



SUSTAINING A LIVABLE LAKE FOREST PARK: THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWN CENTER

**COMMUNITY FORUM #1
March 4, 2004**

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION SUMMARY Strategic Assessment and Visioning

On March 4, 2004, the City of Lake Forest Park Sustaining a Livable Lake Forest Park Task Force held a Community Forum at the Third Place Commons in Towne Centre. Approximately 190 people participated in the forum. After a brief introduction to the purpose, scope and timeline to the project, Task Force members and City staff led 12 small groups in a 50-minute discussion of the following questions and open-ended statements:

- What are the key strengths of Lake Forest Park?
- What challenges does Lake Forest Park face?
- What opportunities are available to the City?
- In 20 years, the City of Lake Forest Park will...
- A livable Lake Forest Park is...

After the small group discussions, groups reported the highlights of their conversations to the rest of the Community Forum participants. A complete summary of the comments provided by Forum participants is attached. In addition, comments from individuals who could not attend the forum have been incorporated.

Throughout the responses, several themes emerged. There was little disagreement among Community Forum participants. In general, Lake Forest Park residents have a strong sense of community and commitment to their neighbors and their City; feel a strong connection to the Third Place Commons (their community gathering place), and their natural environment; and enjoy their community's character and quality government services. Community Forum participants were concerned about the challenges of parking, traffic congestion, public transportation and pedestrian safety; appropriateness of business mix and quality to their community; and shared some uncertainty about the future of Town Center and the City's financial sustainability. They were also concerned about the changing needs of the community, appropriate housing mix and interaction of these factors with the environment.

Community Forum participants looked to redevelopment, the town center, housing and land use choices as opportunities for the City to create a better business mix and employment opportunities; develop transportation, parking and pedestrian choices; and enhance the community's connection to the environment and build the community's vision. Participants at the Community Forum envisioned a future in which Lake Forest Park is home to a vibrant, walkable town center that includes a gathering place, diversity of business in the commercial core and housing choices; a safe, family-friendly community; a fiscally sustainable City government; and enhanced environmental quality, recreation opportunities, and more transportation choices.

Attachment A: Small Group Discussions

The following is a summary of each small group's response to the discussion questions, as written by the volunteer recorder/reporter on flip charts provided to each group. All comments have been grouped into categories and the frequency of comments made, where pertinent, is shown in the parenthetical following the comment. Similar comments have been grouped and are separated by semi-colons.

What are the key strengths of Lake Forest Park?

The People: Active, Involved Citizen & Business Community

- Involved citizens (2); community volunteers; active/involved citizens; community spirit, volunteerism; volunteerism and activism; concerned citizens (2)
- Town involvement
- Strong volunteer base; active in community affairs
- Tight knit group that wants to be involved and unity
- Great people; talented people; people
- Respect and concern
- Educated populace
- Diversity; diverse age demographics
- Business with community interest
- Low turnover – roots; long-term residents
- Friendly people/neighbors
- A place where we know our neighbors; neighborly
- Family and business-friendly, multi-faceted community
- Interested community in “our” town
- Elected mayor

A Safe, Walkable, Family-Oriented Small Town Community

- Unique community
 - Well-defined community
 - Central downtown/village center
- Special place
 - Desirable
 - Good reputation
 - Fun activities
- Sense of community (4)
- Feeling of being safe for families
- Low crime rate (2)
- Safe; Safety (2)
- Family-friendly (2); kid-friendly/family-friendly
- Family-oriented community value/congenial; wonderful single-family community
- Bedroom community: close and good location
- Affordable living
- No big mall; minimal commercial
- Country feel – not urban
- Small town/near big city; small community (2) feel in metro area
- Size and scale; small
- Quiet (2)
- Slower pace of life
- Beautiful neighborhood
- Low density
- Large lot size, privacy; large lots; large number of single-family residences/large lots
- Walking distance to center
- Places are easy to walk to; walkability
- Arts and culture
- Concerts in the park
- Slow speeds, smaller roads – reflect topography; traffic – less off main street
- Streets follow land contours
- Lack of billboards and large signs

City Center: The Commons & Third Place¹

- Centralized commercial concentration
- Identifiable community center
- Opportunity for community to come together/Third Place Commons; Third Place gathering place as part of community (2)
- Commons (2); Commons area; Third Place Books; Third Place Commons (4)
- The Commons, bakery, bookstore – gathering place and city center
- Informational fairs at Town Center
- Increasing recognition that we need a city center
- Library in mall

Connection to Natural Environment & Recreational Opportunities

- Stewards of our land
- Opportunity to enhance our environmental assets
- Environment – natural (2); environment and natural beauty forest canopy
- Trees-forest feel; tree canopy; trees; trees/forests/nature trails/nature
- Laws protect trees
- Great location/natural setting
- Incomparable beauty; beauty (2); natural beauty
- Open space (3); many parks as asset
- Name Lake Forest Park defines community and uniqueness
- Clean and green
- Environment that supports wildlife
- Wildlife
- Country like atmosphere
- Trees, streams that are green
- Good views; views of mountain and water
- Lake and streams
- Ecological preservation
- Access to the lake; proximity to lake
- The lake, the forest and the park not to mention streams, fish, birds, winding roads
- Water quality; good, pure water
- Lake, forests, park-like
- Wildlife
- Recreation – lake, play fields, Burke Gilman trails
- Access to Burke Gilman Trail: Burke-Gilman Trail (5)
- Environmentally aware community
- Beach club
- Grace Cole Nature Park; park system

Access to Services & Quality Government

- Strong businesses; business core
- Services close by:
 - Bank; Post office; Crafts; Drug store
 - Library (4)
- Essential services and supplies here
- Accessible government; accessible representation
- City communicates well – variety; good communication between citizen and government
- City Hall close
- Stable government
- Good local government and services (2)
 - Police; Utilities; Water
- Police Department is exceptional
- Fire and police services – fantastic!
- Police Department; Fire department
- Safety – police protection; Responsive police force
- Community building support
- Block watch support; block watch programs

¹ Towne Centre is the name of the commercial development in the Town Center, which is the zoning designation for the surrounding area.

Good School System – Through Community College

- Shoreline (extension) Community College; the community college (2)
- Good/great schools (9)
- Good education – school district
- School system; good education system

Location/Transportation Access

- Proximity to Seattle, Bellevue
- Location – public transit (3); close to city (2); central to many places (3)
- Good transportation/access
- Easy access
- Convenient distance from Seattle
- Accessibility to city
- No bridge crossing necessary

What challenges does Lake Forest Park face?

Parking, Traffic Congestion, Public Transportation & Pedestrian Safety

- Parking lot; parking; not enough parking; satisfying adequate parking needs
- Park and ride parking vs. customer parking; parking at mall (2)
- Access difficult parking
- Lack of park and ride facility
- Parking separate from traffic
- Vehicular traffic; traffic
- Traffic problems; traffic congestion (2) – the way it is route through center
- Pass through traffic; cut through traffic – arterial traffic
- Ingress/egress of cars to/from Town Center – traffic lights are not working
- Traffic/access Town Center; access to Town Center from major roads
- Traffic around mall is bad; traffic patterns make access to center difficult - parking limited
- Major transportation routes = traffic
- Traffic management
- 522 access
- Highways create destination barriers
- Adding more traffic signals on Bothell Way and need lights and sidewalks
- Pedestrian traffic and safety; not pedestrian-friendly; pedestrian-friendly access; not walker-friendly
- Mall not pedestrian friendly; increase pedestrian access to Town Center
- Safety of pedestrians
- More pedestrian access
- Pedestrian mobility and linkages; linkages
- Not pedestrian-friendly
- No sidewalks
- Bothell Way is pedestrian-unfriendly; need a bridge for people to cross Bothell Way
- Accommodate foot and bike traffic from Burke Gilman to Town Center
- Transit service is poor particularly E-W
- Bussing and public transportation
- No internal buses
- Not enough public transportation
- Challenge of access to Burke Gilman Trail and two highways
- Bicycle safety/trail access; trail access
- Speed of bike riders on trail
- Public access to lake
- Paths

Business Mix/Quality

- Lack of tax base and economic diversity
- Improving local business so people will want to shop here
- Need wider range of services/retail
- Getting and keeping quality businesses; keep retailing businesses in Lake Forest Park; be proactive about better retail
- Retailers that fit the community needs
- Lack of shopping choice; outdated shopping center
- Finding viable businesses at Center; how to control future business
- How to attract and sustain non-chain/big box stores; maintaining integrity of locally-owned business so business and citizens benefit from value
- Physically more attractive downtown – remodel and facelift but still keep retailers in business
- Turn people passing through (roads, bike path) into “customers”
- Grocery store to fit community size; better grocery store; good grocery store
- Albertson’s blocks sidewalks and smells bad
- Need some good restaurants; no upscale restaurant
- No hardware store
- Fast food joints = litter, etc.
- City boundaries inhibit retail center
- City has very poor urban/suburban design
- Planning decisions politically and economically driven rather than what is best for Lake Forest Park as whole
- City regulations more business-friendly (2)
- Business signage regulations
- Be hospitable to home-based business
- Building regulations overkill

Uncertainty About Town Center; Additional City Center Needs *(some access and parking challenges are echoed in the preceding section regarding “Parking/Transportation”)*

- Uncertainty about Center
- Mall owner; out-of-state owner of center = lack of control; absentee shopping center owners/managers
- Mall size too big or too small
- Losing Third Place Commons and local stores
- Access to outside from Third Place Books – have more outside feel and light
- Lack of nice outdoor community gathering place at Town Center
- Dead space in Town Center
- What does the sustainable, livable Lake Forest Park have to do with future of Town Center?
- City layout diffuse; lack of City planning/vision; center design bad
- Community disagreement regarding outcome of center; clarify what we want
- Maintenance of Commons during change
- Spell Town Center correctly
- Larger activity rooms

City’s Financial Sustainability

- Maintain fiscal soundness of Lake Forest Park; keeping City financially solvent
- \$ City operations; City finances
- Revenues (more source) decline
- Lack of strong commercial tax base
- Capturing tax dollars; maintain good tax base
- Small tax base (2)
- Property taxes on single-family residences
- Limited commercial tax base forces property taxes up and people out

Housing Mix – Senior Housing, Density & Affordability

- King County density requirements; pressure to grow – increase density
- Control growth management; Growth Management Act; to meet requirements of GMA without sacrificing
- Meeting needs of GMA
- Being absorbed by another jurisdiction
- Zoned housing developments – putting 2 homes on one lot; subdividing, infilling loss of character
- Finding the right balance between low and high density housing
- How to increase density with out losing livability; maintain quality and uniqueness and still grow; control neighborhood esthetics
- Maintain historical connection
- Attracting people to purchase homes in Lake Forest Park
- Increase average per capita income – lacks balance
- Lack of affordable housing; not enough low-income housing; housing options
- Maintaining sense of community with all age groups; lack of housing for elders
- Downsizing and quality senior housing and services; housing for seniors – lack of affordable housing, housing types
- Limited senior housing; housing for seniors; senior housing (3)
- Only challenged lots left
- Upkeep for maintaining large homes and yards
- Make annexed areas feel a park of Lake Forest Park

Changing Needs of Community; Need for Greater Diversity of Activities & Services

- Population growth
- Accommodating the aging population (3); need for senior center
- Addressing senior citizen needs
- Decrease cohesiveness in smaller neighborhoods
- Lack of racial/ethnic diversity (2)
- Not enough young families participating in the community – not engaging
- Opportunities for teenagers; kids not involved; a place for teen activities
- Address needs of children/families safety
 - Riding bikes, walking
 - Social needs - teens
- No kid-friendly parks
- Providing child care facilities
- Athletic fields/fitness centers
- Lack of cultural arts within City

Environmental Challenges

- Maintaining critical environmental ecosystems; protection of sensitive areas
- Compromised natural environment – too much asphalt
- Environment assets not respected; environmental and natural resources challenges
- Maintain physical amenities – trees, streams, infrastructure, water, roads, etc.
- Environment issues, streams, swamps
- No open creek; creeks ought to be daylighted; daylight Lyons Creek
- Keeping stream alive; restoring salmon in streams; protect stream
- Where is park at lake?
- Sustaining water quality – both drinking water and streams
- Controlling wood smoke/air quality
- Contamination from cleaning
- Winter storms, trees falling

Other Challenges: Access to Services, Influences of Regional Projects, Perceptions of City Government

- To preserve, perpetuate and enhance all of our strengths
- Retain resources of long-term community citizens
- Practical outcome challenge
- Lakepoint competition
- Bright Water
- Location: in Seattle's shadow
- Access and proximity to medical care
- Government ingrown, closed circle
- City staff do not listen even though they think they do
- Own zip code
- Limited post office

What opportunities are available to the City?

Redevelopment, Housing & Land Use

- Opportunity to make different choices for senior housing living, to restructure Third Place Commons/whole complex
- Re-development could provide housing diversity, more desirable retail, etc.
- Commercial areas are ripe for redevelopment
- Expand office space – work/live
- Rebuild center/expand up
- Mixed use combining residential and business
- Multi-family/mixed use housing as a transition between commercial and residential
- Revise zoning - multi-family; higher-density zoning
- Change zoning to promote housing – senior; to create housing (low-income, senior)
- Build more integrated goods and services
- Build housing appropriate for all ages and levels and income
- Senior housing; mother-in-law housing
- Opportunity to diversify housing options
- Enact land use regulations to improve current lifestyle
- Maintain current livability
- To keep out what we do not want
- Architectural models; go beyond standard models to develop something unique to set us apart from other local cities
- Encourage growth we want through zoning changes/"First Thursday" – Pioneer Square
- Annex Fircrest
- Increased lighting
- Limit size of government buildings
- Direct planning department to be more cooperative

Town Center

- Improve Towne Centre
- New owners of mall might be great
- Could make Town Center more environmentally friendly with zoning – decrease impervious surface, outdoor gatherings
- Buy shopping center or seek a buyer
- Influence over new buyer of Town Center and what they do with it
 - Tax incentives
 - New zoning
 - Avoid high-rises
- To make town center a "destination" center
- Opportunity to beautify the center; plant/person-friendly mall
- Develop pro-active plan to utilize Town Center; Town Center; make center destination point
- Preserve Third Place Commons
- To do something about traffic and mall access

Better Business Mix; Employment Opportunities

- Market Lake Forest Park and businesses by encouraging compatible businesses
- Responsive retailers
- Businesses/employment opportunities for residents; generate jobs
- Attract new business that fits local demand; to attract appropriate business to community's needs; create a mix of businesses that meet local needs
- Bring in good restaurants, movie theatre, organic market
- Better shopping; restaurants; a good pub
- A farmers market; farmers market – fresh grown produce
- Convenience to grocery store, baker, Rite Aid, etc.
- Pursue Trader Joes
- To bring in an upscale grocery
- Expand ability to run home-based professional/small business
- To attract environmentally-friendly business

Enhancing Community Connection to the Environment

- Preservation
- Sustain and restore environment (lake, streams, fisheries) – future for our children
- Improve streams
- To daylight the stream; incorporate our natural assets (daylighting); daylighting Lyon's Creek
- Create opportunities for direct hands-on participation in environmental activities
- Increase not sustain, livability
- True sustainability; to explore real meaning of sustainability
- Enhancing environmental attributes
- Capitalizing on proximity to Burke-Gilman trail
- Connect to lake waterfront
- Utilize environment and natural beauty
- Increase green space and parks

Community Commitment to Shape the Future

- We have a blank slate to color; we can build a city on our vision, starting today
- Direct the future, our input
- To shape the future of our community
- Listening to concerns, opinions, perspectives of citizens
- Citizen commitment and energy
- To take advantage of uniqueness and beauty; increase public commitment to our lake front
- To use great talent and resources to build our City
- Address our challenges – convert or neutralize
- Be a model to other cities; to draw “outsiders” here
- Increase communication to generate broader involvement of citizens
- Collaborate commissions/schools/ environment/business/citizens

More Transportation, Parking & Pedestrian Choices

- Fix traffic patterns, flooding
- Park and ride lot
- Bury parking
- Decrease traffic congestion
- Regional transportation changes
- Bus access circulating inside Lake Forest Park
- Non-motorized connections
- Bike paths inside Lake Forest Park
- Creating pedestrian access; create pedestrian walkways
- Ballinger street car or tear up pavement
- Trail network
- Connect center to Burke Gilman Trail and lakefront

Other Opportunities: Connecting to Youth/Teens, Recreation Opportunities, New City Revenue

- Bring in perspective of young families
- More opportunities for children of all ages
- Opportunity for teens to gather
- Provide jobs for teens
- Sustain and enhance school system
- Take over civic club
- Theatre – movies/outdoor
- Arts center
- Gym for multiple usage; gym – multipurpose
- Skateboard park
- \$\$ in community for economic development
- Use of real estate excise tax for city infrastructure; generate new tax revenues; increase sales tax revenue
- Save money on police
- Pursue our own zip code
- The challenge to decide what to do during construction
- Toll

In 20 years, the City of Lake Forest Park will ...

Have a Vibrant Town Center that Serves as a Gathering Place; Home to a Diversity of Business & Housing Choices

- Healthy Town Center that includes basic services, healthy thriving business, and identity – community gathering places
- Vibrant downtown; vibrant city center; still have thriving Town Center
- Basic service at Town Center
- A Town Center that has a community center – like Third Place Commons
- The Town Center will have become a “destination”
- A real downtown – people living in Town Center, common area
- Mixed use development
- Good planning
- High quality multiple story multi-family housing at Town Center – preserving neighborhoods
- Cottage/village developments in proximity to Town Center
- More affordable housing
- More housing options – high quality multi-family village type places
- High quality – higher density housing, multi-age, close to the Town Center
- Attractive senior housing
- A model for thriving family-owned businesses; diverse business community
- More home businesses with supporting utilities wireless/DSL – 8 tracks
- Have a common gathering place
- Utilize more common areas besides Town Center
- An economically healthy town/businesses
- Another viable business center near 145th
- Encouraging upgrading along Ballinger Way
- Vibrant commercial and environmental features
- We will have a wine bar

A Safe, Family-Friendly Community in Which People Want to Live

- Still be desirable place to live (2)
- Safe neighborhoods (2); safe place to live; safe and family friendly
- A friendly place to live
- Friendly, neighborly community; have same sense of community
- Friends will still thrive and be model for other community
- My kids will want to live here because of the decisions we make now; our children will want to raise their families
- Be a well-rounded flourishing community
- Still be small community feel
- Well-integrated, centrally located, yet unique to our surroundings
- A community that cares about one another
- Showcase for surrounding cities
- Strong partner with neighboring communities; partnering with other communities
- Domestic violence will be eradicated
- We have strong cohesive neighborhoods
- We will have diversity (age, race, culture) on each city block
- A happy symbiosis between youth and seniors
- Demographic mix and diverse population
- A place for children of all ages to live
- Have a place for senior citizens to live who do not want to leave Lake Forest Park; senior housing allowing residents to stay in Lake Forest Park
- A place where we can still afford to live; property taxes have not pushed us out
- 20 years Lake Forest Park will still be a secret
- More visions
- Lake Forest Park will still be a city
- The average age will decline
- Population = 25,000
- More crowded

Enhance Environmental Quality & Recreation Opportunities

- Have clean air, pure water
- No pollution
- Maintain oasis of forest; still be quiet and woody
- We will be a green oasis
- Have flourishing trees; still have trees
- Still committed to environmental issues
- To be most environmentally aware and responsible city in Washington
- Be widely seen as a pioneer in environmental activism and stewardship
- Nature-friendly (still) and attractive to wildlife
- Healthy, daylight creeks; "Daylighting" of our streams
- Still be beautiful, green and natural
- Still be able to see Mt. Rainier
- Clean water in our streams where fish thrive; be able to catch fish in streams; to see more salmon spawning
- Healthy streams; healthier creeks; healthy salmon-friendly streams
- Be able to fish in McAleen Creek
- Lyon Creek Park at Town Center
- More green space for parks
- Live up to our name
- A thriving Lake Forest Park; lakefront park; a waterfront
- A connection between the trail (2), lake and center
- Increased recreational opportunities
- More parks
- Not too much light still be able to see stars
- Less dependency on toxic chemicals/increased use of organic options
- Underground wires

More Transportation & Pedestrian-Friendly Linkages

- Multi-model transportation linkages – cars, bikes, boats, pedestrians
- Traffic bypass; overpasses over both state highways
- Additional turn lanes on Bothell/Ballinger way
- Ballinger Way not any wider
- A place with dedicated lanes for alternative transportation
- Network of bike and pedestrian trails
- Trails system
- Walkways, boardwalks, sidewalks
- Public footpaths/bicycle paths
- Lush environment conducive to safe pedestrian traffic
- More places to walk
- We will have a pedestrian-friendly community center
- Integrated public transit
- Have senior transportation
- Good traffic control – European roundabouts
- Underground park and ride parking
- Strong access in and out
- More street lights

Quality Services & Fiscally Sustainable Government

- Healthy public schools
- An excellent school system
- A vision for the future
- Reasonable taxes
- Financially self-sustaining/secure
- Affordable city budget
- Fiscally responsible
- A stronger tax base
- Financially sound city government

Cultural Opportunities

- Live music
- Have a common symphony – outdoor concerts
- Art center, opportunities – theatre, stage, etc.; arts and ballet, etc.
- Indoor-outdoor seating, café atmosphere

A livable Lake Forest Park is ...

Vibrant Commercial Core

- A low density residential area with a vibrant core
 - Small town character
 - Multi-use
 - Retail services in walking distance
 - Diverse housing – live/work
 - Strong design constraints on density
 - No big box retail
- Healthy city center
- Goods and services that keep purchasing dollars in community
- Having necessary services down here – grocery, post office, hardware, nursery, restaurant; services, needs, retail in walking range
- There will be a grocery that carries many organic foods in the Lake Forest Park all
- thus residents will not need to drive as far to get them
- Desirable stores for shopping
- Multiple dining choices
- There will be an upscale restaurant in the Lake Forest Park mall thus residents will not have to drive as far to get them
- Financially sound city with good services – no big box retail
- Array of useful shops
- Supports entrepreneurship
- Healthy business climate
- Self-sustained; is independent
- Increased planned density

Safe, Friendly, Affordable & Involved Community

- Preserve small town character
- Maintain strong residential face
- A low density residential with a vibrant multi-use core with diverse housing
- Density only with strong design constraints
- Size and scale
- Affordable (2); affordable senior housing and family housing
- Affordable housing – diverse options
- Diverse age grounds
- Good social connection
- Friendly neighborhood
- Community of people
- A place we do not want to move from – anyone – for any reason
- Somewhere I want to live; home
- Is safe; safe for families
- Low crime rate; Low crime rate/safe for everyone
- Maintains its beauty
- Small town flavor; quiet
- Wonderful neighbors
- Community that supports its downtown
- Central commons - to meet; Third Place Commons/meeting place
- Welcoming
- Intergenerational connections
- People and nature friendly
- Sense of community; has community spirit
- Connected and involved citizenry
- Involved citizens
- An involved community
 - Involved citizens
 - Low crime rate
 - Diverse age groups – housing – families and seniors
- Strong neighborhoods providing mutual support
- Maintain strong volunteer base
- Continue to encourage volunteers

Pedestrian-Friendly & Walkable

- Managed traffic; transportation mobility and efficiency
- Winder roads with traffic to improve flow, patterns
- One north-south street and one east-west street shall have bicycle lanes thus making it safer for bicycles and cutting down on polluting cars
- Bike, pedestrian friendly especially town center
- Walkable; a walking community; walking access to the lake (Bothell Way)
- Place where there is safe pedestrian/child access
- Pedestrian/bike friendly – access, traversing, recreation
- A safe Burke Gilman Trail
- Kid friendly – skateboard park, playgrounds, ball parks
- Narrow winding roads

A Community Center, Library, Expanded Services & A Farmers Market

- Library; expanded full-service library
- A center for arts and culture
- Excellent education
- Location
- Jobs to support local people
- Self-sufficient city
- Has a community center – check out tools; there will a community center where tools can be checked out for use
- Medical clinic
- Hospitable to teens
- Farmer's market; a farmer's market once a week in Lake Forest Park – more organic foods will be closer to buy
- Financially sound City (affordable; good services)
- A town with wise use of tax dollars
- Enough revenue to serve the needs

Enhanced Environmental Commitment

- More parks – lake access
- Fish in the streams/protect environment
- Flourishing plants and trees
- Has recycle capacity; every apartment and house will recycle paper thus saving trees
- We shall have a company recycling and taking garbage and yard waste all in one truck with different compartments thus reducing the number of trucks polluting our air
- All the natural attributes suggested in its title
- Environmentally conscientious
- Healthy clean environment; clean
- Retaining and improving natural environment
- A sound environment
 - Fish in streams/birds
 - Pedestrian/bike friendly
 - More parks/trees
 - Lake access
 - Traffic management – less traffic, but still small winding roads
- Forested
- Trees and streams and parks
- Some kind of clean burning bus can be called for to take people to the mall and the bus thus reducing traffic and vehicles emitting pollution
- The City government uses only cars that are hybrids or other clean burning vehicles
- All of the City government's paper shall be recycled and not bleached with chlorine thus saving trees and reducing the dioxins getting into the food chain. Dioxins are carcinogenic in very small amounts
- All residents will have a worm bin – this will greatly decrease the garbage that needs to be hauled away
- Any new sidewalks will be made of crushed rock thus causing fewer greenhouse gases to be released due to the production of cement
- No plastic peanuts or anything made of styrofoam shall be sold in Lake Forest Park
- There will be no invasive plants in Lake Forest Park
- Leaf blowers and gas powered mowers will be outlawed in Lake Forest Park thus cutting down on the greenhouse gases being emitted
- No pesticides nor fertilizers with warnings for toxicity will be sold in Lake Forest Park thus promoting the return of salmon to our streams