

BOAT RAMP CONCERNS MATRIX

Item	Concerns	Current State
1	Hours of operation can be disruptive to the neighborhood during holidays and summer.	November - April 8AM - 8PM May - October 8AM - 9PM
2	Fishing, picnicing, and swimming users sometimes block boat ramp access for others and/or create conflicts.	No restrictions
3	Parking is often congested causing limited access and blocked streets and driveways, particularly summers and weekends. There is concern for emergency vehicle access.	No Restrictions
4	Gates are not being closed by users creating a water safety hazard for younger playground users.	There is signage to remind users to close the gate after entering and leaving
5	Boat ramp is not easily identifiable because of lack of signage. Concern for emergency vehicles.	There is no signage identifying the ramp.
6	City signage along boat ramp is spread out, not consolidated.	Signage exists in multiple locations
7	No public restrooms available for park and boat ramp users.	There are no public restrooms at the park.
8	Boat ramp is over grown and has some non-native vegetation.	Ramp maintenance is not in the City budget. It is maintained by volunteers.
9	Hours of operation are too long. Should be reduced to: October-May: 9 AM - 6 PM June-August: Weekdays: 9 AM-7 PM Weekends: 9 AM - 7:30 PM	November - April 8AM - 8PM May - October 8AM - 9PM
10	Hours of operation are too limited. Would prefer sunrise to sunset or more open hours.	November - April 8AM - 8PM May - October 8AM - 9PM
11	The gate is an impediment for elderly and other less able bodied individuals.	Signage requests the gate to be closed when not in use.
13	The ramp poses a challenge for disabled.	The ramp is not ADA compliant.
14	Fishing, Swimming and boat launching occur in the same area, potentially creating a safety issue.	No restrictions

15	Boat size and type (e.g. motorized) is not restricted, creating potential launching problems and congestion due to narrow ramp width.	No restrictions
16	Unaccompanied minors are not restricted on the boat ramp potentially causing a safety issue.	No restrictions
17	Boat ramp users are being challenged, harrassed and threatened by neighbors.	The City has received reports of these abuses.
18	Property lines between ramp and neighboring property is unclear.	Property lines at the ramp area are not clearly delineated.
19	Ramp concrete is old and in poor shape at the end of the ramp, creating boat launching problems in the summer.	Ramp ends at the water line in Summer.
20	There is only one public river access in Rivergrove. This can create congestion at certain times.	The Stark Ramp is the only public river access in Rivergrove.
21	The City needs input from all citizens, not just those attending meetings.	The City has requested that those not attending meetings to submit written comments. All meetings and requests for input have been published on the City's Website and in the City's Rivergrove Report newsletter.
22	The City should make a clear public statement about public use of the ramp.	Other than hours of operation, the City has made no other public statement about the use of the ramp.
23	Lack of City resources limits solutions to boat ramp concerns.	The city accepts donations but can not use Go Fund Me or Kickstarter.
24	Public Trust Doctrine defines the ability to limit public access. The City has restrictions about limiting access and uses.	City attorney and a Public Trust specialist attorney have advised on this issue.
25	There is a lack of fencing on either side of the ramp to create more privacy for the neighbors.	There is one existing fence that is in poor repair. It is unclear if it is the neighbor's or the City's.
26	Lack of River access at Heritage Park or next to the LO canal, just off Canal Rd forces all activity in Rivergrove to the Stark Boat ramp creating congestion during summer months.	There is no public river access at Heritage Park or next to the LO Canal, just off Canal Rd.