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Greetings!

I'm in the process of building a home on Orcas to move my small (but growing) family to within the next 1-2 years.

I've taken a particular interest in the UGA and general development plans for Eastsound and Orcas, and really appreciated reading through the briefing doc that came out this week. Love all the thinking you and your colleagues are putting into a thoughtful way to continue to develop Eastsound and Orcas to meet our growth goals whilst preserving what makes the island so special.

I'd like to submit one suggestion and also ask how I, as a partial year resident today, can most effectively advocate for support for this initiative.

I start by saying I the immense value the skatepark has brought to the Orcas youth. I also see the value it's brought to Orcas from a tourism point of view - it's literally a skatepark that is on the international map for many. Staking now being an Olympic sport, well I think it's just great.

As a new parent myself and someone planning to raise 2-3 kids on Orcas, I think we should set aside space to invest in and continue our legacy as creating excellent adventure sports facilities for our island youth and the tourists that visit.

Bike parks have become a fixture of cities and towns across the country and bmx / dir jumping are one of the fastest growing sports with today's youth. There are now firms specializing in building amazing bike parks for cities and towns\*, and my proposal is that Orcas earmark a nice sized chunk of land to plan to build one sometime in the next 5 or so years on the assumption that we'll be able to raise the funds for it.

I think of this as the next generation of the skatepark Orcas so successfully built a bunch of years ago. I also think this will continue to memorialize Orcas as a place "on the map" for folks of all ages to come visit to check out the ingenuity and adventure behind a well designed park.

I suspect 1 or possible 2 acres are all that is needed to support such a park, although some are certainly larger. It could go near the existing skatepark, or probably many other locations as well.

I'm personally very passionate about this - as a taxpayer and parent on the island I truly would love to be able to bring my kids down and ride bmx or dirt jumpers around the park with the kids and would even hope to coach a program for kids one day.

This is effectively my dream, so I figured now would be the time to send a note to just add it to your consideration (perhaps more generically as a few acres set aside to plan for more development of sports facilities).

I'll conclude this with a few links to the types of parks I have in mind:

<https://leavenworth.org/business/leavenworth-bike-pump-park-2/>  
<https://www.wmbcmtb.org/waterfront-park-pump-track>  
<https://www.510families.com/pleasanton-bmx-park-dirt-jumping-with-kids/>  
<https://www.burlingtonbikepark.com/>

One of the most well known designers is <https://velosolutions.com/>. They built the Leavenworth pump track. But there are others as well, some more local.

Thanks for your consideration. I know you have a lot to consider in the plan, but I just feel so passionately that the skatepark was brilliant for the kids of Orcas, and it's time we plan for that next stage of brilliance in this regard.

Cheers,  
Dylan