
- Fishing at Wonderland Lake should be 100% catch-and-release and flies and lures only (no
  barbs). Implement a slot limit on the fish catch. Almost everyone out there is doing catch-
  and-release already. OSMP does not have to put in a pier, but please adjust the rocks on the
dam in places to better allow people to get down the dam face and get closer to the water.
An individual also let me know that he caught an 11-inch bluegill and caught over 21 fish in
an hour while fishing on the 4th of July.

Other

- If you try to educate people about the environment by destroying it, you will educate them
to think it is a good idea to destroy the environment.
• This is a catastrophic move.
• I purchased a home on Promontory Court in 1992, which I owned until 2009. My husband and I purchased a townhome in Wonderland Hills IV two months ago.
• We will not be able to attend the January 15 community meeting regarding this project, so I would like to provide some input here. We fear that since this OSMP activity has already been given the status of a named "project" and apparently already has a project staff, there may be no stopping it. Hopefully this does not prove to be the case, and hopefully, OSMP will listen to the Wonderland Lake users. In short, the Wonderland Lake open space area is currently beautiful and perfect, and any OSMP effort to alter the area will only make it less perfect. No good will come of it, no matter what the pie charts say. I know you and your colleagues are hard-working and well-meaning folk, but I think you will find that this project will prove to be anathema to many, many citizens. Please leave the Lake alone and find other ways to improve Open Space. Thanks.
• I am sure you have heard this from others, but the plans include land that belongs to the Cottages at Wonderland Lake Homeowners’ Association. I am pretty sure that you cannot take that land for park use.
• My big concern is that we don’t turn the area into a money sinkhole like the project in the Civic Center (by the library.) We had a perfectly fine park there, but the City went on to spend millions to "improve" what didn’t need improvement. While it is undoubtedly nice, it seems an almost criminal allocation of dollars when we know there is a much bigger problem in affordable housing that needs our dollars. How many people could we have housed with all those millions? Let’s stop talking about affordable housing and putting our money where our mouths are. I’ve looked over the plan for Wonderland Lake, and it doesn’t look outrageous, but I hope that we dispense with niceties and do only what is needed to preserve the environmental integrity of the space. I don’t know about wading and fishing areas; do we really NEED those compared to affordable housing? As I said there are LOTS of things that can be nice, but we need to prioritize our dollars on the city’s big problem: affordable housing. I am also a senior, and I have to host two renters in my home to pay taxes. This gets very sensitive for me when I see my government more concerned about niceties than in keeping the city affordable for those of us who have lived here for decades. Please exercise restraint. By the way, isn’t this the same city government that was forced into drastic budget cuts last year due to sales tax shortfalls? That mindset would be a good one to continue.
• Unfortunately, I won’t be able to attend tonight’s public meeting due to a previous commitment, so I am submitting my comments to be included in the public record for consideration in the decision-making process for the Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project.
• I concur with a number of the opinions expressed by our neighbors in the surrounding Wonderland Lake neighborhoods. I may not be able to attend the public meeting on Tuesday, January 15th, and I want to ensure my thoughts are included.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM WONDERLANDLAKE.COM:
November 30, 2018 to January 15, 2019
ADDITIONAL RESPONSES PROVIDED ON WONDERLANDLAKE.COM

Many residents provided input to OSMP via comments submitted on wonderlandlake.com, a community website. In addition to general comments, the website collected information on two additional questions about respondents’ relationship to Wonderland Lake and the proposed project. Responses to those questions are provided below.

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Additional provided information, by category

- **Daily, almost daily, or multiple times per day**
  - I run around the lake each morning!
  - Almost daily for at least ten years.
- **Frequently**
  - All the time; I live right by it.
  - Often over the past 35 years.
- **Weekly/several times per week**
  - 4-7 times every week for the past 22 years.
  - Many times a week, since we live right here on Poplar Avenue.
- **Other**
  - 2 times a year.
  - 12 times a year.
  - 2-3 times per year.
  - 3-4 times a year.
  - A few times per year.
  - Several times a year.
  - I lived in the North Boulder neighborhood for 17 years and took daily morning walks around the lake and/or up the trails on the hillside.
  - I lived on the lake for nine years. I visited multiple times per day. This plan is a terrible idea. The wildlife is already suffering from the removal of prairie dogs, which affected coyotes, birds of prey, etc. This would destroy those who we love.
  - Twice a year.
  - Whenever I can.
  - Regular dog walks.
Are you a Wonderland Hills resident?

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- **Yes**
  - Yes; the dead-end cul-de-sac of Quince Avenue.
  - Yes, for 35 years.
  - Yes, Quince Avenue.
  - Yes, nearby.
  - Yes, Forest Glen.
  - Yes, I live on Newport Lane, which is basically one block away.
  - Yes, I am living on Poplar Avenue.

- **No**
  - No, Briarwood North.
  - No, I live on the east side of Broadway near Lucky’s.
  - No, Orchard Park across Broadway and Poplar.
  - No, but I live nearby.
  - No longer.
  - No, Old Stage Road.
  - No, but I live in North Boulder.
  - No, but I live just east of there.
  - No, I’m a North Boulder resident.
  - No, Uptown Broadway.
  - No, I live in north Boulder.
  - No, I am a north Boulder resident with easy access to the Wonderland Lake area.
  - Not at this time.

- **Other**
  - Dakota Ridge.
  - Every day.
  - Every day of the week.
  - I grew up there; my parents still live there.
  - I have lived just east of the lake for 30 years.
  - I have lived on Utica for 33 years.
  - I live in the Holiday Neighborhood.
  - I live near the Hawthorn Gardens.
  - I live nearby.
  - I used to be.
  - I was, but not now.
  - I was for 7 years.
  - Linden Avenue.
  - Linden Avenue.
I live on Quince Avenue east of Broadway.
Nearby: Newlands.
North Boulder resident.
North Briar.
Quince resident.
Does Redwood Avenue count?
I used to be a neighbor.
I was a resident for 9 years until June 2018.
Within a mile.
EMAILED COMMENTS:
January 15, 2019 to January 22, 2019
Access

- My vision for Wonderland Lake is that it remains a place for everyone to interact with nature on their own terms and in the way that meets their needs (within reason of course), especially those individuals that have limited access to natural areas. It is great that Wonderland Lake is open to the public and was set aside from its inception for everyone to enjoy. I believe nature should be free, accessible, and inclusive for all. I support changes to Wonderland Lake that would further allow children to explore and play freely in natural areas, especially those areas that are unique to this dry climate such as lakes and streams as well as wooded areas. I also support efforts to increase the quantity and quality of environmental education at Wonderland Lake and all open space properties. It is no longer enough for us to hope that youth grow up to care about the environment. We need to PLAN for it! There are more opportunities and distractions for our children than ever before. We MUST provide experiences that can compete with YouTube and video games. I believe we can accomplish this without any long-term damage to the ecosystem.

- I live by Veile Lake, which also a MAN-MADE lake like Wonderland Lake. We have piers extending out into the lake. No parties take place on the piers, and I’ve yet to see a single person sleep on one(!). Both of these lakes were built by the city or County decades ago, for use by the people. The use was likely water retention at the time of their construction, and it may still be. It’s important that these lakes are maintained and enhanced in ways that citizens can use. The organization skills of NIMBY (not in my back yard) neighbors throughout Boulder (while impressive with websites and meetings) should never trump the needs and enhancements that will benefit the wider city citizenry. The lists I have seen of reasons to avoid any work around Wonderland Lake are classic NIMBY laundry lists (noise, parties, teenagers, hobos!!! The horror).

- Thank you and all the OSMP staff for arranging the January 15 meeting. I am sure it was not how you would have preferred to spend a Tuesday night, but the time to connect on Wonderland Lake was much appreciated. I was not able to complete the questionnaire that was distributed on Tuesday, and I wasn’t sure they were going to be made available online. I also didn’t get a chance to read all of the questions, but I believe there was something about 'what is your vision for Wonderland Lake.' I would like to provide some input:
  - Vision:
    - A wildlife sanctuary
    - Serene
    - Leave no trace
    - Preserved, protected, and respected
    - Maintained
  - How to achieve it:
    - Close the area to fishing
    - Temporarily and periodically close the peninsula for a restoration period
• Prohibit human access to the area east of the lake and west of Broadway
• Keep the lake closed to swimming and wading consistent with current city regulations
• Assign a full-time ranger
• Improve and repair Sawhill Ponds as an alternative for fishing, wading, picnics, etc.

  o Instead of a "Nature Center," refresh the existing building and call it an "Environmental Center," where people of all ages can learn about:
    ▪ Climate change
    ▪ Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
    ▪ Plastic’s impact on the environment, emphasizing water pollution
    ▪ Carbon footprint and how to reduce it
    ▪ Endangered and protected species
    ▪ The environmental importance of picking up dog poop
    ▪ Composting
    ▪ Wildlife and birds in the area
    ▪ Respecting nature in all forms in a 'hands-off' way (including fish & flora); mantra: nature is not a toy.

  o The Environmental Center can be equipped with binoculars for visitors to rent (i.e., leave a driver’s license as a deposit, not money). The center can provide visitors with compostable trash and poop bags to pick up trash/poo along the path and return to the center, or deposit in one of the four receptacles that are currently along the path (six if Wonderland Lake Park is included). If they return trash to the Environmental Center, the visitor is compensated with a stainless steel straw.

Create an app or podcast that can be downloaded and used to describe the area and provide information on what to look for around the path (reiterating the importance of staying on the designated paths). Those without phones can rent audio devices and headsets with the podcast. This would reduce the need for educational signs.

If this is the type of approach that can be implemented instead of man-made structures, additional trails, disruption, and destruction, then this would truly be a Wonderland. Thank you again.

• I was unable to attend last week’s meeting (I attended that City Council meeting about the Waldorf School concept plan instead; it would have been nice to have different dates for sessions on big issues for our neighborhood!). I wanted to say that the only thing I want to have done to Wonderland Lake is better enforcement of rules and better maintenance of trails. Let’s give the wildlife refuge a break; no new structures and no new trail through the eastern field are needed. They would do harm, not good. The City is already going to disturb and stress wildlife by putting the new sections of the North Trail through the eastern side of Broadway and US 36. Please don’t increase the stress on life at Wonderland Lake! It is a treasure that should be protected.

• Thank you to you and the staff at OSMP for your dedication to serving both the public and the environment. I have a number of ideas and comments regarding the Wonderland Lake Integrated Site Project. Please share these comments publicly, including with city council. I was a nature camp counselor last summer with kids ages 6 to 16, and I am a writer and business person. I walk around Wonderland Lake a couple times a week, fish occasionally, birdwatch, and live a couple blocks away.

  o Equity and Inclusion: OSMP needs to get input from children, people with disabilities, and immigrants who are important current and future users of the lake. The January 15 meeting attendees were nearly all old white people.
Timing: "Let's do this!" as the Home Depot buckets say, starting in 2019, not some other time. It is a great idea to improve public access at Wonderland Lake.

Location: There are hundreds of lakes and ponds in Colorado. Wonderland Lake is in the middle of a city, accessible by public transit and near both high- and low-income communities and elementary schools Foothill and Crestview. Therefore, this lake should be used with public access as a higher priority than conservation. We need to make it better for both people and nature. We need to encourage the next generation of nature lovers. Give kids a place to play in the mud with sticks and rocks and touch bugs!

Human access:
- Parking and trails: Improve access with a parking area, nature center, new paths along the lake’s outflow creek, and a wheelchair-accessible path around the lake.
- Marsh boardwalk: This would be great for kids and people with disabilities! The mud around the edge of Wonderland Lake is like deep pudding, awful to “wade” in. From the boardwalk, kids and adults could catch water insects, observe marsh plants up-close, and feel what it is like to be IN a marsh. Kids love to mess around on boardwalks.
- No duck blind: Don’t do the duck blind, as you can already observe ducks from that spot without spooking them. The blind may attract folks who need a place to sleep and pee.
- Bird deck: Build a bird observation deck at the southwest corner of the lake, just behind the trees in the mowed area. As a birder, this would be awesome and would not scare the ducks. Don’t build a roof, just a raised platform with a railing.
- Dam overlook: Build an accessible overlook along dam for fishing, gazing, and birding. A long fishing pier or dock-type structure would distract from the natural beauty. The one at Coot Lake is good, or perhaps a stone parapet where the trail would dip down to along the dam’s waterline.
- Peninsula benches: A place to sit on the peninsula is a good idea, with a few benches and shade from either planted and protected trees or a wooden arbor; nothing metal or concrete. Do something like you’d do up at Chautauqua.
- Water play area: Give kids a place to play in the water, ideally in flowing water rather than in the lake where a kid might drown. How about below the lake outflow either from the weir or the lake discharge or the inflow from Silver Lake Ditch? Leave branches and rocks there! Kids love to build stuff, based on my summer experience as a nature camp instructor.
- Stepping stones: Set a series of rocks in the shallows off the peninsula to make stepping stones in the water that people could step along and look down into the shallows. The substrate here is water-dissolved clay that no one really wants to wade in.
- Picnic area: Provide a few picnic tables and regular trash collection, perhaps near the trail entrance on Utica where there are trash cans already. This will invite families.

Animal habitat:
- Spillway wetland: Convert the ugly concrete-lined spillway to a wetland, adding more riparian habitat to the area. This could even be a wading area when water is running.
- More lake structure: The lake has very little structure (think houses for fish, amphibians, invertebrates, etc.) and therefore needs more downed tree trunks and rocks in the water. A smooth lake bottom is as unappealing as a parking lot to fish.
- Ingoing streams as wetlands: Convert the two concrete runoff “streams” southwest of the lake and the Silver Lake Ditch inlet ditch into wetland habitat.
- Naturalized parks and rec playing field: Consider making the current playing field to the south, which gets almost no use, into part of the Wonderland Lake nature preserve.
- Invasives: The removal of invasive weeds is a good idea, though cattails aren’t native either, so prioritize wisely.
- Plant trees: OSMP should plant trees on the peninsula in 2019. They will grow slowly and need as much time as possible. The ash trees currently living there will soon be dead from ash borer. I am not sure about removing the huge crack willows when they are most of the canopy in places.

  Regional context:
  - How does the plan for Wonderland Lake fit with the plans for Thorne Nature Center, Sombrero Marsh, Boulder Reservoir, and Boulder Creek?

- I am a Boulder native and have lived in the Wonderland Hills neighborhood since 1994. My husband and I have often commented walking around the lake that we wished children could get closer to the lake and actually even in the water. I am pleased to see there is a beach in this plan. I would not even be opposed to winter ice skating.

Crowding, Traffic, and Parking Concerns

- I have lived in the Wonderland Lake area for 30 years. This is the first year I’ve seen this level of waterfowl on the lake, increasing my enjoyment immeasurably. However, Wonderland Lake is no longer the best-kept secret in town for a serene place to walk and wildlife to flourish. There is overflow parking on all the side streets, increased trash, noise, constant traffic on the trails, increasing adverse dog interactions, and competition with bicyclists (thank goodness most give me a heads up when they need to pass).
- My wife and I use the lake area almost every day to walk our dog, hike, bike, and nature watch. We view anything that increases use of the area by people to be detrimental; for example, if there are more people on the paths, it will become too crowded to bike (and therefore to walk) safely.
- Foothills Option A is much better than Foothills Option B; 50 parking spaces are TOO many!

Ecosystems and Wildlife

- I spoke last night at the Wonderland Lake meeting at North Boulder Recreation Center, so I’ll keep my comments short here. My wife and I use the trails around the lake at least twice a week, so we care very much about what OSMP wants to do. My thanks go to the OSMP Board and staff for a well-run meeting as well as the decision to give no further consideration to the pier and boardwalk. I hope this decision holds. It greatly reduces my concerns. For me, maintaining and improving habitat at the lake should be the key objective. It’s habitat and wildlife that make the place special for me. So, I still have problems with the shade structure on the peninsula. I think it would attract crowds that will linger for hours, swim, pollute, and scare birds from the surface of the lake (and maybe even the cattails). I do support using the structures on Broadway for children’s education. Of course, kids will...
want to visit the lake. As long as they are managed in some way to protect habitat, I don’t have a problem with that. I also support making the trails more accessible for disabled visitors. Again, thank you and OSMP for making last night possible and being responsive.

- Overall, I do not approve of the plans to develop the "natural" nature of the lake and its surroundings. In the past, the city worked hard to preserve the natural setting in an ecological manner with regard to beauty and importance to wildlife. It has set back access to the shoreline in areas, restricted fishing to the peninsula and dam shorelines, and allowed the area to grow native vegetation. The cattails are a part of this, as the small, young fish use these shallows for protection from the larger fish, shelter, and warmth. I think the destruction of this habitat is conjured up by someone not attuned to the area.

- Wonderland lake is a WILDLIFE Sanctuary, not a kids' playground, and it needs to stay as such. Sounds travel loudly over water and encouraging masses of people to hang out on docks, wade, fish, yell, play boomboxes, and have barking dogs is really a bad idea. Restrooms are only going to encourage more people from the homeless shelter to camp out for the night in their sleeping bags. Enough already! Think WILDLIFE sanctuary; a true treasure. Don’t “Disneyfy” it!!!

- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not over-develop this WILDLIFE PRESERVE. NO FISHING DOCK. NO BOARDWALK. NO shade structure. NO picnic shelter. Boulder has lots of parks. Please preserve the wildlife. Keep parking spaces to 35 (Plan A), not 50 (Plan B). PLEASE DO NOT OVER-DEVELOP.

- Wonderland Lake area, to OSMP's credit, has strongly emphasized being a wildlife habitat and natural area. Great! The lake and its close-in wetlands and tall grasses attract many, many birds all year long as well as other animals. The perimeter paths are all very far from the water's edge areas, which of course are the most sensitive places for wildlife. Other than the dam, the peninsula is the only place for people to quietly experience the birds up close, the nesting which occurs in the cove north of the peninsula, and the low flyovers which occur at the east end of the Lake. Please do not destroy the wilderness of the peninsula with OSMP's proposed recreation structures, fishing pier, boardwalk, and wading beach!!! Those will drive away the wonderful wildlife in this viewing area! The wading beach will also encourage swimming in the lake, which is very importantly prohibited now! We also would prefer that the straight trail on the dam’s top east of the peninsula remain where it is; the large trees there buffer the many people and dogs on the main trail from the sensitive natural area which is the peninsula. Thank you!

- I think Wonderland Lake should be protected as a nature preserve and left as it is except for whatever maintenance may be required. The plans to add a dock, etc. would be too intrusive. Allowing wading in the lake would not be preserving the lake: people would be all over in the water disturbing the wildlife. Plus, it would require constant monitoring to ensure water quality. It just seems a bad idea all around. My belief is that OSMP should protect our open space and mountain parks and not destroy them.

- I do not understand why you are removing the cattails? They are a great habitat for many species of birds and fish. Please leave the cattails.

- As a 12-year volunteer (bird monitor) for Boulder County Parks and Open Space, I am appalled at the degradation of wildlife habitat within the city of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks and by the lack of patrolling and ongoing maintenance. The County is far superior in their attention to and policing of their Open Space areas. Their wildlife is far more diverse and abundant and protected. This is why I volunteer for the County versus the city of Boulder, where I have been a resident since 1967 and have watched birds and animals disappear from city Open Space due to over-crowding and neglect. The city staff, furthermore, has no right to continuously make plans which affect the residents in a
It appears that this is happening on an increased basis, along with the lack of involvement of the affected residents. My feeling is that Wonderland Lake should be left in its natural state with no fishing pier or any activity or structure which bothers wildlife.

- It is a privilege to have Wonderland Lake nearby as a walking route, graced with amazing nature views. I desire that this area’s primary function be for habitat preservation and that recreation use not exceed current levels.
- Regarding the peninsula plan: I LOVE the additional trees to be planted. There are so many raptors and owls that call Wonderland Lake home, and it will be great to offer some new perches. Also, shade is always good in summer!

**Infrastructure**

- I was at the meeting on Tuesday (I spoke at the very end). I would reiterate my comments in that the Transportation Department did a great job of engaging everyone around here about the 19th Street improvement. If it comes to revisiting a plan for Wonderland Lake, I suggest looking at their model, especially the feedback session where they had three scenarios laid out on the floor of the cafeteria at Crestview Elementary. There is a small but vocal group that persists on this dock/boardwalk option. They want to have a place for their kids to "play in the mud." I suggest that council look at the liabilities around that (there will be a need for a lifeguard over there). You will have folks using the lake as a swimming hole/skating pond. Scenarios abound (Waneka Lake is a recent one) of rescues in the winter. Often, a dog goes through ice, its owner tries to rescue the dog, and both parties need rescuing. I ask the council to send a firm message to the community that the fishing pier boardwalk option is permanently off the table. PS I was told I would receive a postcard invite to the meeting on the 15th. I didn’t get one. It’s the little things that count.
- A bench on the west side of the lake at the south and north ends of the trail would be nice for senior and disabled visitors (and others).
- I support the proposed development plans for the Wonderland Lake area. A fishing pier would be an excellent addition. I hope it would deter people from trampling the vegetation along the edges of the lake who are trying to find a good fishing location for themselves. I love the idea of a boardwalk and a nature center. Education about the area and designated trails will improve the visitors’ experience and could possibly open the door to raise money for the area and upkeep.
- I have no problem using the existing buildings for a nature center, educational purposes, and even parking adjustments.
- An educational center sounds reasonable.
- Hello and thank you for taking the time to listen to me and the public! First, just to reinforce the views of others, I am against the building of the pier/dock, boardwalk, and the shaded benches. We do not need any of this at Wonderland Lake. I think that it would be a real good idea to make Wonderland Lake 100% catch-and-release fishing at all times. If it was up to me, I would also make all fishing limited to flies and lures only. You have a nice fish population already established there, and it would be a real good idea to try and protect it to see more growth. You might add a few more catfish and grass carp to the lake to act as Mother Nature’s clean-up crew. On the dam face, you could move around and rearrange...
some of the rocks to make easier access for fishing. This would cost little or no money to do and would not have any environmental impact at all. Thanks.

- I support a fishing dock and boardwalk at Wonderland Lake along with better bathroom and meeting space options. The boardwalk at Boulder County's Cottonwood Marsh/Walden Ponds is a good example of a boardwalk that serves both humans and wildlife. I think that would be a good model to follow. I am curious if the residents living in the Wonderland neighborhood pay extra neighborhood dues to support the park. If not, I think all Boulder residents should have an equal say in upgrades to the park. Sometimes it feels as if neighbors treat Wonderland like their private backyard and not a community park for all. Many thanks for listening.

- I think the single best improvement would be raising the paths on the peninsula with large rock sides to make it more obvious where the trails are and also for better drainage so that people are more likely to stay on the trails. With that, add a large, flat boulder access point for people to hang out. Have that drop off so that it is obvious where people are intended to go. Strategically, add bushes. Remove the fencing.

- We regularly visit the lake to run or hike three to four times per week. We always walk to the lake instead of driving. The lake is an important way for us to regularly and conveniently enjoy the serenity of the natural setting that defines our neighborhood and to connect with wildlife in a relatively undisturbed environment. We are in favor of trail maintenance and some shaded picnicking on the south side of the lake near the playground. We strongly oppose adding a fishing pier, boardwalk, or wading beach that would disturb this wild refuge. Additional parking and nature center development would most likely overtax the already actively-used trail system, but more detailed plans might provide a solution to these concerns.

- I walk around the lake area daily and enjoy its natural beauty. I have no problem with new infrastructure near Broadway for educational programs, a picnic area, and parking.

- Let the junior rangers use a base out of the big park to the north. Make NO changes around Wonderland, and absolutely no parking lots. Putting a fishing pier will scare away the ever-increasing bird and waterfowl population. Since we have osprey visit the lake, a nest platform might be nice, provided there is no human access to that.

- Underwater acoustical noise generated by foot traffic on a pier structure would carry under the surface, disturbing underwater wildlife.

- I would love to see a boardwalk similar to the one at Cottonwood Marsh. Cottonwood is one of the best places to view waterfowl in the area. The cattails around the boardwalk mask visitors from wildlife, but not wildlife from visitors.

- I agree with the concerns raised by the wonderlandlake.com group. I raised objections in 2016 to proposed development around the northeast corner of the lake. I continue to have objections to both the boardwalk through the cattails and to the fishing wharf. Both disturb the natural environment and the serenity of the lake experience and, by encouraging additional traffic/congestion for largely recreational purposes, will likely degrade the environment further. I would suggest that interpretive signage, the bird blind, and improvements to the nature center can provide educational benefits. Adding a boardwalk and wharf is overkill - particularly without a strong rationale for doing so. I hope there will be more opportunity for public input. Thank you.

- I wanted to share what was written by an individual after the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2019 about changes to Wonderland Lake. They are my sentiments as well as many others that have enjoyed Wonderland Lake as it is. Some remarks from the January 15th Wonderland Lake community meeting:
"I have been asked to post my remarks from the community meeting last night. Here you go:
I have lived adjacent to Wonderland Lake for 29 years. I have been a birder for 32 years, as well as camper and hiker, and I feel a passionate stewardship of this precious natural resource. Wonderland Lake distinguishes itself in Boulder as having a wildlife preserve adjacent to a park and recreation area. For all these years, these two environments have co-existed harmoniously and side-by-side, with people who visit knowing where to recreate, and where to appreciate and revere the gifts of the natural world. I would like to address several of the items on the proposed Integrated Site Plan on behalf of a group of concerned citizens:

- There is no need for a bird blind around the lake. Anyone interested in birds can see them with binoculars or scopes, and there is ample naked-eye viewing from the dam and the peninsula. I also want to point out that the diversity of bird species and the size of flocks has been the largest this year in the entire time I’ve lived by the lake. Hundreds of Canada geese are regularly seen, but most notably instead of only mallards, and the occasional grebe, there are large flocks of widgeons, redheads, and ring-necked ducks for the first time. I attribute this in part to the cattails that protect nesting areas and the safe distance between the birds and humans who visit the lake.

- There is no need for a man-made shade structure on the peninsula. It would be too small to provide any meaningful sun protection for very many people. Rather, planting more shade trees on the peninsula would be a natural way to both provide shade and stabilize the soil.

- There is no need for additional access trails from Broadway. The proposed trails would disrupt a habitat that provides natural shelter for deer, fox, and other species.

- What this Wildlife Preserve DOES need is: improvements to the peninsula shoreline and path, better trail maintenance to correct ruts and puddles after run-off, more signage about proper usage (including reminders of restricted areas, leash laws, poop pick-up, and biking etiquette), and most importantly, full-time ranger coverage to enforce existing regulations and encourage mindful and respectful use of the lake area. We believe the size of the Wonderland Lake nature preserve is such that it cannot tolerate much more volume of traffic and sustain its conservation mission. It is already over-used and often abused. We are not here addressing the development of the Foothills Nature Center, but we do encourage thorough community engagement in any planning. We ask that the city, County and Open Space better coordinate resources for providing excellent educational opportunities for the community, especially our kids. Perhaps Walden Ponds, which already has much of the necessary infrastructure in place, could be further developed to become the Flagship Nature Center for Boulder's youth."

- The city does not need any new structures such as a dock, buildings, or picnic areas at Wonderland Lake.
- I hike, walk and run the area and trails above the lake daily to weekly and have been doing so for the last 15 years. In general, I like most of the plan: the bathrooms, fishing pier to improve access, junior ranger facilities, and trail improvements. I don’t feel like a swimming beach is needed nor the viewing boardwalk where it is located; too close to the peninsula. I would suggest placing it a little farther west. Limit the trails east of the dam, but one that parallels the drainage may be fine.
Maintenance and Park Management

- Thanks for reaching out. I'm just heading out of the country for a bit and hope you can take feedback here. My biggest concern is that in re-considering all of this, the idea of doing basic maintenance and minor trail repairs will be stymied for years and the current state will continue to decline. I hope that some significant work can be done to improve the current state of affairs with very minor modifications to trails (to avoid mud, block cutoffs, etc.) will continue to be done. Thanks!
- Maintain and improve what exists, please. Adding structures and traffic will increase pollution to an already fragile ecosystem. We all love it here the way it is: natural. It’s why we live here.
- Thank you for meeting tonight and hearing the concerns of the public. More trees and maintenance of current paths and fences will be much enjoyed and appreciated by all. Return the sign designating the lake as a "wildlife preserve." This is a jewel in our midst. There is no telling how many mental health difficulties this pure and untouched natural habitat has alleviated by walking the lake and breathing in the peace and serenity. Thanks again.
- Let’s start by maintaining what we have: putting in place real trail erosion control (don’t just patch it every 6 months) and increasing patrols for off-leash dogs and poop.

Naturalness and Tranquility/No Need for Change

- I hike the trails at Wonderland Lake frequently. Please leave the area the way it is. It is beautiful and needs no improvement. The other day, there were at least 50 Canada Geese on the lake. I’ve seen many deer, coyotes, and a variety of different birds in the area. Your plan to “improve” the area will have a negative impact on the wildlife and natural beauty of this very special place.
- I walk the trails around the lake very often and, in the main, I think the area works well as it is.
- I walk around the lake, enjoying constant quiet in our suburban neighborhood. North Broadway has become a traffic jam as of about six years ago.
- My husband, two daughters, and I live on Sumac Avenue, right across from the trailhead. We love the open wildness of the area and often stroll the trail, taking in the natural beauty. We would be horrified if the area were built up. Please respect residents’ wishes, which speak to why we’ve chosen to live in Boulder in the first place. The open space and natural beauty are dwindling in this overpopulated region. Please don’t destroy the natural beauty of the place to accommodate our sick culture of growth.
- I have lived in Wonderland Hills since 1976, and I have enjoyed the beautiful scenery and quiet area multiple times a week for my whole life. Please do not go forward with the very extensive, invasive human developments at the lake. This is one of very few quiet areas in Boulder and the plans for the huge man-made additions are way, way more than is needed or wanted in this area.
- Keep it undeveloped!
- Wonderland Lake is a beautiful and natural spot. It should remain unspoiled and natural without the intrusion of structures, signs, etc. Options that enhance and support this natural, untouched environment are welcome.
- I agree that a pier should not be added, and we should limit development on the lake. Higher traffic will disrupt the natural beauty and original state of the area.
- The Wonderland Lake area is a little paradise on earth.
- I go to the lake quite frequently. Any development would take away the serenity and beauty of the lake. The plan is totally ridiculous!
- We frequently hike in the area, and we appreciate our connection with nature and the serenity there. We approve enlarging the Nature Center to accommodate activities by Junior Rangers, but we strongly urge you to keep Wonderland Lake as it is. Development on the lake is not appropriate. A fishing pier is most certainly not appropriate, and we strongly object to any artificial intrusions into the lake. Please keep Wonderland Lake as it is and keep "repairs" to a minimum and only as needed.
- I love how natural the lake is. It is peaceful and natural. I am afraid of the impact on the beauty and wildlife if you further develop the lake. It will also have a very negative impact on vehicle/bus traffic and pedestrians. The intersection is already dangerous, and many children cross the road to catch the bus to school. If you increase visitors to the lake, you also impact safety on Broadway.
- I walk and hike the lake area alone, with friends, and with hiking partners. I meditate on the peninsula. I birdwatch with binoculars. I ice skate when winters provide enough cold for thick ice. I love this Open Space for its wildness and its naturalness as an antidote to the noise and fast moving parts of our lives that surround it. I applaud the city and us citizens for their foresight and courage in preserving something so special. I love the idea of adding more trees for shade. I think an upgrade to the Ranger station with a public toilet makes sense. But I am very concerned with the parts of the proposal that clearly encroach on nature: the pier and the boardwalks are, quite frankly, a terrible idea. Hard surfaces on the "fragile" shores of the lake so children and dogs can wade is just not right, to say nothing of the inherent risk. I fear the increase in visitors and the time during construction of said proposal would surely change the trust the birds and animals have come to know, resulting in their moving on. What a tragedy for us all.
- I lived in Dakota Ridge for 12 years, walked it almost daily, and still go walking on the Wonderland Lake trail after moving to Pine Brook Hills this summer. The area is pristine and natural. The people who use the trails are respectful of nature and are for the most part "regulars." This resource should be preserved in its current state. Very few people fish off the bank and some who do have children who enjoy the rocks and the views. Do not destroy this natural tranquility and beauty by building a NOT-needed pier; this is not a lake that can support heavy fishing and a boardwalk because this is, in essence, a tiny lake area. It is perfect the way it is. This is totally the wrong design for the area; it is overkill that will kill its natural beauty. Why don't you focus instead on improving the walking paths that surround the lake and the connecting Dakota Ridge Trail across the creek? That is a dangerous area at times.
- I live in a house backing onto the south side of Wonderland Lake. I think the lake and surrounding area should remain natural for the benefit of wildlife and humans. Living in a city is hard enough on everyone. We need natural areas, and there are so few of this size.
- Wonderland Lake is such an oasis, peaceful and tranquil, even though so many people come here already. Their impact is aligned with the nature preserve that has been created here. The new proposal conflicts with where the ducks and geese mate, breed, and raise their young. We need to learn to be quiet in harmony with nature, not turn it into a spectacle. Money being spent on preserving this oasis could be used to play small evergreens along Broadway to curtail the noise pollution from traffic noise. Wonderland lake is "wonderful" the way it is. Why in the world would you want to change it? Widening the path makes no sense. It will only negatively impact the residents. LEAVE IT ALONE!!!
- I live on Norwood Avenue east of Broadway, and when I have a chance for a neighborhood walk, I go westward up the fire access path west of Broadway and then cut over to walk
along or around the lake. When I have out-of-town guests, I often take them on this neighborhood walk, and the lake and foothills delight and amaze them. Please do not add "stuff" to the lake. It is perfect as it is. There are other fishing locations.

- I walk myself and often my dog around the lake nearly daily. What I love most (and love it is) about this daily ritual is the wide-open, unobstructed vista. In regard to human "enhancements" of natural locations, I firmly believe less is more. Nature can speak for herself! The only change I support among those proposed are the educational signs. Also, I am somewhat terrified that dogs will no longer be on-leash. I am terrified for my 20-pound pooch who will be charged by aggressive or eager dogs many multiples of my dog's size. Already a certain percentage of dog walkers keep their dogs on 20-foot leashes and allow them to charge my dog, saying "he's friendly, don't worry!" Well, tell that to my little dog, who always prepares himself for the worst. Bottom line: Please, just let Wonderland Lake be Wonderland Lake!

- Plain and simple, this is a terrible idea. Let things be. All Boulder citizens and visitors are welcomed and free to visit and fish at the lake anytime as is. They don’t need or want a Santa Monica Pier at the quietest, most pristine, and waterfowl-friendly body of water in town.

- Leave the lake area as it is! Spend your money elsewhere. I love the natural and semi-wild feel of the trials, cattails, dog park, the parasailers, and the whole vibe. It’s one area of Boulder that feels relaxed and not micro-managed. The "improvements" will be over-planned and generic. A bench or two and even the nature center is fine, but no more! Let well enough alone. It’s great the way it is.

- "If you build it, they will come." I’m very concerned that this beautiful area that is so much a part of the NoBo neighborhood living experience will be inundated with visitors and tourists; just like the Chautauqua, Mt. Sanitas, and Sunshine Canyon Sanctuary trails, as well as every other open space area the city “improves.”

- I love the area the way it is. It is free and open to anyone to use. It feels nearly pristine. I don’t need any more amenities or man-made features to enjoy the peace and quiet that the lake provides.

- Hi, and thanks for the opportunity to give input. I have lived in this neighborhood for nearly 23 years and have walked around Wonderland Lake almost daily most of those years. I love the serenity of the natural environment here and am opposed to the proposed development for the reasons listed on this page. I know that we are a rapidly growing town and need to accommodate growth. At the same time, I believe that improved maintenance of existing trails and a handrail at the north/east end would be preferred. I walk from home and am not as knowledgeable regarding the need for parking near Broadway. Increased parking is acceptable if an appropriate study is done to determine actual needs per day and per week. I have seen cars parked on Broadway, but only on weekend days.

- I walk the Wonderland Lake loop often with our dog and have done so for decades. The best part of Wonderland lake is the peace and quiet, and I don’t think removing the cattails is warranted. If you want to put one bench to view the wildlife and wetlands, that would be fine, but I don’t think we need nor desire a visitor center or pier. Maintain the existing trails. For your information, I also go to Boulder Valley Ranch every day, and there has been zero maintenance of Eagle Trail or mitigation of erosion when it rains or snows.

- This is a gorgeous and pristine natural area. Walking around the lake almost daily brings us calmness and peace of mind, and it would be a horrible idea to turn it into a recreational area. Where do we go to connect with nature if this plan is enacted? Please dump the dock idea. Please go away and leave us alone to enjoy nature.
When our family lived on Poplar Avenue, we literally walked around Wonderland Lake every day, often twice a day. I walked along the lake to work every day when I used to teach at Shining Mountain Waldorf School. When I used to teach early childhood there, our class walked to the lake once a week. We loved the natural beauty, the serenity, the wildlife, and the simple trails where we always see someone we know in our community. Please keep the lake the way it is, with its natural beauty and serene environment. Please, do not add man-made structures, more parking, and more human activity to Wonderland Lake. It is one last piece of natural refuge in North Boulder. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Wonderland Lake is used and appreciated as a natural wildlife refuge, as a place for walking, fishing, meditating, and appreciating the wildlife and increasing bird life. I see people of all ages enjoying it quietly in many ways: practicing tai chi on the banks of the lake in the early morning, taking family photos on a sunny afternoon, fishing from the dam, walking their dogs, etc. It is appreciated as a quiet, simple space; it is not overly developed. Please do not “improve” it with a boardwalk, a pier, more parking! Several lakes in Boulder (Walden, the Reservoir, Sawhill Ponds, the kids’ fishing ponds) all have more parking, fishing, etc. We do not need to add that here in the middle of a neighborhood. Thank you!

I am against any plan that disturbs or alters the areas directly around Wonderland Lake. This is a precious, beautiful area which is a sanctuary to the remaining wildlife in the area. This should stay as a natural-looking area, and not turned into a park-like setting.

I think Wonderland Lake should be kept a more natural area for wildlife with its minimal trails and hiking paths. Please allow this beautiful area to remain wilder.

Process

I was one of the many people last night who couldn’t get into the room at North Boulder Rec Center. I appreciated Dan Burke’ remarks, especially hearing that the fishing pier and boardwalk will not be built and that 2019 will be a year for gathering community input and planning rather than implementation. I left before much of the community comment because I couldn’t hear.

My wife and I attended the meeting one week ago and here are my comments based on your comment cards. But first, let me say, briefly, that we felt very hopeful after the meeting, inspired by both the openness of OSMP/the city and the community’s coming together. So, thanks!

This is a joke, right? Activities that include teaching youth to fish are under attack; please build the pier for my kids. There are terrible assumptions from this website that the area will attract bad folks; shame on you, residents.

I am writing in support of the North Trail Study Plan in large part.

I find the proposed development of Wonderland Lake to be another attempt by the city to gobble up each and every piece of open land. Doing so with this particular property would be a sad loss.

We were very active in meetings and planning about the present trail system. The shoreline of the lake was being damaged by human activity. The trails were built and fenced, and the habitat was protected. The fishing pier seems a bit large and the boardwalk perhaps also. Human activity is concentrated there now. All the shoreline and habitat zones MUST be protected, or they will be trampled. Wonderland Lake is one of the few relatively pristine spots in town. Is there really a need to turn it into a public-use pond? Why does staff think this is an important use change? I would like to hear more.

I am terribly disheartened to hear of this plan, and I will do everything I can as a local resident to prevent the development of this pristine, highly treasured small patch of
wilderness in our neighborhood. For 25 years, I have reverently walked around this lake, appreciating the quiet beauty and the wildlife: the herons on the lake, the ducks and birds.

- I was one of the many people who could not get into the room last night at the North Boulder Rec Center to hear and participate in the discussion. While I have provided earlier feedback on the plan, there are many unresolved issues in how this area is being managed. I do not feel that the city staff nor the city council has provided the services with the rapid growth of North Boulder; growth pushed there with a lack of integrated planning of the ecosystem, trails, parks, transportation, water, road infrastructure, and the list goes on. It is unfortunate that the city did not plan for a larger space for the meeting and failed to avoid a night on which the city council had its meeting; something that was well known in advance. Of relevance to the Wonderland Lake discussion is the following:
  - Trails are not maintained well. Last summer, the Old Kiln trail was crumbling in places along the creek.
  - The trail crossing of the creek south of Lee Hill Road is not sustainable nor is it accessible to the wide variety of people who like to hike that trail. It consists of stepping rocks in the creek, which of course is difficult for those with balance issues, and those with babies; bikes just drive through the creek bed. I don’t understand why an appropriate bridge structure was not built for bikes and walkers so that the creek bed is not disturbed and safety is achieved.
  - There is little monitoring of the misuse of the Wonderland Lake area. For example, I routinely see teams of bikes riding off-trail in the grassy areas at the edges of the lake. Also, I have witnessed homeless sleeping along the shores of the lake and children swimming in the lake.
  - Little attention has been paid to the increased road traffic that comes to the lake, specifically along Utica Avenue. There are times when this road become so congested that it is one-way. People come to the lake and park on Utica Avenue even with spaces available at the designated trailheads. I even had CU students lounging in my yard one summer afternoon waiting for the professor and the rest of the class to return from a field trip in the area.
  - Utica Avenue is one of the worst maintained roads, with significant potholes, multiple “stop-gap repairs,” and several water main breaks. Compared with other roads in the area, it is suffering from city neglect. I note that the roads in South Boulder are in much better condition (including Broadway).
  - In general, I have found that the city staff and city council are not strategic planners, nor are they very good at implementation nor at communication. They lack the perspective and talent that is required for a city of the size of Boulder and still think that this is a small town. I suggest a hard look be taken at whether Boulder needs major reform of its governance structure.

- I thought of a couple of other things I wanted to add to my initial comments at the meeting:
  1. before any development would happen, consider an environmental impact study addressing structures, human traffic quantities and other issues that could impact the flora, fauna and all life in the area so that that is known.
  2. As I was walking up on the open space today, it occurred to me on the muddy paths, that it might be a reasonable thing to close the paths that go up the hills west of the lake when it rains or snows. They were a mess today and is made messier and degraded as we walked through or around the mud. May not be a popular remedy, but perhaps encourage to avoid, just with signs to cut down on the human impact of the erosion during rains/snow/melt could be helpful for the land.
  3. It would be helpful to have another 1-2 bins possibly around the lake for dog poop/trash. It’s pretty good right now, but I often think it would be helpful to have one
along the top of the hill west of the lake (near the cut through to Utica Ave), or further north, but it is pretty good already.

4. In general, I want to see the area to remain undeveloped, no more than it already is. There are plenty of places for people, kids and others to congregate—parks in the area, playground, dog parks, and sports parks. The trails are well used and always will need maintenance due to erosion from the elements and from human use. I would love to see money continue in this area for Junior Rangers and other programs. I don’t want to see more human interaction or development that interferes with the natural refuge that the animals already take there.

Thank you.

- Following up on the recent town meeting regarding Wonderland Lake, here are some additional comments. First of all, Dan Burke’s announcement and mea culpa at the January 15th town meeting were greatly appreciated. It was an encouraging start to rebuilding trust with the community. That said, the trust between the city and its residents is tenuous. Recent city council actions would lead many to conclude that the city council is more interested in advancing their vision of the Boulder brand than in the actual Boulder experience of its residents (i.e., the taxpayers). More specific to the matter of the next steps for the Wonderland Lake and North Trails project, we were told that there would be no fishing pier and boardwalk facilities being considered and there would be no implementation of the larger trail plan in 2019. This sounds good on its surface, but actions speak louder than words and the increased number of markers on the North Trails recently would easily lead one to conclude that the city is merely playing possum and hoping that the interest in Wonderland Lake and the surrounding trails will abate so that they can proceed with their original plans, unfettered by residents (e.g., redefine the Wonderland Lake area as a general-use city park rather than a wildlife preserve). I hope that I am dead wrong and that the conservation messages from the January 15th meeting and other input resonates in a deep and permanent way with the city. In a more positive vein, here are some thoughts about the Wonderland Lake and OSMP direction:

  - The Foothills Community Park (FCP) is the equivalent of three blocks north of Wonderland Lake. The FCP already has 1) parking; 2) bathrooms; 3) picnic and shade areas; 4) playing fields, roller hockey rink, etc. The views are spectacular, and the access to trails is right there. It is perfect for an expansion of a junior ranger program or other nature camp activities. Let’s use the infrastructure that’s already in place.

  - Let’s find alternate uses for those budget dollars that will have an immediate and beneficial impact on the community. For example, trail etiquette has deteriorated significantly over the recent years. The vast majority of hikers do not know or follow the basic rules of the trail that make it a positive experience for everyone. Specifically, the neglect of basic things like giving the right of way to the uphill hiker; getting muddy on wet days; staying to the right when oncoming hikers are present; picking up trash and dog waste, etc., have led to cross words and a disruption of the harmony on the trails. With usage increasing each season, it is important that users know how to follow basic trail etiquette. It would be beneficial to put together a trail etiquette training program for all Boulderites and visitors that might include signs, inserts into utility bills, classes, “welcome wagon” materials for new arrivals, school programs, etc.

  - Another alternative use for budget dollars would be a clean-up program to eliminate human waste and garbage at Central Park, Eben G. Fine Park, and all along Boulder Creek. It is baffling that with all the efforts to integrate and accommodate the homeless there is not a work program whereby participants can get resume
building experience by helping with park maintenance and have some skin in the game here. Those who take should also give.

- There are numerous fishing piers already in the city park portfolio. If these existing facilities need to be upgraded to better accommodate young and old anglers, then that seems like a reasonable thing to do. The whole plastic, Disney view of how kids need to interact with nature via yet another man-made structure is the antithesis of having a true nature experience.
- While probably not glamorous enough for the city council, taxpayer money would also be well spent filling potholes and repaving some of our deteriorating streets.

The community’s overwhelming feedback regarding Wonderland Lake was that conservation of this wildlife reserve is extremely important to the taxpayers and to all the wildlife that relies on this beautiful and fragile area. Again, I deeply hope that the messages from the January 15th meeting and other input resonates in a deep and permanent way with the city.

Other Recreation

- I want the fishing pier to teach my kid to fish without being interrupted by walkers.
- I fish at Wonderland Lake with my boys, and we love it. I do support a small dock or two for fishing access. I don’t see this to be a problem, but an improvement for the kids.
- I love the idea of the fishing pier. I’ve taught my grandchildren to fish at Wonderland, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife stocks the lake with trout my grandkids can easily catch. What a great opportunity to introduce youngsters to fishing without an iPad. What a travesty to not educate youth about angling. Thank you, Boulder, for a fishing pier for anglers, paid for by anglers. Residents, you do not own the lake; let’s be respectful of all stakeholders.
- I read in the Daily Camera (1/14/2019 edition, pages 1A-2A) that one proposal is to prohibit ice skating on the lake. While there are a few days per year when it is safe to skate on the lake, it is delightful to be able to do so. Prohibiting ice skating would be a mistake in my opinion. I personally have skated on it many times, and I have had family members and friends join me on occasion. Skating does no harm to the lake or its many other visitors (humans and wildlife). Please continue to allow for ice skating on Wonderland Lake. Thank you.

Trails, Hiking, and Walking

- I walk there to get exercise and enjoy nature.
- Although I live in South Boulder, I very much enjoy hiking around uncluttered Wonderland Lake with its views.
- First, before any money goes to a new project, existing city of Boulder trails need to be repaired and maintained.
- As a local resident, my husband and I use the lake area almost daily to walk, bike, or run. With the amount of development in North Boulder, traffic along Broadway, and the increase in homeless individuals along Broadway, we are in favor of a more passive park.
- I’ve used the underpass from Riverside Avenue to the Wonderland Lake trails for 27 years.
- I walk the Wonderland area as much as I can to find a sense of peace in the day, enjoy the views mountains and of the habitat preserve. I have a dog that I will walk, but I also walk the trails by myself. I walk from Broadway around the lake, up to the Foothills Park and beyond. On weekends, I like to walk the trails that go up into the foothills that are beyond the lake. I will get up early to walk the lake before work or will walk after work, so I am there at various times of the day.
- I use the lake as a walking space. I walk the perimeter of the entire lake and enjoy looking back at the Flatirons. The views are breathtaking and remind me of how fortunate we are here in Boulder to have this natural landscape with protected Open Space.
- I live in the Wonderland Lake area, but not in direct sight of the lake. I walk the trails around and beyond the lake every day, and I find considerable value in its natural beauty and wildlife during these walks, as do visitors who occasionally join me on walks.
- I walk around the lake at least five times a week.
- My family and I have easy access to the lake via the underpass (just one block away) that leads right into the trail to the lake. We walk or bike around the lake with varying frequency throughout the year, and it is one of the great things that drew us to purchasing our home in Rural North Boulder.

Other
- Hello; thank you for listening to our comments. I am a Wonderland Meadows (Utica Circle) resident. I love Wonderland Lake and use it many times a week for walking and bird watching.
- I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the proposed plans.
- I think this sounds like an overall good proposal to make this central open space more usable and educational. As long as environmental concerns are taken into consideration and there won’t be long-term damage to the wildlife or vegetation, I’m all for it. I also like the idea of creating additional designated trails to minimize people going off trail (which does more damage, as I understand it).
- I have lived in the Wonderland Lake neighborhood on Promontory Court for 26 years. I do appreciate having the open space next to my home and also the efforts being made by the city to preserve these natural habitats, while also making it accessible to the public. BUT...regarding the proposed lofty plans for the Wonderland Lake project, I have significant concerns, which are summarized below.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM WONDERLANDLAKE.COM:
January 15, 2019 to January 22, 2019
ADDITIONAL RESPONSES PROVIDED ON WONDERLANDLAKE.COM

Many residents provided input to OSMP via comments submitted on wonderlandlake.com, a community website. In addition to general comments, the website collected information on two additional questions about respondents’ relationship to Wonderland Lake and the proposed project. Responses to those questions are provided below.

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Additional provided information, by category

- **Daily, almost daily, or multiple times per day**
  - Weather permitting.
  - My husband and I walk our dog around twice a day, every day.
- **Infrequently**
  - Rarely; I live in Fourmile Canyon, but I am concerned for the area.
- **Weekly/several times per week**
  - Weekly during the summer months.
  - Multiple times a week in warmer weather.
- **Other**
  - 25-30 times a year or more.
  - 300-plus times per year.
  - 4 to 6 times a year.
  - As often as possible, health and weather permitting. My visits range from 3 times a week; sometimes more, sometimes less.
  - I live next door.
  - Once a year.
  - When bicycling in the warmer months from my home near west Boulder.

ARE YOU A WONDERLAND HILLS RESIDENT?

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Additional provided information, by category

• Yes
  o Yes: my house looks down to it from Promontory Court
  o Yes, for 40 years
  o Yes, for 32 years
  o Yes, I live nearby
  o Yes, a quarter of a mile from the lake
  o Yes, for 34 years
  o Yes, for over 30 years!!

• No
  o Forest Glen.
  o Wonderland Meadows (Utica Circle).
  o No, but I live nearby.
  o No, but nearby.
  o Chautauqua Hill resident.
  o I live near 19th and Upland.
  o I live on Sumac Avenue directly across Broadway from the Wonderland Lake parking lot.
  o No, I'm a resident of North Boulder.
  o No, we live adjacent to Wonderland Hills.
  o No. I reside on Riverside Avenue.
  o No. I'm a resident who pays OSMP taxes.
  o Not now, but I have been.

• Other
  o I am a close-by neighbor.
  o Colorado.
  o I have lived in North Boulder for 18 years. Our family lived at Poplar and 7th for three years. We now live in Dakota Ridge and walk around Wonderland Lake regularly, three to five times a week.
  o I live two blocks from Broadway on Redwood Avenue.
  o I live east of Broadway on Orchard Avenue.
  o I live in North Boulder.
  o I live in Wonderland North on Locust Avenue.
  o I live just southeast of Wonderland Hills in the Silver Lake Orchards neighborhood.
  o I live on Sumac Avenue across from the Wonderland Lake parking lot.
  o I live across Broadway on Tamarack Avenue.
  o We are just east of Wonderland Lake.
  o We live about 15 minutes from the lake by foot.
  o We live nearby in the Wellington Gardens neighborhood of North Boulder.
  o We live on Periwinkle Drive.