Schafer State Park is used and valued by the community. Members of the public and stakeholders were engaged in the design process through a series of public meetings and an online survey. Site analysis and programming work sessions were conducted with Washington State Parks staff and key stakeholders.

Stakeholder Charrette and Meeting 1

On November 1, 2018 the first stakeholder meeting was held to allow local stakeholders to give input on what they would like to see at the state park. Stakeholders attending the meeting included: Washington State Parks, FOSLS, SNAP, neighbors, and the design team. A charrette was used to communicate and develop the ideas for the future of Schafer State Park. Afterwards, a meeting was held on November 28, 2018 between the design team and State Parks to recap the discussions that occurred during the charrette and the next steps to developing draft concept alternatives. See Appendix A for the notes from the meeting and charrette.
Public Meeting 1

Possible park activities and alternative park concepts were presented and discussed in Public Meeting 1 on December 5, 2018. Attendees were given five green dots and one red dot to place next to programming ideas on printed poster boards. Green dots indicated a “great” idea. Red dots indicated an idea that the individual was not in favor of seeing implemented at Schafer State Park. Favorite activities identified during the preference exercise included:

- Welcome Center and new entrance
- Comfort Station with showers
- Campsites designed for RV or Tent Camping
- Cabins (5 for 7 against)
- Campsites spaced apart to maximize experience
- Children’s play features
- River beach (access)
- Riverside gathering space
- Bridge over East Fork Satsop River (pedestrian)
- Native Plant Arboretum
- Expanded Trail System, North Bank
- Picnicking
- Side-channel Habitat
- Forest Habitat (enhancement)
- Crushed Rock Trails
- Dirt Trails
- Bird and Nature Viewing

Note: Items in italics received 10 or more green dots.
Online Survey Results Summary

In general, the online survey results appear to closely match the dot preference results received at the public meeting. The number of respondents was fairly limited (40) and respondents were primarily between the ages of 55 and 75, which therefore does not greatly reflect the interests of children, teenagers or young adults. Items identified by 50% or more of respondents as important or very important include:

- Tent camping
- Restrooms
- Picnic tables
- Environmental education
- Parking
- Unpaved biking and walking trails
- Bird/nature viewing
- Aquatic habitat enhancement
- River fishing
- River beaches
- RV camping
- Group fire pit/gathering
- areas for day use
- Children’s play features
- Open play meadow
- Spaces for community events and gatherings
- Rearing pond habitat
- Pedestrian bridge over East Fork Satsop River
- Floating put-in/pull-out spots
- Hand-carried boating
- Native plant arboretum
- Amphitheater/outdoor classroom

Stakeholder Meeting 2

A second stakeholder meeting was held on February 6, 2019 with the design team and Washington State Parks. The meeting included a recap and discussion of the previous public meeting and presentation of the draft concept alternatives. A preferred concept alternative was identified to present at the next public meeting. See Appendix A for the meeting notes.

Public Meeting 2

The design team and Washington State Parks staff met with the public on February 27th, 2019 to discuss the updated draft preferred concept plan based on the first round of community input. Public comments were documented and taken into consideration in the preparation of the final concept plan. See Appendix A for the notes from the meeting.
Program

Uses and Facilities

The project program is a summary of the uses, facilities and specific actions to support the goals. They are formed from the site investigation, CAMP, and community input and provide the basis for the Preliminary Concept Alternatives and the final Concept Plan.

- Address flooding impacts on the park
- Expand camping with improved and year-round sites
- Expand day use areas and activities
- Increase group-camping areas
- Install new toilets, showers, picnic shelter
- Enhance river recreation access
- Expand the existing trail system
- Attract visitors with new activities or amenities
- Develop the park to host future gatherings and events
- Remove diseased trees and replant
- Preserve and enhance natural ecologies
- Interpret the historic and ecological value of the park
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The design team developed three alternatives for the project area guided by the CAMP, project-guiding design principles, and State Parks staff and stakeholder input. Alternatives A, A-1 and B were presented to State Parks, stakeholders and the public (December 2018). Upon receiving feedback, State Parks and the design team held a screening meeting and an agency review meeting. A preferred concept was developed and supported by the project stakeholders. This was refined to become the final Concept Plan.