

I understand that the boat ramp is being reviewed for potential changes. I would like to submit a statement. The boat ramp is a wonderful thing to have access to as a Rivergrove resident, both for kayaking and for a quick swim. I do feel for the neighbors whose properties border the ramp, and am in favor of clear fencing cutting off private property access and clear parking restrictions (no trailer parking signage for example, particularly on and around the ramp). I have run into a few who assume that because they were no other users the last time they were at the ramp, there will be no other users this time, and act as if they own the place. Some signage defining proper use (reminding people not to leave their trailers on the ramp, or to pick up their trash, that kind of thing) and a phone number to call for concerns would help tremendously.

However, I am concerned that the voices of those few, those who knew they were purchasing property near a public boat ramp and are now upset at being exposed to that public, would be taken as more important or valuable than the voices of those of us residents who use that public boat ramp. Please do not limit the ramp access. There is a way for everyone to get their needs met - and I believe signage and fences will achieve most of this, which is all anyone can ask for. Compromise never works for everyone, but it's close enough.

Thank you,
Katy Spray