

Norkirk's Proposed Neighborhood Connection Projects for 2010

Thank you Norkirk residents for submitting your project ideas for the 2010 Neighborhood Connections Program. Below are the projects suggested by you and your neighbors. **Cast Your Vote** by June 15, 2010. (Please refer to Norkirk Verbatim Sorted Requests for detailed information about project proposals submitted by Norkirk residents.)

NK-1—\$5,600 (*Estimated cost for each bench is \$1,400*)
Benches along popular walking routes and near bus stops.



Install four benches to be located at selected locations around the neighborhood. If funded, the City will work together with the neighborhood to determine exact location.

NK-2—\$6,400 (*Estimated cost for each large picnic table is \$1,800 and bench is \$1,400*)
Benches and picnic tables installed in Crestwoods Park.



Install two benches and two picnic tables to be located between the trees and overlooking the fields where the neighborhood puts the rented tables and chairs for the annual Norkirk Picnic. If funded, the Parks and Community Services Department will work together with the neighborhood to determine exact locations.

NK-3—\$6,400 (Estimated cost for each large picnic table is \$1,800 and bench is \$1,400)

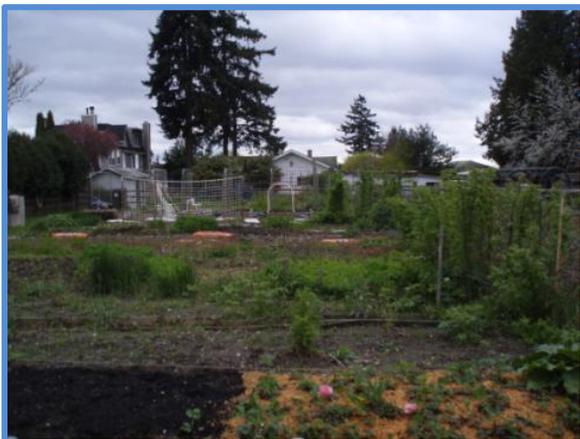
Benches and picnic tables installed in Van Aalst Park



Install two benches and two picnic tables to be located in Van Aalst Park. If funded, the Parks and Community Services Department will work together with the neighborhood to determine exact locations.

NK-4—\$5,000 (Estimated costs: picnic table \$1,800, park bench \$1,400, and kiosk \$1,800)

Bench, picnic table and kiosk at pea patch in Tot Lot Park



Install one bench, one picnic table, and a kiosk to be located on the pea patch side of Tot Lot Park. The kiosk (weather-proof design so postings can be left for an entire season) can contain postings on educational information for pea-patch organic gardening techniques and practices along with information on sharing plant starts/seedlings, material or tool resources which can help facilitate “community” in the community garden. If funded, the Parks and Community Services Department will work together with the neighborhood to determine exact locations and choice of materials.

NK-5—\$2,000

Clean up street end (2nd Street and 19th Avenue)



Trim vegetation and enhance walking conditions along pedestrian walkway located at end of 2nd Street and 19th Avenue. Project to include pressure treated beams and crushed gravel and volunteer help to construct new walkway connection through street end.

NK-6—\$8,000

Landscape traffic circles throughout Norkirk

Plant beds at neighborhood sign locations (3rd Street and 10th Avenue & 6th Street and 7th Avenue)



Identify traffic circles containing overgrown or dead plants as well as circles too dangerous for citizens to work in. Solicit volunteer landscape architect to develop a landscape plan for circles that need improving. Coordinate and promote a "Norkirk Traffic Circle Volunteer Day" (pulling dead and inappropriate plants, amending soil, planting low maintenance, drought tolerant plants and ground cover per landscape plan). Critical to the success of this project is to solicit volunteers to "Adopt a Circle" (circles that are safe to work on) and continued coordination and promotion of twice yearly "Norkirk Traffic Circle Volunteer Day." Project may require some funds for signs with "Adopt a Circle" information.

NK-7—\$6,000—\$7,000

Outdoor sculpture



Purchase another statue for the neighborhood as was done in 2007. Have a committee research sculptures and locations. If funded, the Cultural Council together with City staff will work together with the neighborhood to select art and determine location.

NK-8—\$5,000—\$7,000

Par course or fitness trail installed in Crestwoods Park.



Project to enhance stretching, movement, and well balanced physical fitness routine for the entire body. Install three–five (3–5) individual stations with exercise apparatus spaced along a walking or jogging path at Crestwoods Park. The stations are designed for all ages and abilities. Some manufacturers advertise maintenance-free materials with long-term guarantees. If funded, the Parks and Community Services Department will work together with the neighborhood to select equipment and determine exact location.

NK-9—Decline the \$25,000

Decline \$25,000 Neighborhood Connection funds designated for the Norkirk Neighborhood Association.

Background:

We are providing this background about the Neighborhood Connection Program funding because of the unusual nature of this item on the ballot. Norkirk will be the only neighborhood to decline funding if this option receives the most votes.

The [Neighborhood Connection Program](#) was created in 2000 and provided \$100,000 of annual funding for improvements identified and prioritized by Kirkland residents. Since the Program's inception, over 1,900 requests have been addressed and over 85 small capital projects totaling \$900,000 have been completed (including benches, crosswalk improvements, trail enhancements, landscaping city right of way, street lights, and park equipment).

Since 2000, funding has been awarded to four neighborhoods each year with 10 of the 11 neighborhoods receiving funding three times. Norkirk is the last neighborhood to receive funding for the third time.

During the [2009-2010 budget process](#), the City Council faced many challenges to balance the budget and had to make very difficult decisions regarding service and staff reductions and eliminations. The Council adopted the 2009–2010 biennial budget with no Neighborhood Connection Program funding in 2009 and \$25,000 for 2010 (the Norkirk allocation).

As part of the Norkirk Neighborhood Connection process, the idea of forgoing the Norkirk funding was suggested as a way to help make up the City's budget shortfall. Norkirk would not be able to designate how the City would spend this money. The City Council discussed this idea at their February 16, 2010 meeting. For more information about Norkirk's Neighborhood Connection Program funding, please see the February 16 [Council Memo](#) and [Council Video](#) .