

Environment/Natural Resources and Recreation Focus Group

In Attendance –U.S. Fish and Wildlife, SEAL Trust, Juneau Wetlands Partnership, CBJ Parks and Recreation and the CBJ Community Development Department

S.W.O.T. Analysis

STRENGTHS:

- The land from behind JPD to Wal-Mart is a good location for a park/ball fields, or for tidal mitigation.
- Switzer Creek is well-preserved because the buffer is maintained; has a good head water
- The bio-swell at Radcliffe works really well; could be easily replicated in other parts of Lemon Creek
- Anadromous fish still in Vanderbilt Creek
- Trailheads; King Fisher Park
- The existing wetlands in Lemon Creek are high value and worth protecting

WEAKNESSES:

- There are few parks in the area; Lemon Creek is underserved
- Many children do not have daily access to a vehicle that could take them to recreational opportunities outside of Lemon Creek.
- More weakness than strengths from a Park and Rec. point of view
- Land fill pollutants

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Better storm water management along Vanderbilt Creek; restoration opportunity
- Creating green infrastructure around W. Auto, i.e. rain gardens
- Development opportunities south of JPD station and up near Home Depot
- Good development potential along the uphill side of Glacier Highway
- SEAL Trust accretion purchases along Sunny Point and Bicknell property
- Trading CBJ forested lands for wetlands near Egan Drive
- New housing developments could be required to provide parks
- Good locations for new foot trails and bike paths
- Wal-Mart is a good location for re-development with open space

THREATS:

- Impaired waterbodies – Lemon Creek, Vanderbilt Creek
- Addressing storm water impacts along Vanderbilt Creek
- Development along estuaries
- Snow disposal off of Short St. being dumped into wetlands
- Many acres of wetlands have been lost; those remaining are high value

- High value wetlands are zoned for commercial and high density residential
- Lack of public transit