



132nd Square Park Master Plan

October 1, 2019



132ND SQUARE PARK RETROFIT FACILITY PROJECT

BACKGROUND

2015 Parks & Community Services – Adopted Capital Improvement Program

- Included **playfield renovation** project for 132nd Square Park

Consistent with policy goals in the PROS Plan (chapter 3)

- Provide equitable park distribution, prioritize park acquisition in underserved areas, establish services in newly annexed areas (2.1)
- Prioritize development of existing park sites in areas where service level deficiencies exist (2.2)
- Enhance the diversity of programs offered, focusing on programs that are in high demand or serve a range of users (5.1)
- Provide facilities for alternative or emerging sports . . . to offer residents a more diverse range of recreational experiences (5.6)
- Resurface existing or new fields to artificial turf to allow more intensive use (6.1)



BACKGROUND

November 2015 – Park Board presentation to combine 132nd Square Park (Park) playfield project with stormwater retrofit project and Department of Ecology (DOE) grant of \$2.5M award

Water quality treatment/flow control for ~ 50 acres of upstream area
132nd Square Park identified as ideal location

May 2016 – DOE grant funding was delayed

Park Project delayed until the stormwater project was ready to be constructed



BACKGROUND

January 2018 - funding was restored; Staff revisited both projects

April 2018 - Public Works, Parks & Human Services Committee Meeting

Requested staff analyze cost of synthetic turf versus natural grass sports fields.

Requested a review of the benefits of combining the two projects.



BENEFITS OF COMBINING PROJECTS

Economies of scale and investment cost savings

Permitting, bidding, construction, administration combined for more efficient project

Extensive excavation and restoration of entire field area

Opportunity to upgrade to synthetic turf - recommended in PROS plan

Installation of underground facilities

Impervious surface calculations/underground facilities construction meet both stormwater and synthetic turf requirements



BENEFITS OF COMBINING PROJECTS

Current scheduled Athletic Field Uses

Baseball, soccer
Booked 850 hours last year

Potential new scheduled Athletic Field Uses

Include emerging sports – lacrosse, cricket

PROS Plan

Increase service level through capacity
Additional scheduled hours (evening, winter months)
Potential to increase to 1,700 hours a year

Field reservations

Managed in accordance with the Athletic Field Sports Policy
Current limitation on the amount of play on any sport field now – open play



CITY COUNCIL – CIP PROGRAM

June 19th, 2018

City Council received a report on these benefits

Included a proposal for artificial turf at 132nd Square Park to the 2019-2020 CIP program

December 2018 – CIP Program formally adopted



CONSULTANT SELECTION

January 2019 - Staff began a **Master Plan** process as required by Kirkland Zoning Code 45.50 in coordination with stormwater project

Public Works and Parks - jointly developed RFP to select consultant

Staff determination - AHBL as most qualified to complete project

AHBL

- Design of stormwater facility
- Master planning process and schematic design of park improvements
- Presenters Tonight: Doreen Gavin and Craig Skipton



MASTER PLAN - PUBLIC PROCESS

March 20, 2019: Evergreen Hill Neighborhood Association (~ 30 attendees)

March 26, 2019: Community Open House (~ 40 attendees)

May 12, 2019: Picnic in the Park (~ 80 attendees)

June 20, 2019: Community Open House (~ 55 attendees)

Additional outreach:

- Athletic user group

- Project website

- Online surveys

- Project folio translated in 4 languages



PARK BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL

July 2019 – Park Board reviews community feedback/first draft with three concepts. Community preference for Option 2

September 2019 – Public Hearing on final draft
Park Board makes recommendation to adopt plan with edits

October 2019 – City Council Briefing



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Kirkland Heights

Design development feedback

Operational considerations

Level of service and social equity for the community



OPTIONS

1. Approve the Master Plan with edits as recommended by Park Board (adopt October 15)
2. Approve the Master Plan without edits as recommended by staff (adopt October 15)
3. Approve the Master Plan with edits proposed by City Council (adopt October 15)
4. Reject the Master Plan

