



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

AQUATIC CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

SplashForward is working to build organization capacity and inform fundraising feasibility to support aquatic needs. As directed by Council, City staff is working to update the Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan to both hear the community's development preferences and to evaluate the impacts of an Aquatic Center on the site. Bellevue Airfield Park is the only, undeveloped City owned park large enough to support the preferred Bellevue Aquatic Center concept. Please see Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan Update for additional information.

ASHWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Staff is working with our contracted architectural and engineering team led by Mcleod Reckord, Landscape Architects on schedules and public engagement plans. We are looking forward to working with the Parks & Community Services Board and the Community to update the master plan. Staff will be introducing the project at the March Parks & Community Services Board Meeting and will initiate the first in a series of Community this spring.

BELLEVUE AIRFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

In October 2021, the Council directed evaluation of the Bellevue Airfield Park site as a potential location for a new Aquatic Facility. The Master Plan update process began in June 2022, and is anticipated to take approximately two years. Project information, surveys and regular updates are available on the City's project website throughout the duration of the project. On April 3, 2023, Council endorsed the community supported and Parks & Community Services Board recommended master plan and directed staff to complete environmental review. When environmental review is complete staff will return to Council seeking adoption of the preferred Master Plan.

BRIDLE TRAILS – VALLEY CREEK PARK

Construction of this new park was publicly bid in March and on-site construction began April 25, 2023. This last October, the Parks & Community Services Board listened to the community's name preferences, deliberated, and recommended a park name to City Council. At their December 4th meeting the Council adopted the recommended name *Bridle Trails Valley Creek Park* for this newest City of Bellevue Park. Construction is expected to be complete early 2024 as we are awaiting power hook-up from PSE. We are looking forward to a grand opening event later this spring.

EASTGATE PARK ACCESS TO SOUTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER

This project provides for a new ADA compliant pedestrian access from Newport Way sidewalk/crosswalk to the South Bellevue Community Center. The project was publicly bid, and construction began in September. Completion is anticipated late Spring 2024.

KELSEY CREEK PARK BATHROOM

The Park restroom building that provides service to the picnic area, playground and farm events is in need of replacement. The restrooms were built in the early 1970's and are located in the Kelsey Creek floodplain. Work has begun to evaluate relocation and conceptual design options of the facilities. Survey and wetland delineation will be performed in February-March to assess location options. Staff will work to share information with park neighbors once project opportunities are understood.

MERCER SLOUGH - FARM STAND

The Farm Stand at Mercer Slough replacement project is part of the Sound Transit mitigation for the light rail project. The new farm stand is a two-story building that has been designed as a produce display/sales building with public restrooms. This project was publicly bid, and the contract was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Fury Site Works, Inc. Construction began in April 2023 and is expected to be complete June 2024.

MERCER SLOUGH – WINTERS HOUSE

The Winters House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. The building was closed to public use in 2016 to allow for Sound Transit light rail construction along Bellevue Way, however, was recently released back to the City of Bellevue. Wiss, Janney and Elstner Associates, Inc. is currently conducting an Architectural/Engineering conditions assessment to inform needed restoration and costs to return the Winters House to its operable historic condition.

MEYDENBAUER BAY PARK PHASE II DESIGN

The initial objective of the Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase II design project is to determine the scope of work to be included in this next phase of development. The Berger Partnership team will be working with city staff and the community to help inform our next steps towards realizing the Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan, and implementation principles. Community outreach to build project awareness and invite participation began this last summer and will continue through 2024. Currently the team is evaluating survey results and working to develop design alternatives to share with the community. Project websites (City and Engage Bellevue) continue to be updated regularly with engagement opportunities, surveys, timelines, and general project progress.

PARK OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY

As part of a City-wide initiative, staff are working to inform the design and development of a new park operation & maintenance facility. The design team led by ARC Architects is currently working with staff towards program refinement and design development.

ROBINSWOOD TENNIS CENTER EXTERIOR SIDING REPLACEMENT

The 1988 Robinwood Tennis Center exterior siding has been damaged from weather, birds, and other critters. Construction documents are currently under development with permit submission in early spring 2024. When permitting is complete, the project will be publicly bid, anticipated to occur late fall 2024.

EASTGATE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK MASTER PLAN

Preliminary planning efforts have begun on the Eastgate Neighborhood Park Master Plan. An RFQ process has been initiated for consultant selection. We anticipate beginning work with the Parks & Community Services Board and the community this Fall.

PARK & NATURAL AREAS 2008 LEVY PROJECTS SUMMARY

- **Synthetic Sports field at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sports field at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Identified as a potential Aquatic Facility site, a Master Plan update is in process.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/140th Ave property acquisition:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park acquisition & development:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Project complete.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** Property Acquisition is partially complete.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Project complete.