

Parks Bond Project Update 09/30/2024

Construction

At Ridgecrest, the hillside slides were installed, and a safety inspection has been scheduled before they are opened to the public. FORMA is completing miscellaneous closeout items before formally transferring the park to the City. Kruckeberg has been completed and open to the public for over a month. FORMA completed final closeout tasks and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on September 13th. Shoreline staff, Councilmembers, PRCS/Tree Board, and Kruckeberg Board members were in attendance. At Council's direction, staff will coordinate ribbon-cutting ceremonies for future park projects. Construction at Shoreview began in early August and the park will be re-opened in January pending favorable weather over the winter.

Remaining Project Development

Construction at Richmond Highlands and James Keough are in final permitting stages, and we anticipate construction to begin in late October to November. Brugger's Bog is delayed as we continue the extensive Critical Area Special Use Permit (CASUP) process. Construction may be postponed until spring of 2025 due to adverse soil conditions that would preclude winter construction.

Permitting is progressing faster than expected for Hamlin Park, and we may begin construction by the end of year. At Hillwood, due to the presence of a wetland and Boeing Creek, a CASUP is also required which has delayed the project schedule. As a result, construction likely won't begin until mid-2025.

New Park Design Development

The Parks Bond measure allocates \$4M for design and development of existing or new properties beyond the 8 parks currently under development in the progressive design/build bundle. Staff utilized the PROSA plan's acquisition and development framework to select park properties for initial outreach and design development. The development of Westminster Park has long been identified as a Council priority for design. West Echo Lake and 192nd/Hemlock serve disadvantaged populations and address watershed gaps. The City was awarded appropriations for public engagement and design of both parcels in the 2024 Supplemental State Capital Budget. Completed designs will increase the City's likelihood of additional grant awards for future development of the parks in our disadvantaged neighborhoods. Other landbank park sites awaiting design include Edwin Pratt Park, Rotary Park, Twin-Ponds Expansion, and South Ronald Bog.

Staff began the process of selecting a Design firm and advertised a request for qualifications (RFQ) in early August. The city received statement of qualifications (SOQ) from eight design firms, and staff selected ABLE as the most qualified firm. Contract and cost negotiations are in early stages and staff aim to have a draft contract for Council to review in mid-to-late October. Public engagement will begin soon after the contract is executed. Staff's goal is to have bid-ready documents for each parcel by Summer 2025.

Ridgecrest Hillside Slides & Rope Climber



Kruckeberg Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



New Fencing at Shoreview



Stormwater Drain being installed at Shoreview



Early Demo work at Richmond Highlands



Brugger's Bog House Prepared for Demo

