

Lakewood Street Ends: Water Access Concept Design

This project focuses on small-scale interventions that enhance public access at underutilized street-end sites, transforming them into inclusive, low-impact spaces for passive recreation and connection to the water. By supporting activities such as wildlife viewing, hand-carry boating, wading, picnicking, and small gatherings, the design invites a wide range of users while preserving the ecological character of each site. In Lakewood, these improvements demonstrate how thoughtful, community centered design can strengthen the relationship between people and natural spaces.

To ensure consistency and effectiveness across sites, the project incorporates a set of shared design strategies aligned with the City's broader recreational and environmental goals. These include pathway access to the water, placemaking elements, signage, landscape planning with native species, shoreline restoration, parking strategies, fencing/barriers, and encroachment management. Together, these interventions support climate resilience, promote biodiversity, and create meaningful, lasting connections between the community and the water.

