Top uses for Horan Natural Area (in order of preference):

1. Walking/Running
2. Birding/observing wildlife
3. Walking dogs
4. Paddleboarding/Kayaking
5. Photography
6. Botany
7. Snowshoe/cross-country skiing

Top things valued about Horan Natural Area (in order of preference):

1. The wildlife (79)
2. The natural beauty (74)
3. Solitude/peacefulness/quiet (62)
4. Proximity to town/easy access (35)
5. Wetland habitat/critical ecosystem (31)
6. Recreational opportunities (19)
7. Non-motorized/no bikes allowed (17)
8. Undeveloped (15)
9. Access to river (13)
10. Educational opportunities (8)

Recommendations

Short-term/maintenance improvements:

- Cut back brush to open up views of the river
- Remove chain-link fence along trail
- Reduce car noise – more berms and trees
- Find solutions to vandalism to interpretive signs:
  - Create digital access to information
  - Install security cameras near signs
- Create more access points for river use
• More regular maintenance of bathrooms
• Routine mowing of edges of trail
• Improve safety along trail
  o Several emergency buttons located along trail in case of distress
• More benches in prime birding locations
  o Replace existing benches
• More foot trails
• Install no-wake zone signs in river near area
• Allow bikes in area
• Snow/ice removal to allow for more winter use
• “Rocking” the parts of the trail that get muddy
• Add a drinking fountain
• Remove degrading interpretive signs

Long-term/structural improvements:
• Reconsider impact of Confluence Parkway/reconsider entire project
  o Find new location for new “Parkway” bridge in between pedestrian bridge and traffic bridge
• Build tribal cultural center and/or cultural history site
• Relocate radio towers
• Purchase and incorporate remaining tracts of land immediately adjacent to property
  o Specifically, acquire McQuaig Property
• Establish environmental educational center
• Create pedestrian bridge over the train tracks from HNA to LaQuinta area

New Programs or educational opportunities:
• More educational signs
  o Historical/cultural use of the area
  o Native peoples use of the area/honoring of Native Americans
  o Bi-lingual sings
  o Plant/bird/wildlife identification
  o Climate change information
• Allow Wenatchi tribe to be part-owners/stakeholders of land
• Horan Natural Area website (or social media page) with current information on species nesting/breeding in the area

Environmental strategies/adaptations:
• Improve water flow to ponds and marsh areas
• An “aquatic trail” to encourage canoeing up the river
• Vegetation management plan
  o Promote native species
  o Increase weeding/removal of invasive species
  o Remove exotic grasses
• Make more space for Milkweed
• Protect and enhance cottonwood groves
• Ban motorized boat use up Wenatchee River

Other comments:

1. Find more ways to enforce on-leash dog policy
2. Remove feral cats
3. Improve wheel chair accessibility