

What Would the Community Like Included In the Center?

1. Wheelchair Accessible Boat-so handicapped can experience the lake the same way a non-handicapped person could.
2. What do we do with the radio towers? Radio station owns the land there.
3. Are there soil problems? Will it support a building/buildings? Is it contaminated?  
Silt 60-100' deep
4. Would like to see Boardwalks, providing access to the water.
5. Can we reconnect Smith & Bybee Lakes to the existing waterways system? Dam removal, etc.?
6. Involve the Schools and Community
  - Ongoing discussions in both
  - Community-operated program-students as guides, etc.
7. Connections to Community.
8. Who is the Audience for this interpretive center?
  - signage/exhibits in many languages for various cultural residents of the area.(Hispanic, Asian, Blind)
  - Have sound exhibits so a blind person could push a button and hear an explanation
  - Use handrails/guides on corridors, halls, trails, etc. so guide-dogs will be able to lead their owners safely and not miss anything.
9. Plan is too complicated; history of the area is not interesting enough to draw people
10. What is the cost of this center/what kind of a budget do we have?
11. Citizen participation in the clean-up of the site and preparing it
12. Education /Youth component
  - changing exhibits
  - kids managing the site, acting as guides, etc.
13. Extending the High School to S&B Lakes
  - potentially half-days for students to work there
  - involvement in "Pathways" and other programs
14. Possibility of Canoe Rentals on lake
15. Connection to 40-mile loop and Carey Blvd. pathway with possible pedestrian/bike bridge over Slough-from Willamette Blvd. to the Lakes (Marine Dr.).
  - this provides a non-roadway

What Is Your Image of the Center?

1. Connection to Native American culture and their history and use of that land  
-Historic sense
2. Recycled materials used in the construction of the Center
3. "Low-Impact" structure / "Duck Blind" not visible from certain views
4. "Outlook" / Accessible  
-bird feeders near center for up-close experience/immediate contact
5. Easy Care/Low Maintenance structure
6. Open to the Lakes
7. Veranda/Porches - view of the lakes in all weather conditions possible
8. Elderly can participate easily
9. Participation in the environment and history=not just looking at it
10. Historic Perspective -railroads, settlers, economy of the area
11. People understanding their place in history and in this location
12. "Participating" in the experience - feel like you are in the middle of it-not just a lecture
13. Classroom/workshop area for teachers/school programs  
-school participation by building exhibits
14. Hear and Sense the Place upon entering
15. Bring the Audobon Society into the Center
16. "Healing" the Landscape
17. Plan Expansion
18. Story Telling = Oral history  
-relaxing area
19. National attention through Roosevelt's job/school program-be ready for it
20. Make it so people will continually be interested, and return many times for something new
21. Apprenticeship Program/Mentoring
22. Ownership by the Community/Participants-less likely to vandalize if it is theirs
23. Native Plantings

24. Funding?
  - Federal?
  - Oregon Dept. of Economic Dev./Lottery \$?
  - Port of Portland?
25. Tours/Tourists?
  - signs off I-5?
  - inclusion in Portland Visitor Information
26. Port to Provide relocation area for trucking firm
27. How many people should be allowed to visit? How many do we want to attract?
  - can we arrange scheduling for big/school groups?
28. Lakes should not be commercialized
  - no gift shop and food court
29. Education shop
  - books of native plants/history
30. In-service workshops
  - for teachers/educators
31. Radio Towers
  - move them? (Port of Portland?)
32. Eyesores demonstrate what happened to this area
33. Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
  - provide liaison/funding/awareness
  - needs a leader-meeting 5/4 at 6pm St. Johns Community Center
34. As Seasons change, so could the building
  - windows/screens
  - experience all the weather without being affected adversely
35. Don't want this center only for children-don't lose the adult visitors/community involvement

Office

Classroom

Sales

Exhibit