

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public safety is a concern at Greenfield Lake. Current safety issues include the lack of specific park police, poor lighting, dense foliage creating the opportunity for crimes, excessive speed limit, overgrown lots, the homeless population, and the personal safety of people using the lake for recreation.

Public safety is an issue for this stakeholders group because there was a general feeling that unsafe elements around the lake contributed to the decline of this resource. If public safety issues are addressed, it is anticipated that lake patrons will feel safe using the lake and therefore gain a sense of awareness and stewardship for this resource as well.

<u>Outreach Technique</u>	<u>Target Audience</u>	<u>Message or Objective</u>	<u>Details for Action</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Resources Required</u>	<u>Outreach Applicable to Other Watersheds</u>
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<i>Establish a specific park police presence at the Lake.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrons visiting Greenfield Lake. People engaging in illegal activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police presence will help to deter crime and make lake patrons feel safe using the lake. Police presence would also help deter people who are currently vandalizing lake facilities (i.e. bathrooms). Police presence would help to enforce the pet waste ordinance by issuing citations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign police to actively patrol Greenfield Lake (i.e. bike patrol, foot patrol, etc) Station a “dummy” patrol car in certain areas of the lake. PS&F will report all incidents of crime to the police to help track crime statistics in the G. Lake area. Internally, educate Wilmington police officers about pet waste ordinance and implications of pet waste. Establish a special fund for money generated from pet waste citations. Will citation money generated from pet waste go to the school board? Work with the District Attorney’s office to have courts follow through with pet waste violators. 	HI	ASAP	Wilmington Police Department PS&F	-manpower	X (Maides, Wallace, Anne McCrary, 17 th street)
<i>Conduct a traffic study to determine if East Lakeshore Dr. warrants a reduced speed limit (from 35mph) and/or speed humps.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle drivers around Greenfield Lake. Lake patrons who walk in the street to avoid the cut-ins on the footpath. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driver’s need to drive slower around the lake. Reducing the speed limit will decrease the risk of an accident. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Department to conduct a study of the roads around Greenfield Lake. Post new speed limit signs (currently there is only 1 speed limit sign.) Install traffic calming devices in the problem areas around the lake. 	HI	Dependent on traffic study results.	COW Traffic	-manpower	

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<i>Increase lighting on the footpath around the lake.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake patrons, particularly those patrons that use the lake during dark hours (the park closes at 11pm.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More lighting will make people feel safer using the lake. Increased lighting will help deter crime because darkness is an opportunity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS&F surveyed park for specific areas to add lights (6 decorative and 5 regular lights). Determine how additional lights will be paid for (currently, lights cost \$22 per light/per month.) Raise the canopy to keep the foliage from covering the lights. 	HI	ASAP	Public Services & Facilities	-\$25 per light per month (\$3300 per year)	
<i>CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) states that thinning out trees, shrubs, and bushes around the lake will reduce opportunities for crime.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake patrons, especially those people who avoid the footpath cut-ins and use the road instead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut-ins with dense, high foliage provide opportunities for crime. Thinning out selective foliage areas will reduce crime opportunities at the lake. Lake patrons will use the footpath instead of using the road to avoid the cut-ins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint training session with WPD & PS&F. Trim & thin out shrubs, trees, and bushes around the lake. Conduct a controlled burn at the Nature Trail. Remove the Nature Trail (currently it is a liability.) If the Trail is kept, it needs to be fixed & monitored. 	MID	Ongoing	Public Services & Facilities Wilmington Police Department	-Parks staff	
<i>Utilize mobile police precinct around the lake.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake patrons and persons engaging in illegal activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police would utilize a mobile precinct to patrol the lake. Would assist lake patrons with help and information and monitor lake activities simultaneously. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize mobile unit for policing the Lake. 	MID	TBD	Wilmington Police Department	-manpower	
<i>Encourage the personal safety/health of lake patrons by encouraging them to carry cell phones.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake patrons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake users should practice responsibility and personal safety by carrying cell phones in case they have an emergency while at the lake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilmington Police could address these issues in a positive manner during community and HOA meetings. Establish a Lake community watch presence (i.e. volunteers) 	LO	Ongoing	WPD Community Watch meetings	-part of power point presentation	X
<i>Place emergency call boxes around the lake.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake patrons needing emergency assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call boxes would be placed around the lake for patrons to use in emergency situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine call box logistics: who would accept calls, vandalism issues, how many, etc. 	LO	TBD	Wilmington Police Department New Hanover 911 Center	-\$\$\$ for call boxes	