

## **The Friends of Bass Lake request the following changes to the scope and definition of the Bass Lake Restoration Project**

- I. FOBL requests clarifying the current definition of Bass Lake restoration work to better reflect the scope of the work required. The current term ‘functional restoration’ is to be replaced with the term ‘ecological restoration’. The new term ‘ecological restoration’ reflects the purpose of restoring the ecology of the lake basin including water quality, contamination, debris removal, vegetation, and water level. The old term ‘functional restoration’ conveyed the purpose of restoring stormwater management via dredging and water drainage.
- II. FOBL requests that the term ‘Bass Lake Restoration Project’ be re-envisioned and renamed the ‘Bass Lake Nature Preserve Project’. The old terminology suggested restoring the lake to historic status. This goal is no longer achievable as demonstrated by the recent DNR reclassification of Bass Lake from lake to wetland. The term “Bass Lake Nature Preserve Project”, encompasses the idea that Bass Lake is a valued natural wetland recreational asset to be re-envisioned and re-purposed.
- III. The following language is hereby submitted: ***“Bass Lake Nature Preserve Project is an ecological restoration of woodland and wetland acreage for public recreational use with collaboration of local citizens, city departments, and state and federal regulatory agencies”.***