



READY ALL

The Green Lake
Community Boathouse
Campaign

Access for All on Green Lake







OUR VISION

All people will have access to watersports at Green Lake

We believe in the impact of watersports on youth and adults, we break down barriers to ensure anyone can participate, and we are inspired to pay it forward to the next generation. With those values in mind, we are building a new Green Lake Community Boathouse, a place that brings people of every age, ability, income, and background to public watersports.

The new Green Lake Community Boathouse will:

- Expand the reach of programs to larger populations
- Allow new programs to develop to reach new users
- Improve the safety of the facility

A Strong Tradition of Public Access at Green Lake

For nearly 70 years, Green Lake's low-cost programs have opened high-quality public watersports to all ages and abilities. The Green Lake Small Craft Center is one of the most heavily-used local park facilities in the most visited public park in Seattle.

Green Lake Small Craft Center annually engages 15,000+ people, including 2,000+ youth (ages 10-19) in all programs and four annual regional regattas. The public programs include:

- Rowing (Youth)
- Rowing (Adults)
- Canoeing and kayaking classes
- Youth canoe and kayaking sprint team
- Paddling sprint team
- Paracanoe and parakayak programs
- Sailing classes
- Outreach programs for underserved youth, including free boating classes



Above: Conceptual rendering of the proposed boathouse viewed from the water

“Minority and low-income populations face enormous inequities in accessing the “blue space” found on Seattle’s lakes and waterways. The Green Lake Community Boathouse is uniquely positioned to help close this gap...”

Tom Hull, Chair, Greater Seattle YMCA

OUR PLANS

The new Green Lake Community Boathouse is being designed to grow with the future demand for programs. It will be a safe and vibrant space for communities to be active together.

Greater Capacity With the new 10,600 square-foot space, we expect program participation to grow 20% in the first three years.

Improved Safety User safety will be improved through new restrooms, locker and changing facilities, and areas for off-water instruction with code-compliant ventilation. Earthquake code requirements will be met.

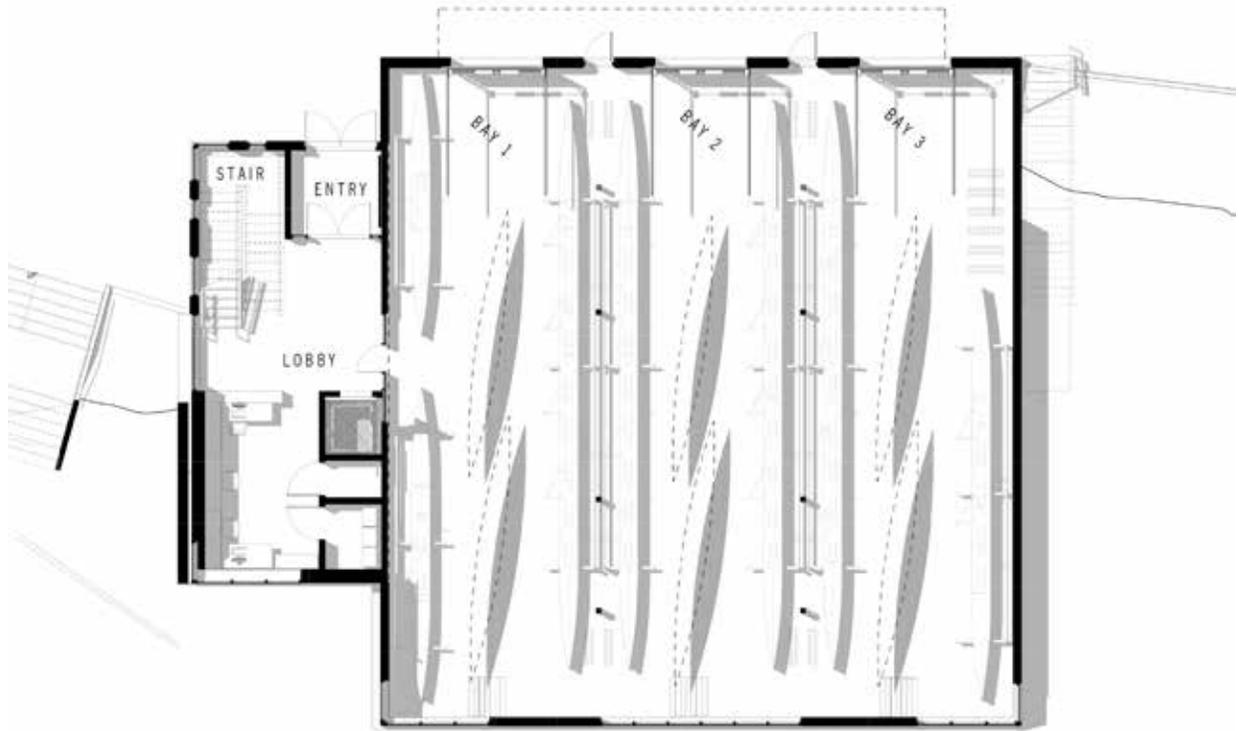
ADA Accessible The ADA-compliant facility will allow us to launch the first public adaptive rowing program in Seattle and expand our parapaddling program. Specialized Programs of Seattle Parks and Recreation will be able to expand their work with individuals of differing physical and cognitive abilities.

Deeper Connections A multipurpose room will allow greater off-water teaching as well as space for larger meetings and community events.

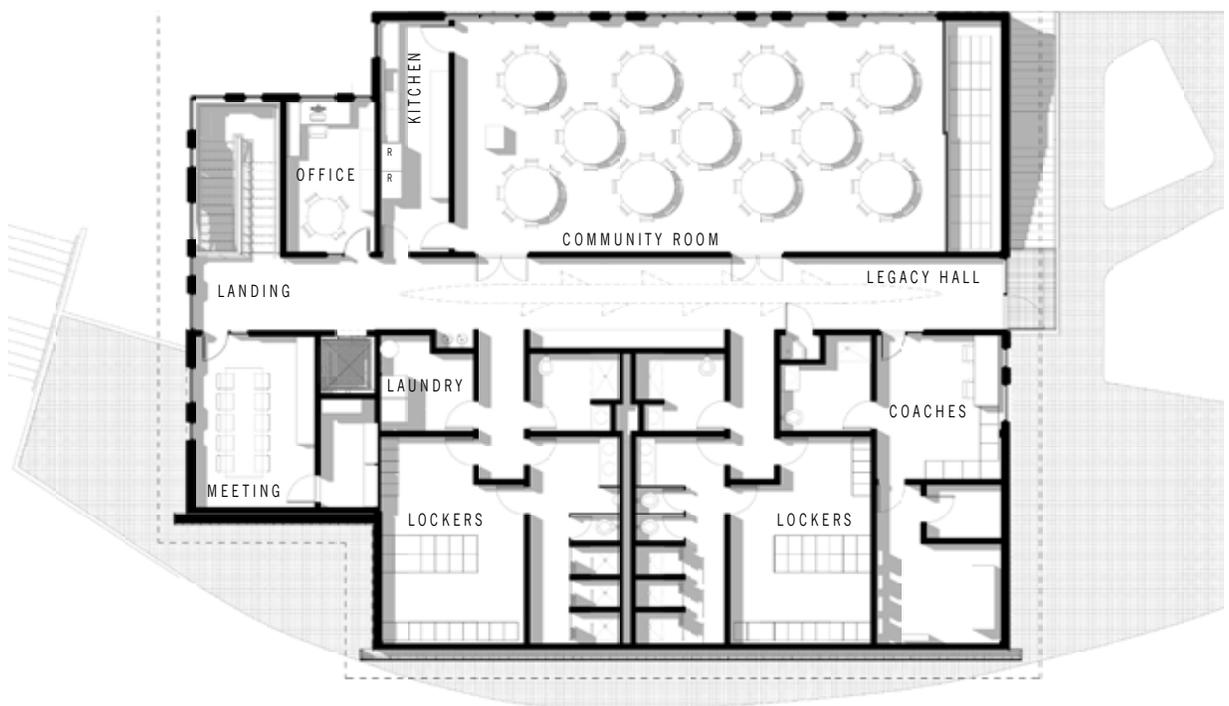
Enhanced Visibility The new Boathouse will connect more everyday park users with activities at the center and the lake itself, by improving their experiences along the path and at the water’s edge. Our more visible new facility will be the base for our expanded outreach efforts to people from all backgrounds and abilities.

FLOOR PLANS

First Floor



Second Floor



WHY NOW?

Many people in the Northwest are excluded from watersports due to their background or physical ability. We cannot fully address the community's needs until we address the challenges with the current Green Lake Small Craft Center.

- Low-income youth are traditionally underrepresented in rowing, paddling, and sailing due to expensive program costs.
- There are currently no public adaptive rowing programs in Seattle for anyone with significant physical limitations. Accessible docks and ADA-accessible facilities are rare.

Green Lake is a cost-effective alternative to private facilities. While we have a long tradition of financial assistance for anyone who needs it, we risk turning people away without investment now in a new boathouse.

- Green Lake Small Craft Center is the only place in North Seattle that offers low-cost, public watersports (rowing, paddling, and sailing) in one location.
- Green Lake Crew annually supports youth with \$32,000+ in financial aid.
- Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club invests \$1,500+ in financial aid to ensure anyone can canoe or kayak at Green Lake.
- Green Lake Small Craft Center hosts a variety of outreach programs for underserved youth, including the Green Lake Summer Outreach. Each year, 500+ underserved youth participate in free boating classes.

“This project will allow us to serve even more of these special needs with the ability to increase programs, and offer more adaptive programs...”

Kyle Bywater, Seattle
Parks & Recreation
Specialized
Programs



“I think it could change a lot of lives around the community. Imagine the number of people we could get involved with a bigger, better, more robust boathouse and program. Imagine all the people you’ll be helping. Imagine all the lives that will literally be changed because we have a facility that can accommodate every basic need for every kid and every adult who wants to be a part of it. ”

Scott Selfridge
Head Boys Coach
Green Lake Crew



CAMPAIGN PARTNERS

A group of community leaders and agencies have come together through a truly collaborative effort to make this vision a reality.

Associated Recreation Council is a nonprofit organization with a 42-year history of providing recreation, lifelong learning programs, and community-driven leadership in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation.

Friends of Green Lake Crew is a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 that supports Green Lake Crew as its sister foundation with custody of its endowments, alumni outreach, and fundraising support.

Green Lake Crew has a seventy-year legacy as a leader in youth rowing and a network of hundreds of alumni from its rowing programs.

Rowing Advisory Council includes citizen volunteers under the umbrella of the Associated Recreation Council who govern operations for rowing activities, equipment, and fundraising.

Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club, founded in 1969, is the only public club in Seattle providing competitive and recreational paddling opportunities for all ages and ability levels.

Seattle Parks and Recreation is a vital partner for the rowing and paddling programs at Green Lake.

A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND YOU

Community leaders and program participants and alumni are partnering to raise a total of \$6.5 million to build the Green Lake Community Boathouse. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, families, and foundations and public grants, we are on pace to break ground in 2020.

Your gift to the Green Lake Community Boathouse Campaign is the best way to ensure anyone has access to the waters of Green Lake for generations to come. This is more than a building. You're funding a healthier, safer, and more connected community.

Help us Cross the Finish Line

Join us to complete this vision by 2020. You can make your tax-deductible donation today:

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