



The **Core Values and Guiding Principles in the Master Plan** address how people will use the park, how it should be managed, what the teaching opportunities are, and what its inherent character is. The five categories provide a foundation for the recommendations in the Master Plan and help define principles that will guide future park improvements:

Please review the listed Guiding Principles and identify which principles you believe are most important as we move forward in planning for Errol Heights Park.

Recreation Needs:

- Provide a variety of spaces and facilities that are appropriate to the site and its designation as a hybrid park.
- Meet recreation needs of existing and future area residents in designated areas.

Environmental Restoration:

- Develop a “systems” approach to improve habitat values for flora and fauna through an ongoing program of invasive species removal and habitat restoration.
- Protect quality of waterway by providing fish habitat for resting and rearing.
- Establish a process for ongoing evaluation of hydrology and use to inform and design restoration improvements
- Control human and domestic animal access into restoration sites and natural areas.
- Restore wetland habitat, function and quality.

Interpretive Programs:

- Provide opportunities for students and people to learn about the site, its natural resources and its history.
- Provide restoration involvement opportunity for school groups, neighbors, and Johnson Creek Watershed Council.

Beauty and Character of the Site:

- Enhance and improve the park’s visual character through a vegetation management program
- Honor and respect the park’s historic and cultural precedents.
- Continue legacy of neighborhood involvement and partnerships with neighborhoods, Friends groups, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, and others.
- Educate others about stream stewardship and assist in altering habits and practices to better protect Errol Creek.

Access and Circulation:

- Develop a circulation system for the park to connect the site to adjacent neighborhoods and to the Springwater Trail.
- Improve access to the park for pedestrians and maintenance vehicles. Provide limited parking areas where needed for automobiles and school buses.



- Parking areas should not be located within the current park boundaries but should instead be sited along existing roads.
- Develop a pathway system that integrates the park's three access points. The system should include a loop connecting the lower basin to the upper recreation area.
- The path system will consist of two trail types: hard surface path that meets ADA requirements and is 5'-8' wide, and soft surface paths built of bark mulch or gravel and be used in natural areas where there are no ADA accessibility requirements.
- Access into sensitive natural areas should be discouraged and limited to maintenance functions.
- Eliminate the use of rogue trails with educational signage, fences and restoration plantings.