



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT SEPTEMBER 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 continues work to update the Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan. 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 below for additional information.*

### **ASHWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Work continues to update the 1990 Ashwood Park Master Plan. Staff introduced the project to the Parks & Community Services Board at their March meeting. Community outreach continues with milestone meetings in April and September. At the most recent community meeting, alternative master plan concepts were shared, and community feedback sought. Project specifics including presentations, community feedback, timelines, and active surveys can be found on the City's project website. Staff will be sharing public outreach, design alternatives and community feedback with the Parks & Community services board on October 16, 2024.

### **BELLEVUE AIRFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

In October 2021, the Council directed an update of the Bellevue Airfield Master plan and evaluation of the Bellevue Airfield Park site as a potential location for a new Aquatic Facility. The Master planning process began in June 2022. On April 3, 2023, Council endorsed the community supported and Parks & Community Services Board recommended master plan and directed staff to complete environmental review. Environmental review per the State Environmental Policy Act was completed and Council adopted the Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan at their September 17, 2024, meeting.

### **BRIDLE TRAILS – VALLEY CREEK PARK**

Construction of this new park was publicly bid in March and on-site construction began April 25, 2024. Construction was completed, a grand opening event was held on May 11th and the park is open for play. New park enthusiasm strained park parking capacity. Parking issues have settled. Park staff have worked with transportation to provide signage and will continue to monitor conditions.

### **EASTGATE PARK ACCESS TO SOUTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Accessible pedestrian access from Newport Way sidewalk/crosswalk to the South Bellevue Community Center is now possible. The project was publicly bid, and construction began in September 2023. Although the construction phase of the project is complete, planting is scheduled this fall to help ensure healthy plant establishment.

### **KELSEY CREEK PARK BATHROOM**

The Park restroom building that provides service to the picnic area, playground and farm events needs 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 were performed in the Spring 2024 to assess location options. Staff will work to share information with park neighbors once plans are developed.

### **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. Construction has been completed, building occupancy approved and only minor punch-list items and contract closure to conclude. The new farm stand is open and fresh produce is available until closed for the winter in October.

### **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 and was recently released back to the City of Bellevue. Wiss, Janney and Elstner Associates, Inc. conducted an Architectural/Engineering conditions assessment to inform the needed restoration and costs to return the Winters House to its operable historic condition. Staff are contracting for needed design and permitting work.

### **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 is 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 in the summer of 2023. Design options based on public input were shared at a June 2024 community meeting. Staff shared public outreach, design opportunities and community feedback with the Parks & Community services board on September 18, 2024. The next community meeting is being scheduled to occur on Nov. 7 where we will share survey results, revised design, and project phasing options.

### **PARK OPERATIONS FACILITY**

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

### **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 this fall 2024.

## **NEW PARK IN THE EASTGATE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Preliminary planning efforts have begun on the City's newest neighborhood park in the Eastgate Neighborhood. Contract negotiations for architectural and engineering services to help design the new park has been negotiated. Staff shared the new park's public engagement plans, design and naming process with Parks and Community Services Board in July. We are looking forward to working with the community to plan and name the new neighborhood park that is anticipated to begin 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/140<sup>th</sup> 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.