



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT JUNE 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 for additional information.

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

Work continues to update the 1990 Ashwood Park Master Plan. Staff introduced the project at the March Parks & Community Services Board Meeting and had the first in an upcoming series of community meetings. Community feedback is being used to inform development of design concept options. We look forward to sharing a range of design options and hearing the community's preferences at our next community meeting this late summer 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 – VALLEY CREEK PARK**

Construction of this new park was publicly bid in March and on-site construction began April 25. 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 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council adopted the recommended name *Bridle Trails Valley Creek Park*.

Construction is complete, a grand opening event was held on May 11th and the park is open to the public. New park enthusiasm is straining park parking capacity. Staff are working with transportation to monitor conditions.

### **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 in summer 2024.

### **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 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. Permit applications and drawings are in-process. 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. 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 July 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. 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 reviewing the list of renovations to determine which repairs are recommended.

### **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 the summer of 2023. Design options based on public input were shared at the June 2024 community meeting. Over 100 community members attended. Project websites (City and Engage Bellevue) continue to be updated regularly with engagement opportunities, surveys, timelines, and general project progress. A second on-line survey is now underway and will be available for comment until July 15.

### **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.

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

Preliminary planning efforts have begun on the City's newest neighborhood park in the Eastgate Neighborhood. A Request for Qualification (RFQ) for architectural and engineering services has been initiated to help design the new park. We will be sharing the new park's planning and naming process with Parks's and Community Services Board in July. We are looking forward to working with the community to plan and name the new neighborhood park 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.