



# **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**JUNE 2025**

## **AQUATIC CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY**

SplashForward is working to build organization capacity and inform fundraising feasibility to support aquatic needs. On September 17, 2024, the Council adopted the Bellevue Airfield Park Master plan, that includes a new aquatic facility. Development of the new aquatic facility will be dependent upon partners and fundraising. *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 shared an overview of the Ashwood Master Plan update process and community preferences at the February 2025 Parks & Community Services meeting. The Parks & Community Services Board unanimously moved to recommend the community preferred plan (alternative F) and the park name Ashwood Park to City Council. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council gave the nod to Alternative F as the preferred plan, and Ashwood Park to be the name. The environmental review (SEPA) has been submitted to Development Services. This process can take up to a year to complete.

## **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. The environmental review per the State Environmental Protection Act SEPA was completed and received no appeals. The City Council adopted the community preferred and Parks & Community Board recommended Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan update at their September 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, meeting. Staff is working to determine best procurement methods.

## **KELSEY CREEK PARK BATHROOM**

The Park restroom building that provides service to the picnic area, playground and farm events needs to be replaced. 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.

## **FOREST DRIVE AND RED CEDAR TRAILHEADS**

King County is upgrading a sewer trunk line in the Natural Area that will close nearby Red Cedar Trailhead access and parking for a period of 3-4 years starting in mid-2025. To support continued access to Coal Creek Natural Area, a new trailhead with parallel parking along Forest

Drive will be expanded to support a 12-stall parking area. Design and permit review for the Forest Drive Trailhead expansion is underway with construction expected in late 2025. Expanded parking and interim trailhead access should be restored in 2026.

### **MERCER SLOUGH - FARM STAND**

The Farm Stand at Mercer Slough replacement project is part of the Sound Transit light rail mitigation. The new farm stand is a two-story building that has been designed as a produce display/sales building with public restrooms. The new farm stand is open and fresh produce is available. Warranty issues are being addressed as they occur.

### **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. Design and permitting work are underway.

### **MEYDENBAUER BAY PARK PHASE II DESIGN**

The initial objective of the Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase II was to determine the scope of work to be included in this next, multi-phased park development. Community outreach to build project awareness and invite participation was conducted from summer 2023 thru 2025. Staff shared next step design options based on community preferences with the Parks & Community Services Board and City Council. At their June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the City Council directed staff to proceed with construction documentation and permitting to develop phase 2. The next phase of development will include the Meydenbauer Bay Park Gateway Plaza at Main and 100<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, additional parking and an interim shoreline promenade expansion. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2028.

### **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 has completed design development. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council approved a contract to continue design, secure permits and provide bid documents. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.

### **ROBINSWOOD TENNIS CENTER EXTERIOR SIDING REPLACEMENT**

The 1988 Robinwood Tennis Center exterior siding has been damaged from weather, birds, and other critters. Construction documents and permitting were completed and the project publicly bid. Construction to replace the siding and roof has begun; work should be completed this summer.

### **ROBINSWOOD PARK PLAYGROUND**

Design and permitting work have begun to update the Robinswood Park Playground. Older equipment needs to be replaced, and a comprehensive design will work to address the evolved and fragmented play areas. Play areas include Jennifer's Playground (2-5), the 5-12 play equipment, swings and adult equipment. Design and permitting is anticipated to be complete in 2026 with construction completed in 2027.

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

Planning efforts continue to move forward on the City's newest neighborhood park in the Eastgate Neighborhood. The second community meeting was held on March 27<sup>th</sup> and Staff shared survey results, park design alternatives and next project steps with the Parks & Community Services Board on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Staff look forward to attending the Eastgate Neighborhood Block Party on June 21<sup>st</sup> and our next community meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARK & NATURAL AREAS 2008 - 2028 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:** The updated Park Master Plan was adopted by Council on September 17, 2024. Best alternative procurement and contracting processes are being evaluated to support the first, and future phases of park design, permitting and construction.
- **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. Work to permit the demolition of structures owned by the park is underway.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Project complete.