



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT OCTOBER 2023

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

Given vacancies in key positions across city departments involved and many competing city priorities, the Ashwood Park master plan update was delayed. We anticipate initiating work on this project and look forward to working with the Community to update the Master Plan the first quarter of 2024.

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 - NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PARK ON 140TH AVE

Construction of this new park was publicly bid in March and on-site construction began April 25 and is proceeding on schedule. Work is expected to be complete late 2023. At their October Parks & Community Services Board meeting, the board listened to the community's name preferences, deliberated, and is recommending the name *Bridle Trails Valley Creek Park* to City Council. Staff will seek Council direction regarding the new park at the Dec. 4th Council meeting.

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 with completion anticipated next 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.

MERCER SLOUGH - FARM STAND

The Farm Stand at Mercer Slough is part of the Sound Transit mitigation for the light rail project. The 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 and is expected to be complete in early 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 2023. Project websites (City and Engage Bellevue) will be updated regularly with engagement opportunities, surveys, timelines, and general project progress. The next open house is scheduled for November 16th at City Hall.

NEWPORT HILLS PARK TURF REPLACEMENT

This project involved the removal and replacement of the existing synthetic turf on the soccer and baseball fields. Work was initiated in July and has been completed. Soccer is in play!

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.

ROBINWOOD TENNIS CENTER EXTERIOR SIDING REPLACEMENT

The 1988 Robinwood Tennis Center exterior siding has been damaged from weather, birds, and

other critters. Architectural and permitting work is underway to help determine the best siding options that will be more resistant to damage. When permitting is complete, the project will be publicly bid, anticipated to occur next spring.

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.