

Henningsen-Lotus Park Concept Plan Survey Results

A total of 121 people responded to the survey, which was available from September 6th through September 27th. Two individuals provide their input via e-mail and their responses were manually entered for them. The survey was advertised through a variety of means including:

- El Dorado County Project Website
- El Dorado Fire District Message Board on Lotus Road
- Posters and Information Cards distributed through local venues (see attached)
- E-Mail Announcement to the Coloma-Lotus News List
- E-Mail Announcement to the members of the Concept Plan Advisory Group with the request that they distribute the information to their interested contacts
- E-Mail Announcement to August 27th Community Open-House Attendees (51)
- E-Mail to the Project Contact List comprising additional individuals who requested to be notified about project activities

The survey questions followed the same format as the input posters developed for the Community Open House event held on August 27th so that people who could not attend the Open House were provided with an equivalent opportunity to give their input and ideas.

Each survey question is restated below, followed by the number of people who responded to the question, a summary of response topics, and number of times the topic was mentioned.

Q1. Tell us your thoughts and ideas about any aspect of Facilities, such as: restrooms/ pavilion; landscaping; picnic shelter; picnic tables and barbecues; trash cans, benches, drinking fountains; and anything else.

85 people (70%) responded to this question.

Response Topic	# of Respondents
Park is Fine As Is	32
More Shaded Picnic Area	22
Shade/Trees	18
More Picnic Areas/Tables	11
More Rest Rooms	8
Drinking Fountains	8
More Landscaping	5
BBQs	5
Benches	5
Renovate Rest Rooms	4
Bank Stabilization	4
Safety/Maintenance Concerns	4

Music Pavilion/Stage	3
Improve Pavilion	3
More Trash/Recycle Cans	3
Expand Put-in Area	3
Keep Open Lawn	2
White Water Park General	2
Bank Improvements	2
Bridge Across River	2
Trails	2
Separate Rafter Area	2
Dog Park	2
Showers	2
Bury Power Lines	2
More Shore Access	1
Facilities for Disabled	1
Horse Shoe Pits	1
Fee for Play Area Only	1
More Par Course Stations	1
White Water Play Area Limited	1
River Viewing Areas	1
Resurfacing	1
Interpretive Signs	1
Community Kiosk	1
More Parking	1
Paraglider Landing Area	1
Basketball Courts	1
Reservations for Picnic Area/Shade Structure	1

Q2. Tell us your thoughts and ideas about any aspect of Park Operations, such as: fees; hours of operation; special event coordination; parking and traffic; maintenance; and anything else.

66 people (55%) responded to this question.

Response Topic	# of Respondents
Operations are OK As Is	18
Current Fees are OK	10
Annual Pass for All Activities and/or Parking	7
Reduce Fees	6
Reduced Rate for Locals	6
Need More Parking	6
Free Parking	4
Better Parking Enforcement	4
Desire for White Water Park	4
Change Operating Hours	3
Free to Locals	2

Free to All	2
Fees are Too Low	2
Safety Concern at Lotus Road	2
Powerline Safety/Removal	2
More Special Events	2
Increase Fees to Support Whitewater Improvements	2
Enforce No-Alcohol and Drugs	2
Family Passes	2
Add Trails and Sidewalks	2
Only Collect Fees on Weekends/Peak Times	1
Ban/limit/enforce No-smoking	1
Ban/enforce No-glass	1
Not Enough Restrooms	1
Better Restroom Cleanliness	1
Better Publicity of Scheduled Events	1
Auto-renew/Online Renewal	1
Designated Paragliding Landing Zone	1
Clean-up	1
Preferred Parking for Pass Holders	1
Free Parking at North Entrance	1

Q3. Tell us your thoughts and ideas about any aspect of Play Area and Sports Fields, such as: availability; condition; location; accessibility/ ADA; other facilities needed; and anything else.

67 people (55%) responded to this question.

Response Topic	# of Respondents
OK As Is	19
Remove Power Poles/Lines	12
Add Whitewater Play Park	9
Add Basketball Court	5
Designated Paragliding Landing Area	5
Add Skate Park	3
Add Disc Golf Course	3
Add Toddler/Infant Swings	3
Issues with Dog Cleanup	3
Improve Upkeep of Facilities/Fields	3
Manage Canada Geese	2
Children's Water/Spray Play	2
Add BMX Park	2
Add Toddler Playground	2
Add Climbing Wall/Bouldering Rock	2
Add Big Play Structure	2
Manage Invasive Plants/Weeds	2
More Connectivity with Trails	2

Limit Smoking	2
Trash Problem	2
Expand Beach/River Access	2
Add Shuffle Board Court	1
Add Paddle Tennis Court	1
Add Ball Wall	1
Add Roller Hockey Court	1
Add Monkey Bars	1
Add Big Slide	1
Add Balance Beam	1
Add Off-leash Dog Area	1
Add Sand Volleyball Court	1
Have Local Softball League	1
Add Track	1
No Expansion of Sports Fields or Rafting	1
Additional Restrooms	1
Speed Bumps are Too High	1
Add Lacrosse	1
Free Parking for Play Area	1
More Shade Structures	1
Need More Parking	1
Too Many Leagues Scheduled on Fields	1
Don't Allow Sports on River Side of Lotus Road	1
More Shaded Grass Areas	1

Q4. Tell us your thoughts and ideas about any aspect of Trails, such as: existing paved path; new trail connections; condition of trails; trail user safety; circulation; and anything else.

53 people (44%) responded to this question.

Response Topic	# of Respondents
OK as is	10
Litter Problem	1
Graffiti Problem	1
Vandalism	1
Natural Trails	2
Trails Accessible to Dogs	1
Improve Parking	1
Trail Improvements	9
More Connections (to State Park Marhsall Gold Discovery Park, Monroe Ridge Trail, Lotus Road, Hwy 49 Bridge)	25
More Trails To and/or Along River	4
Bike Paths/Lanes on Lotus Road	4
Maintain Consistent Look	1
More Picnic Area/River Access	3

Horse Trails and Staging Areas	2
Trail Maps/Smart Phone App	1
Safety Concern	2
Fitness Stations	1
Not Aware of Trails	2

Q5. Tell us your thoughts and ideas about any aspect of River Access, such as: put-in/ take-out; beach conditions; safety; bank protection/ erosion; beach locations; and anything else.

58 people (48%) responded to this question.

Response Topic	# of Respondents
OK As Is	20
Additional/Improved River Access	7
Concerns About Erosion Control	7
Expand Beach	7
Remove Invasive Plants/Weeds	6
Crowded/overused	5
Add Play Area and Viewing area	4
Separate area for rafters/boaters	4
Broken Glass	2
Expand Launch Area	2
More Natural Landscaping/Environment	2
New River Safety Signs	2
Not Family Friendly	2
Rule Enforcement	2
Trash Problems	2
Additional Parking	1
Ban Alcohol	1
Concerns About Flooding	1
Designated Boat Take Out Area	1
More Trails/Connectivity	1
Protect the Environment	1

Q6. Tell us your thoughts and ideas about any aspect of River Use, such as: swimming/ tubing; kayaking; rafting; adding whitewater features; mineral extraction/ dredging; and anything else.

73 people (60%) responded to this question.

Response Topic	# of Respondents
Add Whitewater Features/Park	40
No Motorized Mineral Extraction	12
OK As Is	9

No Extra Whitewater Features	9
Gold Suction Dredging Okay	3
Ease Regulations	2
Additional Beach Access	2
Need Alcohol Enforcement	2
Need Rule Enforcement	2
Add Wading Area for Kids	2
More Safety Signage	2
No Commercial Rafting	1
Clean Up Graffiti	1
Need Lifejacket Enforcement	1
Glass is a Problem	1
Need Area for Dogs	1

Q7. Tell us your thoughts and ideas about any other aspects of the park.

48 people (40%) responded to this question.

Response Topic	# of Respondents
OK As Is	10
Add Whitewater Play Park/Features	9
Remove Power Poles/Lines	4
More Shade/Trees	3
Focus on Needs of Local Community	3
Designate Paragliding Landing Area	3
Acquire Additional Land	2
Increase Patrols/Enforcement	2
No Major Changes	2
Build-out Park	2
Improve/Protect Access to River	2
Inform Public About Plans	1
Protect Private Property Rights	1
Ban Alcohol	1
Add Disc Golf	1
Extend Trails	1
Improve Natural Trails	1
Off Leash Dog Problem	1
Add Pedestrian Bridge Over River	1
More Trails/Connectivity	1
Maintain Family Friendly Feel	1
Preserve Natural River Corridor	1
Add Dog Park	1
Allow Organized Camping	1
More Concerts	1
Better Control of Unruly Groups	1
River Trail Improvements	1

Issues with Park Staff	1
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Q8. Which statement best matches your views about white water facilities at HLP?

121 people (100%) responded to this question.

Statement	Total Responses	Responses by Place of Residence		
		Coloma/Lotus Area	Other El Dorado County Area	Outside El Dorado County
I don't know how I feel about this.	11	4	5	2
I do not want any changes to the river or park specifically for white water activities, but other changes to the park would be OK.	22	15	5	2
I could support some simple in-river features with changes to the park to support viewing areas for special events.	12	3	7	2
I could support some simple in-river features but no changes to the park itself.	7	4	2	1
I could support major features added to the river but no changes to the park itself.	3	-	1	2
I could support major features added to the river and the park to support white water events.	66	26	17	23

Note: This question had a much higher response rate than any other previous question. This may be attributed to multiple choice format of the question and the level of public interest on the question of whitewater facilities at HLP. Analysis of the responses shows that 19 of the 121 respondents to this question did not provide any other non-whitewater related responses to the survey. This indicates that their primary purpose in completing the survey was to weigh in on this question. Their responses by place of residence are shown in the following table.

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		Coloma/Lotus Area	Other El Dorado County Area	Outside El Dorado County
I do not want any changes to the river or park specifically for white water activities, but other changes to the park would be OK.	2	1	-	1
I could support some simple in-river features with changes to the park to support viewing areas for special events.	1	-	1	-
I could support major features added to the river but no changes to the park itself.	1	-	-	1
I could support major features added to the river and the park to support white water events.	15	6	2	7

Q9. Where do you live?

121 people (100%) responded to this question.

Location	# of Responses	% of Total
Coloma/Lotus Area	52	43%
Other El Dorado County Area	37	31%
Outside El Dorado County	32	26%
Total	121	100%

Q10. If you would like to receive further information about the Henningsen-Lotus Park Concept Plan as the project progresses, please provide your e-mail address.

62 people (51%) provided e-mail addresses in response to this question.