



# KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

September 24, 2025; 7:00 p.m.

Peter Kirk Room, Kirkland City Hall

123 5th Avenue Kirkland, WA 98033

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## **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Park Board shall be to provide policy advice and assistance to the Department of Parks and Community Services and City Council in order to ensure the effective provision of Parks and Community Services programs and facilities to the residents of the City of Kirkland.*

# **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. August 27, 2025
- 5. BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - a. Artificial Turf Feasibility Study
  - b. Park Board Work Plan
  - c. Joint Meeting Prep
  - d. Park Board Member Reports
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - a. Correspondence
  - b. Parks & Community Services Highlights
  - c. Staff Updates and Information
  - d. Comments from the Chair
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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**KIRKLAND PARK BOARD  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
August 27, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The August 27, 2025 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Amy Ambrosini.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Board member Juliana Born, Board member Anika Joshi, Board Member Denise Lindberg, Board Member Paul Stull, Vice Chair Jared Silvia, Chair Amy Ambrosini

Members Absent: Board Member Berenice Bortoni, Board member Katherine Kearny

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Parks Planning & Development Manager Mariah Murphy, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Recreation Supervisor Theresa Vander Vaart, Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

**3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 25, 2025 and July 23, 2025 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Art Donation Evaluation**

Deputy Director Lloyd introduced Jonathan Heuer, President of the Kirkland Community foundation and artist Troy Pillow. Mr. Heuer and Mr. Pillow presented on a proposed new piece for David Brink Park.

The Board and Staff discussed the installation with Mr. Heuer and Mr. Pillow.

Motion to accept the art donation and recommend the artist work with park staff to determine the appropriate location for installation in the park system.

Moved: Board Member Silvia; Seconded: Board Member Born

The motion passed with 6 votes in favor, none against, and 2 absent.

**b. Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) Operational Overview**

Recreation Supervisor Theresa Vander Vaart presented a 1-year status update of the KTUB building since its launch on September 3, 2024. The presentation included KTUB attendance trends, programming, and our partners 4 Tomorrow and Youth Eastside Services (YES).

Staff answered questions from the Board.

**PARK BOARD RECESSED AT 7:49 PM  
PARK BOARD RECONVENED AT 7:55 PM**

**c. Park Board Work Plan Development Continued**



Administrative Assistant Welch presented a Draft Work Plan to the Park Board for their review. The Park Board continued discussing the development of a Park Board work plan.

Staff will synthesize the feedback and provide an updated draft next month.

#### **d. Park Board Member Reports**

Vice Chair Silvia noted that he attended the International Night Market. At the Juanita Neighborhood meeting, he noted that they struggle to reserve outdoor space for their neighborhood events at a reasonable cost. Without electricity at the Edith Moulton gazebo, it limits what they can bring to their events. There was also an interest in reserving outdoor-only space at North Kirkland Community Center for an outdoor event, which could potentially be more cost effective and have more availability than being required to rent the indoor space.

Board Member Joshi also reported that she went to the International Night Market and commented on the huge turnout at the event.

Board Member Lindberg noted that her kids got to participate in Rec-n-Roll at Peter Kirk Park and really enjoyed it! She also noted that she was working on getting in touch with the Everest Neighborhood.

Chair Ambrosini also attended the International Night Market, though it was still pretty quiet early at the beginning of the event.

No further reports were presented.

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **a. Correspondence**

Jackie Beck

Kurtis Beckmann

#### **b. Department Quarterly Report**

The Park Board received and accepted the Parks and Community Services 2025 Quarter 2 Report for the period of April 2025 through June 2025.

#### **c. Department Highlights**

The Parks & Community Services Highlights is intended to call attention to current projects and upcoming events that the Park Board can share with their neighbors, school and work associations, and other community groups.

#### **c. Staff Updates and Information**

Park Planning & Development Manager Murphy reported on the launch of the Green Loop Implementation Plan. This will include a survey and several outreach events. The Synthetic Turf Feasibility Study is nearing completion, and there will be a Public Informational Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at the Parks Maintenance Center. Outcomes of the Synthetic Turf Feasibility Study will be presented to Park Board at our next regular session in September. We are also preparing the Miller Property (Rose Hill Meadows) building to be demolished.

Recreation Manager Shellenbarger reported on a smooth Fall 2025 / Winter 2026 registration, and the wrap up of final camps at the end of the summer season. She noted that See Spot

Splash is coming up on Saturday, September 6, 2025 and that the division is in active recruitment for a Program Coordinator.

Deputy Director Lloyd noted that some King County Levy money would come to the City for work on the Peter Kirk Pool, however our application for the King County aquatics grant was rejected, due to the City of Kirkland not being an underserved area. He also noted to the Board that several staff members (including Recreation Manager Shellenbarger) will be out on leave beginning this fall, and the positions will be filled on an interim basis.

Administrative Assistant Welch reminded the Board of the upcoming volunteer opportunity at City Hall for All.

**d. Comments from the Chair**

No reports were presented.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The Board previewed the next 4 months of tentative Park Board agendas.

No additional agenda items were discussed.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ambrosini adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM by unanimous consent.

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Emily Lima Welch, Recording Secretary  
Parks and Community Services

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Amy Ambrosini, Chair  
Park Board



## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Mariah Murphy, Park Planning and Development Manager

**Date:** September 22, 2025

**Subject:** Consideration of Synthetic Turf Feasibility Study

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Park Board hears a report on the feasibility of converting the infields of Crestwoods Park- Ballfield #4, and 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park- Ballfield #1 to synthetic turf and provide Staff with feedback on including funding in the CIP for synthetic turf conversions in 2026.

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

#### **Background**

The City of Kirkland PROS Plan (2022), Section VII: Athletic Field Strategic Plan, inventoried, assessed, and prioritized athletic field projects across the Kirkland parks system.

- Crestwoods Field #4- Scored 19.5 ("Excellent")
- 132nd Square Park Field #1- Scored 12 ("Adequate")

Neither of these fields was identified in the Strategic Plan as a priority for synthetic turf conversion. However, Crestwoods Park Fields 1, 2, & 3 were identified as a priority site for developing a sports complex with synthetic turf and lighting. The project is listed in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at an estimated cost of \$9.1 million, but it remains unfunded. 132nd Square Park Ballfield #1 is not included in the CIP for synthetic turf conversion.

#### **Community Request**

In Fall 2024, representatives from Kirkland American Little League and Kirkland National Little League contacted staff requesting the conversion of baseball fields to synthetic turf. Their primary concern was the frequency of rainouts. To ensure equity across league territories, staff—working with Little League representatives—selected one field from each league's territory (Crestwoods Field #4 and 132nd Square Park Field #1) to be studied for feasibility.

#### **Funding Efforts**

In early 2025, staff applied for a King County Youth and Amateur Sports Grant (YASG) to help fund the design and construction of synthetic turf at the two fields. The City was unsuccessful because Kirkland is not considered an underserved community under the grant program criteria.

#### **Feasibility Study**

Staff hired Herrera Consultants and launched the feasibility study in June 2025. The study goals were to:

- Determine the feasibility of installing synthetic turf infields at Crestwoods Field #4 and 132nd Square Park Field #1.
- Complete 10% design.
- Develop cost estimates for full design and construction.

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Crestwoods Park- Ballfield #4 and 132nd Square Field Park- Ballfield #1 are natural grass and clay diamond fields. The Crestwoods field currently has underdrains while the 132<sup>nd</sup> field does not have underdrains. Attachment 1 is a draft report by Herrera Environmental Consultants detailing the existing conditions of each site, determining the feasibility of converting each to synthetic turf, and approximately costs of conversion.

Collectively the fields are utilized by Kirkland American Little League, Absolute Blast Fastpitch Association, Lake Washington Baseball and Softball Club, Puget Sound Senior Softball Association, KB Fastpitch, Kirkland National Little League, Elevate Northwest, Kirkland Merchants, Kenmore Cardinals Fastpitch, as well as the City's Recreation Division. Additionally, during the off times, the City allows some soccer associations to utilize the outfields for practice.

### Stormwater Regulations

King County, and therefore the City of Kirkland, implements stormwater regulations to protect surface water quality for humans, wildlife, and vegetation, and to maintain or mimic natural hydrologic flows (typically forested conditions in this region).

- **Applicability:** Regulations apply to projects that create or replace 2,000 square feet or more of impervious surface.
- **Flow Control:** Required to mimic natural (forested) hydrology, typically achieved through detention vaults, ponds, or infiltration facilities that slow or infiltrate stormwater.
- **Water Quality:** Required to ensure runoff leaving a site is treated, usually through filtration facilities that remove pollutants as water passes through engineered filtering media.
- **Synthetic Turf Classification:**
  - Considered impervious when installed with underdrains.
  - Considered a polluting pervious surface when installed without underdrains.

Working within these City and County regulations, Herrera studied the two fields, explored many different options and ultimately narrowed it down to three feasible options for the two sites (see Attachment 1 for full report).

### 132nd Square Park – Ballfield #1

- **Infield Construction:** Full-depth, traditional synthetic turf infield. Section will include:
  - 4" round, perforated drain pipe installed in a bed of pea gravel.
  - 8" base course permeable aggregate.
  - 2" top course permeable aggregate.
  - Infilled synthetic turf system.
- **Drainage:** System will connect to the existing flow control vault located beneath the mixed-use synthetic field to the south.
- **Water Quality:** A new water quality facility will be installed near the ballfield to meet regulatory requirements.
- **Field Transition:** Synthetic turf infield will transition to a natural grass outfield.

## **Crestwoods Park – Ballfield #4: Overlay Option**

- **Infield Construction:** Reuse existing underdrains with a panelized drainage tile system to ensure water can reach existing drains. Synthetic turf installed over the existing infield drain field.
- **Flow Control:** Facility installed on 6th Street as an “area swap” due to lack of space at the field. The facility will manage runoff from the road (currently unmitigated). Field flow will continue to disperse at the existing level spreader.
- **Water Quality:** Facility installed on 6th Street as an “area swap” to treat road runoff (currently unmitigated).
- **Field Transition:** Synthetic turf infield will transition to a natural grass outfield.

## **Crestwoods Park – Ballfield #4: Full-Section Option**

- **Infield Construction:** Existing underdrains removed and replaced. Full-depth, traditional synthetic turf infield including:
  - 4” round, perforated drain pipe installed in a bed of pea gravel.
  - 8” base course permeable aggregate.
  - 2” top course permeable aggregate.
  - Infilled synthetic turf system.
- **Flow Control:** Managed beneath the infield by increasing gravel depth and modifying underdrains to serve as a detention reservoir.
- **Water Quality:** Facility installed on 6th Street as an “area swap” to treat road runoff (currently unmitigated).
- **Field Transition:** Synthetic turf infield will transition to a natural grass outfield.

## **Notes on Feasibility**

- These options are conservative and designed to meet current regulatory requirements.
- At Crestwoods Park, further geotechnical testing and detailed design may show:
  - Soils qualify for a treatment exception, eliminating the need for a separate water quality facility.
  - Adjustments could limit impervious surface replacement, potentially qualifying for a flow control exception.
- At the current 10% design stage, these exceptions cannot yet be confirmed.

## **Community Outreach**

Parks and Community Services conducted Level 3 Engagement and Information Outreach for this feasibility study.

## **Engagement Activities:**

- **League Representatives:**
  - Kirkland American Little League (KALL) and Kirkland National Little League (KNLL) representatives engaged at study kickoff on June 4, 2025.
  - Provided with periodic updates throughout the study.
- **Field User Input Survey:**
  - Launched online on August 25, 2025, and remained open until September 10, 2025.
  - Invitations sent to all leagues using the two fields and to the Park Board.
  - 240 responses received.
- **Field User Interest Group Meeting:**
  - Held on September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Parks Maintenance Center.
  - Invitations emailed to all organizations using the two fields.
  - 4 attendees representing KALL and KNLL.

- Agenda included presentation of preliminary study findings followed by Q&A.
- **Park Board Meeting:**
  - To be held on September 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter Kirk Room, City Hall.
  - Public notice posted as part of the regular Park Board meeting.
  - Additional invitations sent to Field User Interest Group Meeting attendees.
  - Staff will present a report based on the Draft Herrera Feasibility Study, internal review, and community outreach findings.

### **Outreach Analysis**

During the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan process in 2021–2022, more than 3,000 community responses were received regarding park priorities. The feedback showed that athletic fields are among the most used facilities in Kirkland, but baseball fields ranked only “middle of the road” in overall importance. Broad community support for converting fields to synthetic turf was limited. However, among sports users specifically, approximately 78% supported conversion to synthetic turf.

The survey conducted for this feasibility study was designed to confirm and refine feedback from the PROS Plan, focusing specifically on converting ballfield infields to synthetic turf. Of the 240 responses received, most participants identified as family members, supporters, or coaches of athletes.

### **Key Findings**

- **Strong Support:** 86% participants supported converting infields to synthetic turf.
- **Concerns:** Environmental impacts, cost, and player safety were the most common concerns raised.
- **Reported Benefits:** Participants cited fewer cancellations and rescheduling issues, more consistent play conditions, expanded year-round use, and the ability to host more events.
- **Top Priority:** Respondents ranked all-weather playability (fewer rainouts) as the most important factor in considering synthetic turf.
- **Current Challenges:** 70% of respondents reported experiencing six or more games or practices impacted by unplayable field conditions each season.

## Cost Analysis

Table 1. Summary of Costs.			
	132nd Square Park	Crestwoods Park: Overlay	Crestwoods Park: Full Section
Permitting (including fees)	\$54,600	\$86,600	\$86,600
Design PS&E (through bid award)	\$133,100	\$163,400	\$165,400
Design Phase Contingency (10%)	\$18,800	\$25,000	\$25,200
<b>Total Design Phase Cost</b>	<b>\$206,500</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$277,200</b>
Artificial Turf Ballfield System & Related Site Improvements	\$368,800	\$303,300	\$409,500
Stormwater Management: Water Quality	\$56,500	\$42,000	\$43,000
Stormwater Management: Flow Control	\$0	\$170,000	\$75,700
Mitigation Plantings	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
<i>Subtotal Construction Costs</i>	<i>\$425,300</i>	<i>\$527,300</i>	<i>\$540,200</i>
Construction Contingency (40%)	\$170,200	\$211,000	\$216,100
Tax	\$44,300	\$54,900	\$56,200
Construction Inspections & Admin	\$81,400	\$96,700	\$98,700
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>\$1,146,500</b>	<b>\$1,417,200</b>	<b>\$1,451,400</b>
<b>Total Development Costs</b>	<b>\$1,353,000</b>	<b>\$1,692,200</b>	<b>\$1,728,600</b>
<b>O&amp;M (Annual)</b>	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>
<b>Mitigation Planting Monitoring (Annual, 5 Years)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>

Note: All numbers have been rounded up to nearest \$100.

Table 2. Life Cycle Repair and Replacement Costs (30 Years)			
Replacement Costs	132nd Square Park	Crestwoods Park: Overlay	Crestwoods Park: Full Section
Turf Replacement; Remove & Recycle Turf Surfacing & Infill.	\$130,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
Turf Replacement; Remove & Replace Pad System, Supply & Install 20% Waste.	\$64,500	\$69,500	\$69,500
Turf Replacement; Minor Base Aggregate "Tune Up"	\$25,750	\$27,850	\$27,850
<b>Cycle 1 and 2 (Year 10 and 20)</b>	<b>\$220,250</b>	<b>\$237,350</b>	<b>\$237,350</b>
Panel Drain Replacement	\$0	\$140,000	\$0
<b>Cycle 3 (Year 30)</b>	<b>\$220,250</b>	<b>\$377,350</b>	<b>\$237,350</b>
<b>Total (Year 1-30)</b>	<b>\$660,750</b>	<b>\$1,089,400</b>	<b>\$712,050</b>

Note: All numbers have been rounded up to nearest \$100.

In addition to reviewing the Herrera Report and gathering community feedback, staff analyzed potential revenue gains from increased field availability through synthetic turf installation.

- Playable and rentable hours were estimated by calculating sunset times from November through February 2026.
- Assumptions:
  - Weekday availability begins at 3:30 pm
  - Weekend availability begins at 8:00 am
- Fields are already available March – October, so additional playable hours from synthetic turf would only apply to winter months.

- **Approximate added playable time:** 374 hours per field per year.

Note that this estimate assumes natural grass remains in playable condition and does not factor in holidays or maintenance closures.

### Revenue Implications

- Rental fees depend on:
  1. Field quality
  2. Residency of renter (Kirkland vs. non-resident)
  3. Non-profit status of renter
- Current classifications:
  - Crestwoods Ballfield #4- Class 1 Field: \$24-\$42/hr
  - 132nd Square Park Ballfield #1- Class 2 Field: \$22-\$39/hr
- With synthetic turf, both would qualify as Premium Fields (\$30-\$51/hr)
- **Added revenue for Winter play:** \$11,220 – \$19,074 per field per year.
- **Added revenue for Upgrade to ‘Premium’ Fees, Standard Season:** apprx \$9,000 per year (\$5,400/yr for 132nd and \$3,600/yr for Crestwoods)

Note that Standard Season estimate is based off the assumption that both fields are rented 600 hours per year which is higher than actual bookings due to maintenance and event blocks. Standard Resident fees were used for this estimate.

### Demand Assessment

- Kirkland American Little Leagues confirmed that at least 7 Select level teams currently rent Bellevue’s Hidden Valley fields in January, February, November, and December due to field closures in Kirkland.
- The Athletic Field Strategic Plan indicates that 18 fields in Kirkland already exceed 600 permitted hours annually, surpassing recommended use limits for natural turf.

These findings support a high demand for additional winter field capacity in Kirkland, suggesting strong utilization if synthetic turf is installed. Actual revenue would be lower than estimated here due to maintenance needs of the natural grass outfields. Some rest time would be needed to ensure high quality grass fields. Maintenance as noted in the Herrera estimate above would be reduced at these two fields but Staff would require some additional upfront training to ensure proper maintenance and repair of the new synthetic turf.

### Existing Budget

Staff review and discussion indicated that there is currently no funding allocated in the CIP for the conversion of these two infields to Synthetic Turf.

### NEXT STEPS:

Staff will present the findings of the report, including Park Board feedback, to City Council. Staff will seek Council feedback and direction about including funding for future synthetic turf conversions in the CIP budget.

### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Draft Feasibility and Cost Analysis, Kirkland Synthetic Turf Infields at Crestwoods and 132nd Square Park, Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc.



DRAFT

August 29, 2025

# Feasibility and Cost Analysis

## Kirkland Synthetic Turf Infields at Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park

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# Introduction

The City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services (City) engaged Herrera Environmental Consultants (Herrera) and D.A. Hogan to prepare a feasibility and cost analysis to convert existing sand/silt infields into synthetic turf infields at two existing ballfields located at 132nd Square Park and Crestwoods Park. This analysis is limited to infield conversion assessment.

Herrera and D.A. Hogan and City staff conducted a site assessment visit to review existing conditions on June 18, 2025. Herrera and D.A. Hogan had several calls with City staff from various departments, including Parks Department, Surface Water Group, Planning Department and Capital Improvements Program to discuss and refine potential alternatives to ensure they meet the goals of all stakeholders. The proposed synthetic turf alternatives included a variety of types of underdrains, which dictated the scale of disturbance and excavation in the infield. The proposed stormwater alternatives for ballfield at 132nd Square Park focused on using the existing stormwater system to varying degrees. The proposed stormwater alternatives for ballfield at Crestwoods Park were more varied and included reuse of the existing stormwater system, replacement of the existing system and a variety of locations for stormwater management. Refer to the Alternatives Analysis memo (Attachment A) for a description of alternatives considered.

Two Alternatives Analysis workshops were conducted with City staff to refine and select alternatives. This report documents the feasibility and estimated costs of those preferred design alternatives. The preferred alternatives have been advanced to a 10 percent planning level design, including turf system option; permitting requirements; drainage improvements; construction and operating cost estimates; and estimated design and implementation schedules. This study finds that design, permitting and installation of synthetic turf infields are feasible at each site; however, modifications to the existing field designs will be required, as well as ongoing annual maintenance activities of synthetic turf field and drainage systems in addition to existing systems, if present.

## Stormwater Requirements

Per the 2021 King County Surface Water Design Manual (amended 2024) (KCSWDM), natural and synthetic sports fields are defined as pollution-generating pervious surface (PGPS) and if installed with an underdrain system, sports fields are considered pollution-generating impervious surface (PGIS). KCSWDM requires a Full Drainage Review for non-single family residential projects when proposed improvements exceed the thresholds of 2,000 square feet of new plus replaced hard surface or 7,000 square feet of land disturbance. Based on the size of the turf infields (approximately 10,400 square feet each), all synthetic turf alternatives considered for this analysis will require Full Drainage Review per the KCSWDM—triggering all nine Core Requirements (CRs) and all five Special Requirements.

The two CRs with the most impact the feasibility of a turf field project are CR #3 Flow Control and CR #8 Water Quality. Stormwater from the proposed synthetic turf surfaces must meet these CRs as their installation results in the creation of new PGIS. Without sufficient capacity within existing downstream flow control and water quality facilities, additional stormwater facilities are required to meet prescribed

performance standards. Flow Control and Water Quality facilities are often the largest and most expensive components, which can impact project feasibility. This report assumes that all other CRs and Special Requirements can be met, regardless of chosen alternative.

Installation of a synthetic turf overlay system atop existing field surface materials with existing underdrains was explored as a potential option if it could be considered a maintenance-only activity. KCSWDM includes exemptions from CR and Special Requirements for certain maintenance activities. In order for this to be considered a maintenance only action, this option would require the repair/replacement of existing subsurface drainage systems in a manner that would not result in significant hydrologic impacts. However, City staff confirmed that the City does not consider any form of synthetic turf installation as a maintenance activity; therefore, this alternative is not feasible.

### Core Requirement #3: Flow Control

For projects that propose more than 5,000 square feet of new plus replaced impervious surface or more than 0.75-acres of land disturbance, the KCSWDM requires stormwater to be managed to reduce flowrates to meet specific benchmarks depending on the downstream conditions. Typically, this results in the construction of a flow control facility that stores (detains) stormwater during storms and allows it to discharge (or infiltrate where feasible) slowly over time. Both parks are within a designated Level 2 Flow Control area, which requires maintaining the durations of high flows at the same level as the site prior to development for all flows greater than one-half of the 2-year peak flow up to the 50-year peak flow. This requirement can be achieved by installing a detention facility downstream of the ballfield underdrains, building storage into the subgrade beneath the ballfield, or by collecting and detaining runoff from an equivalent offsite area of impervious surface as approved by City Surface Water staff.

### Core Requirement #8: Water Quality

For projects that propose more than 5,000 square feet of new plus replaced PGIS or more than 0.75-acres of PGPS, the KCSWDM requires stormwater contacting pollution generating surfaces to be treated to remove potential pollutants. The ballfields included in this analysis fall within Basic Water Quality areas on King County's iMap, and do not qualify as one of the land uses that requires Enhanced Basic Water Quality treatment, therefore Basic Water Quality treatment is required. This requirement can be achieved by installing an approved water quality treatment device downstream of the ballfield underdrains, installing a water quality filter as a part of the turf section, or by treating runoff from an equivalent offsite area of PGIS as approved by City Surface Water staff.

## Critical Areas

Herrera conducted a desktop review of existing information and a site reconnaissance at Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park to document the following critical areas: wetlands, frequently flooded areas, minor lakes, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas (FWHCAs) (which includes streams), per Kirkland Zoning Code (KZC) Chapter 90. A desktop review of City-mapped geologically hazardous areas was also conducted. Critical areas were reviewed within 300 feet of the infield at Crestwoods Park and within 300 feet of the infield at 132nd Square Park, which defines as the *study area* at each site. A

complete summary of the desktop review and site visit can be found in the technical memorandum by Herrera: *Synthetic Turf Infield Analysis at Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park – Critical Areas* (Attachment B).

Wetlands and streams were identified within the study area at Crestwoods Park. Geologically hazardous areas are mapped within the study area, including “high susceptibility landslide,” “moderate susceptibility landslide” areas, and “liquefaction potential” (City of Kirkland 2025). Impacts to these wetlands, streams, or their buffers would require mitigation. Additionally, any new impervious surfaces at this site would trigger a City requirement to meet the “vegetated buffer standard,” per KZC 90.130, which would require enhancing existing wetland or stream buffers onsite at a minimum 1:1 ratio (square footage of buffer enhancement area to new impervious surface area).

At 132nd Square Park, the City maps a “high liquefaction potential” area within the study area (City of Kirkland 2025). No other critical areas were mapped or identified within the study area.

Additional critical area assessment, including resource area delineation at Crestwoods, and geotechnical investigation will be required to finalize design.

## Public Outreach

Public Outreach has consisted of an online survey distributed via the Little League community. A public meeting was held on September 3, 2025. [PLACEHOLDER AFTER MEETING]

## 132nd Square Park

### Existing Site Conditions

The existing infield at 132nd Square Park is silt/sand without underdrains. Any conversion of the existing infield to synthetic turf with subsurface drainage system will result in the creation of new PGIS, triggering water quality and flow control requirements per the KCSWDM.

An infield conversion at the 132nd Square Park ballfield will require about 10,400 square feet of infield surface redevelopment. The total area may be greater depending on the size of the transition area from a synthetic turf infield to the natural turf outfield.

In 2021, a new synthetic turf playing field was installed as part of a larger park renovation south of this project’s subject ballfield. The park renovation included installation of stormwater water quality treatment and flow control facilities. Based on a review of the park renovation design report and subsequent discussion with City staff, it is understood that the installed facilities have additional flow control capacity available. The existing facilities do not have additional water quality treatment capacity and City staff have indicated they do not want to increase flows to the existing water quality structure, even if the stormwater has already been treated. Confirmation of the detailed capacity in the existing facilities is needed, potentially via hydrologic modeling or post-construction documentation, to confirm the extent



of infield conversion potentially mitigated by the existing facilities. Stormwater runoff from the infield area is assumed to be routed to the existing water quality treatment and flow control facilities under existing conditions.

See Figure 2b in Attachment B for site observations.

## Synthetic Turf Infield Design

The selected turf system for 132nd Square Park is a traditional full-section conversion, which consists of synthetic turf surfacing, 10 inches of aggregate base material and 4-inch diameter underdrains which drain to a collector pipe and then the proposed Water Quality facility.

See Attachments C and D for more information on synthetic turf materials, the infield design, and example underdrain details and sections.

## Water Quality Treatment Facility

Based on discussions with City staff, it is preferred for the selected Water Quality treatment facility to be located near the existing drainage structure with an atrium grate in the southeast corner of the ballfield (beyond right field). The existing drainage structure with the atrium grate will remain to collect runoff from the outfield in larger storm events. Runoff from the new infield underdrains is piped directly to the proposed Water Quality facility, which for the basis of this analysis consists of a 72-inch diameter Type II Catch Basin with one Stormfilter cartridge. The StormFilter system was chosen to match the existing Water Quality facility installed in 2021, which will streamline the maintenance activities needed for the two systems, but the City may consider and select an alternative product or method of water quality treatment if desired (as allowed by the KCSWDM). The treated runoff will then be routed to the existing flow splitter via subsurface pipes and an additional structure to bypass the existing WQ facility, per the City's request.

See Attachment E for stormwater design layout.

## Flow Control Facility

The selected Flow Control Facility does not require any new construction. Instead, this project will utilize capacity within the existing facilities installed in 2021 to meet stormwater requirements for flow control. Based on discussions with City staff, additional detention capacity was installed during construction due to unstable soils. Staff confirmed that the existing facility had sufficient detention capacity to manage stormwater from the infield conversion, although this volume could be reduced if suitable high infiltration soils are found under the infield.

# Crestwoods Park

## Existing Site Conditions

The existing infield is silt/sand with underdrains. Retrofit underdrains are also present in the outfield. Infield and outfield underdrains discharge to header pipes that convey stormwater collected beneath the ballfield surface to dispersion trenches beyond center and left fields. The center field dispersion trench receives runoff from the infield and the right and center outfield areas. The condition of the center field dispersion trench is compromised. The left field dispersion trench receives runoff from a portion of the left outfield area. The left field dispersion trench was inaccessible at the time of site visit. The purpose of the dispersion trenches is to allow stormwater to discharge across a wide area, avoiding concentrated discharges that could cause erosion downstream.

The ballfield is situated atop a plateau with relatively steep slopes surrounding the field on the north, east, and south sides. The slopes and areas below the slopes are forested with the presence of wetlands. Active native growth restoration areas are present north and south of the ballfield. The surrounding topography and critical areas exclude full dispersion as a stormwater mitigation option due to required dispersion flow path parameters (e.g., maximum slope) and length.

The infield area at the Crestwoods Park ballfield is about 9,000 square feet. The area for the infield conversion is about 10,400 square feet, although the total area may be greater, depending on the size of the transition area from the infield to the natural turf outfield. The increase in infield area will require buffer vegetation enhancement plantings to mitigate for wetland buffer impacts.

See Figure 2a in Attachment B for site observations.

## Synthetic Turf Infield Design

Two turf systems were chosen for further evaluation: an “overlay” synthetic turf infield using the existing underdrains and a traditional full-section replacement of the existing infield and underdrains. The overlay design consists of synthetic turf surfacing and a panelized drainage tile system installed over the existing infield surface. The overlay design leaves the existing underdrain system in place and adds additional conveyance from the surface to the existing underdrain system.

The feasibility of an overlay synthetic turf system is dependent on the condition of the existing subsurface drainage system (permeable drainage aggregate and underdrains) below the infield. The existing infield materials include a higher percentage of fine sediments than is typical for a well-draining field. See Attachment F for pictures of material samples taken during a site visit on June 18, 2025. Further investigation of the condition of the existing drainage layer and underdrains is recommended, both to determine the extent of any fine sediment contamination and to determine the infiltration performance of the existing drainage system. Further investigation would include mechanical and hand excavation to collect material samples for laboratory analysis, as well as inspection of the pipe exterior and interior. Investigation would also include infiltration testing.

The traditional full-section conversion consists of synthetic turf surfacing, 10 inches of aggregate base material and 4-inch diameter underdrains which drain to a collector pipe. The existing underdrains are removed to accommodate the additional gravel storage for flow control (see below).

See Attachments E and F for more information on the infield design and example underdrain details and sections.

## Water Quality Treatment Facility

The site constraints of the existing ballfield make the installation of a standard Water Quality Treatment Facility difficult. There is very limited space between the outer edge of the field and the top of the steep slopes on the north and east sides of the field. In consultation with City staff, a “treatment trade” is proposed per KCSWM Section 1.2.8.2.C. The “traded” or “swapped” area selected includes the roadway, roadside ditches, and run-on areas along 6th Street from 19th Avenue North to the turnaround area adjacent to the Crestwoods Park Playground and Outdoor Gym. Stormwater will be captured from the existing ditch and culvert conveyance on both the east and west sides of 6th Street and routed to a proposed Water Quality facility. For the basis of this analysis, the proposed facility consists of a 4-foot by 4-foot Modular Wetland Biofiltration unit, which treats stormwater conveyed in the existing ditches along 6th Street. This product was chosen for the minimal drop in elevation between the inlet and outlets, which makes it ideal for integrating with an existing stormwater system like the ditches along 6th Street, although the City may consider and select alternative product or method of water quality treatment if desired (as allowed by the KCSWDM). The proposed system would discharge treated stormwater back into the ditches along 6th Street or to the Flow Control Facility, depending on the final design.

The swap area has similar hydrologic characteristics (an equivalent area of impervious surface), is pollution-generating, and is within the same drainage basin (Forbes Creek). Runoff from the ballfield and the area swap combine in Forbes Creek about 2,800 feet downstream of the ballfield and about 1,650 feet downstream of the swapped area. Existing outfalls to Forbes Creek for the ballfield and swapped area runoff are within about 50 feet of each other.

See Attachment G for stormwater design layout.

## Flow Control Facilities

At the direction of City staff and based on the site history as an area of fill, the soil at Crestwoods Park is assumed to be till soil with low infiltration rates. Therefore, any Flow Control facility will be a detention system and will not rely on infiltration to meet the Core Requirement. Two Flow Control options are considered for Crestwoods Park: a detention facility below the infield and a detention facility managing runoff from the same “swapped” area as the proposed Water Quality treatment facility on 6th Street.

A detention facility below the infield is only feasible if the full replacement turf system is chosen and the existing underdrains and materials are removed. An additional two feet of gravel would be installed below the turf system, which would fill with stormwater collected beneath the infield during storm events and then slowly discharge via an overflow control structure (OCS) located beyond the outfield along the

first base line. Runoff from the OCS eventually discharges through a new gravel dispersion trench, located beyond right field near the area of restoration plantings.

A detention facility on 6th Street would consist of 5-foot diameter perforated pipe surrounded by gravel. Treated runoff would flow from the proposed Water Quality unit to the perforated pipes which collect and detain runoff before slowly discharging it through a similar OCS back to the existing ditches along 6th Street.

For both flow control options, additional Geotechnical investigation would be required to determine the soil type and infiltration rate. If the soil is suitable for infiltration, the size and/or depth of the Flow Control facility could be reduced, which would reduce construction material and labor costs.

See Attachment G for stormwater design layouts.

## Permitting

Permitting to support the conversion of existing infields to turf infields at Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park will need to address existing footprint of the infields vs. proposed turf infield; stormwater management; removal/replacement of any significant trees; temporary or permanent impacts to critical areas and buffers (at Crestwoods Park); assessment of impacts to geological hazardous areas; expansion of impervious surface and buffer enhancement requirements (at Crestwoods Park).

At a minimum, the following permits and/or studies would likely be required to support improvements at the site:

- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist for the project, utilizing the City's checklist template: The SEPA checklist includes questions regarding the proposed project and environmental elements of the site, such as earth, air, water, plants, historic and cultural resources, housing, transportation, utilities, etc.
- City of Kirkland significant tree inventory, Arborist Report, and Tree Retention.
- City of Kirkland Soils Report (for geologically hazardous areas).
- City of Kirkland Land Surface Modification Permit
- City of Kirkland Critical Areas Report and Mitigation Plan (if required, at Crestwoods Park only).
- City of Kirkland Drainage Technical Information Report.
- City of Kirkland Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Spill (SWPPS) Plan.
- City of Kirkland Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Plan.

Cost of permitting support and fees is estimated to be \$86,600 for permits, studies, applications, and procurement at Crestwoods Park. Cost of permitting support and fees at 132nd Square Park is estimated to be \$54,600. The permitting schedule to complete the studies and applications is estimated to require up to 10 months following development of a 60 percent design submittal.

# Operation and Maintenance

## Daily Maintenance (in-season)

Daily maintenance during active season use is anticipated to include litter pickup and disposal, spot infill redistribution, and re-setting of bases. Assuming up to 1 hour daily labor per field (5 days per week), including tools and transport at \$90 per hour, the total labor over the 6-month season is \$11,700 per field per year.

## Monthly Maintenance

Monthly maintenance during active season use is anticipated to include minor top dressing and grooming synthetic turf areas. Assuming up to 2 hours labor per field, including tools and transport at \$90 per hour total labor over the 6-month season, results in \$1,080 per field per year.

## Buffer Enhancement Maintenance

The buffer enhancement mitigation planting at Crestwoods Park will require maintenance and monitoring. Maintenance in the spring and summer is recommended to remove invasive species and trash within planting areas. Assuming up to 8 hours of labor per field per visit, including tools and transport at \$90 per hour total, results in \$1,440 per field per year.

## Cost

Development of artificial turf ballfields on site will require site grading, stormwater system management system modifications and improvements, and site restoration.

A summary of costs associated with development and O&M is presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary of Costs.			
	132nd Square Park	Crestwoods Park: Overlay	Crestwoods Park: Full Section
Permitting (including fees)	\$54,600	\$86,600	\$86,600
Design PS&E (through bid award)	\$133,100	\$163,400	\$165,400
Design Phase Contingency (10%)	\$18,800	\$25,000	\$25,200
<b>Total Design Phase Cost</b>	<b>\$206,500</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$277,200</b>
Artificial Turf Ballfield System & Related Site Improvements	\$368,800	\$303,300	\$409,500
Stormwater Management: Water Quality	\$56,500	\$42,000	\$43,000
Stormwater Management: Flow Control	\$0	\$170,000	\$75,700
Mitigation Plantings	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
<i>Subtotal Construction Costs</i>	<i>\$425,300</i>	<i>\$527,300</i>	<i>\$540,200</i>
Construction Contingency (40%)	\$170,200	\$211,000	\$216,100
Tax	\$44,300	\$54,900	\$56,200
Construction Inspections & Admin	\$81,400	\$96,700	\$98,700
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>\$1,146,500</b>	<b>\$1,417,200</b>	<b>\$1,451,400</b>
<b>Total Development Costs</b>	<b>\$1,353,000</b>	<b>\$1,692,200</b>	<b>\$1,728,600</b>
<b>O&amp;M (Annual)</b>	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>
<b>Mitigation Planting Monitoring (Annual, 5 Years)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>

Note: All numbers have been rounded up to nearest \$100.

## Life Cycle Costs

Synthetic turf field components have varying lifespans, based on product and intensity of use. Table 2 summarizes the costs for the synthetic turf surface replacement for each field, required approximately every 10 years. The overlay option at Crestwoods Park utilizes panel drains, which require replacement approximately every 30 years. The full section underdrains at 132nd Square Park and Crestwoods Park do not require replacement within 30 years.

<b>Table 2. Life Cycle Repair and Replacement Costs (30 Years)</b>			
<b>Replacement Costs</b>	<b>132nd Square Park</b>	<b>Crestwoods Park: Overlay</b>	<b>Crestwoods Park: Full Section</b>
Turf Replacement; Remove & Recycle Turf Surfacing & Infill.	\$130,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
Turf Replacement; Remove & Replace Pad System, Supply & Install 20% Waste.	\$64,500	\$69,500	\$69,500
Turf Replacement; Minor Base Aggregate "Tune Up"	\$25,750	\$27,850	\$27,850
<b>Cycle 1 and 2 (Year 10 and 20)</b>	<b>\$220,250</b>	<b>\$237,350</b>	<b>\$237,350</b>
Panel Drain Replacement	\$0	\$140,000	\$0
<b>Cycle 3 (Year 30)</b>	<b>\$220,250</b>	<b>\$377,350</b>	<b>\$237,350</b>
<b>Total (Year 1-30)</b>	<b>\$660,750</b>	<b>\$1,089,400</b>	<b>\$712,050</b>

Note: All numbers have been rounded up to nearest \$100.

## Schedule

Development of the ballfield area, as well as necessary site improvements to support an artificial turf ballfield, will require a pre-design effort and site characterization to verify cover system depths and confirm suitable locations for anticipated stormwater management facilities that are sized to serve the new impervious surfaces as well as pollution generating surfaces. Pre-design efforts and site work are estimated to require 3 to 6 months. Design and permitting through the City of Kirkland, including all special studies, applications, and secured permits, are estimated to require 10 to 12 months. Procurement and contracting through the County are estimated to require 6 to 10 months. Construction could then commence during the next available summer construction season.

1. **Design Consultant Procurement:** 3 months
2. **Pre-design:** 3-6 months
3. **Permitting:** Up to 10 months, following 60 percent design submittal
4. **Plans, Specifications, and Estimates:** 10 to 12 months concurrent with permitting
5. **Procurement and Contracting:** 6 to 10 months
6. **Construction:** 120 working days (dry season)
7. **Mitigation Planting Maintenance:** 2x year for 5 years
8. **Mitigation Monitoring:** 1x per year for 5 years

Design consultant procurement, pre-design, permitting, design development, contract document preparation, and procurement and contracting are anticipated to take approximately 28 months, with construction occurring the next available summer construction season.

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# **Attachment A**

## **Synthetic Turf Infields at Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park – Alternatives Analysis**

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# TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

**Date:** August 18, 2025

**To:** Mariah Murphy, Park Planning and Development Manager, City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services

**From:** Eliza Hoffman, PE, and Neil Schaner, PE, Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc.

**Subject:** Synthetic Turf Infields at Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park – Alternatives Analysis

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The City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services (City) engaged Herrera Environmental Consultants (Herrera) and D.A. Hogan to prepare a feasibility and cost analysis to convert existing sand/silt infields into synthetic turf infields at two existing ballfields: one at 132nd Square Park and one at Crestwoods Park. This analysis is limited to infield conversion assessment. This memorandum documents site assessment findings, identifies conversion alternatives, and provides high level ratings of alternatives for comparison. Information in this memorandum will inform the selection of up to two preferred alternatives for each infield site. A feasibility and cost analysis report will be subsequently developed to further detail and advance the selected preferred alternatives to 10 percent planning level design, including turf system option; permitting requirements; drainage improvements; construction and operating cost estimates; and estimated design and implementation schedule.

Design and installation of synthetic turf infields are feasible at each site; however, they will require modifications of existing field design and ongoing annual maintenance activities of synthetic turf field and drainage systems different from existing systems, if present.

## Synthetic Turf Infield Options

Synthetic turf systems are comprised of several material layers above a subgrade drainage system (drainage aggregate and underdrains). The options for different turf systems and underdrain configurations are summarized below.

### Turf System Options

There are two categories of turf system applicable to the project sites: full section and overlay. Full section synthetic turf systems include a surface layer, infill materials, resilient padding, if needed, and layers of permeable mineral aggregate installed above an underlying subsurface drainage system. Full section systems have a depth of about 12 inches.

Overlay synthetic turf systems are installed atop existing field surface materials. These systems include a rigid interlocking drainage panel and synthetic turf. Overlay systems add a depth of approximately 1 to 2 inches atop an existing surface. Overlay systems are only applicable to sites with an existing subsurface drainage (underdrain) system with demonstrated performance.

Several synthetic turf material types and products are available and may be implemented at the project sites. As a general rule, synthetic turf surfaces must be replaced every 10 to 12 years with underlying resilient pad systems that last longer if installed (20+ years). In addition to the visible fibers of a playing surface, there are several infill materials, each with varying characteristics. See Attachment A for descriptions of the most common turf system options used in the Puget Sound region.

## Underdrain Options

Four underdrain options were considered for the project sites, as listed below. The first two options are only applicable to the Crestwoods Park site because the 132nd Square Park site does not have an existing underdrain system.

1. **Reuse existing subsurface drainage system (Crestwoods Park only):** This option reuses the existing subsurface drainage system. The feasibility of this option requires additional assessment of the existing system to determine performance. If existing performance is poor or the extent of needed repair is too great, this option is not feasible.
2. **Rehabilitate existing subsurface drainage system (Crestwoods Park only):** This option reuses the existing subgrade drainage system to the extent feasible but includes replacement of drainage aggregate contaminated with fine sediment that is reducing infiltration performance. This option may include cleaning or replacement of perforated underdrain pipes, depending on the extent of fine sediment contamination.
3. **Trenched Underdrains:** This is the most “traditional” option. This option includes (1) excavation of existing material to a depth appropriate to the chosen turf system to create a level surface and then (2) further excavation of trenches to accommodate drainage aggregate and underdrain piping. The circular, perforated underdrain pipes are typically 4 inches in diameter and placed in parallel rows below the turf system layers. Underdrains are connected to one or more solid-wall header pipes that convey infiltrated water to stormwater infrastructure.
4. **Flat Drains:** This option provides a similar subsurface drainage system to the trenched underdrain option but utilizes pipes that are typically less than 2 inches high and approximately 12 inches wide. The flat drain geometry allows for a shallower overall profile of the turf system and reduces the excavation needed. Excavation is limited to removal of material to a depth appropriate to the chosen turf system to create a level surface; no additional trenching is needed. Flat drains are connected to one or more solid-wall header pipes that convey infiltrated water to stormwater infrastructure.

See Attachments C and E for example underdrain details and sections.

## Stormwater Requirements

Per the 2021 King County Surface Water Design Manual (amended 2024) (KCSWDM), natural and synthetic sports fields are defined as pollution-generating pervious surface (PGPS) and if installed with an underdrain system, sports fields are considered pollution-generating impervious surface (PGIS). Based on the areal size of the existing infields (about 9,000 square feet per infield), all synthetic turf alternatives considered for this analysis will require Full Drainage Review per the KCSWDM—triggering all nine Core Requirements (CRs) and all five Special Requirements. Proposed synthetic turf surfaces are targeted for mitigation of CR #3 Flow Control and CR #8 Water Quality as their installation results in the creation of new PGIS. Therefore, without sufficient capacity within existing downstream flow control and water quality facilities, additional stormwater facilities are required to meet prescribed performance standards. Maintenance activities are an exception.

Installation of a synthetic turf overlay system atop existing field surface materials with existing underdrains was explored as a potential maintenance-only activity. This option would require the repair/replacement of existing subsurface drainage systems in a manner that would not result in significant hydrologic impacts. As such, maintenance activities would not trigger a drainage review, nor are they subject to the Core and Special Requirements. However, City staff confirmed that the City does not consider any form of synthetic turf installation as a maintenance activity; therefore, this alternative is not feasible.

The infield conversion alternatives described below account for Flow Control and Water Quality requirements. Other Core and Special Requirements may be applicable but are not considered in detail for this alternatives analysis.

## 132nd Square Park Infield Alternatives

### Existing Site Conditions

The existing infield is silt/sand without underdrains. Any conversion of the existing infield to synthetic turf with subsurface drainage system will result in the creation of new PGIS, triggering water quality and flow control requirements per the KCSWDM.

An infield conversion at the 132nd Square Park ballfield will require about 9,000 square feet of infield surface redevelopment. The total area may be greater depending on the size of the transition area from a synthetic turf infield to the natural turf outfield.

In 2021, a new synthetic turf playing field was installed as part of a larger park renovation south of this project's subject ballfield. The park renovation included installation of stormwater water quality treatment and flow control facilities. Based on review of the park renovation design report and subsequent discussion with City staff, the installed facilities have additional flow control capacity available. The existing facilities do not have additional water quality treatment capacity. Confirmation of the detailed

capacity in the existing facilities is needed, potentially via hydrologic modeling or post-construction documentation, to confirm the extent of infield conversion potentially mitigated by the existing facilities. Stormwater runoff from the infield area is assumed to be routed to the existing water quality treatment and flow control facilities under existing conditions.

See Attachment B, Figure B1 and Attachment C for site observations.

## Drainage Design Mitigation Alternatives

Four alternatives were identified based on stormwater and synthetic turf options detailed in Attachments B and C. All proposed alternatives are full sections and include installation of underdrains.

### Alternative 1 – Full-Section with Existing Flow Control Capacity and New Water Quality Treatment Facility (Turf Option 1 + Stormwater Option 1)

Alternative 1 is a full section synthetic turf system with a traditional trenched, perforated underdrain system connected to stormwater conveyance piping. Proposed stormwater conveyance piping discharges to the existing network at the 132nd Avenue Northeast frontage that is upstream of existing water quality and flow control facilities within the park. This alternative utilizes capacity within the existing facilities to meet stormwater requirements for flow control. A new water quality treatment facility is needed to treat runoff from the infield conversion area. The maximum area of surface conversion is limited by available capacity in the existing facilities.

### Alternative 2 – Full-Section with Supplemental Flow Control and New Water Quality Treatment Facilities (Turf Option 1 + Stormwater Option 2)

Alternative 2 is a full section synthetic turf system with a traditional trenched, perforated underdrain system connected to stormwater conveyance piping. Proposed stormwater conveyance piping discharges to the existing network at the 132nd Avenue Northeast frontage that is upstream of existing water quality and flow control facilities within the park. This alternative utilizes capacity within the existing facilities to partially achieve stormwater requirements. The maximum area of surface conversion is not limited by available capacity in the existing facilities because water quality and flow control capacity are supplemented by construction of new facilities located near right field.

### Alternative 3 – Flat Drain Full-Section with Existing Flow Control Capacity and New Water Quality Treatment Facility (Turf Option 2 + Stormwater Option 1)

Alternative 3 is a full section synthetic turf system with flat drain perforated underdrain system connected to stormwater conveyance piping. Proposed stormwater conveyance piping discharges to the existing network at the 132nd Avenue Northeast frontage that is upstream of existing water quality and flow control facilities within the park. This alternative utilizes capacity within the existing facilities to meet stormwater requirements for flow control. A new water quality treatment facility is needed to treat runoff

from the infield conversion area. The maximum area of surface conversion is limited by available capacity in the existing facilities.

## Alternative 4 – Flat Drain Full-Section Supplemental Flow Control and New Water Quality Treatment Facilities (Turf Option 2 + Stormwater Option 2)

Alternative 4 is a full section synthetic turf system with flat drain perforated underdrain system connected to stormwater conveyance piping. Proposed stormwater conveyance piping discharges to the existing network at the 132nd Avenue Northeast frontage that is upstream of existing water quality and flow control facilities within the park. This alternative utilizes capacity within the existing facilities to partially achieve stormwater requirements. The maximum area of surface conversion is not limited by available capacity in the existing facilities, because water quality and flow control capacity are supplemented by construction of new facilities located near right field.

## Alternatives Matrix

Table 1 rates the infield conversion alternatives for 132nd Square Park relative to each other.

Table 1. Ratings of 132nd Square Park Infield Conversion Alternatives. <sup>a</sup>				
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4
<b>Construction Cost</b>	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>Construction Effort</b>	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>Replacement Cycle</b>	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
<b>Design Effort</b>	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>Effort to Meet Stormwater Requirements</b>	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
<b>Site Disturbance</b>	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW	MEDIUM
<b>Effort to Meet Permitting Requirements</b>	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	MEDIUM
<b>Maintenance Effort</b>	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH

<sup>a</sup> Ratings are relative to the other alternatives and apply separately within each category.



## Crestwoods Park Infield Alternatives

### Existing Site Conditions

The existing infield is silt/sand with underdrains. Retrofit underdrains are also present in the outfield. Infield and outfield underdrains discharge to header pipes that convey infiltrated stormwater to dispersion trenches beyond center and left fields. The center field dispersion trench receives runoff from the infield and the right and center outfield areas. The condition of the center field dispersion trench is compromised. The left field dispersion trench receives runoff from a portion of the left outfield area. The left field dispersion trench was inaccessible at the time of site visit.

The ballfield is situated atop a plateau with relatively steep slopes surrounding the field on the north, east, and south sides. The slopes and areas below the slopes are forested with the presence of wetlands. Active native growth restoration areas are present north and south of the ballfield. The surrounding topography and critical areas exclude full dispersion as a stormwater mitigation option due to required dispersion flow path parameters and length.

The infield area at the Crestwoods Park ballfield is about 9,000 square feet. The area needed for an overlay or full section synthetic turf installation may be greater, depending on the size of the transition area from the infield to the natural turf outfield.

See Attachment D, Figure D1 and Attachment E for site observations.

### Recommended Additional Site Investigation

The existing infield materials include a higher percentage of fine sediments than is typical for a well-draining field. See Attachment E for pictures of material samples taken during a site visit on June 18, 2025. Further investigation of the condition of the existing drainage layer and underdrains is recommended, both to determine the extent of any fine sediment contamination and to determine the infiltration performance of the existing drainage system. Further investigation would include mechanical and hand excavation to collect material samples for laboratory analysis, as well as inspection of the pipe exterior and interior. Investigation would also include infiltration testing.

Depending on the condition of underdrain pipes and the surrounding aggregate, use of the existing underdrains could continue with the installation of a synthetic turf overlay or full section system. City staff confirmed that an overlay synthetic turf system is not considered a maintenance activity and that it would be categorized as new pollution-generating impervious surface, triggering KCSWDM requirements.

Additional geotechnical investigation is required for any proposed stormwater flow control facilities. Kirkland GIS data maps the Crestwoods ballfield and surrounding areas as outwash soils. As a general rule, achieving the KCSWDM CR #3 Flow Control for areas with outwash soils is not possible without

stormwater runoff infiltration. Soils analysis and infiltration testing must be conducted at the site of a proposed flow control facility to determine a design subgrade infiltration rate.

In addition, geotechnical investigation would be required to determine appropriate proximity of stormwater facilities to the steep slopes along the south and east sides of the field. Depending on soil conditions, the required setback from the plateau slopes may prevent the installation of new facilities outside of the outfield fence and wall.

## Drainage Design Mitigation Alternatives

Four alternatives were identified based on stormwater and synthetic turf options detailed in Attachments D and E.

### Alternative 1 – Overlay Infield Using Existing Underdrain System with Infield Water Quality Treatment and Flow Control (Turf Option 1 or 2 + Stormwater Option 1)

The feasibility of an overlay synthetic turf system is dependent on the condition of the existing subsurface drainage system (permeable drainage aggregate and underdrains) below the infield. If in good condition, the existing subsurface drainage system is used as-is with an overlay synthetic turf system installed atop the existing field surface materials. If in salvageable condition, the existing subsurface drainage system is rehabilitated to achieve sufficient drainage capacity with an overlay synthetic turf system installed atop. A new water quality and flow control facility is sized for the infield conversion area and located either near third base (Option 1a) or beyond center field. The center field location would require either a flow splitter to route outfield runoff around the facility (Option 1b) or a larger facility to treat runoff collected in the outfield underdrains (Option 1c). The outfield underdrain system would remain unchanged. The proposed stormwater facility discharges to the existing dispersion trench beyond center field, optionally rehabilitated to improve performance.

### Alternative 2 – Full-Section or Flat Drain with Infield Water Quality Treatment and Flow Control (Turf Option 3 or 4 + Stormwater Option 2)

Alternative 2 is a full section synthetic turf system with either a traditional trenched, perforated underdrain system or a flat drain perforated underdrain system connected to existing stormwater conveyance piping. Proposed stormwater conveyance piping discharges to a new water quality and flow control facility sized for the infield conversion area. The stormwater facility discharges to a new dispersion trench beyond right field. The size of the flow control facility may be reduced if there is infiltration to subgrade below the infield, the subgrade soils meet groundwater protection standards, and orifice-control can be installed on the underdrain piping. The outfield underdrain system would remain unchanged and discharge to the existing dispersion trench beyond center field, optionally, rehabilitated to improve performance.

## Alternative 3 – Full-Section or Flat Drain with Area Swapped Water Quality Treatment and Flow Control (Turf Option 2, 3, or 4 + Stormwater Option 3)

Alternative 3 is an overlay synthetic turf system with rehabilitated underdrain (see Alternative 1) or full section synthetic turf system with either a traditional trenched, perforated underdrain system or a flat drain perforated underdrain system connected to existing stormwater conveyance piping. Flow control and water quality treatment is provided for an equivalent area not already receiving treatment that meets the “mitigation trade” and “treatment trade” requirements in the KCSWDM. The area identified includes the roadway, roadside ditches, and run-on areas along 6th Street from 19th Avenue North to the street adjacent to the Crestwoods Park Playground and Outdoor Gym. Stormwater would be captured from the existing ditch and culvert conveyance on both the east and west sides of 6th Street, treated in a water quality facility, and then detained and infiltrated in a flow control facility, such as a large diameter pipe, located within the 6th Street right-of-way.

The swap area has similar hydrologic characteristics (an equivalent area of impervious surface), is pollution-generating, and is within the same drainage basin (Forbes Creek). Runoff from the ballfield and the area swap combine in Forbes Creek about 2,800 feet downstream of the ballfield and about 1,850 feet downstream of the swapped area. Existing outfalls to Forbes Creek for the ballfield and swapped area runoff are within about 50 feet of each other. The size of the flow control and water quality facility required may be reduced if there is infiltration to subgrade below the infield, the subgrade soils meet groundwater protection standards, and orifice-control can be installed on the underdrain piping.

## Alternatives Matrix

Table 2 rates the infield conversion alternatives for Crestwoods Park relative to each other.

Table 2. Ratings of Crestwoods Park Infield Conversion Alternatives. <sup>a</sup>			
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
<b>Construction Cost</b>	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
<b>Construction Effort</b>	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>Replacement Cycle</b>	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
<b>Design Effort</b>	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>Effort to Meet Stormwater Requirements</b>	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
<b>Site Disturbance</b>	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
<b>Effort to Meet Permitting Requirements</b>	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW
<b>Maintenance Effort</b>	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW

<sup>a</sup> Ratings are relative to the other alternatives and apply separately within each category.

# **Attachment A**

## **Infield Surface Conversions D.A. Hogan Memorandum**

## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Neil Schaner, PE, Herrera

**Cc:** Eliza Hoffman, Herrera

**From:** Eric Gold

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**Date:** July 10, 2025

**Re:** City of Kirkland Parks  
Infield Surface Conversions  
Narrative Summary

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Having observed and studied the conditions at both 132<sup>nd</sup> Square and Crestwoods Parks Infields, we have provided narrative and graphic analysis of each, as well as 2 or 3 options for conversion to synthetic turf surfacing with representative details. Each option was selected for a variety of practical reasons including cost, durability, ease of installation, and level of site disturbance. All of the options offered have equivalent outcomes as regards safety and performance, assuming an identical synthetic turf specification and adequate installation quality controls.

### Quantifying the Options

Each option, graded<sup>1</sup> for expected total development cost (including associated or “soft” costs), life cycle duration or durability<sup>2</sup>, ease of installation / expected construction duration, and level of site disturbance required:

#### 132<sup>nd</sup> Square, Option 1 “Traditional Full Section” Conversion

Total Development Cost	HIGH
Expected Life Cycle	HIGH
Ease of Installation	LOW
Site Disturbance	HIGH

#### 132<sup>nd</sup> Square, Option 2 “Flat Drains, Full Section” Conversion

Total Development Cost	MEDIUM
Expected Life Cycle	MEDIUM
Ease of Installation	MEDIUM
Site Disturbance	MEDIUM

#### Crestwoods, Option 1 “Overlay” Conversion

Total Development Cost	MEDIUM
Expected Life Cycle	LOW
Ease of Installation	HIGH
Site Disturbance	LOW

#### Crestwoods, Option 2 “Full Section, Drainage Refresh” Conversion

Total Development Cost	HIGH
Expected Life Cycle	HIGH
Ease of Installation	LOW
Site Disturbance	HIGH

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<sup>1</sup> Graded on a “high, medium, low” basis, relative to all options recommended for the site.

<sup>2</sup> Refers to the underlying infrastructure only. Synthetic Turf Surfacing itself is excluded.

### Crestwoods, Option 3 “Flat Drains, Full Section” Conversion

Total Development Cost	MEDIUM
Expected Life Cycle	MEDIUM
Ease of Installation	MEDIUM
Site Disturbance	MEDIUM

### Synthetic Turf Specification

The City of Kirkland has some representative experience with specific synthetic turf products and vendors. Although limited, this experience may be of some assistance in guiding the specification of future installations. As a general rule of thumb and guide for future budgeting, synthetic turf surfaces *as a whole* have a 10-12 year replacement life cycle. This excludes the underlying infrastructure and supplemental resilient pad systems (if applicable), as these elements are relatively generational (life-cycle of 20+ years). Removal and replacement, in 2025 dollars, is roughly \$10/sf depending on the specification. High wear areas such as batters boxes, soccer penalty kick areas, etc. have a significantly shorter life span and require far more regular maintenance, daily during periods of high use. Note that batters boxes and pitching runout areas are normally installed as removable panels, using Velcro to secure in place. The initial installation should come with 4-6 replacement panels.

The following describes various options available on the market today.

#### 1. Common Products

The following are all typical product-type selections by the majority of our Parks, K-12, Collegiate, and Pro Clients.

- A. Slit-Film, or fibrillated tape, consists of wide, thin polyethylene fibers (somewhat analogous too scotch tape) that are then incised (slit) in a way that allows them to split or “fibrillate” during the installation of the infill materials. The fibrillation process, also often referred to as “blooming”, spreads the individual strands out in a way that holds the infill in place particularly well. Slit-Film fiber is softer than most other fiber types due to its thin cross section. This makes it less abrasive but also results in it laying down or matting earlier in its service life. For many of our clients this is actually beneficial – public Parks and K-6 facilities in general like this feature as it encapsulates or traps the infill material, meaning far less migration and therefore less maintenance. In some applications, we use this product as an analogue for infield clay, as a matted surface creates faster ball roll and truer bounce.
- B. Monofilament fibers are extruded in a wide variety of cross sections, one way vendors tend to differentiate their products from the competition. Not unlike pasta: spaghetti (large, round), angel hair (small, round), linguini (thick, flat), etc., but over the years we’ve seen some chevrons, deltas, spined bat wings, all kinds of variations. It’s debatable whether these shapes contribute much to performance, and many iterations over the years have failed spectacularly as the more complex shapes tend to break at a weak point, resulting in significant fiber loss due to breakage and shedding. The industry has largely settled on “linguini” as it’s simple geometry has proved the most durable.

Monofilaments tend to maintain their upright condition a little longer than slit-films. This favors cleat interaction with the infill as the fibers’ open stance allows more cleat interface. This also creates more friction or ball “check up” which makes it among the primary soccer turf types.

- C. Dual Fiber Turf uses various proportions of both slit-film and monofilament fibers, usually somewhere between 40-60% of one and 40-60% of the other, by weight. This system offers the best of both and is gaining popularity rapidly.
- D. “Thatch Layer” Turf incorporates a dense layer of textured (curly) polyethylene, polypropylene, or nylon fibers below the top of the infill. In theory, this provides extra holding power over the infill materials, and a bit more resistance to migration under the lateral forces of cleats. This has been successful as

extremely durable deep-pile surfaces, as well as thinner, faster surfaces like infields and warning tracks. While any of the top-tier vendors will supply this configuration, AstroTurf has been the leader in this development (their “RootZone” and “3D” product lines). A thatch layer can be incorporated with any fiber type or blend.

## 2. Specialty Products

Some sports demand specific types of synthetic turf (Field Hockey is one example, where the preferred surface is essentially the late-80’s-style woven nylon over an e-layer), and some uses and applications benefit greatly from some of the more unusual configurations.

- A. The “original AstroTurf” system is practically a specialty product at this point... a non-infilled, very high density, short-pile turf that can be extremely durable in many applications like batting cages, walk-off areas, conditioning spaces, and as mentioned field hockey. Because it lacks the ballasting effect of infill, this is typically glued to a solid base of concrete or asphalt, but it is supplied with an integrated closed cell pad that can act as ballast.
- B. Extremely high density, thatch-zone systems with fiber heights/depths 1” or more tend to be best for landscape applications (pet areas as well).

It’s worth noting that some vendors are offering “new, non-infilled turf for multi-sport applications”. Our experience with products of this nature is that they tend to be highly directional, abrasive, dimensionally unstable, and generally nothing like grass. Which is what infilled synthetic turf sports surfaces strive to emulate (or should).

## 3. Associated Products & Materials - Infills

Infill materials are one of the main ways synthetic turf mimics grass and soil – by grabbing and releasing the cleat or sole of the shoe just as natural grass does. Probably even more than as described for monofilament turf fibers, producing unique infills has been a major way for vendors with the resources to differentiate themselves from their competitors. This has led to some significant successes, but also some abject failures. We’ll only go in depth on the more common options in our region.

Inherently Resilient Options:

- A. SBR Crumb Rubber is the original resilient infill introduced in the mid-late 90’s. It is recycled tires supplied in a specific range of particle sizes. Only a few firms perform the process of rendering tires into this granular form – none of the turf vendors do this “in house” that I am aware of, although some do recycle it out of used turf. Two processes are used: Ambient Grind is a room-temperature process that results in a more ragged-edged particles and small pieces. This can cause the granules to “lock up” and despite the inherent resiliency of the rubber can actually get quite firm and even slow drainage considerably. Cryogenic Grind or “Cryo” uses liquid nitrogen to flash freeze the raw material to well below 0°F resulting in a brittle feed stock that essentially shatters into cleaner, more cuboidal geometry that resists consolidation or settling.

SBR Crumb Rubber has a long history of serious claims of danger to human and environmental health, and it’s hard to dispute that the negative PR has greatly diminished its use, particularly in the PNW and more specifically west of the Cascades. Coating the granules with latex paints or polyurethane has been one means of eliminating human contact. While *most* of the claims of human health dangers have been debunked (there are current some discussions around PFAS and microplastics), the recent discovery of something called “6PPd-Q” in leachate from shredded tire material as lethal to juvenile salmonids has, or will likely, eliminate it as a viable option.

- B. EPDM Crumb Rubber is another resilient material that was offered early on when the uniformity of SBR was less reliable, and later as an alternative that lacked the additives that truck tires required (and was suspected of creating health hazards). These days, as an alternative to SBR it suffers from one of its greatest attributes: it can be practically indistinguishable from SBR. For many of our clients, this

potential “bad PR” excludes it from consideration. It is also quite expensive relatively (about \$1.00/sf more than SBR) and must be sourced from a reliable manufacturer and rigid specification as there are some pretty bad versions of it available.

Insufficiently Resilient Options requiring a Supplemental Pad:

- C. TPE, or Thermoplastic Elastomer, is a “virgin plastic” material often used in medical equipment and food-grade containers. It is only barely resilient, but extremely inert. TPE carries up to a \$1.10/sf premium over SBR. Despite this, King County Parks has essentially standardized this infill, and King County does not consider it as “pollution generating” as other infills (even cork, somehow).
- D. Granular Cork has become the dominant “alternative infill” in recent years. In 2016, Seattle Parks made cork their standard, and Seattle Public Schools soon followed suite, followed by Shoreline Schools, among others. As a commodity raw material of the cork industry, granular cork can be supplied by any vendor (much like SBR), making it a viable alternative under most any purchasing requirements. Cork, the bark of the cork oak (sp. *Quercus suber*), is of course organic, but unlike other organic infills, it does not absorb water. Used on a poorly constructed base or under some very specific environmental conditions it does float, but by its nature it does have excellent resiliency and durability. Cost for cork has come down considerable in recent years and now carries around a \$0.65/sf premium over SBR.
- E. Olive Pit, Walnut Shell: I put these under a common heading because they are extremely hard and can be abrasive. We typically reserve these options almost exclusively for warning tracks and walking surfaces.
- F. Other Generic Organic Infills are typically based on coconut shell by-products, often mixed with other organics like rice hulls. Our experience with these materials point to two very undesirable traits: 1) they hold a LOT of excess water, and days after a rainy period can still generate “rooster tails”, splashing, and general discomfort for users, and 2) during dry periods can become wind-born (i.e., blow away) and so require watering / irrigation. They also settle and migrate significantly and so require “top dressing” every other year or so.

**4. Associated Products & Materials – Supplemental Resilient Pad Systems**

Often referred to simply as “shock pads”, these underlayments can eliminate *any* potential issues with G-Max or Head Impact Criteria regardless of the type or quality of the infill and are a necessary part of all *non-infilled* systems going back to the second generation of AstroTurf.

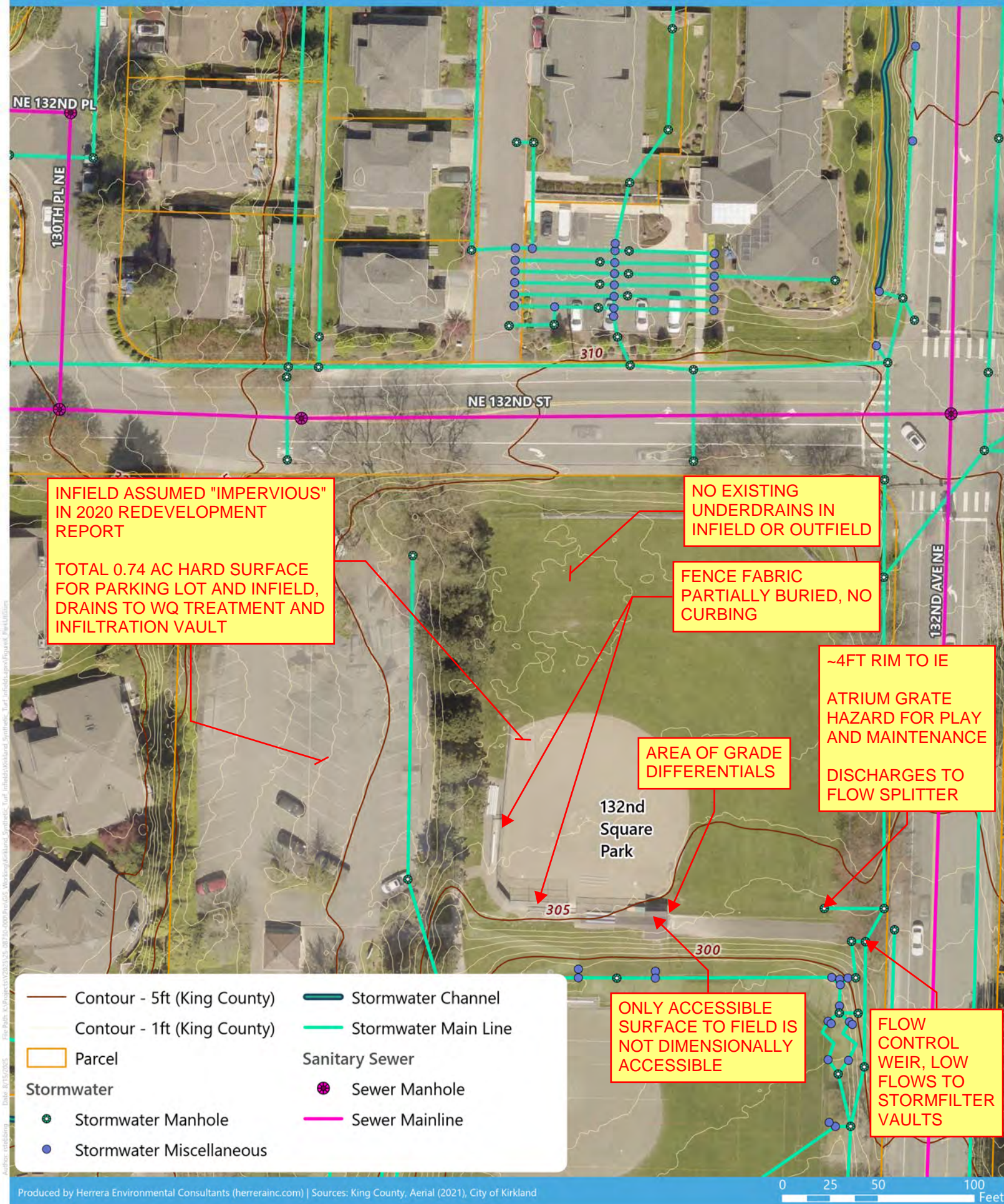
- A. Paved-in-Place Elastic Layer, or “e-layer” is a matrix of SBR granule and pea gravel bound and encapsulated in a polyethylene binder, paved onto a permeable surface such as aggregate or porous asphalt much like asphalt. E-layers are extremely durable – we encounter installations from the 80’s that are still serviceable. E-layers allow for the simplest turf replacements, being a single unit covering without seams. The only downside to e-layers is weather sensitivity during installation – cold and wet will hamper progress. Can also be somewhat problematic if settlement is a potential future issue. Definitely the preferred pad system, these run around \$1.75 - \$2.25/sf.
- B. Most other common pad systems available fall under the “interlocking tile” category. The most common are Brock and SchmitzFoam, both of which are available at different thicknesses and resiliencies. Not at all weather dependent, these are a good option when winter installation is predicted. On the downside, these have to be removed during every subsequent turf replacement and while that may be every 10-12 years, the edges are trimmed-to-fit and generally have to be replaced. This can be an issue if the product line is no longer available and of course carries an additional cost. Installed, tile systems run \$1.65 - \$1.85/sf.



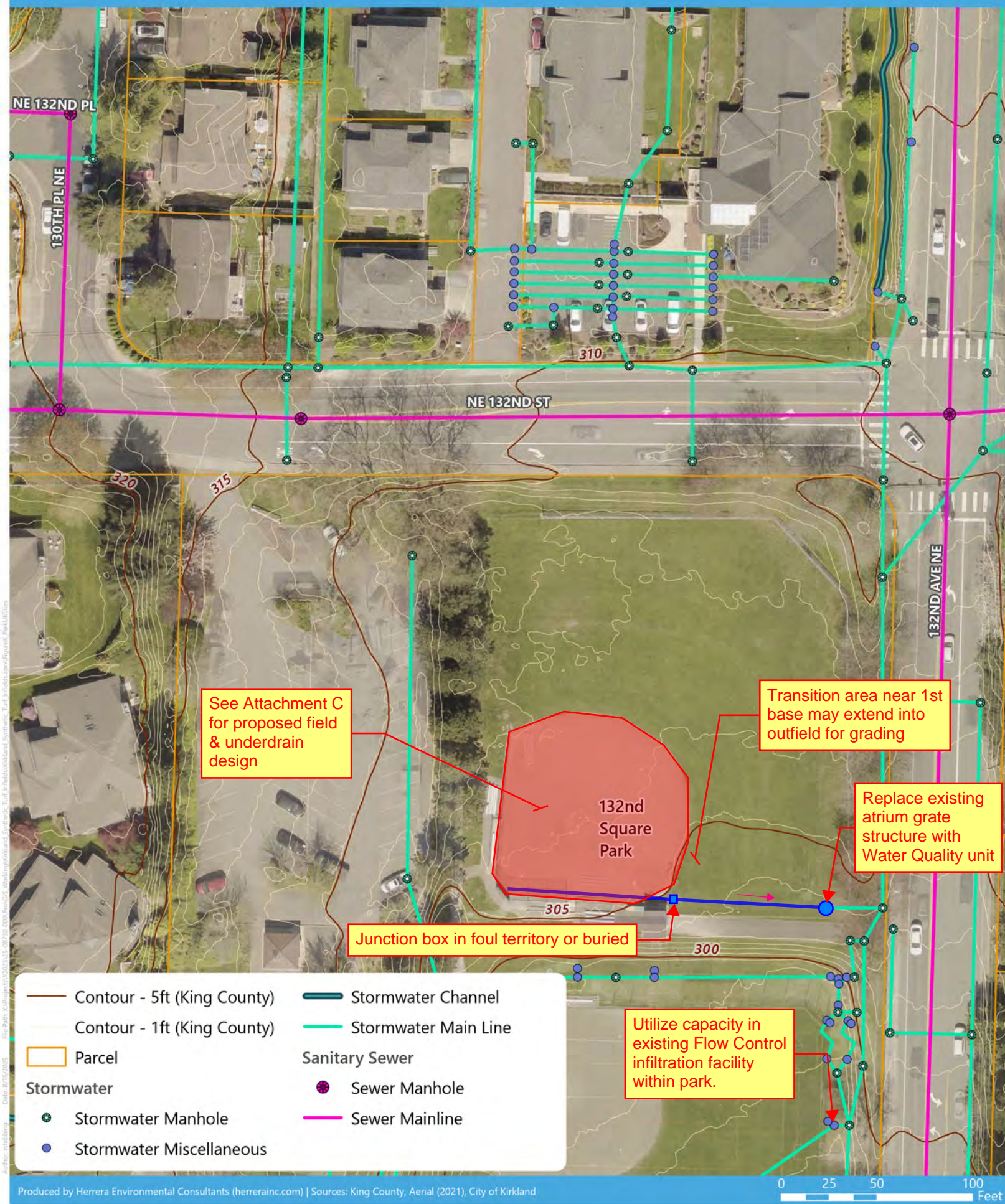
- C. Less common with the advent of the interlocking tile system is the “rolled goods” system, which is basically a factory-fabricated e-layer, albeit much denser and less permeable, more like a flooring product – it’s most common use these days.

# **Attachment B**

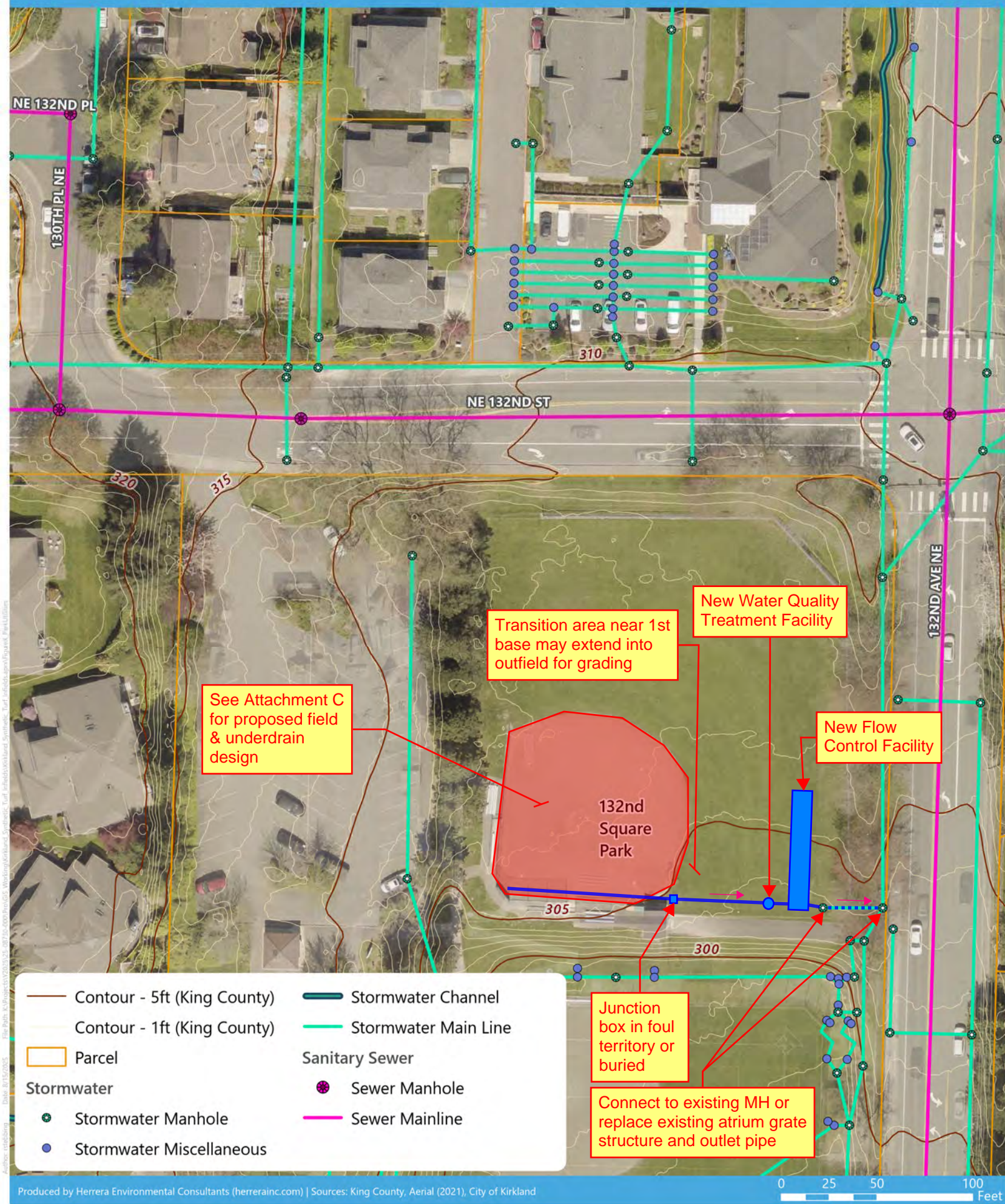
## **132nd Square Park Stormwater Alternatives**











# **Attachment C**

## **132nd Square Park Infield Surface Conversion D.A. Hogan Memorandum**



## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Neil Schaner, PE, Herrera

**Cc:** Eliza Hoffman, Herrera

**From:** Eric Gold

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**Date:** July 10, 2025

**Re:** City of Kirkland Parks  
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### Existing Conditions

The following are our observations of existing conditions associated with the infield playing surface and immediately adjacent surfaces only. Fencing, Player & Spectator amenities, and outfield conditions were not assessed. Refer also to the attached "Existing Conditions" exhibit. Images follow.

- Fully "Skinned" Infield, consisting of approximately 2.5" of clay/silt/sand infield soil mix, over a thin layer of coarse sand (image 1).
- Assumed no underdrainage present.
- No fence line / containment curb (image 2).
- Grade irregularities around foul lines / foul territory and the infield "arc" (images 3, 4).
- Mostly even transitions between the foul lines (image 5).
- Surface slopes varied from 1.5% to 5% across the infield surface.
- The existing infield/outfield arc is not consistent with accepted "typical" little league baseball rules for dimension, i.e., a 60' radius drawn from the front-center of a pitching slab at 46'.

### Design Assumptions / Conclusions

The following considerations apply to any Option presented.

- Lacking any existing subsurface drainage infrastructure will require a solution that employs a full-section approach using, at a minimum, a permeable aggregate foundation and formal subsurface drainage system.
- Subsurface drainage will discharge to a conveyance per Herrera.
- The lack of any perimeter containment curbs suggests two options, one using new poured-in-place concrete curbs to both contain the field foundation section and to support the synthetic turf edge anchor (see Typical Details).
- The variable surface slope and irregularities around both foul territories will require a more significant than typical transition regrade and restoration, particularly down the first base foul line and foul territory. Some of this may be remedied via the expansion of the infield/outfield arc.
- Significant adjustments / retrofit of the existing irrigation zones around the arc will be required.

### Option 1, Traditional Full-Section Conversion

- Trenched 4" perforated drainage laterals, spaced 15' on center, piped to a 6" tight-line collector. Orientation of the drainage laterals as shown simplifies the collector pipe required and takes advantage the existing average surface gradient.
- A solid-piped collector will convey stormwater to Herrera for code compliance and discharge.
- Non-woven geotextile separator fabric between drainage trenches, on a prepared (planar, unyielding) subgrade.
- 8" of permeable aggregate base course (rough graded), 2" of permeable aggregate top course (fine graded) will comprise the field foundation/base. This allows for both vertical and lateral infiltration of stormwater through the surface, base, and to the subsurface drainage trenches.
- Synthetic turf surfacing of an approved specification, along with irrigation retrofit and site restoration completes this installation.

### Option 2, Flat-Drains, Full-Section

- Grading design identifies a uniform and consistent slope and aspect, in this case approximately 1.5% sloping parallel to and away from the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line. The subgrade is prepared to spec tolerance planarity and density.
- Perforated collectors are installed from a central control structure, in this case a simple Type 1 CB with a solid lid. This structure should be buried as it will be “in play”. Herrera will provide conveyance to code compliance and discharge.
- Non-woven geotextile separator fabric is placed across the entire subgrade.
- Flat Drains, typically 1.5” high x12” wide, are arranged diagonally across the prepared subgrade (as shown), emptying into the perforated collector trenches via gravity. This arrangement generates approximately 1% of pipe gradient running across our 1.5% sloped subgrade.
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Image 1, Soil Profile





*Image 2, typical fenceline condition*



*Image 3, Grade Irregularities*





*Image 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Line / Foul Territory Grade Irregularities*

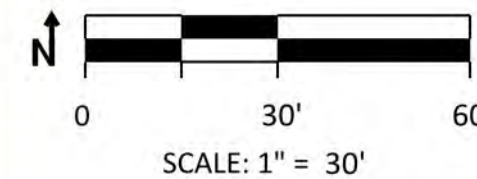


*Image 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Base Line / Foul Territory Grade Irregularities*



*Image 6, Relatively even transitions between the foul lines*





## Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

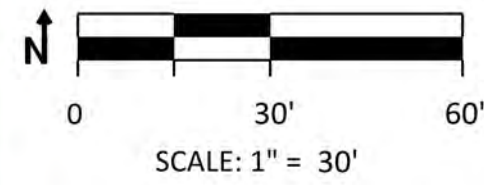
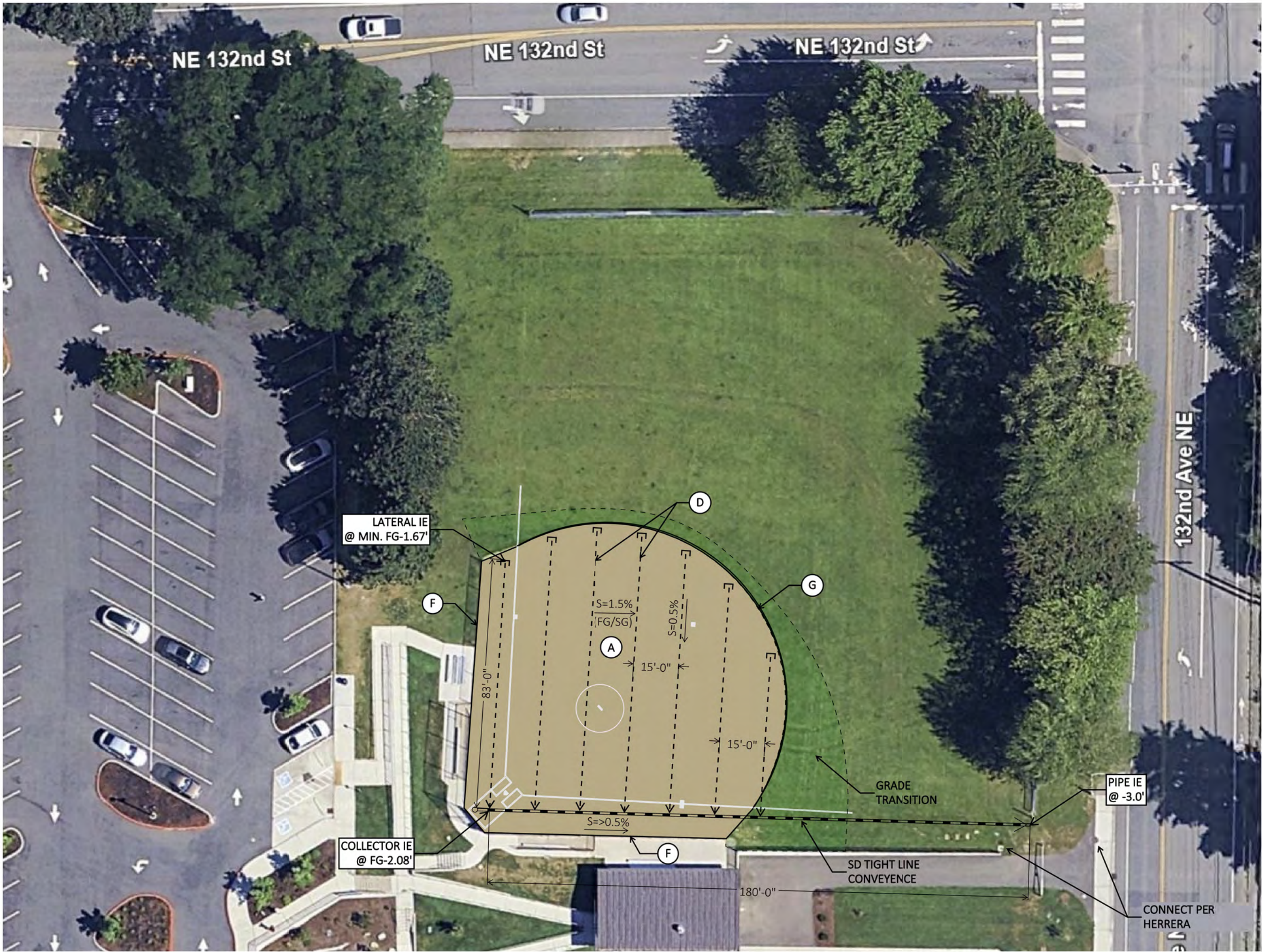
### Existing Conditions

*"Skinned" Infield*  
*No subsurface drainage*  
*Soil-Based Natural Grass*  
*Variable cross-slope*

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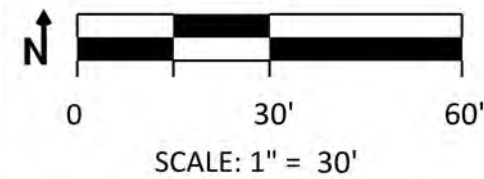
## Option 1

- Trenched 4" Drainage Tubing
- Tight-Line Collector
- New Fence-line Curb
- Synthetic Turf Surfacing
- Sodded Natural Grass Transition

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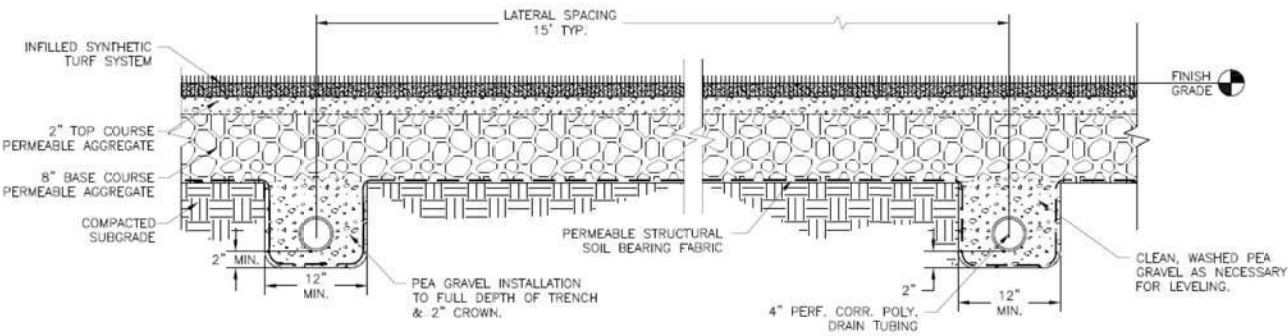
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- Flat Drains on subgrade
- Perforated Collector
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- Sodded Natural Grass Transition

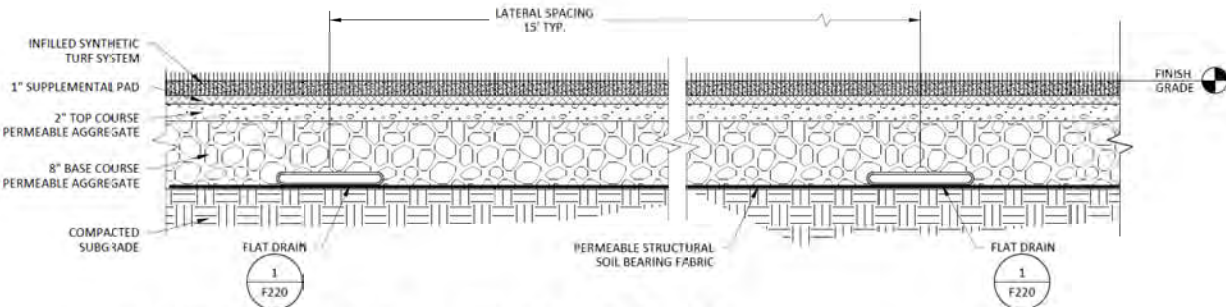
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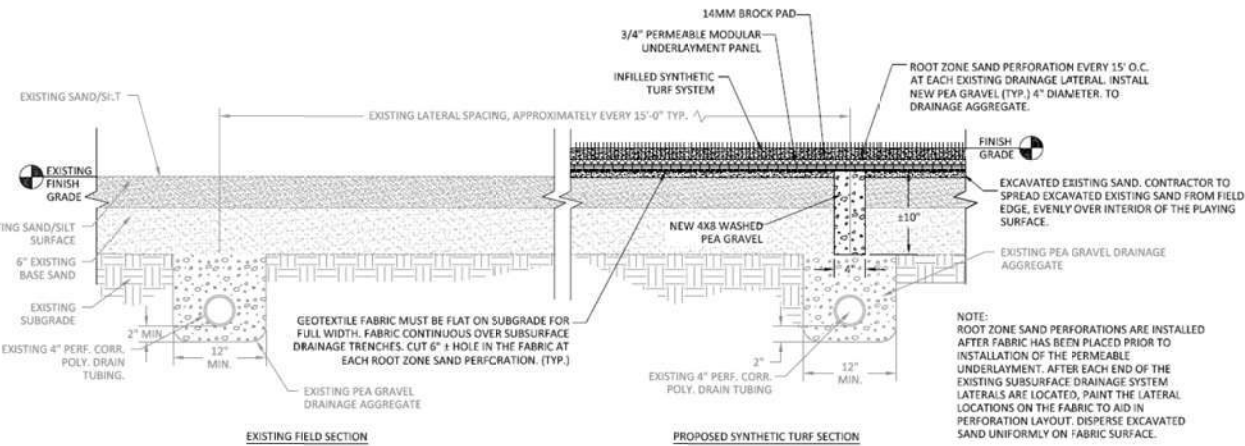




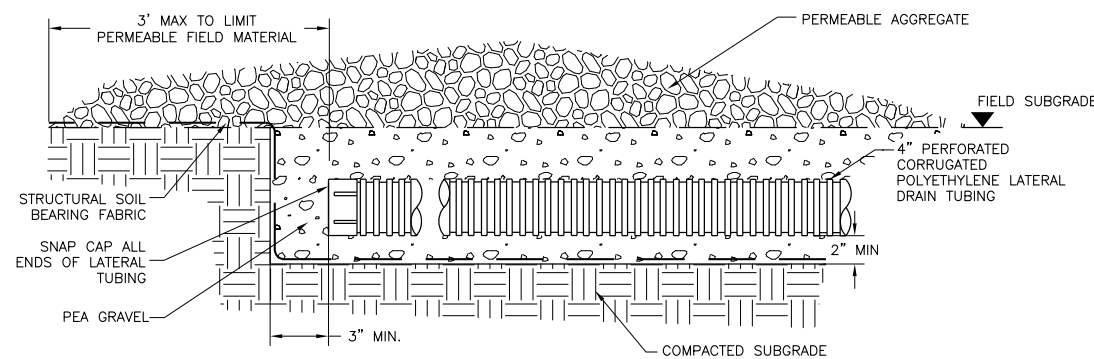
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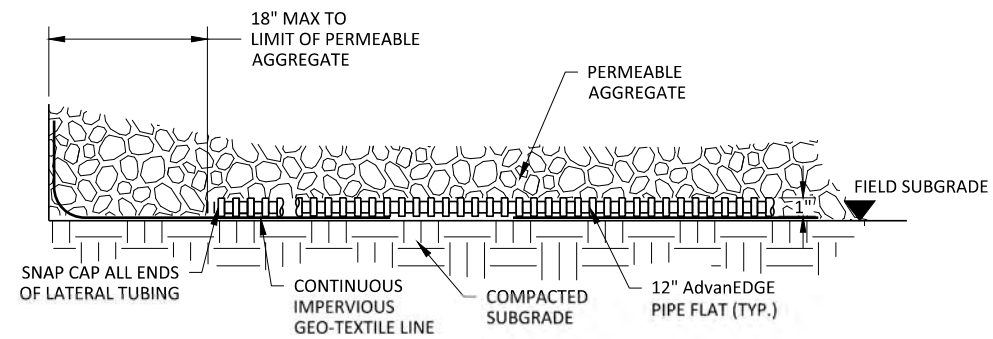
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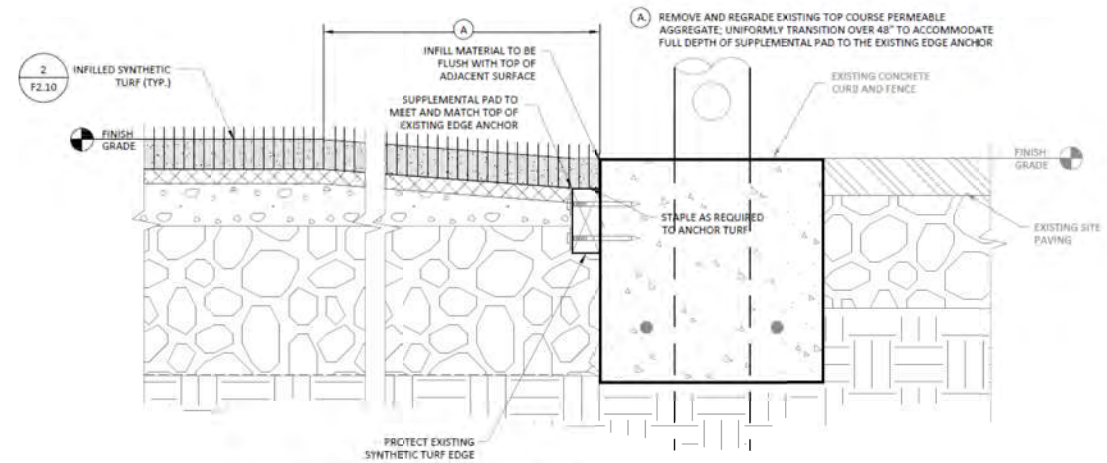
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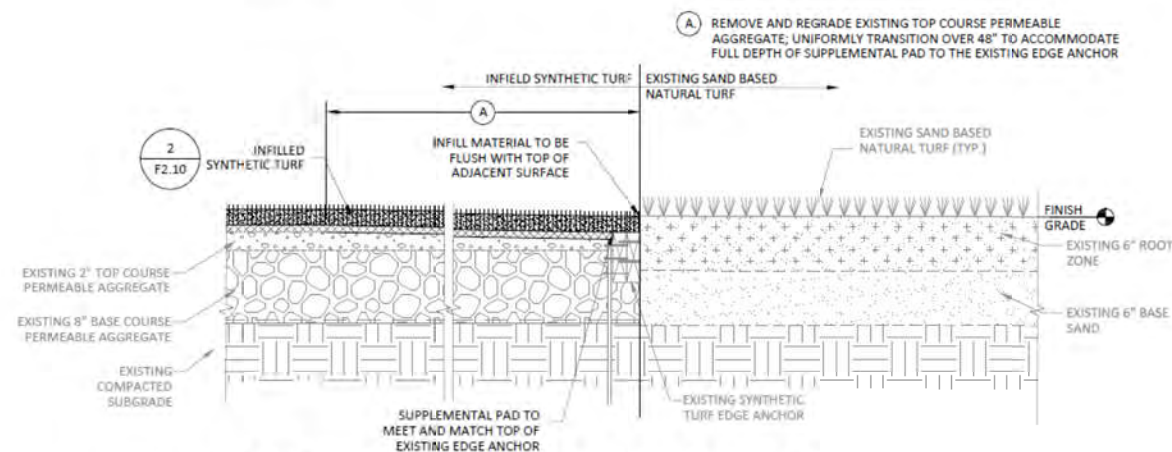
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**E** **FLAT / PANEL DRAIN**  
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**F** **CONTAINMENT CURB & EDGE ANCHOR**  
NOT TO SCALE  
CRESTWOODS NOTE: CURB IS EXISTING



**G** **EDGE ANCHOR @ GRASS TRANSITION**  
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# Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

Typical Details

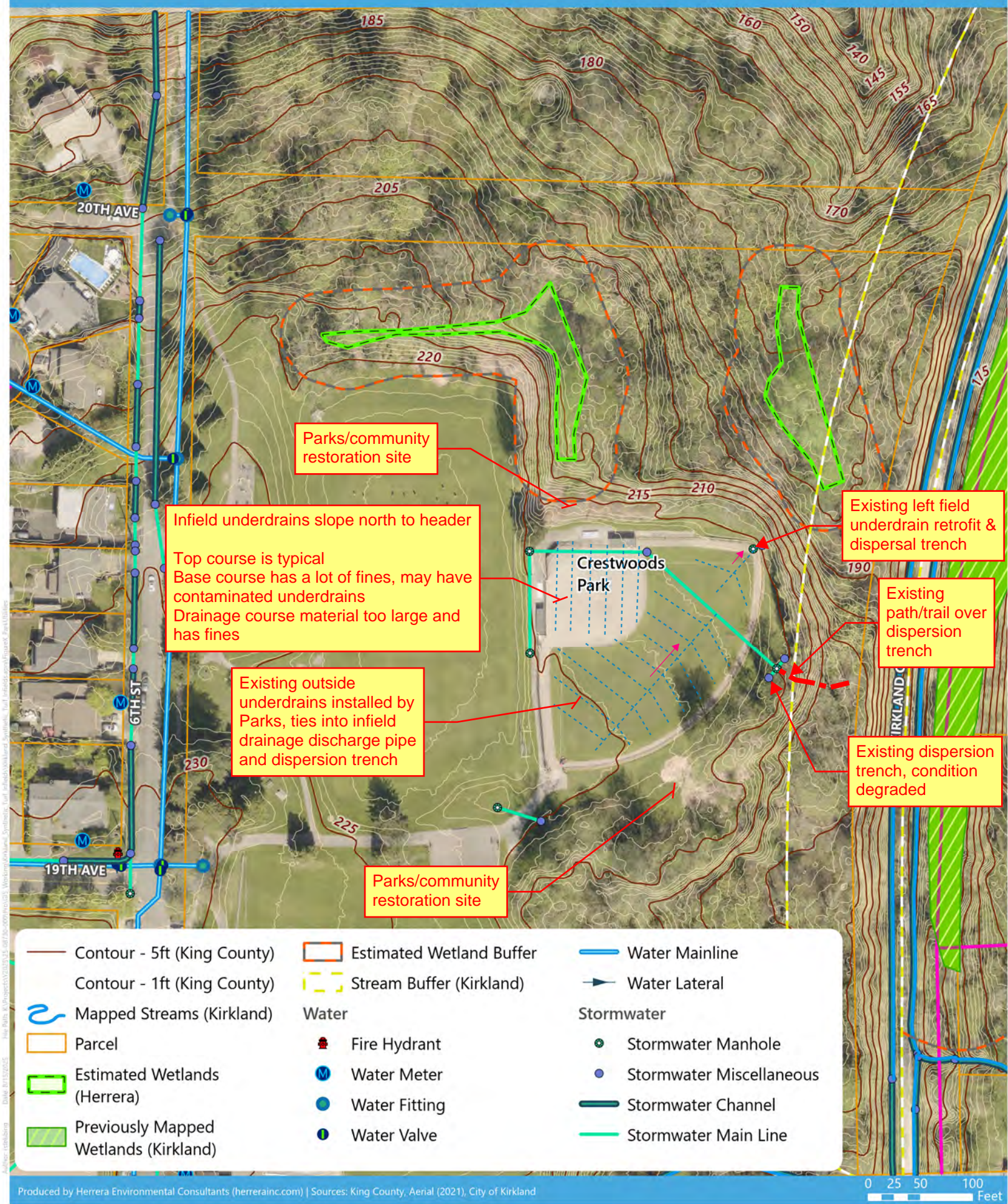
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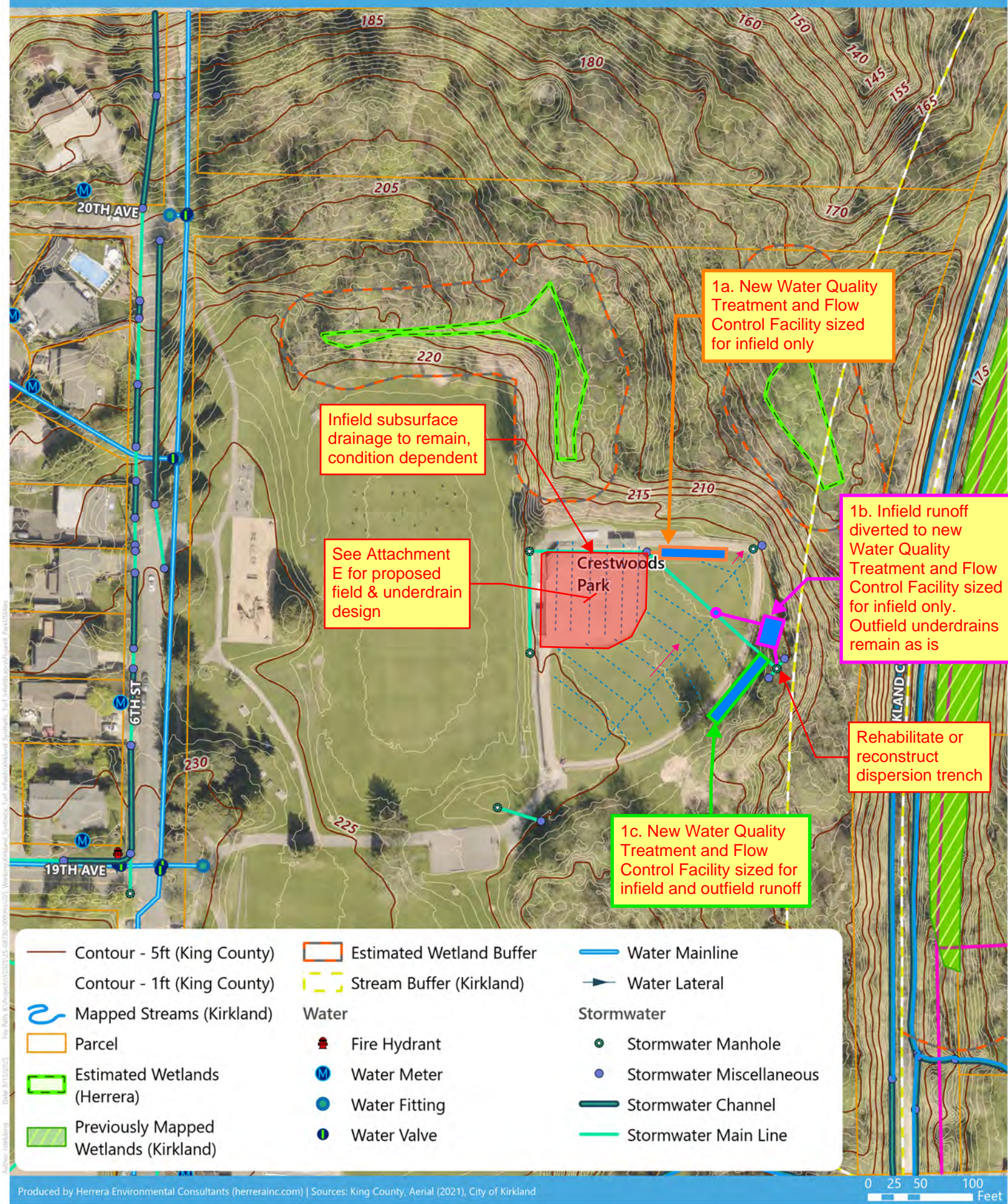
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## **Crestwoods Park Stormwater Alternatives**

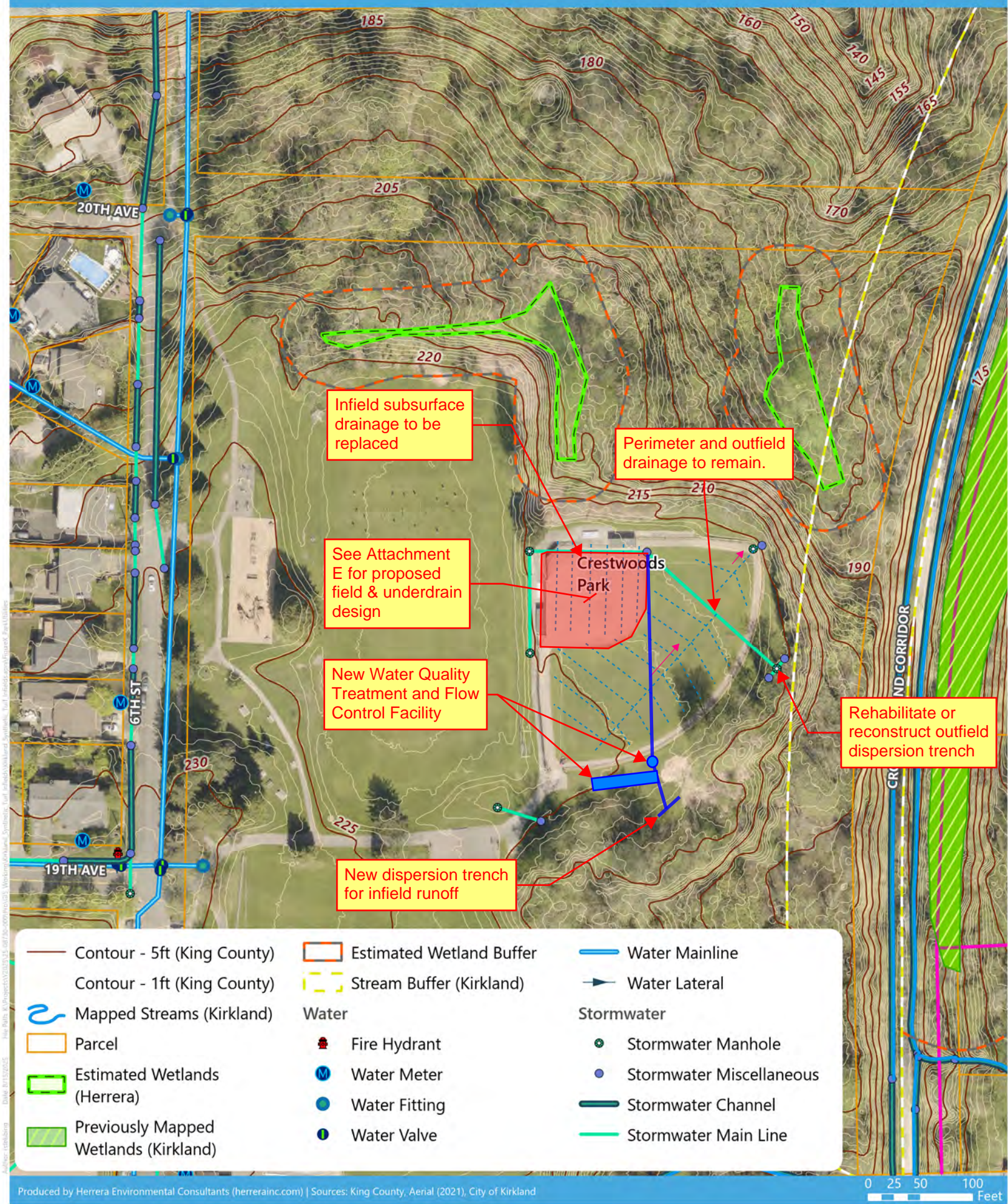


















# **Attachment E**

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- Subsurface drainage system was located and a sample of the drainage aggregate backfill was obtained. Visually, the aggregate was immediately observed to be far courser than desired, generally 1-½" x ½" crushed washed stone. While this material has its uses, the large void spaces do not allow "bridging" of the sand materials above, and so we found (via testing as above) roughly 20% of the expected 35% void space to be occupied by sand and fines.
- Fence line includes a consistent concrete containment curb.
- Grades are generally uniform across the site, assumed to match the 2005 record at 1.67% diagonally SW to NE.
- The existing infield/outfield arc is not consistent with accepted "typical" little league baseball rules for dimension, i.e., a 60' radius drawn from the front-center of a pitching slab at 46'.

### Design Assumptions / Conclusions

The following considerations apply to any Option presented.

- The existing subsurface drainage system is suitable for re-use to varying degrees as described in the options.
- Subsurface drainage will discharge to a conveyance per Herrera.
- The amount of transition grading required will be greatly reduced by the uniform slope.
- Significant adjustments / retrofit of the existing irrigation zones around the arc will be required due only to the assumed reconfiguration of the arc to suit little league expectations.

### Option 1, "Overlay" Conversion

- This unique approach usually falls under WAC 197-11-800 Categorical Exceptions SEPA Exemption for Recreational Facilities Maintenance as it a) does not disturb subgrade and b) generates little-to-no waste.
- Prior to beginning the work in earnest, the existing subsurface drainage system needs to be located. We know that the westernmost drainage lateral is located exactly 4' east of the first base dugout fenceline, so this should not be difficult. The 2005 record indicates a 15' o.c. installation.
- A transition is established around the installation perimeter to allow the finished surface of the synthetic turf to meet and match flush to surrounding surfaces as appropriate – this consists of the synthetic turf, supplemental pad (if required), and turf infill materials depths combined. This will also set the height of the turf edge anchor. For fully-skinned infields, the excavated material can be dispersed (scattered, lost) across the interior surface.

- The existing surface is then prepared by removing all unwanted vegetation, dragging to a uniform grade, and rolling to a firm and unyielding condition. The surface is then covered completely with an 8oz/sy non-woven geotextile.
- Penetrations to the existing subsurface drainage laterals, “chimney drains”, are then created by simply cutting a 12” “X” in the fabric and auguring 6” diameter holes to the drainage aggregate on a 15’ o.c. grid. The waste material from this is so incidental it too can be dispersed across the surface. The holes are filled with #4x#8 pea gravel to grade.
- A pre-molded, interlocking, panelized drainage tile is then installed, trimming neatly to all of the perimeter edges.
- Synthetic turf surfacing of an approved specification, along with irrigation retrofit and site restoration completes this installation.

#### **Option 2 Full-Section Conversion w/Drainage “Refresh”**

- This approach begins with the excavation and disposal of a 12” depth of the existing infield soils and base sand to subgrade.
- The existing 4” perforated pipe are exposed to the springline by removing all of the existing over-sided aggregate and sand/silt contaminants, which is replaced with #4x#8 pea gravel to subgrade.
- Non-woven geotextile separator fabric between drainage trenches, on a prepared (planar, unyielding) subgrade.
- 8” of permeable aggregate base course (rough graded), 2” of permeable aggregate top course (fine graded) will comprise the field foundation/base. This allows for both vertical and lateral infiltration of stormwater through the surface, base, and to the subsurface drainage trenches.
- Synthetic turf surfacing of an approved specification, along with irrigation retrofit and site restoration completes this installation.

#### **Option 3, Flat-Drains, Full-Section**

- Grading design identifies a uniform and consistent slope and aspect, in this case approximately 1.67% sloping from SW to NE. The subgrade is prepared to spec tolerance planarity and density.
- The existing collector is intercepted with a Type 1 CB / control structure, in this case a simple Type 1 CB with a solid lid. This structure should be buried as it will be “in play”.
- A perforated collector is installed from the control structure to the limit of the infield work, where it will transition to a solid pipe. Herrera will provide conveyance to code compliance and discharge.
- Non-woven geotextile separator fabric is placed across the entire subgrade.
- Flat Drains, typically 1.5” high x12” wide, are arranged diagonally across the prepared subgrade (in this case, parallel to the third base line as shown), emptying into the perforated collector trench via gravity. This arrangement generates approximately 1.2% of pipe gradient running across our 1.67% sloped subgrade.
- 8” of permeable aggregate base course (rough graded), 2” of permeable aggregate top course (fine graded) will comprise the field foundation/base. This allows for both vertical and lateral infiltration of stormwater through the surface, base, and to the subsurface drainage trenches.
- Synthetic turf surfacing of an approved specification, along with irrigation retrofit and site restoration completes this installation.





**APPROX. GRADATION:**  
CLAY 3%  
SILT 1%  
FINE SAND 18%  
GRAVEL 78%  
TOTAL 100%

**CRESTWOODS PARK FIELD 4  
SECTION MATERIALS SETTLEMENT TESTING  
DRAINAGE AGGREGATE SAMPLE JUNE 18, 2025**





**APPROX. GRADATION:**  
**CLAY & COLLOIDAL 4%**  
**SILT 4%**  
**FINE SAND 36%**  
**MEDIUM SAND 56%**  
**TOTAL 100%**

**CRESTWOODS PARK FIELD 4**  
**SECTION MATERIALS SETTLEMENT TESTING**

**BASE SAND SAMPLE JUNE 18, 2025**



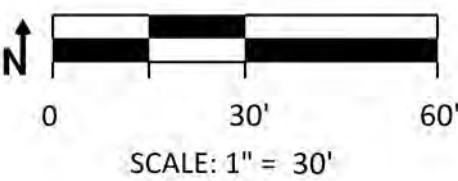
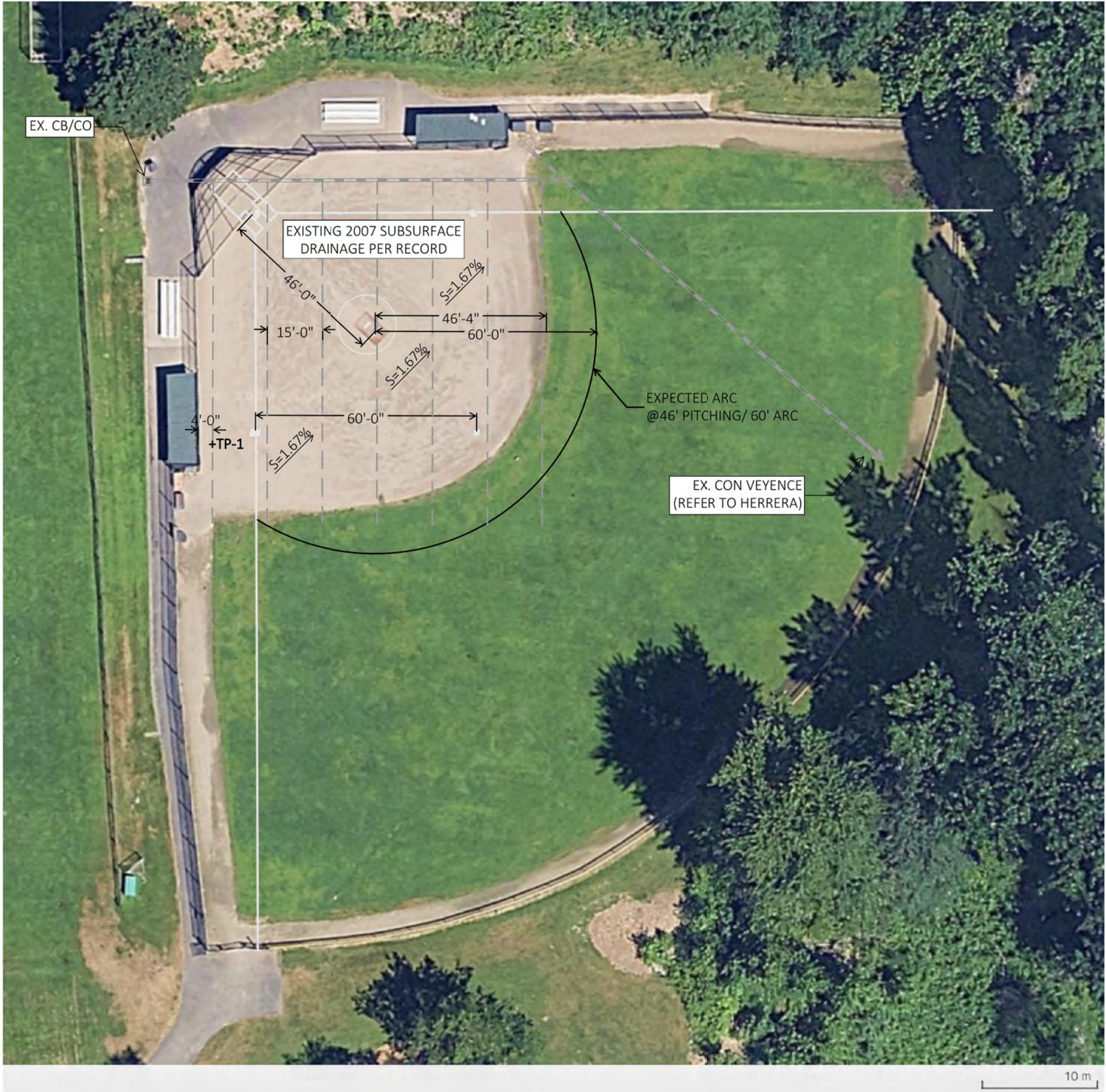


**APPROX. GRADATION:**  
**COLLOIDAL 8%**  
**CLAY 4%**  
**SILT 40%**  
**FINE SAND 48%**  
**TOTAL 100%**

**CRESTWOODS PARK FIELD 4**  
**SECTION MATERIALS SETTLEMENT TESTING**

**INFIELD TOP MIX SAMPLE JUNE 18, 2025**





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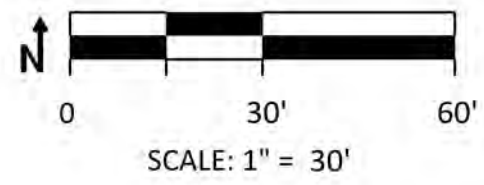
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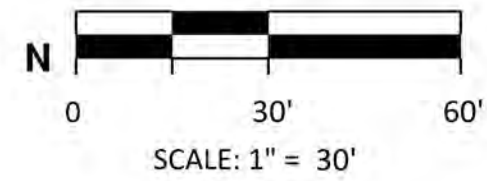
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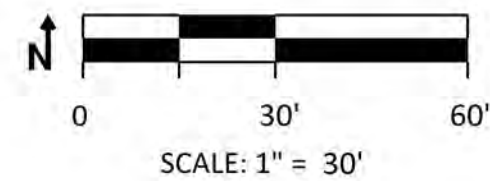
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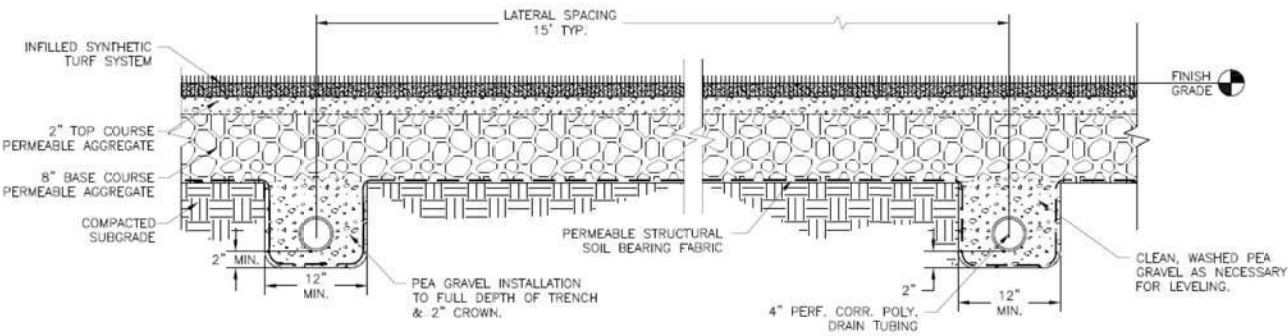
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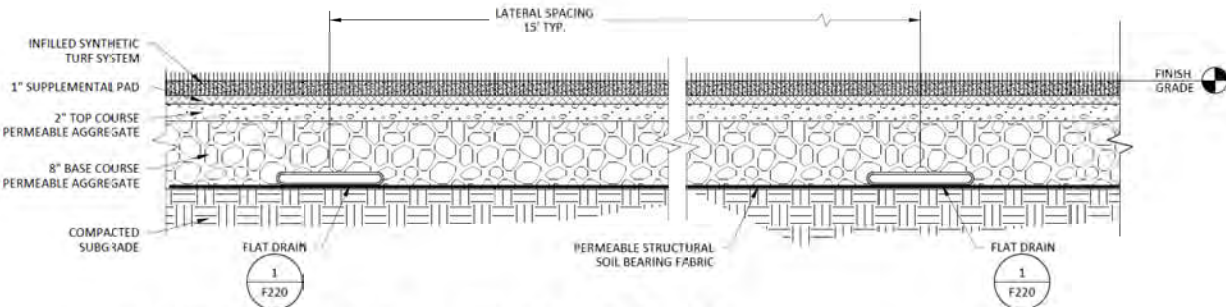
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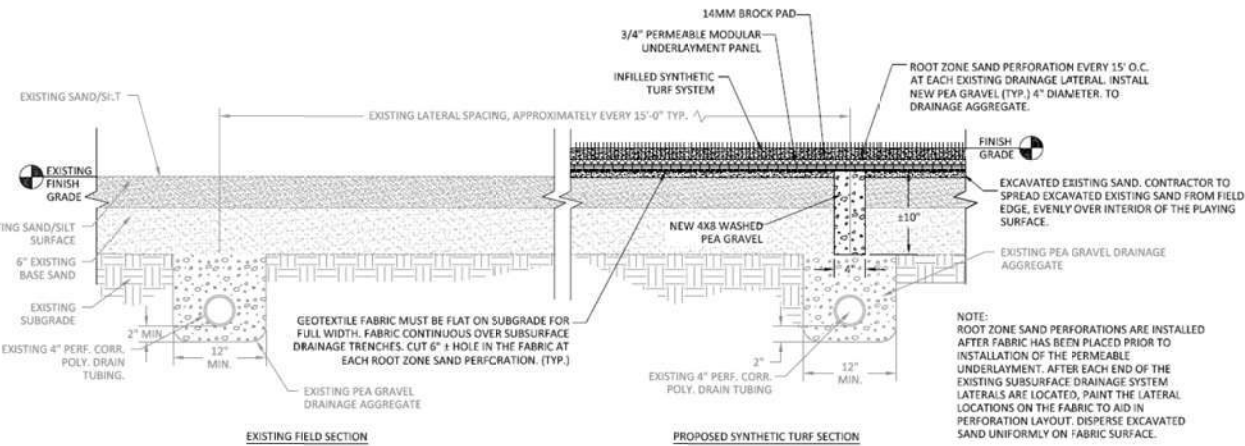




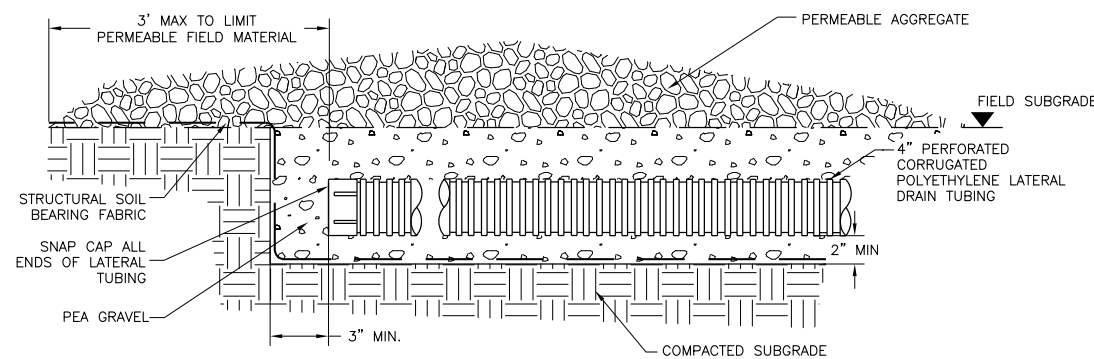
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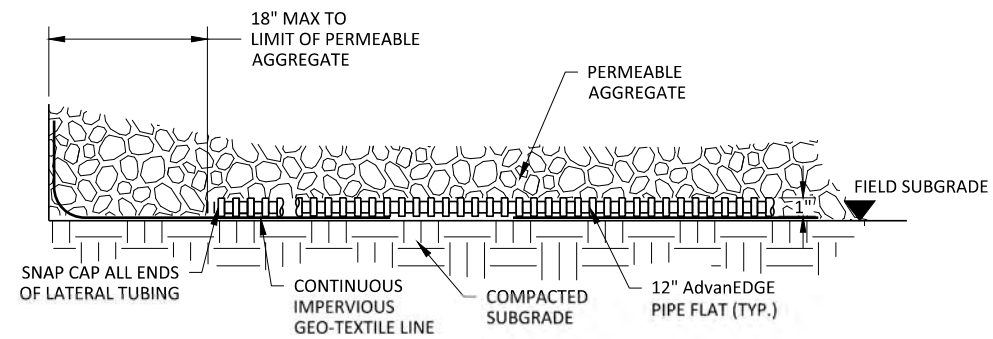
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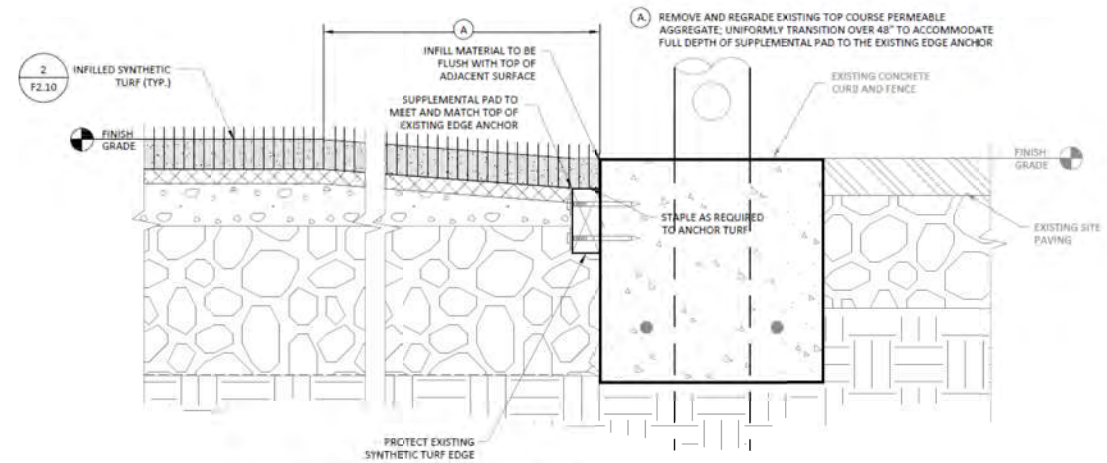
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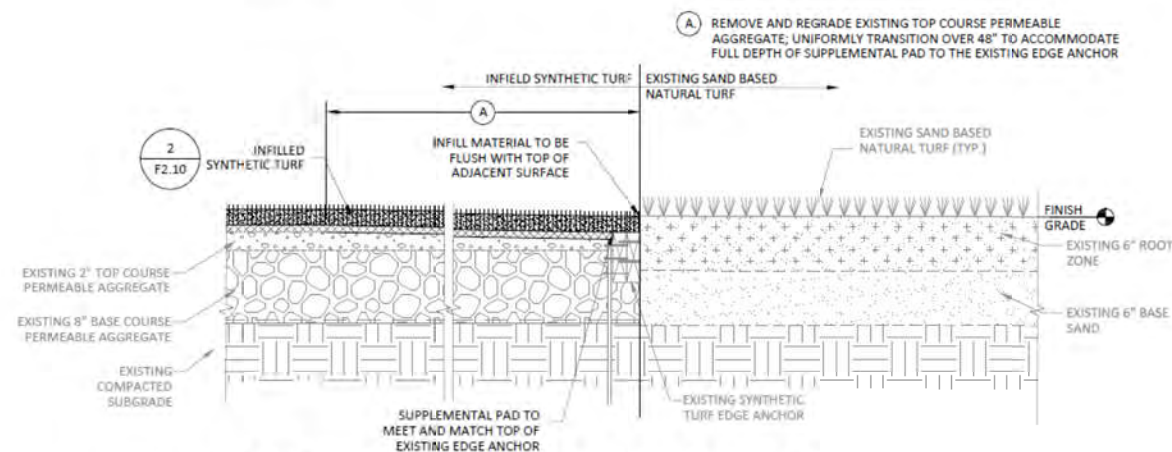
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CRESTWOODS NOTE: CURB IS EXISTING



**G EDGE ANCHOR @ GRASS TRANSITION**  
NOT TO SCALE

# Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

Typical Details

City of Kirkland, WA  
Parks and Community Services

132nd Square Park  
13159 132nd Ave NE  
Kirkland 98034

## **Attachment B**

### **Synthetic Turf Infield Analysis at Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park – Critical Areas**

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## Disclaimer

Note that this report only covers the following critical areas: wetlands, frequently flooded areas, minor lakes, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas (FWHCA) (which includes streams) (Kirkland Zoning Code [KZC] Chapter 90). This report excludes other critical areas that are geologically hazardous areas, such as erosion, landslide, and seismic hazard areas (KZM Chapter 85). This report does not include a tree inventory for the project site, which may be required if the proposed project could potentially impact significant trees.

The data documented in this report is based on a reconnaissance-level investigation and does not include official wetland delineation boundaries or stream delineations. All critical areas described and rated in this report are approximate and intended for planning purposes only. A formal wetland and stream delineation and ratings may be required by the City of Kirkland prior to any work within 300 feet of critical areas. A formal tree inventory may also be required if removing any trees within the project area.

## Introduction

Herrera Environmental Consultants (Herrera) performed a wetland and stream reconnaissance for the City of Kirkland (City) on June 12, 2025, at two city parks. The City is proposing to convert two sand/silt infields to synthetic turf at two existing little league ballfields. This memorandum was produced to support the feasibility analysis effort for this project, documenting observations of potential existing critical areas based on reconnaissance-level field investigation of wetlands, streams, minor lakes, frequently flooded areas, and FWHCAs. This memorandum provides a preliminary analysis of existing conditions in the study areas.

Two sites were investigated during fieldwork. One site is located at Ballfield 4 at Crestwoods Park, west of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail and east of 6th Street. The other site is located at 132nd Square Park, south of Northeast 132nd Street and west of 132nd Avenue Northeast. The study areas include the ballfields and a 300-foot area around each infield (Figures 1a and 1b).

Both study areas are in Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8: the Cedar-Sammamish. Crestwoods Park is located within the Forbes Creek subbasin, while 132nd Square Park is located within the Juanita Creek subbasin.



Figure 1a.  
Vicinity Map for Crestwoods Park.





Figure 1b.  
Vicinity Map for 132nd Square Park.





## Methods

### Preliminary Environmental Data Resources Review

The preliminary review of existing environmental data resources applicable to the subject property and its general vicinity included, but was not limited to, the following:

- National Wetlands Inventory (USFWS 2025)
- City of Kirkland online map (Kirkland 2025)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service online soil survey maps and soil descriptions (NRCS 2025b)
- Aerial photographs (Google Earth 2025)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Water Typing System (WDNR 2025a)
- WDNR Natural Heritage Program database (WDNR 2025b)
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) Mapper (WDFW 2025a)
- SalmonScape Mapper (WDFW 2025b)

### Wetlands Identification

Herrera performed field investigations on June 12, 2025. Herrera walked the study areas, identified locations within the study area that exhibited wetland characteristics, and used a Trimble GPS unit with sub-meter accuracy to locate approximate wetland boundaries. However, Wetland 1 was mapped based on the City of Kirkland wetlands layer (Kirkland 2025).

Herrera identified estimated wetland areas based on the presence of wetland indicators, including hydrology, soils, and vegetation. Hydrophytic vegetation is characterized by the ability to grow, effectively compete, reproduce, and persist in anaerobic soil conditions resulting from periodic or long-term saturation (Environmental Laboratory 1987). Herrera identified plant species using *Flora of the Pacific Northwest* (Hitchcock and Cronquist 1987) and *A Field Guide to the Common Wetland Plants of Western Washington and Northwestern Oregon* (Cooke 1997). Herrera biologists made notations regarding each observed plant species' estimated percentage of vegetation cover to determine the relative dominance of one plant over another within the overall vegetation community.

The indicator status of each plant species is based on the National Wetland Plant List (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2022) for the Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region. As summarized in Table 1, five plant indicator status categories—Obligate (OBL), Facultative Wetland (FACW), Facultative (FAC), Facultative Upland (FACU) and Obligate Upland (UPL)—are regionally assigned based on a plant species' prevalence to grow in wetland or upland conditions. After reviewing the list of observed plants according to indicator status and the noted estimated percentage of vegetation cover, Herrera biologists

determined if hydrophytic vegetation, typical of wetland conditions or non-hydrophytic vegetation, typical of upland conditions, was dominant within the study areas.

**Table 1. Plant Indicator Status Categories.**

Indicator Status	Indicator Symbol	Definition
Obligate wetland plants	OBL	Plants that occur almost always (estimated probability >99%) in wetlands under natural conditions but also occur rarely (estimated probability <1%) in upland areas
Facultative wetland plants	FACW	Plants that usually occur (estimated probability >67%) in wetlands under natural conditions but also occur (estimated probability 1% to 33%) in upland areas
Facultative plants	FAC	Plants with a similar likelihood (estimated probability 33% to 67%) of occurring in both wetlands and upland areas
Facultative upland plants	FACU	Plants that sometimes occur (estimated probability 1% to 33%) in wetlands but occur more often (estimated probability >67% to 99%) in upland areas
Obligate upland plants	UPL	Plants that rarely occur (estimated probability <1%) in wetlands under natural conditions

WET ← OBL – FACW – FAC – FACU – UPL → DRY

Source: Environmental Laboratory (1987).

A hydric soil is a soil that is saturated, flooded, or inundated long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions that favor the growth and regeneration of hydrophytic vegetation (Environmental Laboratory 1987, 2010). The evaluation of existing soil maps (developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] Natural Resources Conservation Service [NRCS] and other sources) is used to understand hydric soil distribution and to identify the likely locations of hydric soils (by verifying their inclusion on the hydric soils list). Comparison of these mapped soils to conditions found on site help verify the presence of hydric soils.

For onsite soils characterization, hydric soils data were obtained generally by digging test pits at least 16 inches deep and 4 inches wide. Hydric soil conditions were evaluated using indicators outlined in Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States (NRCS 2017) and adopted by the Regional Supplement to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Environmental Laboratory 2010).

Hydric soil indicators applicable to the Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast region include, but are not limited to, the presence of organic soils (i.e., histosols or histic epipedons); sulfidic material (i.e., hydrogen sulfide); depleted, gleyed, or reduced soil matrices; and/or the presence of iron or manganese concretions (Environmental Laboratory 2010). Soil color characterization (i.e., hue, value, and chroma) is a critical tool in determining depleted, gleyed, and reduced soil conditions. Soil color was evaluated by comparing soil colors at test plots to standardized color samples in Munsell Soil Color Charts (Munsell Color 2000).



Wetland hydrology is indicated by site conditions that demonstrate the periodic inundation or saturation to the soil surface for a sufficient duration during the total growing season. A sufficient duration during the growing season is defined as 14 or more consecutive days of flooding, ponding, or presence of a water table at 12 inches or less from the soil surface (Environmental Laboratory 2010). The growing season is the period of consecutive frost-free days, or the longest period during which the soil temperature stays above biological zero (41°F) when measured at 12 inches below the soil surface.

For this assessment, Herrera biologists examined onsite hydrologic indicators at the test plots during the growing season. Hydrologic indicators may include the presence of surface water, standing water in the test pit at a depth of 12 inches or less, saturation in the root zone, watermarks, drift lines, sediment deposits, drainage patterns within wetlands, oxidized rhizospheres surrounding living roots, and water-stained leaves.

Wetlands were preliminarily estimated utilizing the *Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update (Version 2)* (Hruby and Yahnke 2023). This methodology is used for determining the City's applicable regulated buffer widths for wetland protection, as designated in KZC 90.55. Preliminary rating forms were completed (Appendix A), based on the wetland reconnaissance boundaries. Final wetland rating forms should be completed after a full wetland delineation is completed.

## Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas

FWHCAs include habitat areas that a state or federally designated endangered, threatened, or sensitive species has a primary association with. FWHCAs also include state priority habitats and habitats with which state priority species have a primary association. These areas can be found in or near critical areas, forested areas, or Lake Washington (KZC 90.95).

Potential FWHCAs were determined based on resource map data, including WDFW PHS (WDFW 2025a), WDFW SalmonScape maps (WDFW 2025b), City of Kirkland GIS maps (City of Kirkland 2025), and personal communication with City of Kirkland staff. During the site visit, biologists also observed the existing habitat to determine if suitable habitat was available for state or federally listed species or priority species and noted any direct observations of ESA-listed species and priority species.

Streams are classified as FWHCAs. During the site visit, biologists visually assessed the presence/absence of streams within the study area but the ordinary high water mark was not located. The City of Kirkland GIS stream layers were also reviewed (City of Kirkland 2025).

## Other Critical Areas

### Minor Lakes

Minor lakes in Kirkland include Totem Lake and Forbes Lake. These lakes are mapped and regulated by the City due to the high quantity of wetlands along their perimeters. All activities and uses in the shallow

areas of both lakes that relate to contiguous wetlands located above the ordinary high water mark are regulated by the City (KZC 90.90).

## Frequently Flooded Areas

Frequently flooded areas are areas of special flood hazard. These areas are mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and no disturbance, land surface modification, improvements, or activities may be located within them. Frequently flooded areas in the study area were reviewed on the City of Kirkland's GIS map.

# Assessment Results

## Background Data Review

### Crestwoods Park

The City of Kirkland maps two unnamed streams on the eastern edge of the study area which parallel the Cross Kirkland Corridor trail. A wetland is mapped adjacent to the easternmost stream (Figures 2a and 2b) (Kirkland 2025). No potential FWHCAs (other than streams), lakes, or frequently flooded areas are mapped within the study area.

"High susceptibility landslide" and "moderate susceptibility landslide" areas, as well as "liquefaction potential" areas, are mapped within the study area. These are geologically hazardous areas (City of Kirkland 2025). Geologically hazardous areas are not covered by this report.

WDFW does not map any priority habitats or species in the vicinity of Crestwoods Park, and does not map any streams or fish presence within the study area (WDFW 2025a and WDFW 2025b). However, City of Kirkland staff have observed cutthroat trout (*Onchorhynchus clarkii*) in ditched tributaries to Forbes Creek with similar habitat conditions, located northeast of Streams 1 and 2. Assumedly, cutthroat trout may also be present in Streams 1 and 2 (E. Henrichsen, City of Kirkland, personal communication, July 10, 2025).

NRCS maps two types of soil within the study area: Indianola loamy sand, 5 to 15 percent slopes; and Ragnar-Indianola association, moderately steep (NRCS 2025b).

The Indianola soil series is a somewhat excessively drained soil found on terraces, kames, and eskers, with a parent material of sandy glacial outwash. A typical soil profile includes slightly decomposed plant material, loamy sand, and sand. Indianola is a non-hydric soil. Within the study area, Indianola soil includes minor components of Alderwood, Everett, and Norma soils. Of the minor components, only Norma is considered a hydric soil (NRCS 2025b).

Ragnar soil is a well-drained soil found on terraces, kames, and eskers that originates from glacial outwash as well. A typical soil profile includes ashy fine sandy loam and loamy sand. It is not rated as a hydric soil. No other soil components are mapped in the study area (NRCS 2025b).

## 132nd Square Park

No wetlands, minor lakes, frequently flooded areas, or FWHCAs (including streams) are mapped within the 132nd Square Park study area (City of Kirkland 2025).

The City maps a “high liquefaction potential” area within the study area. This is a geologically hazardous area (City of Kirkland 2025). Geologically hazardous areas are not covered by this report.

WDFW does not map any priority habitats or species in the vicinity of 132nd Square Park (WDFW 2025a and WDFW 2025b).

NRCS maps one soil type within the study area: Alderwood gravelly sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes. Alderwood soil is a moderately well-drained soil, typically found on hills and ridges, with a parent material of glacial drift and/or glacial outwash over dense glaciomarine deposits. It has a typical profile of gravelly sandy loam and very gravelly sandy loam. Alderwood is a non-hydric soil. Within the study area, minor components of Indianola, Everett, Shalcar, and Norma soils may be present. Of the minor components, Shalcar and Norma are considered hydric soils.

## Existing Environmental Conditions

### Precipitation Data

Precipitation characteristics in the weeks and months preceding the site investigation are important to understand the potential for drier or wetter than normal conditions on the site. Nearby precipitation gage records were evaluated for that purpose. Precipitation data were obtained from the Natural Resources Conservation Service WETS database (NRCS 2025a). The historical average measurements were based on data collected in Seattle, Washington (WETS Station Seattle Sand Point WFO [Latitude 47°68'N, Longitude 122°25'W]) for the period of record 1995 to 2025. That station is approximately 2.5 miles west of the study area.

Precipitation was evaluated for a 3-month period prior to field investigations on June 12, 2025. In the 3 months preceding the field investigations, the conditions for March, April, and May were normal (NRCS 2025a) (Table 2). In the 10 days leading up to fieldwork, 0 inches of rain was recorded (NRCS 2025a).

Often seasonally saturated/inundated wetlands in western Washington dry out by end of May or June. Therefore, site investigations conducted in the late spring can result in lack of hydrology, even though precipitation levels may be “normal.”

**Table 2 Evaluation of Normal Precipitation for the 3-month Period Preceding Field Investigations.**

Prior Month	WETS Rainfall Percentile (inches)		Measured Rainfall (inches)	Condition: Dry, Wet, Normal
	30th	70th		
May	1.48	2.66	2.06	Normal
April	1.95	3.26	2.22	Normal
March	2.89	4.52	3.87	Normal
Resultant Conditions for June: Normal				

## Crestwoods Park

Herrera biologists identified three potential wetlands within the Crestwoods Park study area: Wetland 1, Wetland 2, and Wetland 3 (Figure 2a). The boundaries of potential wetland areas shown in Figure 2a are approximate. They are based on field observations and City of Kirkland GIS wetland layer (City of Kirkland 2025). Two unnamed streams (Stream 1 and Stream 2) are mapped by the City of Kirkland near the eastern extent of the study area (Figure 2a).

### Ballfield 4

The Crestwoods Park Ballfield 4 includes a flat sand/silt infield and mowed grass outfield that is heavily managed/maintained (Photo 1). The outfield is routinely mowed, fertilized, irrigated, and overseeded two to three times a year. The infield is top-dressed with sand once a year and has an underdrain system. Pesticides are applied as needed at the beginning and end of each growing season.



Photo 1. View of the infield and outfield at Ballfield 4 (June 12, 2025).



Vegetation in the outfield was dominated by bentgrasses (*Agrostis* spp.) and bluegrasses (*Poa* spp.), and white clover, which are facultative species. All vegetation is mowed regularly to less than 2 inches tall.

Soils in the outfield displayed hydric soil indicators, including a depleted matrix with redoximorphic concentrations in the upper 12 inches. However, the soils consist of imported sand, and the soil profile is entirely artificial. Hydric sandy soils may have been imported to the site during the creation of the ballfield; therefore, the soils may be relict hydric soils. Given that the ballfield is located on a topographic high spot in the park, with steep fill slopes to the north, south, and east, the only source of hydrology to the ballfield is precipitation and irrigation; therefore, the ballfield is unlikely to support wetland hydrology. Additionally, there is an existing underdrain system in the outfield, designed to collect shallow subsurface flow and direct it to two existing dispersion trenches, one to the north and one to the east of the field. No wetland hydrology nor hydrology indicators were observed in the ballfield at the time of the site visit in June. Herrera biologists did not identify any wetlands within the Crestwoods Park Ballfield 4.

### Soccer Fields

Soccer fields are located at the west end of the review area. These fields are similar to Ballfield 4 in that they are also regularly mowed and maintained; consist of imported sandy, fill soils; and are designed to drain runoff from the fields to the north. Herrera biologists did not identify any wetlands within the Crestwoods Park soccer fields.

### Forested Areas Adjacent to Ballfield 4

Undeveloped forested areas are located within the study area to the north, east, and south. Although these areas include a second-growth forest, the area immediately adjacent to Ballfield 4 appears to have been a historic dump site. Large pieces of concrete, asphalt, and rebar were observed, overgrown with forested vegetation (Photo 2).



Photo 2. Upland forest with large piece of concrete overgrown with vegetation

Upland vegetation in this portion of the study area included big-leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*), western red-cedar (*Thuja plicata*), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), western hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta*), salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), Nootka rose (*Rosa nutkana*), trailing blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*), black twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata*), and sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*).

Wetland 1, associated with an unnamed and ditched stream (Stream 2), is mapped by the City near eastern edge of the study area (City of Kirkland 2025). Herrera biologists confirmed the presence and location of Wetland 1 during field investigations but did not map the boundaries. The approximate wetland boundary shown in Figure 2a is based on the City's wetland GIS layer.



Photo 3. Wetland 1, Stream 1, and Stream 2 located across the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail (June 12, 2025).

Wetland 1 is a palustrine, forested, depressional wetland dominated by black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*), slough sedge (*Carex obnupta*), reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), and Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*). Most of the wetland extends beyond the study area to the north, south, and east. The wetland is located at the base of a slope and immediately east of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail. Wetland 1 is estimated to be a Category II wetland, which would have a 75-foot buffer with a low habitat score, which would be dependent on the final wetland rating (KZC 90.55.1). Preliminary wetland rating forms are included in Appendix A.

Wetland 2 is a palustrine, forested, slope wetland located in the northeast corner of the study area (Photo 4). The wetland is dominated by black cottonwood, willow (*Salix sp.*), soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), American mannagrass



(*Glyceria grandis*), trailing blackberry, and Watson’s willowherb (*Epilobium ciliatum*). Recent restoration plantings were observed within the wetland, such as red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*). Wetland 2 is estimated to be a Category IV wetland (Appendix A) with a regulatory buffer of 40 feet, regardless of habitat score (KZC 90.55.1).



Photo 4. Wetland 2 (June 12, 2025).

Wetland 3 is a palustrine, forested, slope wetland located in the north half of the study area. The wetland is dominated by black cottonwood, creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), and Watson’s willowherb. Wetland 3 has also been planted with a variety of native shrubs and trees, including Western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*). Wetland 3 is estimated to be a Category IV wetland (Appendix A) with a regulatory buffer of 40 feet (KZC 90.55.1).



Photo 5. West end of Wetland 3 (June 12, 2025).

Two unnamed streams are mapped by the City near the eastern edge of the study area. Stream 1 is a vegetated, ditched stream located on the west side of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail. Stream 1 flows northward. Stream 2 is also a vegetated, ditched stream associated with Wetland 1. Stream 2 flows northward on the east side of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail. The streams are mapped by the City of Kirkland; however, they are not mapped by WDFW, King County, or WDNR (WDFW 2025b, King County 2025, WDNR 2025a). Herrera biologists confirmed the presence and location of these ditched streams during field investigations but did not map the boundaries. City of Kirkland stream layers are included in Figure 2a and Figure 2b.

Based on City of Kirkland GIS stream layers, the streams appear to drain via a series of ditches, natural channels, and culverts into Forbes Creek, approximately 1,800 feet downgradient of Wetland 1. City of Kirkland staff have observed cutthroat trout in nearby ditched tributaries to Forbes Creek (E. Henrichsen, personal communication, July 10, 2025). Therefore, it is likely that Streams 1 and 2 could also be fish-bearing. Fish streams have a regulatory buffer of 100 feet (KZC 90.65.1) (Figure 2a).

The stream buffers within the study area primarily consist of forested vegetation such as black cottonwood, Douglas fir, big-leaf maple, Himalayan blackberry, and herbaceous plants.

No FWHCAs (other than streams), frequently flooded areas, or minor lakes were identified within the Crestwoods Park study area.

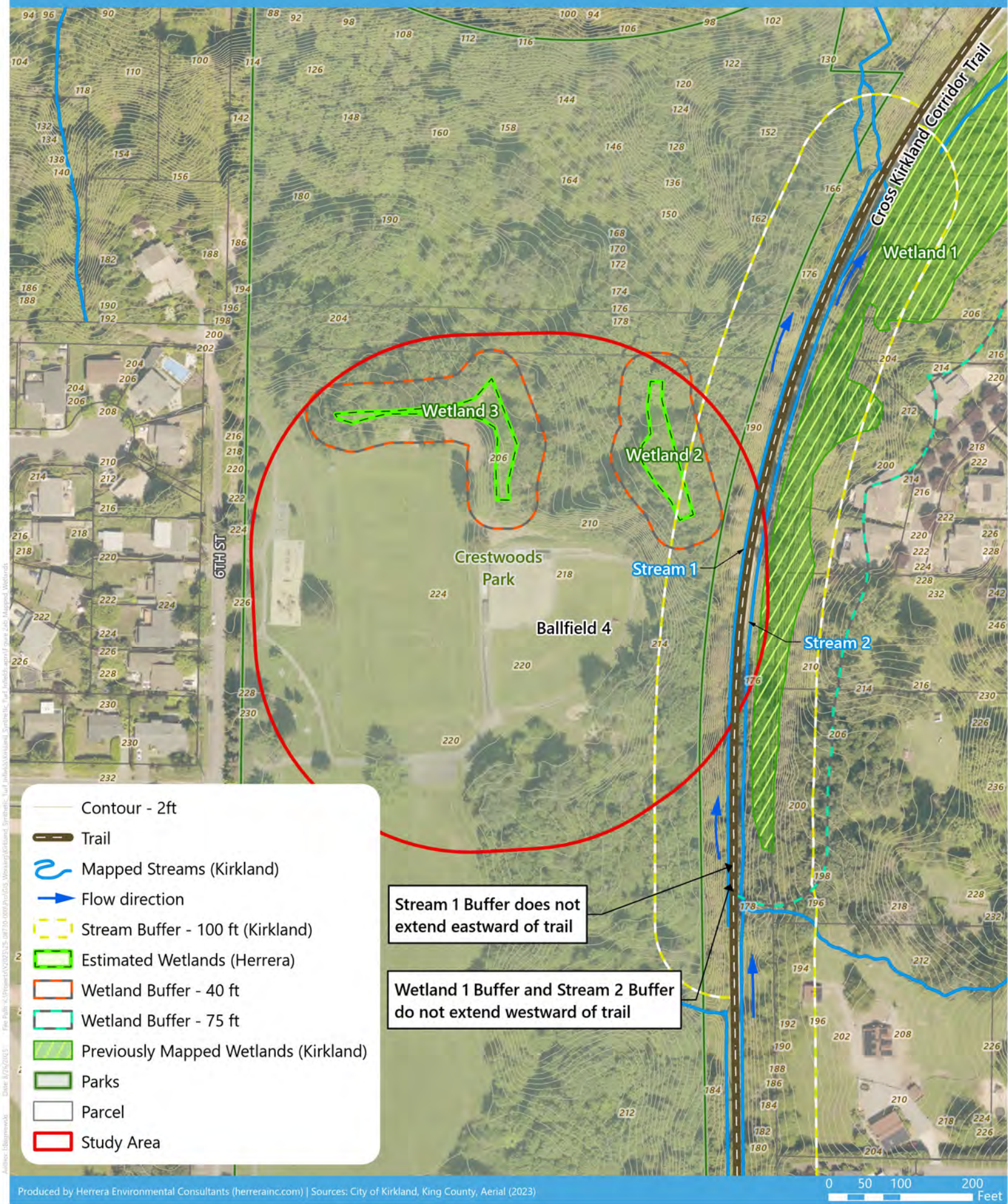
## 132nd Square Park

The study area for 132nd Square Park included developed parking lots, roads, residential lots, a turf soccer field, and the little league ballfield.

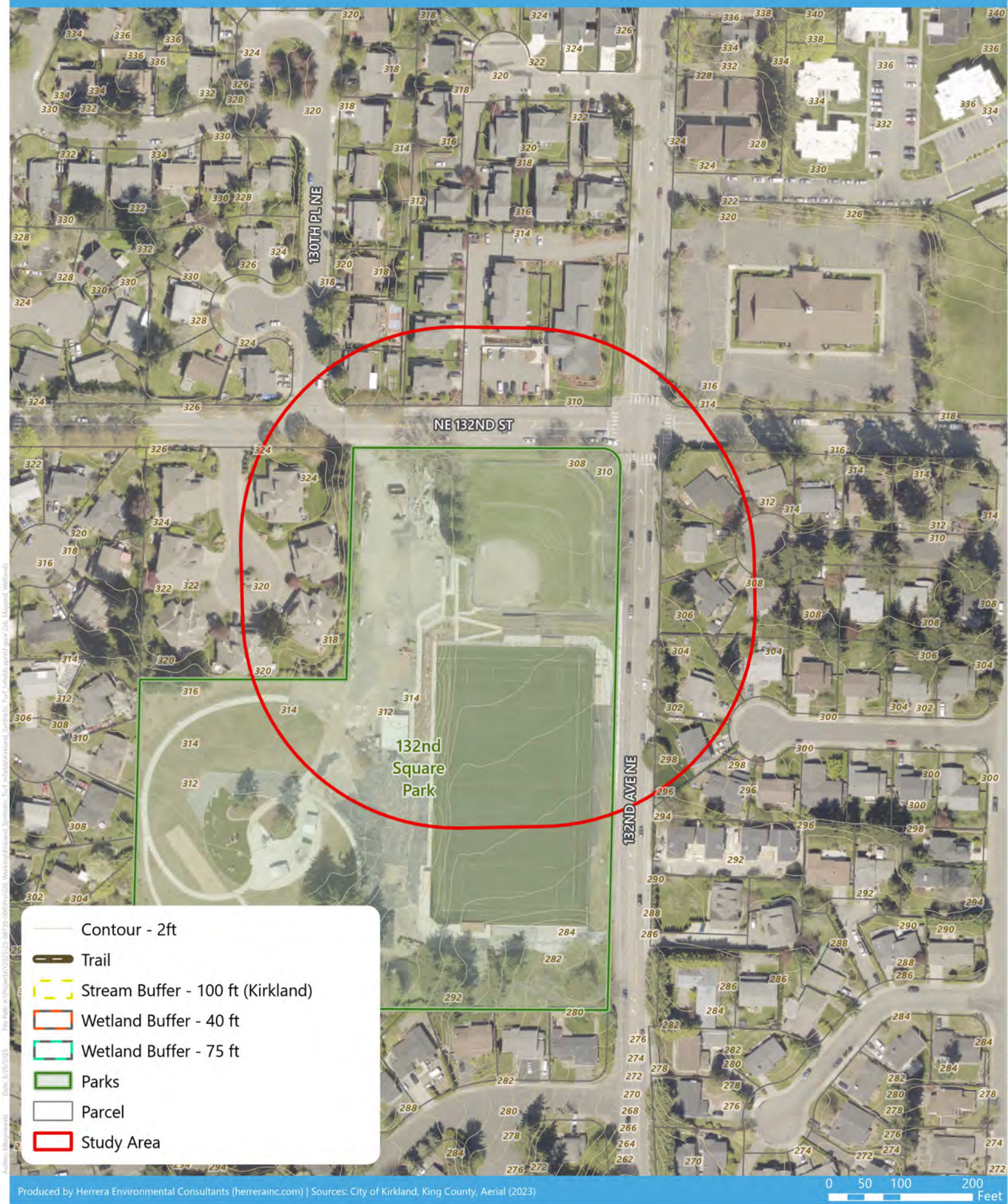
The 132nd Square Park ballfield consists of mowed lawn in the outfield and unvegetated infield, with underlying sand fill. Both the infield and the outfield are well-drained, although they do not have an underdrain system. Similarly to Crestwoods Park, 132nd Square Park is routinely mowed, fertilized, and overseeded, and is top-dressed with sand once a year. Vegetation in the outfield is dominated by bluegrasses. Soils were dry to at least 16 inches at the time of the site visit in June 2025, and no hydrology indicators were observed. No hydric soil indicators were observed. No wetlands were observed within the study area at 132nd Square Park.

No FWHCAs (including streams), minor lakes, or frequently flooded areas were identified within the 132nd Square Park study area (Figure 2b).











## City of Kirkland Critical Areas Regulations

The City regulates critical areas including wetlands, streams, other FWHCAs, minor lakes, and frequently flooded areas, and their buffers under KZC Chapter 90. Wetland 1 is likely to require a 75-foot buffer as a Category II wetland with a low habitat score. Wetlands 2 and 3 are likely to require 40-foot buffers as Category IV wetlands, regardless of their habitat scores. Streams 1 and 2 within the study area are likely to require 100-foot buffers as potentially fish-bearing streams. The City of Kirkland is currently reviewing potential modifications to the critical areas code, which may include larger stream buffers. Final buffers will depend on the approved critical areas codes at the time of permit submission.

Per the City of Kirkland, the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail is considered a break in wetland and stream buffers (K. Wilkinson, personal communication, June 4, 2025). Per KZC 90.120, the Planning Official may waive the required critical area buffer where the buffer is isolated from the critical area due to a legally established and improved public right-of-way, which includes the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail. Therefore, the Wetland 1 buffer and Stream 2 buffer extend to the eastern edge of the trail only (Figure 2a).

KZC 90.130 includes vegetated buffer standards that apply to wetland and stream buffers, as included below. These standards apply to projects that result in new impervious surface area.

*Vegetated Buffer Standard – The following vegetated buffer standards shall be met:*

*a. Native cover of at least 80 percent on average throughout the buffer area. Additionally, the first two of the following strata of native plant species each must compose at least 20 percent areal cover, and the third may compose no more than 20 percent areal cover:*

- 1) Multi-age forest canopy (combination of existing and new vegetation);*
- 2) Shrubs; and*
- 3) Woody groundcover (such as kinnikinnick, salal and sword fern) or unmowed herbaceous groundcover;*

*b. At least three (3) native species each making up a minimum of 10 percent coverage (for diversity);*

*c. Less than 10 percent noxious weeds cover using King County weed list and permanent removal of all knotweed; and*

*d. Removal of lawn and any illegal fill as determined by the City.*

The Planning Official makes the determination if the standard buffer meets this buffer vegetation standard (KZC 90.55).

KZC 90.130.3.c applies specifically to public park projects. This section states: "For public facilities in public parks, net new impervious improvements of any amount, the buffer shall be vegetated at a minimum 1:1 ratio (i.e., net square footage of vegetated buffer area must be planted to meet the standards to

match the new square footage of added impervious surfaces) meeting the vegetated buffer standard at the proportional rate of the standard, in a location and of dimensions approved by the Planning Official.” This applies to park projects that involve new impervious surface, regardless of critical area or buffer impacts or not.

Impervious surface is defined under KZC as: “a hard surface area that either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil mantle as under natural conditions before development; or that causes water to run off the surface in greater quantities or at an increased rate of flow compared to the flow present under natural conditions prior to development. Common impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, roofs, walkways, patios, driveways, parking lots, or storage areas, areas that are paved, graveled or made of packed or oiled earthen materials or other surfaces that similarly impede the natural infiltration of surface water or stormwater.”

The infield at Crestwoods Park is entirely artificial, with imported sand and loamy soil, and includes an existing underdrain system that prevents water from infiltrating into the soil mantle. The surface of the infield is also highly compacted and unvegetated. Therefore, the existing infield at Crestwoods Park meets the definition of an impervious surface with respect to KZC 90 (K. Wilkinson, City of Kirkland, personal communication, July 24, 2025).

Any proposed new impervious surface outside of the existing infield at Crestwoods Park would need to meet KZC 90.13.3.c and require buffer vegetation enhancement at a 1:1 ratio (new impervious area to buffer enhancement area). However, converting the existing infield to turf would not be considered a new impervious surface per KZC 90 and would not trigger buffer vegetation enhancement requirements.

KZC 90: If buffer impacts are necessary for a project, buffer averaging may be allowed if the standard or alternative buffer width is not reduced below 75 percent of the required width in any location; the total area of the buffer is no less than the area of the typical buffer; the buffer averaging provides a net improvement of the critical area’s habitat, functions, and values; and the critical area would benefit from a wider buffer in one area and would not be adversely impacted by having a narrower buffer in another area.

Any impacts to wetlands or wetland buffers will require identification of these features in a full critical areas report based on a complete delineation and mitigation sequencing as required by KZC 90.145. A full critical areas report may also be required if new impervious surfaces are proposed on the property in order to meet the vegetated buffer standards required in KZC 90.130.3.c. Compensatory mitigation is required for modifications that cannot be avoided or minimized. Required wetland mitigation ratios vary greatly depending on wetland category and what form of mitigation is proposed, with wetland creation requiring the lowest ratio (1.5:1 for a Category IV wetland) and wetland enhancement requiring the highest (12:1 for a Category II wetland) (KZC 90.150.1). Wetland and stream buffer mitigation is required at a minimum ratio of 1:1 for all types of mitigation.



The City of Kirkland is currently in the process of updating KZC 90. Code sections listed above may be subject to new regulations at the time of permitting, depending on when KZC 90 modifications are approved.

## City of Kirkland Tree Requirements

Both Crestwoods Park and 132nd Square Park, located within the City of Kirkland, are zoned as park/open space (Kirkland 2025). Trees within public areas are considered public trees and regulated under Kirkland Zoning Code 95.20. Significant and landmark trees are additionally regulated.

A significant tree is defined by the City of Kirkland as an existing healthy tree that is not a hazard tree (i.e., a tree that does not have a high probability of imminently falling due to a debilitating disease or structural defect) and that, when measured 4.5 feet above grade, has a minimum diameter at breast height (DBH) of 6 inches (KZC 95.10). Landmark trees are those with a 26-inch DBH or greater (KZC 95.10).

When significant trees are removed in public parks and open spaces, they must be replaced at a 1:1 ratio, including trees that are part of a hedge. The following regulations are applicable to this project:

### Kirkland Zoning Code 95.20 – Public Tree – Pruning and Removal

A public tree pruning permit is required for tree removals on public lands.

### Kirkland Zoning Code 92.25 – Landmark Trees – Mitigation Requirements

The removal of a landmark tree requires a tree removal permit. Key provisions from Kirkland Zoning Code 92.25 are outlined below for the removal of landmark trees:

**Mitigation Ratio:** For each landmark tree removed, three large species must be planted from the City of Kirkland's Approved Landmark Tree Mitigation List. Mitigation trees must meet the following size requirements at planting: a minimum of 6 feet in height for conifers, or a minimum of 2 inches in caliper for deciduous or broad-leaf evergreen trees.

**Location of Mitigation Trees:** Mitigation trees must be planted in a location on the property that allows for their growth to mature without significant conflicts with existing or proposed improvements on the property or adjacent properties.

**Timing of Plantings and Inspection:** Mitigation trees must be installed within 12 months of the associated tree removal, in accordance with Kirkland Zoning Code 95.23, or prior to the final inspection of a development permit reviewed under Kirkland Zoning Code 95.30. Following planting, an inspection by the Planning Official is required to ensure consistency with the approved mitigation plan.

**Maintenance Agreement:** The applicant must sign a 5-year maintenance agreement for the mitigation trees, which will be recorded with the King County Recorder's office. This agreement ensures the trees are maintained for 5 years from the final inspection.

**Additional Tree Planting:** Mitigation tree planting is in addition to any other tree planting required by the Kirkland Zoning Code or Municipal Code.

**Dead or Dying Landmark Trees:** If a landmark tree meets the definition of dead or dying, as evidenced by a photograph provided to the Planning Official, it will not be subject to mitigation requirements.

**Fee in Lieu:** The applicant may choose to pay a fee in lieu of planting mitigation trees on the property. The fee is \$450.00 per required mitigation tree not planted on site. All fees collected will be deposited into the City Forestry Account and used for canopy restoration efforts elsewhere in the City of Kirkland. The Planning and Building Director may adjust the fee periodically to reflect current material and labor costs.

## Federal and State Critical Areas Regulations

### Clean Water Act

Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act regulates the placement or removal of soil or other fill, grading, or alteration (hydrologic or vegetative) in waters of the United States, including wetlands and streams (33 USC 1344). The Seattle District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) administers the permitting program under the act. The permits include nationwide (general) permits for projects involving small areas of fill, grading or alteration and individual permits for projects that require larger areas of wetland disturbance. USACE does not regulate wetland buffers.

Some wetlands are not regulated by the USACE. Isolated wetlands that lack a direct surface water connection to navigable waters of the United States are not federally regulated. Based on the recent *Sackett v. EPA* (598 U.S. 651), for a wetland to fall under federal jurisdiction it must have a relatively permanent, continuous surface water connection to a traditional navigable water. Wetlands 2 and 3 do not have a continuous surface water connection to a navigable water. Wetland 1 may have a continuous surface water connection to Forbes Creek, although this connection was not field verified. Therefore, Wetland 1 is likely regulated by the USACE and Wetlands 2 and 3 are likely not regulated by the USACE.

Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that proposed dredge (removal) and fill activities permitted under Section 404 be reviewed and certified to ensure that such activities meet state water quality standards. State 401 certification is administered by Ecology for all Section 404 permits. State 401 certification is granted without the need for a separate permit from Ecology for projects that qualify for a Section 404 nationwide permit, meet specific 401 certification conditions of the nationwide permit, and meet Ecology 401 General Conditions. If that is not the case, an Individual 401 Water Quality Certification permit is required by Ecology.

The project is unlikely to result in direct impacts to wetlands or streams; therefore, the project would not trigger Section 404 or Section 401 review.



## Washington State Laws

Washington State laws and programs designed to control the loss of wetland and stream areas include SEPA and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (a federal law that is implemented in Washington by Ecology as noted above and as mandated by the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act). The state Water Pollution Control Act also extends to non-federally regulated wetlands.

WDFW administers the Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) program under the State Hydraulic Code (WAC 220-110), which was specifically designed to protect fish life. An HPA is required for projects that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any of the salt or fresh waters of the state and may regulate any vegetation that overhangs these waters. The project is unlikely to result in impacts to streams or vegetation that overhangs them; therefore, an HPA is unlikely to be required for the project.

A summary of potential local, state, and federal permits/processes are included in the permit matrix in Appendix B.

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# **Appendix A**

## **Draft Ecology Rating Forms**



Wetland name or number: Wetland 1

# RATING SUMMARY - Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID#): Wetland 1      Date of site visit: 06/12/2025

Rated By: Shawree Zhang      Trained by Ecology? Yes ☐ No ☒      Date of Training: N/A

HGM Class used for rating: Depressional

Wetland has multiple HGM classes? Yes ☐ No ☒

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (figures can be combined).

Source of base aerial photo/map:

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY: [Category II] (based on functions ☒ or special characteristics ☐)

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

- ☐ Category I - Total score = 23 - 27
- ☒ Category II - Total score = 20 - 22
- ☐ Category III - Total score = 16 - 19
- ☐ Category IV - Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
Site Potential	M	M	L	
Landscape Potential	H	H	L	
Value	H	H	H	Total
Score Based on Ratings	8	8	5	21

Score for each function based on three ratings (order of ratings is not important)

9 = H,H,H

8 = H,H,M

7 = H,H,L

7 = H,M,M

6 = H,M,L

6 = M,M,M

5 = H,L,L

5 = M,M,L

4 = M,L,L

3 = L,L,L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY
Estuarine	
Wetland of High Conservation Value	
Bog	
Forested	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	Not Applicable

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 1

**Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington**

Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	A.1.
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	A.2.
Location of outlet ( <i>can be added to map of hydroperiods</i> )	D 1.1, D 4.1	A.3.
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	D 2.2, D 5.2	A.4.
Map of the contributing basin	D 4.3, D 5.3	A.5.
1km Polygon: Area that extends 1km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	A.6.
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	D 3.1, D 3.2	A.7.
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	D 3.3	A.8.



Wetland name or number: Wetland 1

## DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS

### Water Quality Functions - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality

#### D 1.0 Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?

##### D 1.1 What are the characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland?

Wetland has no surface water outlet.	points = 3	
Wetland has an intermittently flowing, or highly constricted, outlet.	points = 2	
Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing	points = 1	
Wetland is a flat depression whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch.	points = 1	<b>Score: 2</b>

##### D 1.2 Is the soil 2 in. below the surface a true clay or organic soil?

Mapped as true clay or organic (muck or peat)	points = 4	
Soil texture identified as clay or organic in field	points = 4	
Soil texture identified as clay or organic by laboratory test	points = 4	
None of the above	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>

##### D 1.3 What are the characteristics and distribution of persistent plants?

Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area	points = 5	
Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 50% of area	points = 3	
Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > 10% of area	points = 1	
Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < 10% of area	points = 0	<b>Score: 5</b>

##### D 1.4 What are the characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation in the wetland area?

Area seasonally ponded is > 50% total area of wetland	points = 4	
Area seasonally ponded is equal to or > 25% total area of wetland	points = 2	
Area seasonally ponded is < 25% total area of wetland	points = 0	<b>Score: 4</b>

**Total for D 1: 11**

**Rating of Site Potential**

[ ] 12-16 = H [X] 6-11 = M [ ] 0-5 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

#### D 2.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?

##### D 2.1 Does the wetland unit receive stormwater discharges?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

##### D 2.2 Is >10% of the area within 150ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants in surface runoff?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

##### D 2.3 Are there septic systems within 250ft of the wetland?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>

##### D 2.4 Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in questions D 2.1-D 2.3?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 1

<b>D 2.5</b> What are the other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland?	
Dogs	
<b>Total for D 2:</b>	<b>3</b>

**Rating of Landscape Potential**                      ☒ 3-4 = H   ☐ 1-2 = M   ☐ 0 = L                      *Record the rating on the first page*

<b>D 3.0</b> Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?		
<b>D 3.1</b> Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>D 3.2</b> Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where an aquatic resource is on the 303(d) list?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>D 3.3</b> Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality?		
Yes	points = 2	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for D 3:</b>		<b>2</b>

**Rating of Value**    ☒ 2-4 = H   ☐ 1 = M   ☐ 0 = L    *Record the rating on the first page*

<b><u>DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS</u></b>  <b>Hydrologic Functions</b> - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation		
<b>D 4.0</b> Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?		
<b>D 4.1</b> What are the characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland?		
Wetland has no surface water outlet.	points = 4	
Wetland has an intermittently flowing, or highly constricted, outlet.	points = 2	
Wetland is a flat depression whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch.	points = 1	
Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing	points = 0	<b>Score: 2</b>
<b>D 4.2</b> What is the depth of storage during the wet periods?		
Marks of ponding are 3ft or more above the surface or bottom of the outlet.	points = 7	
Marks of ponding are between 2ft to <3ft from the surface or bottom of the outlet.	points = 5	
Marks of ponding are at least 0.5ft to <2ft from the surface or the bottom of the outlet.	points = 3	
The wetland is a "headwater" wetland.	points = 3	
The wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water.	points = 1	
Marks of ponding are less than 0.5ft (6in).	points = 0	<b>Score: 3</b>



**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 1

<b>D 4.3</b> <u>What is the contribution of the wetland to storage in the watershed?</u>		
The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit	points = 5	
The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit	points = 3	
The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit	points = 0	
Entire wetland is in the Flats class	points = 5	<b>Score: 3</b>
<b>Total for D 4:</b>		<b>8</b>

**Rating of Site Potential**

[ ] 12-16 = H [X] 6-11 = M [ ] 0-5 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

<b>D 5.0</b> Does the landscape have the potential to support hydrologic functions of the site?		
<b>D 5.1</b> <u>Does the wetland unit receive stormwater discharges?</u>		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>D 5.2</b> <u>Is &gt;10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate excess runoff?</u>		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>D 5.3</b> <u>Is more than 25% of the contributing basin of the wetland covered with intensive human land uses?</u>		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>Total for D 5:</b>		<b>3</b>

**Rating of Landscape Potential**

[X] 3 = H [ ] 1-2 = M [ ] 0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

<b>D 6.0</b> Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?		
<b>D 6.1</b> <u>Is the wetland in a landscape that has flooding problems?</u>		
Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of the wetland.	points = 2	
Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient.	points = 1	
Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the basin.	points = 1	
The existing or potential outflow from the wetland is so constrained that water cannot reach areas that flood.	points = 0	
There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland.	points = 0	<b>Score: 2</b>
<b>D 6.2</b> <u>Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan?</u>		
Yes	points = 2	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for D 6:</b>		<b>2</b>

**Rating of Value**

[X] 2-4 = H [ ] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

Wetland name or number: Wetland 1

## **HABITAT FUNCTIONS**

**These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes** - Indicators that the site functions to provide important habitat

### **H 1.0 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?**

#### **H 1.1 What is the structure of the plant community?**

- ☐ Aquatic Bed  
☐ Emergent  
☐ Scrub-shrub  
☒ Forested  
☐ Multiple strata within the Forested class (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground cover)

4 structures or more points = 4  
3 structures points = 2  
2 structures points = 1  
1 structure points = 0  
No structures present points = 0

**Score: 0**

#### **H 1.2 What are the hydroperiods that meet the size thresholds in the wetland?**

- ☐ Permanently flooded or inundated  
☒ Seasonally flooded or inundated  
☒ Occasionally flooded or inundated  
☐ Saturated only  
☐ Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland  
☐ Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland  
☐ Lake Fringe wetland  
☐ Freshwater Tidal wetland

4 or more types present points = 3  
3 types present or Lake Fringe / Freshwater Tidal Fringe points = 2  
2 types present points = 1  
1 type present points = 0  
None present points = 0

**Score: 1**

#### **H 1.3 What is the richness of the plant species in the wetland?**

>19 species points = 2  
5-19 species points = 1  
<5 species points = 0

**Score: 1**

Wetland name or number: Wetland 1

<b>H 1.4</b> What is the interspersation of habitats?		
High	points = 3	
Moderate	points = 2	
Low	points = 1	
None	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>H 1.5</b> What are the special habitat features in the wetland?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in diameter and 6ft long).		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh >4in) within the wetland		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6ft (2m) and/or overhanging plants extend at least 3.3ft (1m) over open water or a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33ft (10m)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At least 0.25ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (structures for egg-laying by amphibians)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (see H 1.1 for list of strata)		
6 habitats selected	points = 6	
5 habitats selected	points = 5	
4 habitats selected	points = 4	
3 habitats selected	points = 3	
2 habitats selected	points = 2	
1 habitat selected	points = 1	
No habitats selected	points = 0	<b>Score: 4</b>
<b>Total for H 1:</b>		<b>6</b>

Rating of Site Potential

[ ] 15-18 = H [ ] 7-14 = M [X] 0-6 = L

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**H 2.0** Does the landscape have the potential to support habitat functions of the site?

<b>H 2.1</b> What is the percentage of accessible habitat within 1km of the wetland?		
>33% of 1km Polygon	points = 3	
20-33% of 1km Polygon	points = 2	
10-19% of 1km Polygon	points = 1	
<10% of 1km Polygon	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>H 2.2</b> What is the percentage of total habitat in a 1km polygon around the wetland?		
Total habitat is >50% of the Polygon	points = 3	
Total habitat is 10-50% of the Polygon and in 1-3 patches	points = 2	
Total habitat is 10-50% of the Polygon and in >3 patches	points = 1	
Total habitat is <10% of the Polygon	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>



**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 1

<b>H 2.3</b> What is the land use intensity in the 1km polygon?		
50% of the Polygon is high intensity land use	points = -2	
<50% of the Polygon is high intensity land use	points = 0	<b>Score: -2</b>
<b>Total for H 2:</b>		<b>-1</b>

**Rating of Landscape Potential**

[ ] 4-6 = H [ ] 1-3 = M [X] 0 = L

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**H 3.0 Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?**

<b>H 3.1</b> Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aspen Stands		
<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity Areas and Corridors		
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous Balds		
<input type="checkbox"/> Old-growth/Mature Forests		
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon White Oak		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riparian		
<input type="checkbox"/> Westside Prairie		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Deepwater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instream		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nearshore (Coastal, Open Coast, Puget Sound)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Caves		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliffs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snags and Logs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Talus		
<b>The following criteria automatically score 2 points:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is a Wetland of High Conservation Value		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has been categorized as an important habitat site in a local plan		
The wetland has 3 or more WDFW priority habitats within 100m, or meets the criteria for societal value	points = 2	
The site has 1 or 2 WDFW priority habitats within 100m	points = 1	
The site does not meet any of the criteria for societal value	points = 0	<b>Score: 2</b>
<b>Total for H 3:</b>		<b>2</b>

**Rating of Value**

[X] 2 = H [ ] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

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Wetland name or number: Wetland 1

## **CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **SC 1.0 Estuarine Wetlands**

#### **SC 1.1** Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?

- ☐ The dominant water regime is tidal
- ☐ The wetland is vegetated
- ☐ The water salinity is greater than 0.5 ppt

Yes - Go to SC 1.2

No - Not an Estuarine Wetland

**Result: Not an  
Estuarine Wetland**

#### **SC 1.2** Is the wetland within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151?

Yes - Category I Estuarine Wetland

No - Go to SC 1.3

**Result:**

#### **SC 1.3** Is the wetland unit at least 1ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions?

- ☐ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species.
- ☐ At least 75% of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland
- ☐ The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.

Yes - Category I Estuarine Wetland

No - Category II Estuarine Wetland

**Result:**

### **SC 2.0 Wetlands of High Conservation Value**

#### **SC 2.1** Does the wetland overlap with any known or historical rare plant or rare & high-quality ecosystem polygons on the WNHP Data Explorer?

Yes - Category I Wetland of High Conservation Value

No - Go to SC 2.2

**Result: Go to SC 2.2**

#### **SC 2.2** Does the wetland have a rare plant species, rare plant community, or high-quality common plant community that may qualify the site as a WHCV?

Yes - Category I Wetland of High Conservation Value

No - Not a Wetland of High Conservation Value

**Result: Not a Wetland  
of High Conservation  
Value**

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 1

### SC 3.0 Bogs

<b>SC 3.1</b> <u>Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soil horizons, either peats or mucks, that compose 16in or more of the first 32in of the soil profile?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 3.3	
No - Go to SC 3.2	<b>Result: Go to SC 3.2</b>
<b>SC 3.2</b> <u>Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 3.3	
No - Not a Bog Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Bog Wetland</b>
<b>SC 3.3</b> <u>Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least 30% cover of plant species listed in the table provided in the instructions?</u>	
Yes - Category I Bog Wetland	
No - Go to SC 3.4	<b>Result:</b>
<b>SC 3.4</b> <u>Is an area with peats or mucks forested (&gt;30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann Spruce, or western white pine AND any of the species (or combinations of species) listed in the table found in the instructions provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy?</u>	
Yes - Category I Bog Wetland	
No - Not a Bog Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

### SC 4.0 Forested Wetlands

<b>SC 4.1</b> <u>Does the wetland have at least 1 contiguous acre of forest that meets one of the following criteria?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Old-growth forests	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mature forests	
Yes - Category I Forested Wetland	
No - Not a Forested Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Forested Wetland</b>



**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 1

### SC 5.0 Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons

<b>SC 5.1</b> <u>Coastal Lagoons: Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or rocks	
<input type="checkbox"/> The depression in which the wetland is located contains ponded water that is saline or brackish (>0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the open water area (measured near the bottom)	
<input type="checkbox"/> The lagoon retains some of its surface water at low tide during spring tides	
Yes - Go to SC 5.2	
No - Not a Coastal Lagoon Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Coastal Lagoon Wetland</b>

<b>SC 5.2</b> <u>Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of aggressive, opportunistic plant species (see list of species).	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 75% of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.	
<input type="checkbox"/> the wetland is larger than 0.10ac (4350 sqft)	
Yes - Category I Coastal Lagoon	
No - Category II Coastal Lagoon	<b>Result:</b>

### SC 6.0 Interdunal Wetlands

<b>SC 6.1</b> <u>Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership WBUO)?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 6.2	
No - Not an Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result: Not an Interdunal Wetland</b>

<b>SC 6.2</b> <u>Is the wetland 1ac or larger in size, or a mosaic that is 1ac or larger in size?</u>	
Wetland is larger than 1ac in size - Go to SC 6.3	
Wetland is a mosaic larger than 1ac is size - Category II Interdunal Wetland	
No - Go to SC 6.4	<b>Result:</b>

<b>SC 6.3</b> <u>Does the wetland score 8 or 9 points for the habitat functions?</u>	
Yes - Category I Interdunal Wetland	
No - Category II Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

<b>SC 6.4</b> <u>Is the wetland unit between 0.1ac and 1ac, or in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1ac and 1ac in size?</u>	
Yes - Category III Interdunal Wetland	
No - Category IV Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

Wetland name or number: Wetland 1

<b>Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics</b>	<b>Final Category: Not Applicable</b>
If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form	

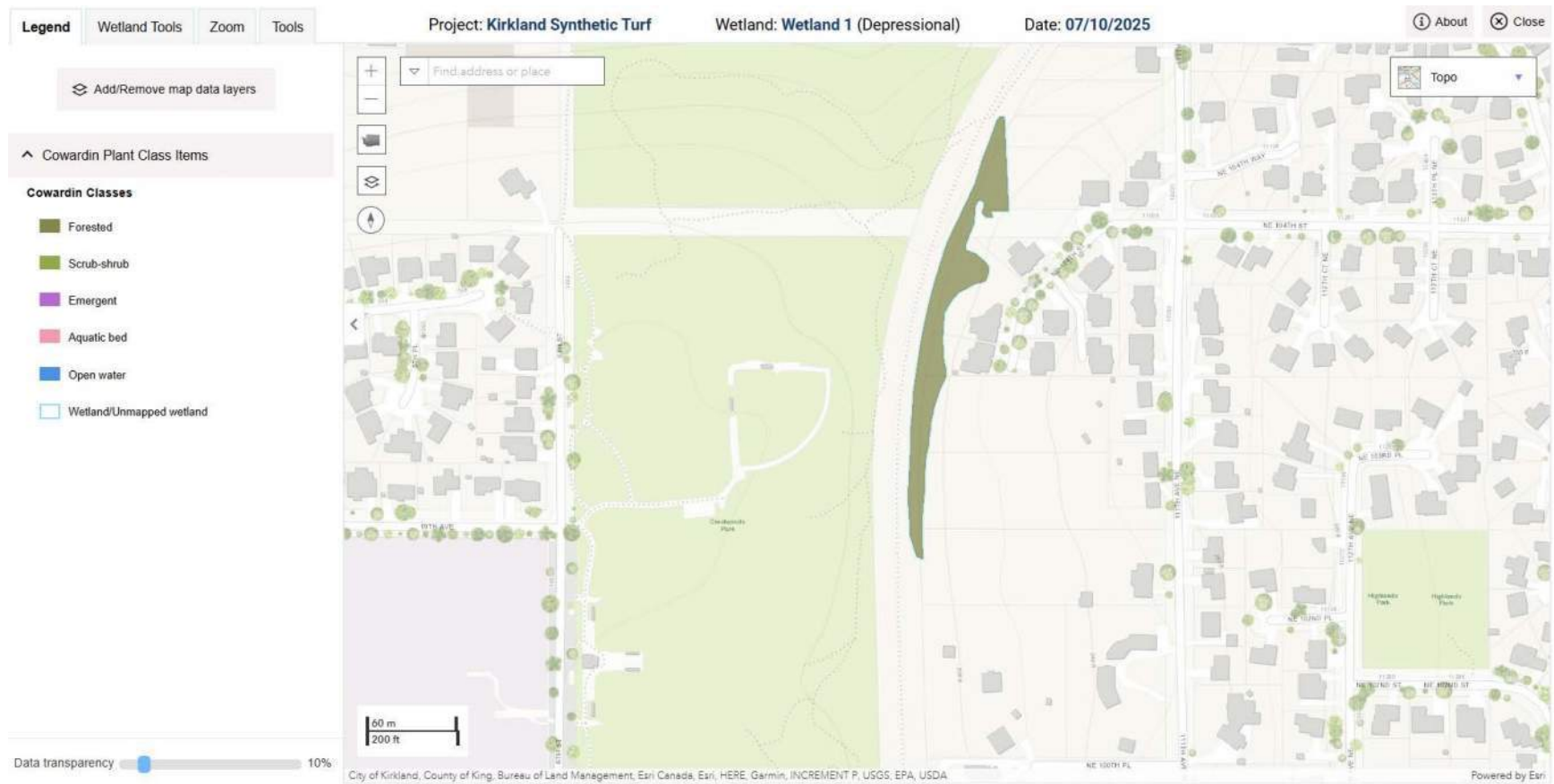


Figure A.1. Wetland 1 Cowardin Plant Classes





Figure A.2. Wetland 1 Hydroperiods

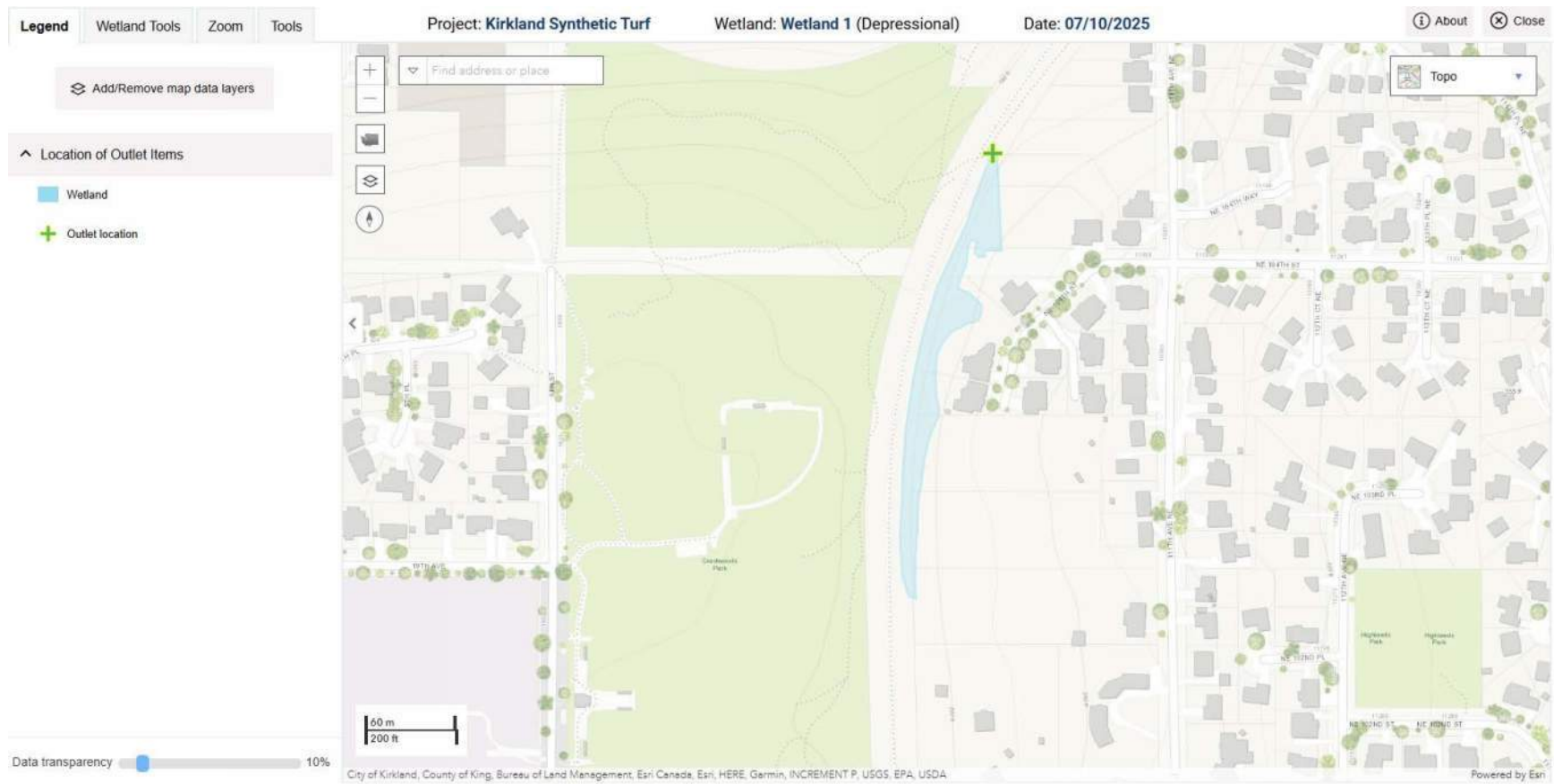


Figure A.3. Wetland 1 Outlet

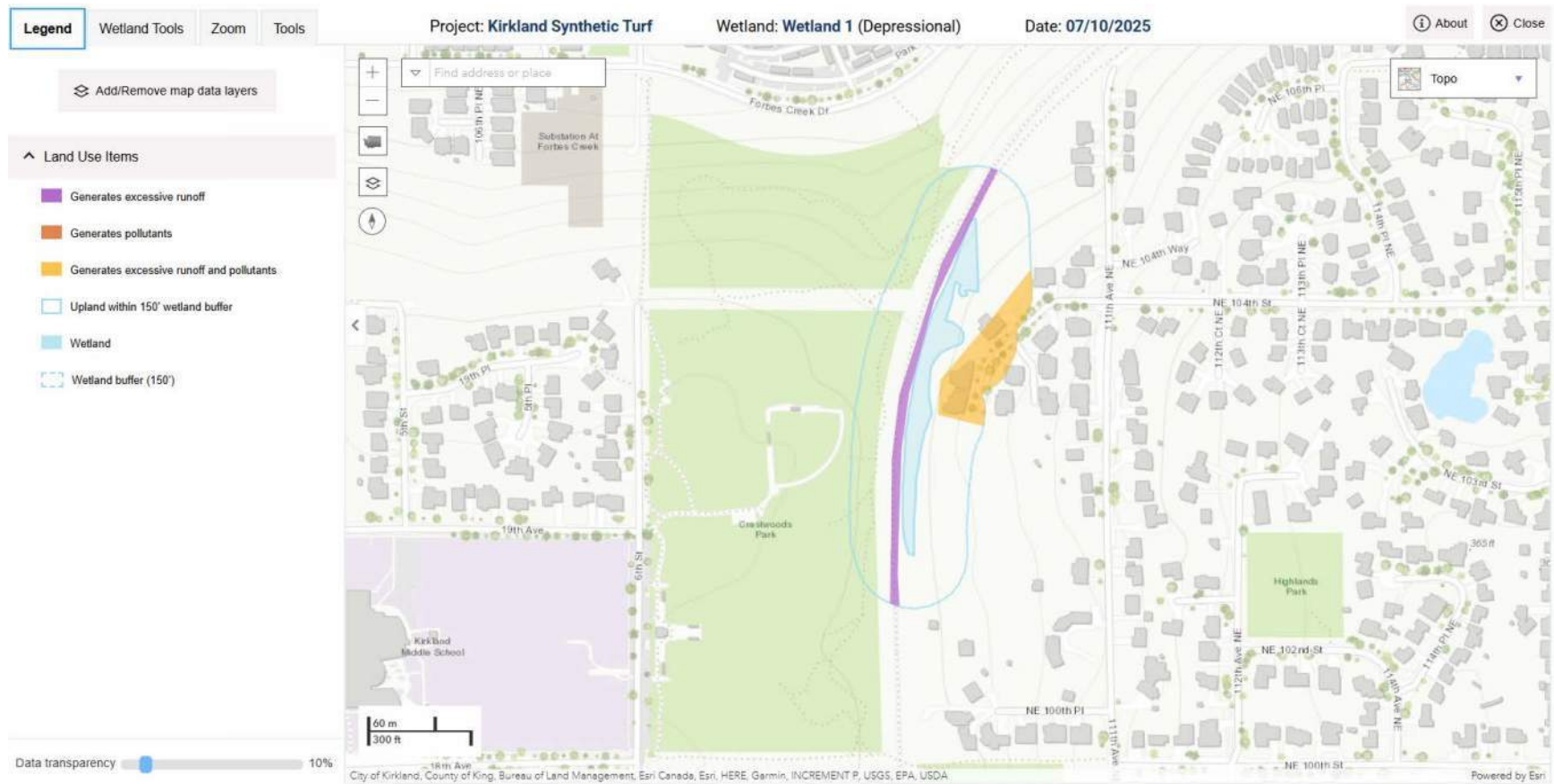


Figure A.4. Wetland 1 150-Foot Boundary



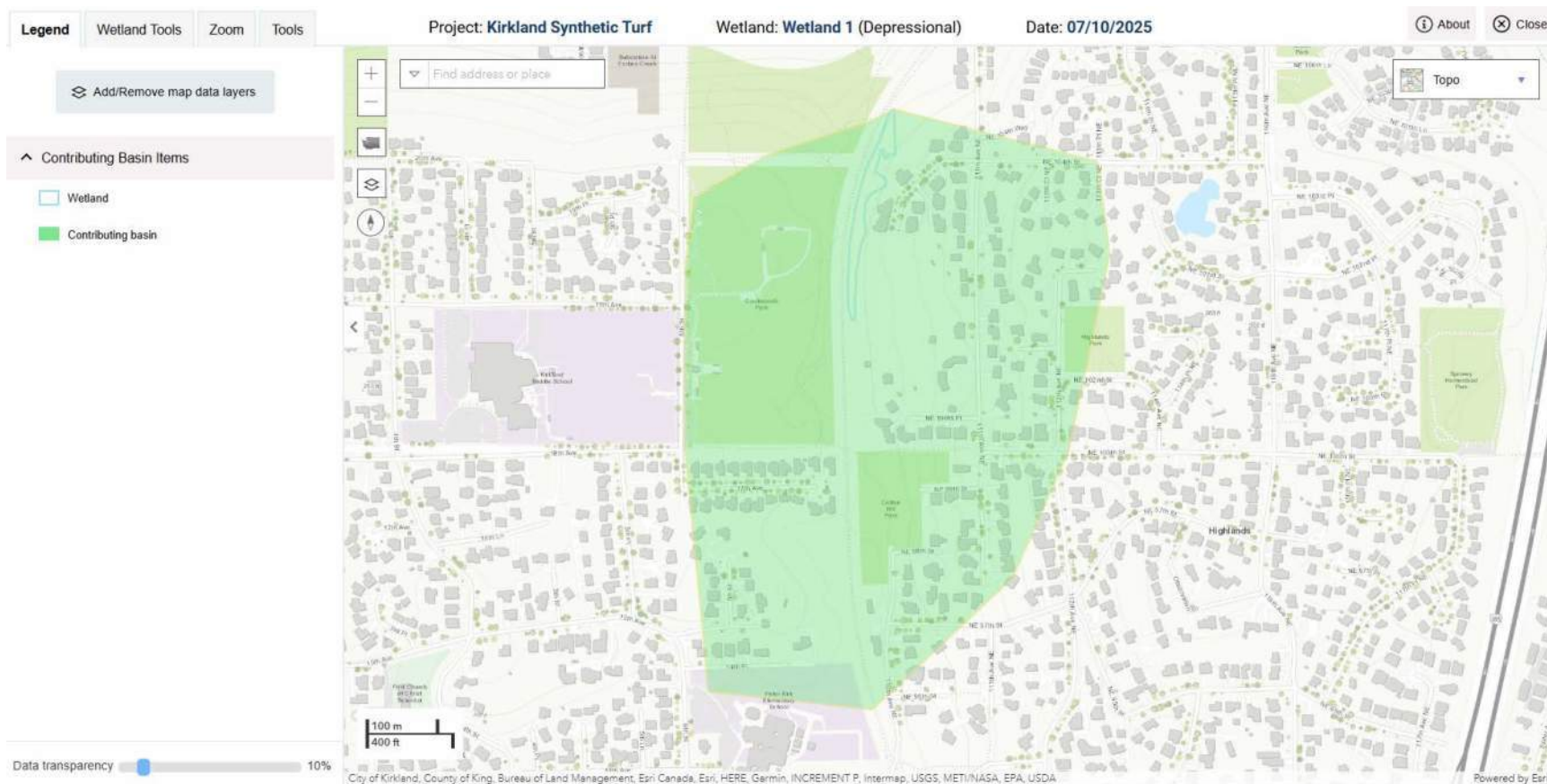


Figure A.5. Wetland 1 Contributing Basin

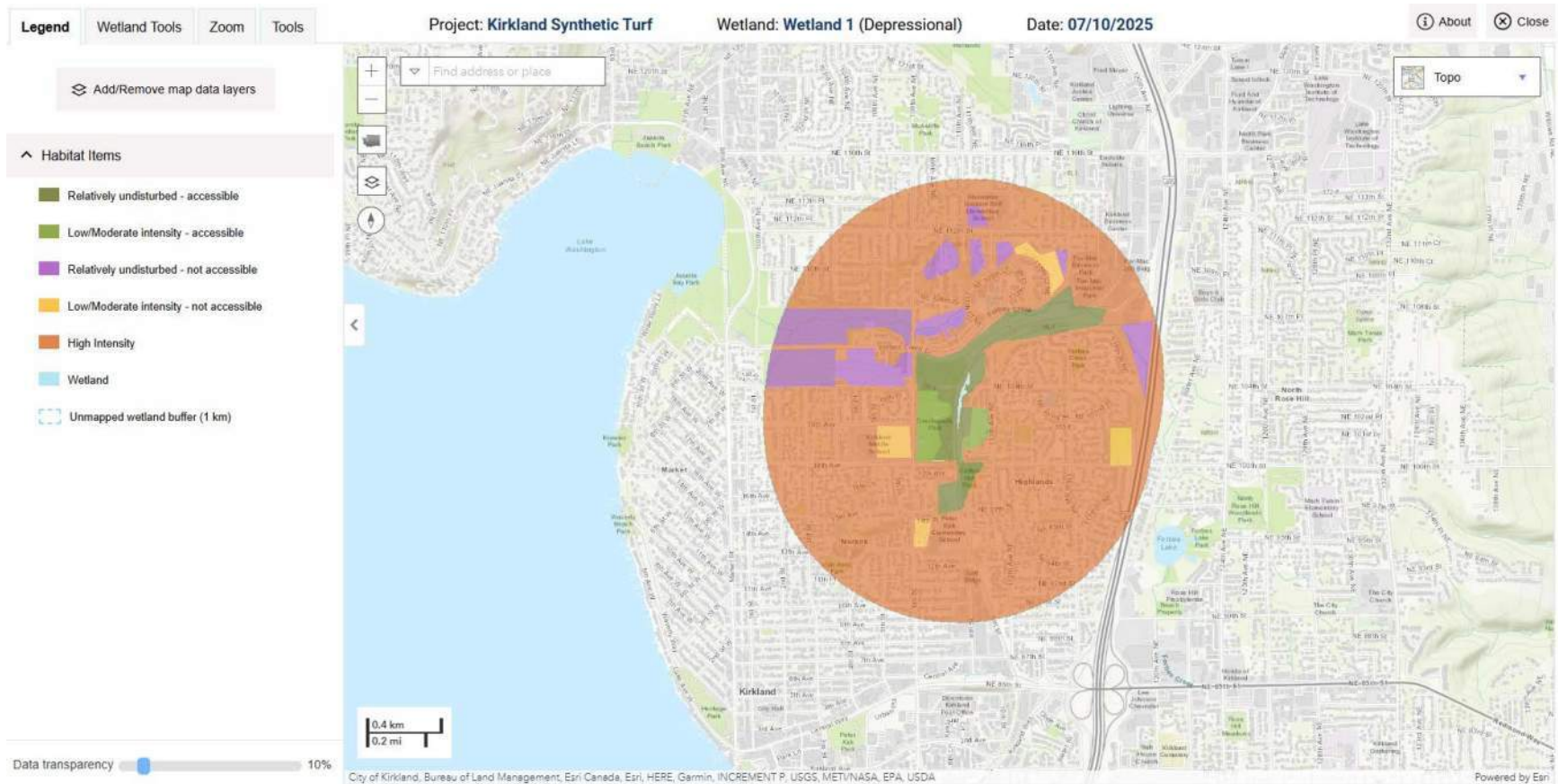


Figure A.6. Wetland 1 1 Kilometer Habitat Polygon

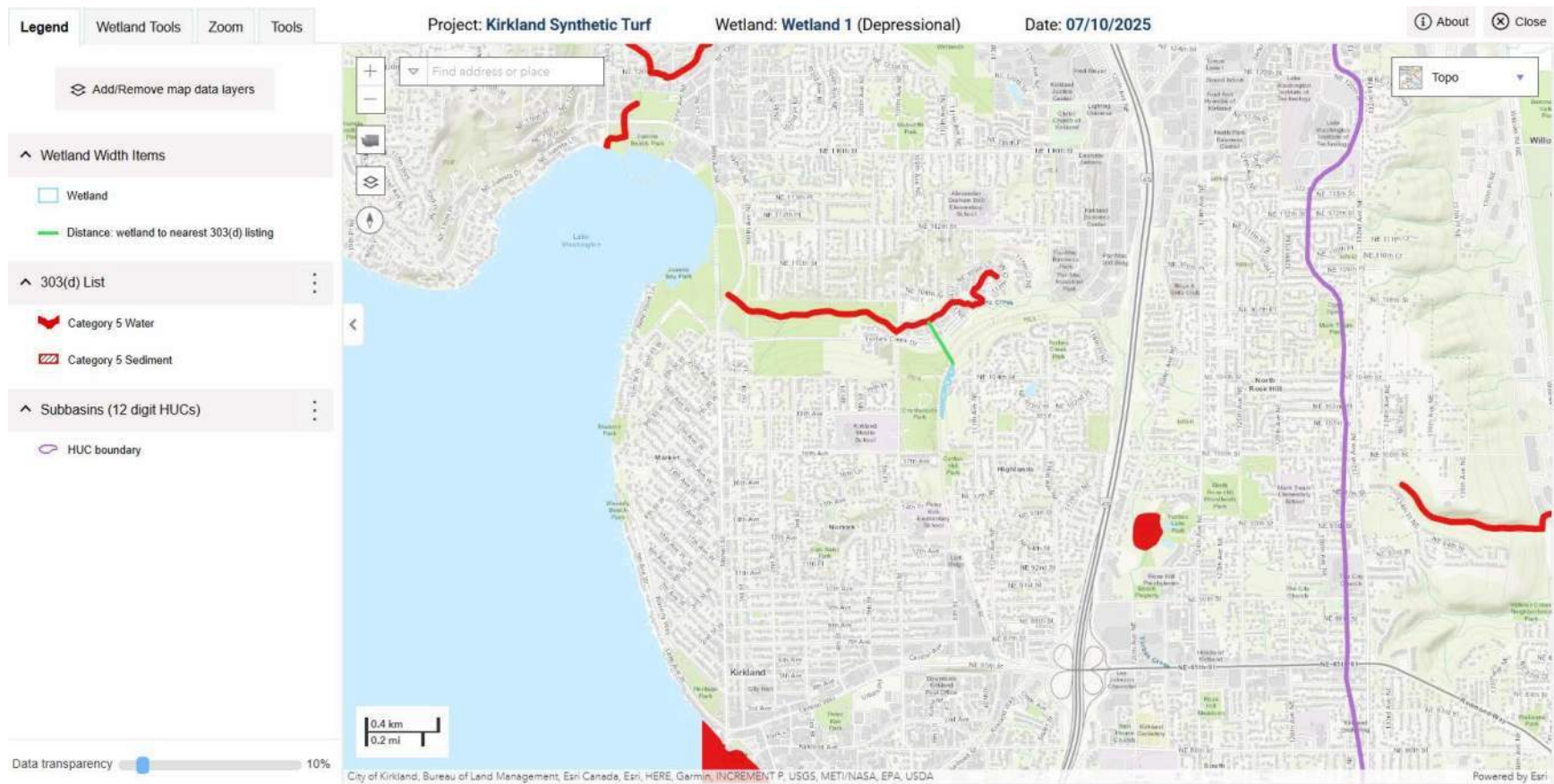


Figure A.7. Wetland 1 Distance to 303(d) Listed Waters



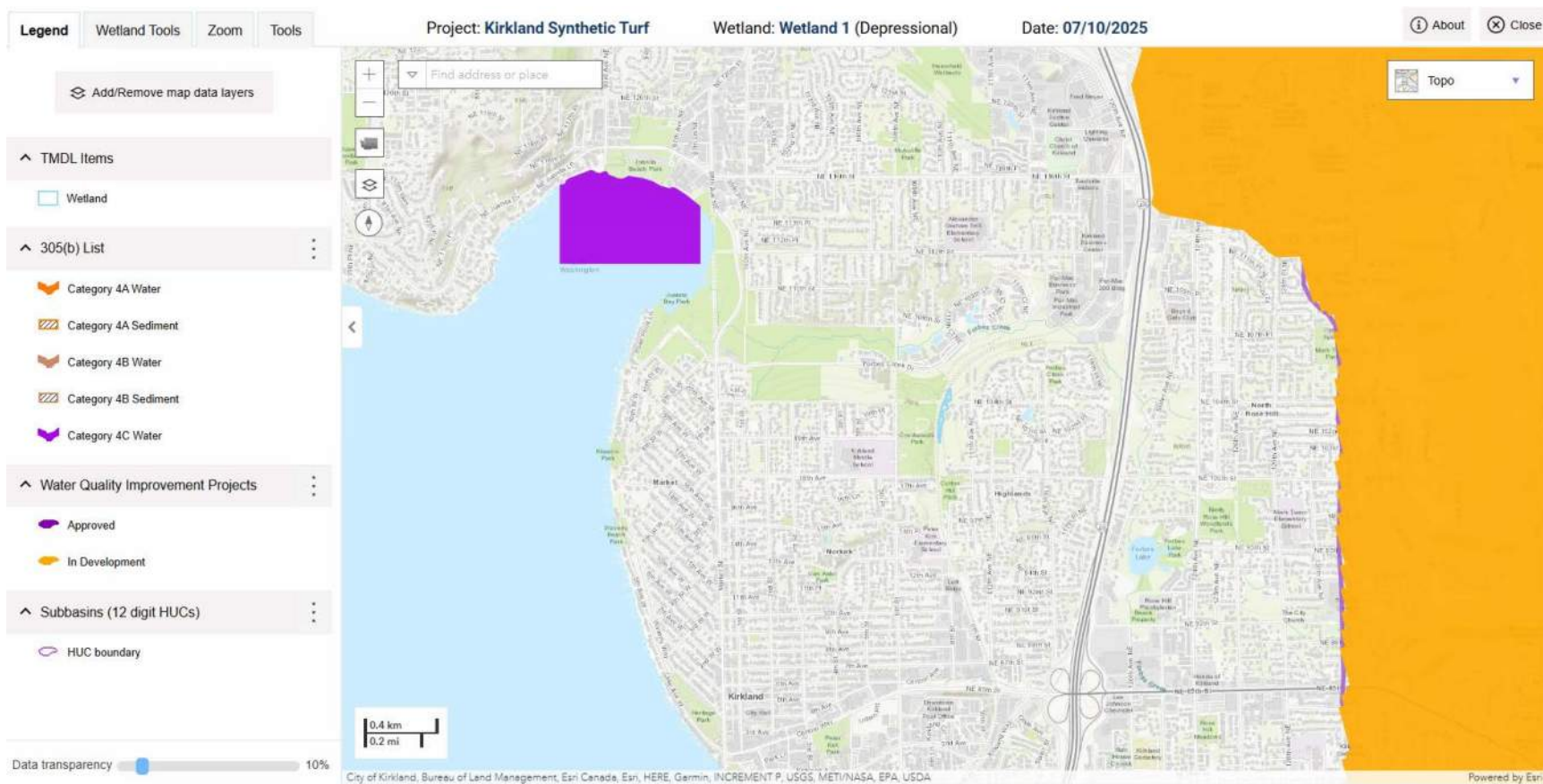


Figure A.8. Wetland 1 TMDL Map

Wetland name or number: Wetland 2

# RATING SUMMARY - Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID#): Wetland 2      Date of site visit: 06/12/2025

Rated By: Shawree Zhang      Trained by Ecology? Yes ☐ No ☒      Date of Training: N/A

HGM Class used for rating: Slope

Wetland has multiple HGM classes? Yes ☐ No ☒

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (figures can be combined).

Source of base aerial photo/map:

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY: [Category IV] (based on functions ☒) or special characteristics ☐)

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

☐ Category I - Total score = 23 - 27

☐ Category II - Total score = 20 - 22

☐ Category III - Total score = 16 - 19

☒ Category IV - Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
Site Potential	M	L	L	
Landscape Potential	L	L	L	
Value	M	H	H	Total
Score Based on Ratings	5	5	5	15

Score for each function based on three ratings (order of ratings is not important)

9 = H,H,H

8 = H,H,M

7 = H,H,L

7 = H,M,M

6 = H,M,L

6 = M,M,M

5 = H,L,L

5 = M,M,L

4 = M,L,L

3 = L,L,L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY
Estuarine	
Wetland of High Conservation Value	
Bog	
Forested	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	Not Applicable

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 2

**Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington**

Slope Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	H 1.1, H 1.4	<b>B.1.</b>
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	<b>B.2.</b>
Plant cover of dense trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	<b>B.3.</b>
Plant cover of dense, rigid trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants ( <i>can be added to figure above</i> )	S 4.1	<b>B.4.</b>
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	S 2.1, S 5.1	<b>B.5.</b>
1km Polygon: Area that extends 1km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	<b>B.6.</b>
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	S 3.1, S 3.2	<b>B.7.</b>
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	S 3.3	<b>B.8.</b>



Wetland name or number: Wetland 2

## **SLOPE WETLANDS**

### **Water Quality Functions** - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality

#### **S 1.0 Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?**

##### **S 1.1** What are the characteristics of the average slope of the wetland?

Slope is 1% or less	points = 3	
Slope is >1%-2%	points = 2	
Slope is >2%-5%	points = 1	
Slope is greater than 5%	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

##### **S 1.2** What is the soil 2in below the surface or duff layer?

Mapped as true clay or organic (muck or peat)	points = 3	
Soil texture identified as clay or organic in field	points = 3	
Soil texture identified as clay or organic by laboratory test	points = 3	
None of the above	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>

##### **S 1.3** Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants

Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants cover >90% of the wetland area	points = 6	
Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants cover >50% of the wetland area	points = 3	
Dense, woody, plants cover >50% of the wetland area	points = 2	
Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants cover >25% of the wetland area	points = 1	
Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants	points = 0	<b>Score: 6</b>

**Total for S 1:** **7**

**Rating of Site Potential**

[ ] 12-16 = H [X] 6-11 = M [ ] 0-5 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

#### **S 2.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?**

##### **S 2.1** Is >10% of the area within 150ft on the uphill side of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>

##### **S 2.2** Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in question S 2.1?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>

##### **S 2.3** What are the other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland?

**Total for S 2:** **0**

**Rating of Landscape Potential**

[ ] 3-4 = H [ ] 1-2 = M [X] 0 = L

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Wetland name or number: Wetland 2

<b>S 3.0 Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
<b>S 3.1</b> Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>S 3.2</b> Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where water quality is an issue?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>S 3.3</b> Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality?		
Yes	points = 2	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for S 3:</b>		<b>1</b>

Rating of Value

[ ] 2-4 = H [X] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

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## **SLOPE WETLANDS**

**Hydrologic Functions** - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation

<b>S 4.0 Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?</b>		
<b>S 4.1</b> What are the characteristics of the plants that reduce the velocity of surface flows during storms?		
Dense, uncut, rigid plants cover >90% of the wetland area	points = 1	
All other conditions	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for S 4:</b>		<b>0</b>

Rating of Site Potential

[ ] 1 = M [X] 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

<b>S 5.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support the hydrologic functions of the site?</b>		
<b>S 5.1</b> Is more than 25% of the area within 150 ft upslope of wetland in land uses or cover that generate excess surface runoff?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for S 5:</b>		<b>0</b>

Rating of Landscape Potential

[ ] 1 = M [X] 0 = L

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Wetland name or number: Wetland 2

<b>S 6.0 Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
<b>S 6.1</b> <u>Is the wetland in a landscape that has flooding problems?</u>		
Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of wetland.	points = 2	
Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient.	points = 1	
There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland	points = 0	<b>Score: 2</b>
<b>S 6.2</b> <u>Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan?</u>		
Yes	points = 2	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for S 6:</b>		<b>2</b>

Rating of Value

☒ 2-4 = H ☐ 1 = M ☐ 0 = L

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## HABITAT FUNCTIONS

**These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes** - Indicators that the site functions to provide important habitat

### H 1.0 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?

#### H 1.1 What is the structure of the plant community?

- ☐ Aquatic Bed
- ☐ Emergent
- ☐ Scrub-shrub
- ☒ Forested
- ☐ Multiple strata within the Forested class (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground cover)

4 structures or more points = 4

3 structures points = 2

2 structures points = 1

1 structure points = 0

No structures present points = 0

**Score: 0**

#### H 1.2 What are the hydroperiods that meet the size thresholds in the wetland?

- ☐ Permanently flooded or inundated
- ☐ Seasonally flooded or inundated
- ☒ Occasionally flooded or inundated
- ☒ Saturated only
- ☐ Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland
- ☐ Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland
- ☐ Lake Fringe wetland
- ☐ Freshwater Tidal wetland

4 or more types present points = 3

3 types present or Lake Fringe / Freshwater Tidal Fringe points = 2

2 types present points = 1

1 type present points = 0

None present points = 0

**Score: 1**

#### H 1.3 What is the richness of the plant species in the wetland?

>19 species points = 2

5-19 species points = 1

<5 species points = 0

**Score: 1**

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 2

<b>H 1.4</b> <u>What is the interspersation of habitats?</u>		
High	points = 3	
Moderate	points = 2	
Low	points = 1	
None	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>H 1.5</b> <u>What are the special habitat features in the wetland?</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in diameter and 6ft long).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh >4in) within the wetland		
<input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6ft (2m) and/or overhanging plants extend at least 3.3ft (1m) over open water or a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33ft (10m)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed)		
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 0.25ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (structures for egg-laying by amphibians)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (see H 1.1 for list of strata)		
6 habitats selected	points = 6	
5 habitats selected	points = 5	
4 habitats selected	points = 4	
3 habitats selected	points = 3	
2 habitats selected	points = 2	
1 habitat selected	points = 1	
No habitats selected	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for H 1:</b>		<b>4</b>

**Rating of Site Potential**

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**H 2.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support habitat functions of the site?**

<b>H 2.1</b> <u>What is the percentage of accessible habitat within 1km of the wetland?</u>		
>33% of 1km Polygon	points = 3	
20-33% of 1km Polygon	points = 2	
10-19% of 1km Polygon	points = 1	
<10% of 1km Polygon	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>H 2.2</b> <u>What is the percentage of total habitat in a 1km polygon around the wetland?</u>		
Total habitat is >50% of the Polygon	points = 3	
Total habitat is 10-50% of the Polygon and in 1-3 patches	points = 2	
Total habitat is 10-50% of the Polygon and in >3 patches	points = 1	
Total habitat is <10% of the Polygon	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 2

<b>H 2.3</b> What is the land use intensity in the 1km polygon?		
50% of the Polygon is high intensity land use	points = -2	
<50% of the Polygon is high intensity land use	points = 0	<b>Score: -2</b>
<b>Total for H 2:</b>		<b>-1</b>

**Rating of Landscape Potential**

[ ] 4-6 = H [ ] 1-3 = M [X] 0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

**H 3.0 Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?**

<b>H 3.1</b> Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aspen Stands		
<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity Areas and Corridors		
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous Balds		
<input type="checkbox"/> Old-growth/Mature Forests		
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon White Oak		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riparian		
<input type="checkbox"/> Westside Prairie		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Deepwater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instream		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nearshore (Coastal, Open Coast, Puget Sound)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Caves		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliffs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snags and Logs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Talus		
<b>The following criteria automatically score 2 points:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is a Wetland of High Conservation Value		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has been categorized as an important habitat site in a local plan		
The wetland has 3 or more WDFW priority habitats within 100m, or meets the criteria for societal value	points = 2	
The site has 1 or 2 WDFW priority habitats within 100m	points = 1	
The site does not meet any of the criteria for societal value	points = 0	<b>Score: 2</b>
<b>Total for H 3:</b>		<b>2</b>

**Rating of Value**

[X] 2 = H [ ] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*



## **CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **SC 1.0 Estuarine Wetlands**

#### **SC 1.1** Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?

- ☐ The dominant water regime is tidal
- ☐ The wetland is vegetated
- ☐ The water salinity is greater than 0.5 ppt

Yes - Go to SC 1.2

No - Not an Estuarine Wetland

**Result: Not an  
Estuarine Wetland**

#### **SC 1.2** Is the wetland within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151?

Yes - Category I Estuarine Wetland

No - Go to SC 1.3

**Result:**

#### **SC 1.3** Is the wetland unit at least 1ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions?

- ☐ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species.
- ☐ At least 75% of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland
- ☐ The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.

Yes - Category I Estuarine Wetland

No - Category II Estuarine Wetland

**Result:**

### **SC 2.0 Wetlands of High Conservation Value**

#### **SC 2.1** Does the wetland overlap with any known or historical rare plant or rare & high-quality ecosystem polygons on the WNHP Data Explorer?

Yes - Category I Wetland of High Conservation Value

No - Go to SC 2.2

**Result: Go to SC 2.2**

#### **SC 2.2** Does the wetland have a rare plant species, rare plant community, or high-quality common plant community that may qualify the site as a WHCV?

Yes - Category I Wetland of High Conservation Value

No - Not a Wetland of High Conservation Value

**Result: Not a Wetland  
of High Conservation  
Value**

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 2

### SC 3.0 Bogs

<b>SC 3.1</b> <u>Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soil horizons, either peats or mucks, that compose 16in or more of the first 32in of the soil profile?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 3.3	
No - Go to SC 3.2	<b>Result: Go to SC 3.2</b>
<b>SC 3.2</b> <u>Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 3.3	
No - Not a Bog Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Bog Wetland</b>
<b>SC 3.3</b> <u>Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least 30% cover of plant species listed in the table provided in the instructions?</u>	
Yes - Category I Bog Wetland	
No - Go to SC 3.4	<b>Result:</b>
<b>SC 3.4</b> <u>Is an area with peats or mucks forested (&gt;30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann Spruce, or western white pine AND any of the species (or combinations of species) listed in the table found in the instructions provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy?</u>	
Yes - Category I Bog Wetland	
No - Not a Bog Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

### SC 4.0 Forested Wetlands

<b>SC 4.1</b> <u>Does the wetland have at least 1 contiguous acre of forest that meets one of the following criteria?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Old-growth forests	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mature forests	
Yes - Category I Forested Wetland	
No - Not a Forested Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Forested Wetland</b>

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 2

### SC 5.0 Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons

<b>SC 5.1</b> <u>Coastal Lagoons: Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or rocks	
<input type="checkbox"/> The depression in which the wetland is located contains ponded water that is saline or brackish (>0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the open water area (measured near the bottom)	
<input type="checkbox"/> The lagoon retains some of its surface water at low tide during spring tides	
Yes - Go to SC 5.2	
No - Not a Coastal Lagoon Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Coastal Lagoon Wetland</b>

<b>SC 5.2</b> <u>Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of aggressive, opportunistic plant species (see list of species).	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 75% of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.	
<input type="checkbox"/> the wetland is larger than 0.10ac (4350 sqft)	
Yes - Category I Coastal Lagoon	
No - Category II Coastal Lagoon	<b>Result:</b>

### SC 6.0 Interdunal Wetlands

<b>SC 6.1</b> <u>Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership WBUO)?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 6.2	
No - Not an Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result: Not an Interdunal Wetland</b>

<b>SC 6.2</b> <u>Is the wetland 1ac or larger in size, or a mosaic that is 1ac or larger in size?</u>	
Wetland is larger than 1ac in size - Go to SC 6.3	
Wetland is a mosaic larger than 1ac is size - Category II Interdunal Wetland	
No - Go to SC 6.4	<b>Result:</b>

<b>SC 6.3</b> <u>Does the wetland score 8 or 9 points for the habitat functions?</u>	
Yes - Category I Interdunal Wetland	
No - Category II Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

<b>SC 6.4</b> <u>Is the wetland unit between 0.1ac and 1ac, or in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1ac and 1ac in size?</u>	
Yes - Category III Interdunal Wetland	
No - Category IV Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result:</b>



Wetland name or number: Wetland 2

<b>Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics</b>	<b>Final Category: Not Applicable</b>
If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form	



Figure B.1. Wetland 2 Cowardin Plant Classes



Figure B.2. Wetland 2 Hydroperiods



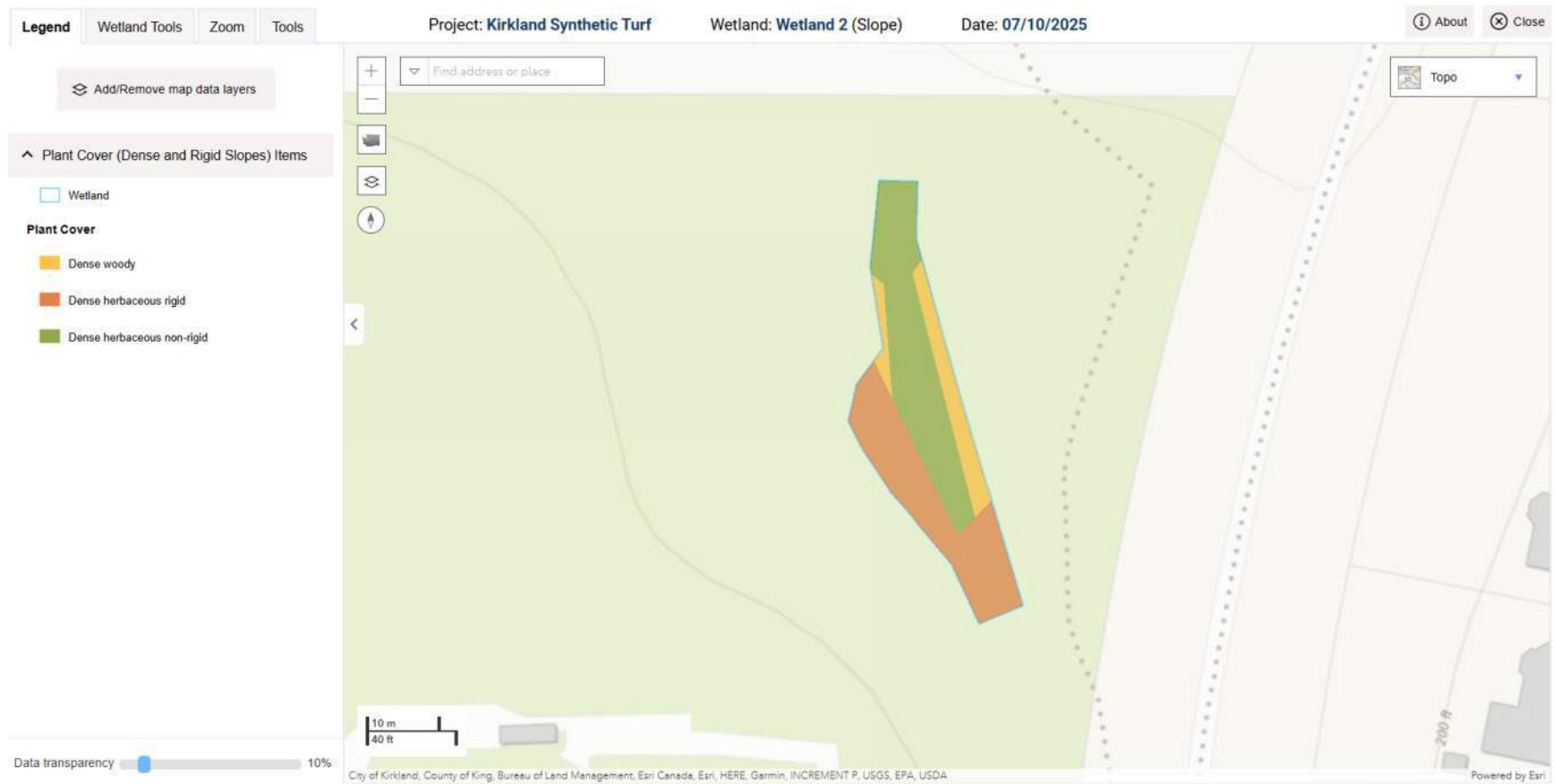


Figure B.3. Wetland 2 Plant Cover of Dense Trees, Dense and Rigid Trees, Shrubs, and Herbaceous Plants



Figure B.4. Wetland 2 150-Foot Boundary

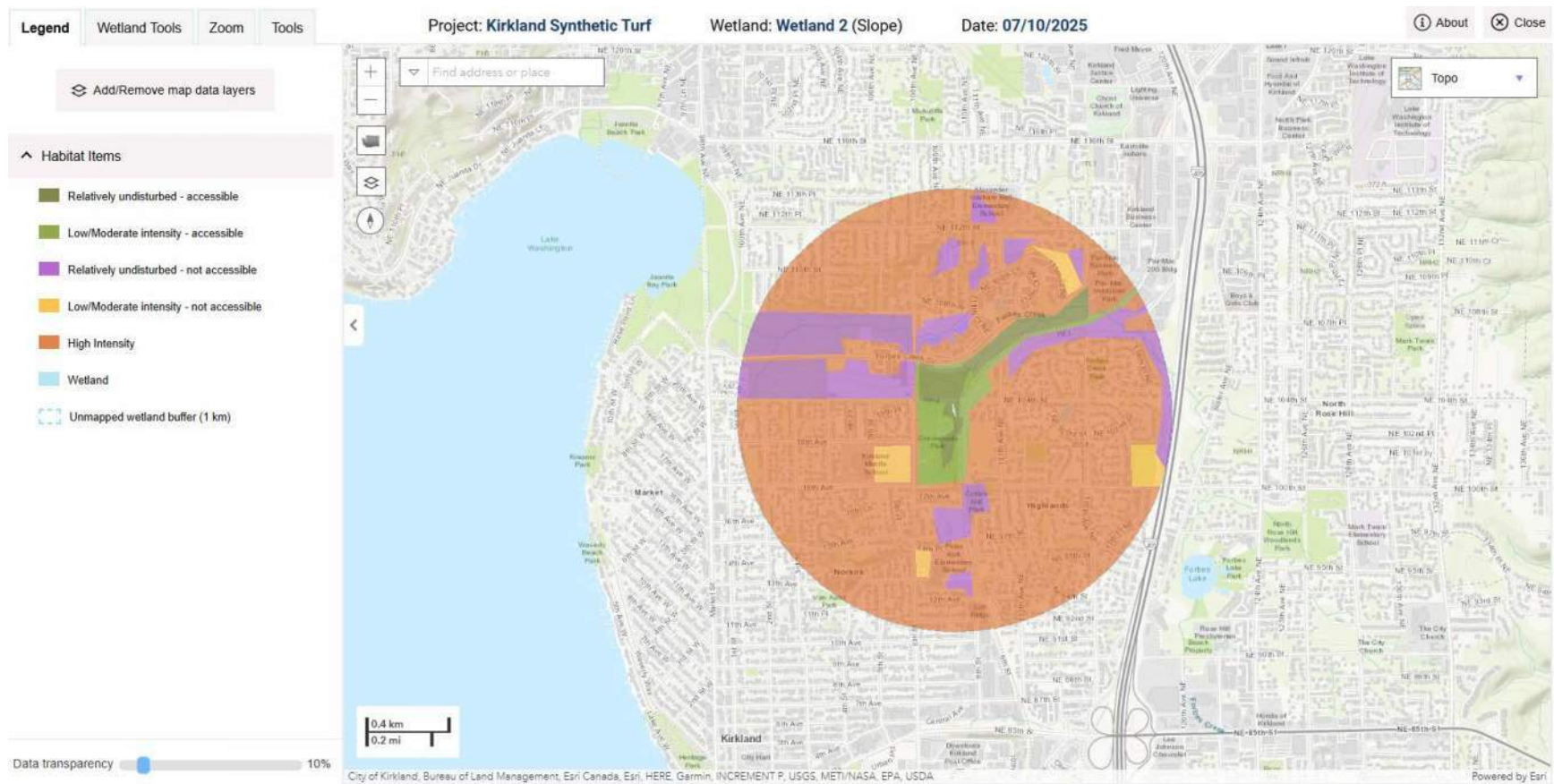


Figure B.5. Wetland 2 1 Kilometer Habitat Polygon



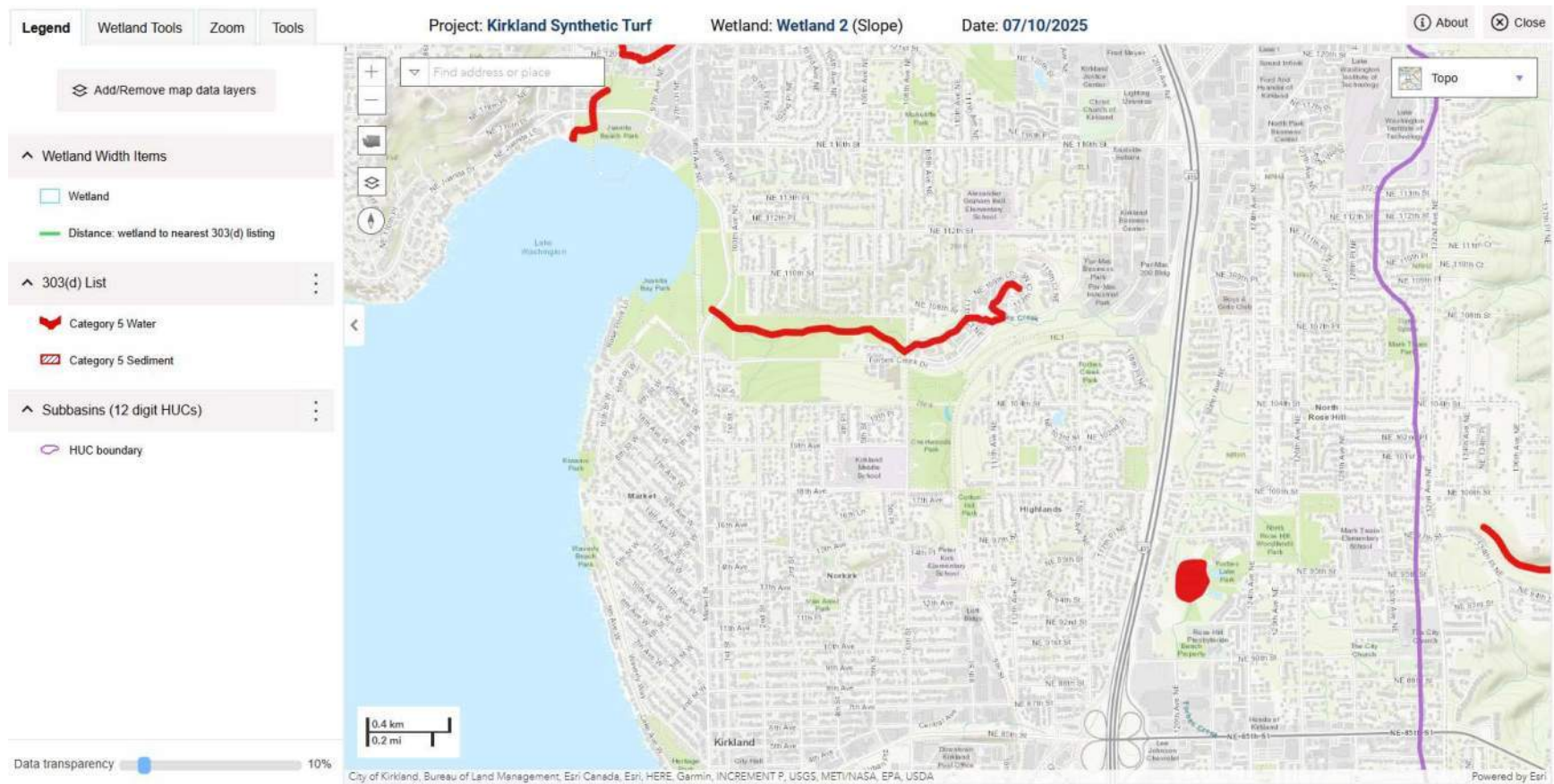


Figure B.6. Wetland 2 Distance to 303(d) Listed Waters

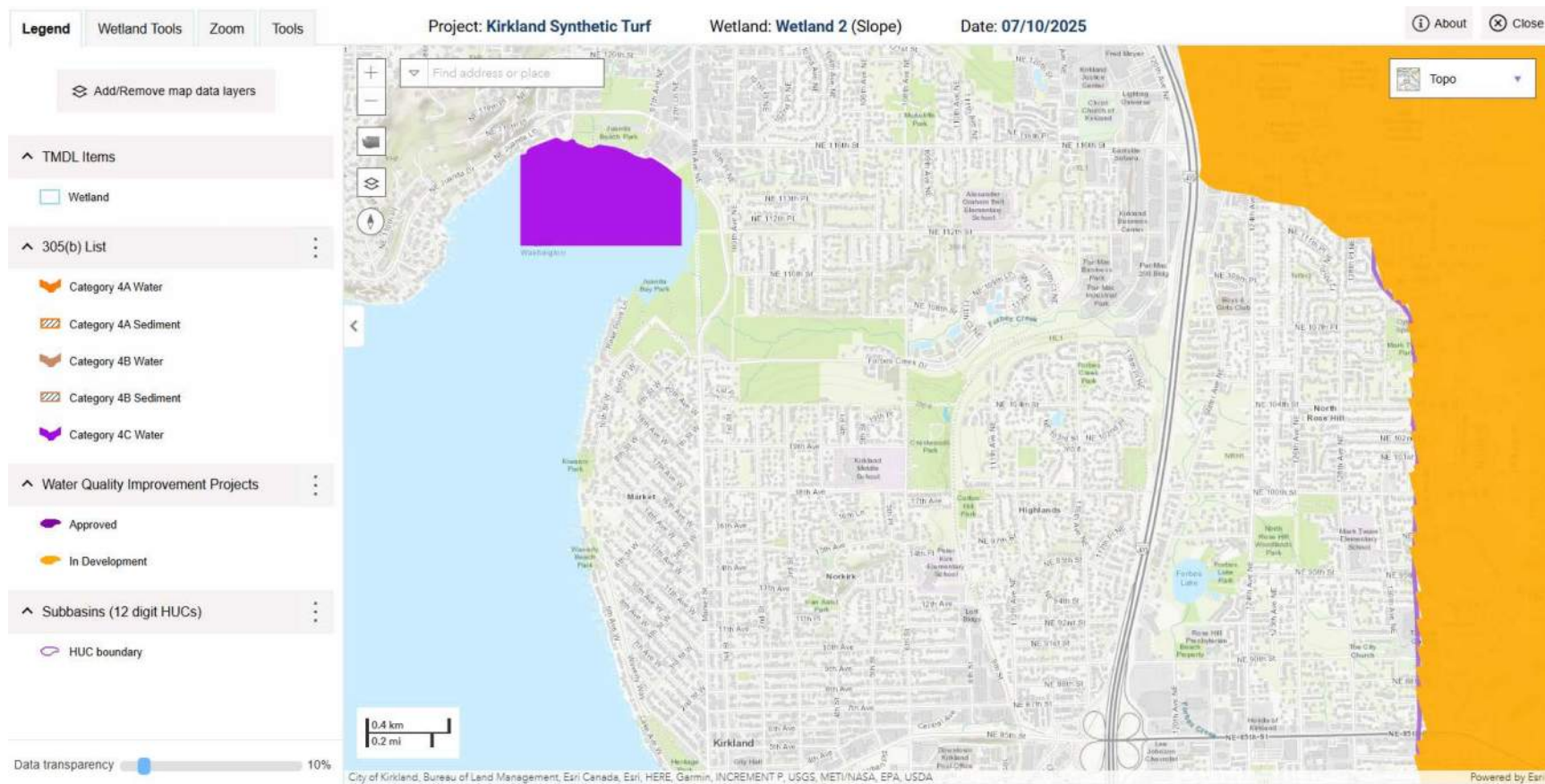


Figure B.7. Wetland 2 TMDL Map

Wetland name or number: Wetland 3

# RATING SUMMARY - Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID#): Wetland 3      Date of site visit: 06/12/2025

Rated By: Shawree Zhang      Trained by Ecology? Yes ☐ No ☒      Date of Training: N/A

HGM Class used for rating: Slope

Wetland has multiple HGM classes? Yes ☐ No ☒

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (figures can be combined).

Source of base aerial photo/map:

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY: [Category IV] (based on functions ☒ or special characteristics ☐)

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

☐ Category I - Total score = 23 - 27

☐ Category II - Total score = 20 - 22

☐ Category III - Total score = 16 - 19

☒ Category IV - Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
Site Potential	L	L	L	
Landscape Potential	M	M	L	
Value	M	H	M	Total
Score Based on Ratings	5	6	4	15

Score for each function based on three ratings (order of ratings is not important)

9 = H,H,H

8 = H,H,M

7 = H,H,L

7 = H,M,M

6 = H,M,L

6 = M,M,M

5 = H,L,L

5 = M,M,L

4 = M,L,L

3 = L,L,L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY
Estuarine	
Wetland of High Conservation Value	
Bog	
Forested	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	Not Applicable



**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 3

**Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington**

Slope Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	H 1.1, H 1.4	C.1.
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	C.2.
Plant cover of dense trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	C.3.
Plant cover of dense, rigid trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants ( <i>can be added to figure above</i> )	S 4.1	C.4.
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	S 2.1, S 5.1	C.5.
1km Polygon: Area that extends 1km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	C.6.
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	S 3.1, S 3.2	C.7.
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	S 3.3	C.8.

Wetland name or number: Wetland 3

## SLOPE WETLANDS

### Water Quality Functions - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality

#### S 1.0 Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?

##### S 1.1 What are the characteristics of the average slope of the wetland?

Slope is 1% or less	points = 3	
Slope is >1%-2%	points = 2	
Slope is >2%-5%	points = 1	
Slope is greater than 5%	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

##### S 1.2 What is the soil 2in below the surface or duff layer?

Mapped as true clay or organic (muck or peat)	points = 3	
Soil texture identified as clay or organic in field	points = 3	
Soil texture identified as clay or organic by laboratory test	points = 3	
None of the above	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>

##### S 1.3 Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants

Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants cover >90% of the wetland area	points = 6	
Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants cover >50% of the wetland area	points = 3	
Dense, woody, plants cover >50% of the wetland area	points = 2	
Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants cover >25% of the wetland area	points = 1	
Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants	points = 0	<b>Score: 2</b>

**Total for S 1:** **3**

**Rating of Site Potential**

☐ 12-16 = H ☐ 6-11 = M ☒ 0-5 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

#### S 2.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?

##### S 2.1 Is >10% of the area within 150ft on the uphill side of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

##### S 2.2 Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in question S 2.1?

Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>

##### S 2.3 What are the other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland?

Dogs

**Total for S 2:** **2**

**Rating of Landscape Potential**

☐ 3-4 = H ☒ 1-2 = M ☐ 0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

Wetland name or number: Wetland 3

<b>S 3.0 Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
<b>S 3.1</b> Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>S 3.2</b> Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where water quality is an issue?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>S 3.3</b> Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality?		
Yes	points = 2	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for S 3:</b>		<b>1</b>

Rating of Value

[ ] 2-4 = H [X] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

## **SLOPE WETLANDS**

**Hydrologic Functions** - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation

<b>S 4.0 Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?</b>		
<b>S 4.1</b> What are the characteristics of the plants that reduce the velocity of surface flows during storms?		
Dense, uncut, rigid plants cover >90% of the wetland area	points = 1	
All other conditions	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for S 4:</b>		<b>0</b>

Rating of Site Potential

[ ] 1 = M [X] 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

<b>S 5.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support the hydrologic functions of the site?</b>		
<b>S 5.1</b> Is more than 25% of the area within 150 ft upslope of wetland in land uses or cover that generate excess surface runoff?		
Yes	points = 1	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>Total for S 5:</b>		<b>1</b>

Rating of Landscape Potential

[X] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page



Wetland name or number: Wetland 3

<b>S 6.0 Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
<b>S 6.1</b> <u>Is the wetland in a landscape that has flooding problems?</u>		
Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of wetland.	points = 2	
Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient.	points = 1	
There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland	points = 0	<b>Score: 2</b>
<b>S 6.2</b> <u>Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan?</u>		
Yes	points = 2	
No	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>Total for S 6:</b>		<b>2</b>

Rating of Value

[X] 2-4 = H [ ] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

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Wetland name or number: Wetland 3

## **HABITAT FUNCTIONS**

**These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes** - Indicators that the site functions to provide important habitat

### **H 1.0 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?**

#### **H 1.1 What is the structure of the plant community?**

- ☐ Aquatic Bed  
☐ Emergent  
☒ Scrub-shrub  
☒ Forested  
☐ Multiple strata within the Forested class (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground cover)

4 structures or more points = 4  
3 structures points = 2  
2 structures points = 1  
1 structure points = 0  
No structures present points = 0

**Score: 1**

#### **H 1.2 What are the hydroperiods that meet the size thresholds in the wetland?**

- ☐ Permanently flooded or inundated  
☐ Seasonally flooded or inundated  
☒ Occasionally flooded or inundated  
☐ Saturated only  
☐ Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland  
☐ Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland  
☐ Lake Fringe wetland  
☐ Freshwater Tidal wetland

4 or more types present points = 3  
3 types present or Lake Fringe / Freshwater Tidal Fringe points = 2  
2 types present points = 1  
1 type present points = 0  
None present points = 0

**Score: 0**

#### **H 1.3 What is the richness of the plant species in the wetland?**

>19 species points = 2  
5-19 species points = 1  
<5 species points = 0

**Score: 1**

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 3

<b>H 1.4</b> <u>What is the interspersation of habitats?</u>		
High	points = 3	
Moderate	points = 2	
Low	points = 1	
None	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>H 1.5</b> <u>What are the special habitat features in the wetland?</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in diameter and 6ft long). <input type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh >4in) within the wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6ft (2m) and/or overhanging plants extend at least 3.3ft (1m) over open water or a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33ft (10m) <input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed) <input type="checkbox"/> At least 0.25ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (structures for egg-laying by amphibians) <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (see H 1.1 for list of strata)		
6 habitats selected	points = 6	
5 habitats selected	points = 5	
4 habitats selected	points = 4	
3 habitats selected	points = 3	
2 habitats selected	points = 2	
1 habitat selected	points = 1	
No habitats selected	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>Total for H 1:</b>		<b>4</b>

**Rating of Site Potential**

[ ] 15-18 = H [ ] 7-14 = M [X] 0-6 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

**H 2.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support habitat functions of the site?**

<b>H 2.1</b> <u>What is the percentage of accessible habitat within 1km of the wetland?</u>		
>33% of 1km Polygon	points = 3	
20-33% of 1km Polygon	points = 2	
10-19% of 1km Polygon	points = 1	
<10% of 1km Polygon	points = 0	<b>Score: 0</b>
<b>H 2.2</b> <u>What is the percentage of total habitat in a 1km polygon around the wetland?</u>		
Total habitat is >50% of the Polygon	points = 3	
Total habitat is 10-50% of the Polygon and in 1-3 patches	points = 2	
Total habitat is 10-50% of the Polygon and in >3 patches	points = 1	
Total habitat is <10% of the Polygon	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>



**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 3

<b>H 2.3</b> What is the land use intensity in the 1km polygon?		
50% of the Polygon is high intensity land use	points = -2	
<50% of the Polygon is high intensity land use	points = 0	<b>Score: -2</b>
<b>Total for H 2:</b>		<b>-1</b>

**Rating of Landscape Potential**

[ ] 4-6 = H [ ] 1-3 = M [X] 0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

**H 3.0 Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?**

<b>H 3.1</b> Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aspen Stands		
<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity Areas and Corridors		
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous Balds		
<input type="checkbox"/> Old-growth/Mature Forests		
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon White Oak		
<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian		
<input type="checkbox"/> Westside Prairie		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Deepwater		
<input type="checkbox"/> Instream		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nearshore (Coastal, Open Coast, Puget Sound)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Caves		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliffs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snags and Logs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Talus		
<b>The following criteria automatically score 2 points:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is a Wetland of High Conservation Value		
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has been categorized as an important habitat site in a local plan		
The wetland has 3 or more WDFW priority habitats within 100m, or meets the criteria for societal value	points = 2	
The site has 1 or 2 WDFW priority habitats within 100m	points = 1	
The site does not meet any of the criteria for societal value	points = 0	<b>Score: 1</b>
<b>Total for H 3:</b>		<b>1</b>

**Rating of Value**

[ ] 2 = H [X] 1 = M [ ] 0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

## **CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **SC 1.0 Estuarine Wetlands**

#### **SC 1.1** Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?

- ☐ The dominant water regime is tidal
- ☐ The wetland is vegetated
- ☐ The water salinity is greater than 0.5 ppt

Yes - Go to SC 1.2

No - Not an Estuarine Wetland

**Result: Not an  
Estuarine Wetland**

#### **SC 1.2** Is the wetland within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151?

Yes - Category I Estuarine Wetland

No - Go to SC 1.3

**Result:**

#### **SC 1.3** Is the wetland unit at least 1ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions?

- ☐ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species.
- ☐ At least 75% of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland
- ☐ The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.

Yes - Category I Estuarine Wetland

No - Category II Estuarine Wetland

**Result:**

### **SC 2.0 Wetlands of High Conservation Value**

#### **SC 2.1** Does the wetland overlap with any known or historical rare plant or rare & high-quality ecosystem polygons on the WNHP Data Explorer?

Yes - Category I Wetland of High Conservation Value

No - Go to SC 2.2

**Result: Go to SC 2.2**

#### **SC 2.2** Does the wetland have a rare plant species, rare plant community, or high-quality common plant community that may qualify the site as a WHCV?

Yes - Category I Wetland of High Conservation Value

No - Not a Wetland of High Conservation Value

**Result: Not a Wetland  
of High Conservation  
Value**

**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 3

### SC 3.0 Bogs

<b>SC 3.1</b> <u>Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soil horizons, either peats or mucks, that compose 16in or more of the first 32in of the soil profile?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 3.3	
No - Go to SC 3.2	<b>Result: Go to SC 3.2</b>
<b>SC 3.2</b> <u>Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 3.3	
No - Not a Bog Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Bog Wetland</b>
<b>SC 3.3</b> <u>Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least 30% cover of plant species listed in the table provided in the instructions?</u>	
Yes - Category I Bog Wetland	
No - Go to SC 3.4	<b>Result:</b>
<b>SC 3.4</b> <u>Is an area with peats or mucks forested (&gt;30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann Spruce, or western white pine AND any of the species (or combinations of species) listed in the table found in the instructions provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy?</u>	
Yes - Category I Bog Wetland	
No - Not a Bog Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

### SC 4.0 Forested Wetlands

<b>SC 4.1</b> <u>Does the wetland have at least 1 contiguous acre of forest that meets one of the following criteria?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Old-growth forests	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mature forests	
Yes - Category I Forested Wetland	
No - Not a Forested Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Forested Wetland</b>



**Wetland name or number:** Wetland 3

### SC 5.0 Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons

<b>SC 5.1</b> <u>Coastal Lagoons: Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or rocks	
<input type="checkbox"/> The depression in which the wetland is located contains ponded water that is saline or brackish (>0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the open water area (measured near the bottom)	
<input type="checkbox"/> The lagoon retains some of its surface water at low tide during spring tides	
Yes - Go to SC 5.2	
No - Not a Coastal Lagoon Wetland	<b>Result: Not a Coastal Lagoon Wetland</b>

<b>SC 5.2</b> <u>Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of aggressive, opportunistic plant species (see list of species).	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 75% of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.	
<input type="checkbox"/> the wetland is larger than 0.10ac (4350 sqft)	
Yes - Category I Coastal Lagoon	
No - Category II Coastal Lagoon	<b>Result:</b>

### SC 6.0 Interdunal Wetlands

<b>SC 6.1</b> <u>Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership WBUO)?</u>	
Yes - Go to SC 6.2	
No - Not an Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result: Not an Interdunal Wetland</b>

<b>SC 6.2</b> <u>Is the wetland 1ac or larger in size, or a mosaic that is 1ac or larger in size?</u>	
Wetland is larger than 1ac in size - Go to SC 6.3	
Wetland is a mosaic larger than 1ac is size - Category II Interdunal Wetland	
No - Go to SC 6.4	<b>Result:</b>

<b>SC 6.3</b> <u>Does the wetland score 8 or 9 points for the habitat functions?</u>	
Yes - Category I Interdunal Wetland	
No - Category II Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

<b>SC 6.4</b> <u>Is the wetland unit between 0.1ac and 1ac, or in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1ac and 1ac in size?</u>	
Yes - Category III Interdunal Wetland	
No - Category IV Interdunal Wetland	<b>Result:</b>

Wetland name or number: Wetland 3

<b>Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics</b>	<b>Final Category: Not Applicable</b>
If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form	

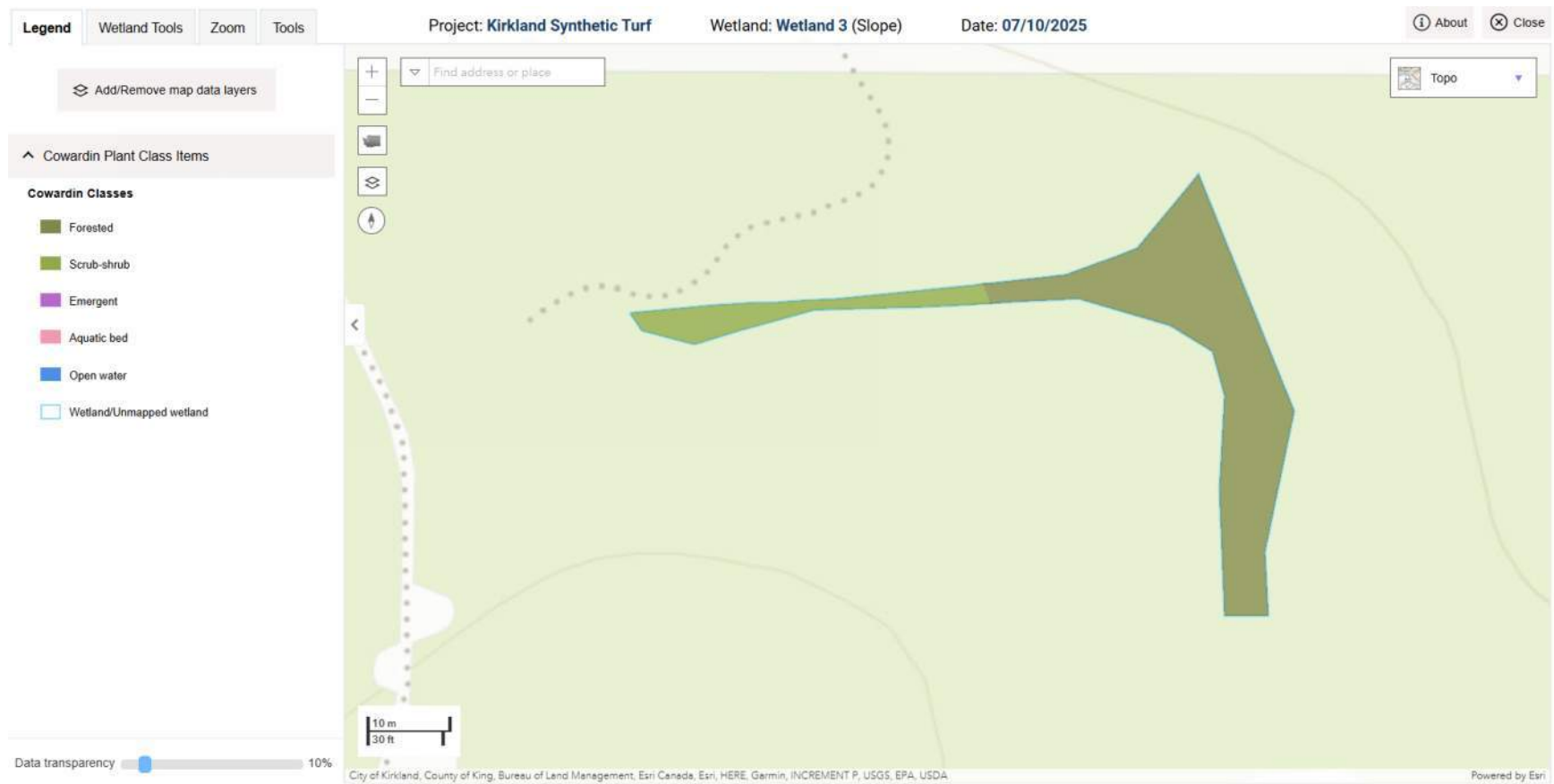


Figure C.1. Wetland 3 Cowardin Plant Classes



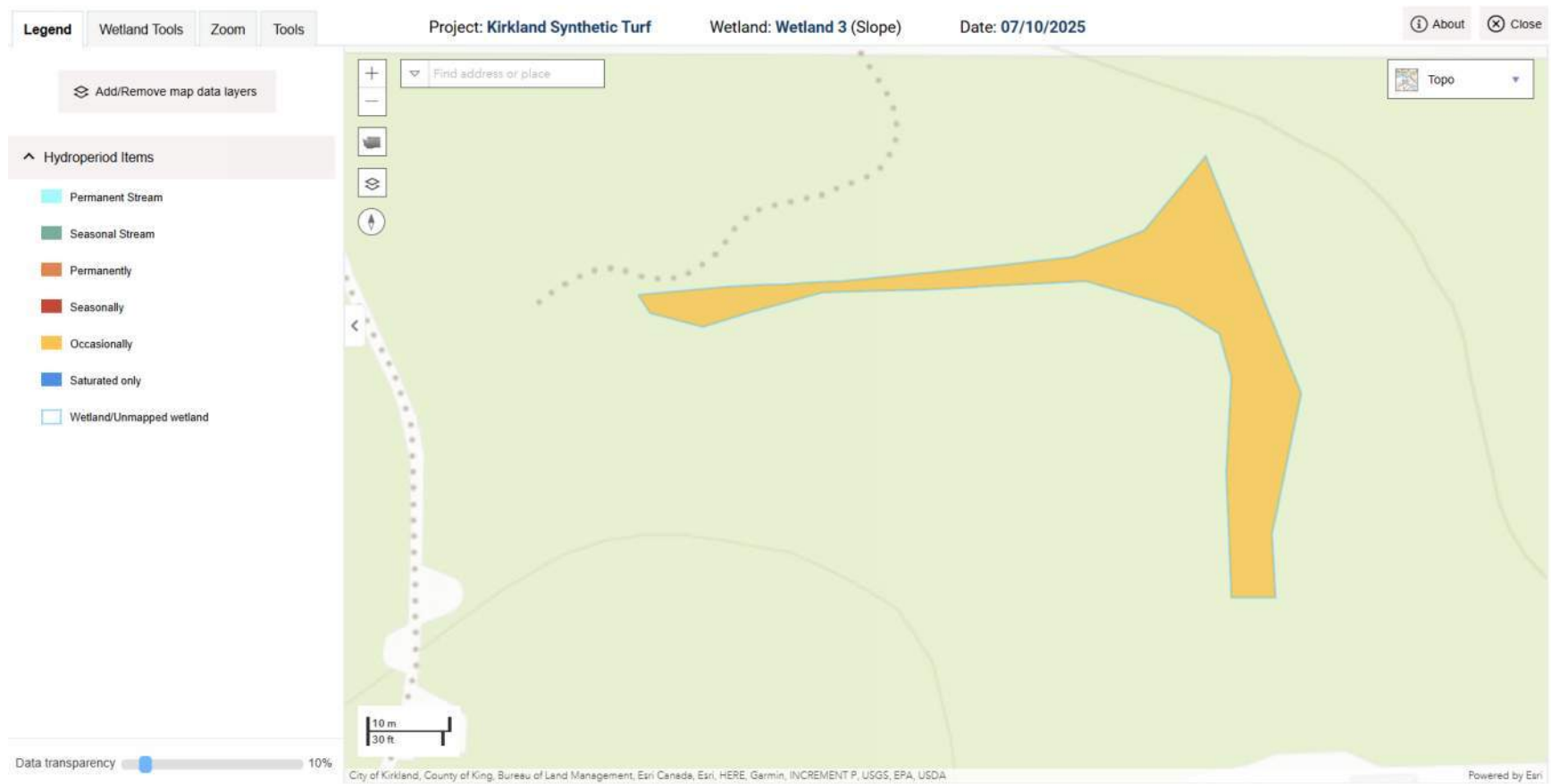


Figure C.2. Wetland 3 Hydroperiods

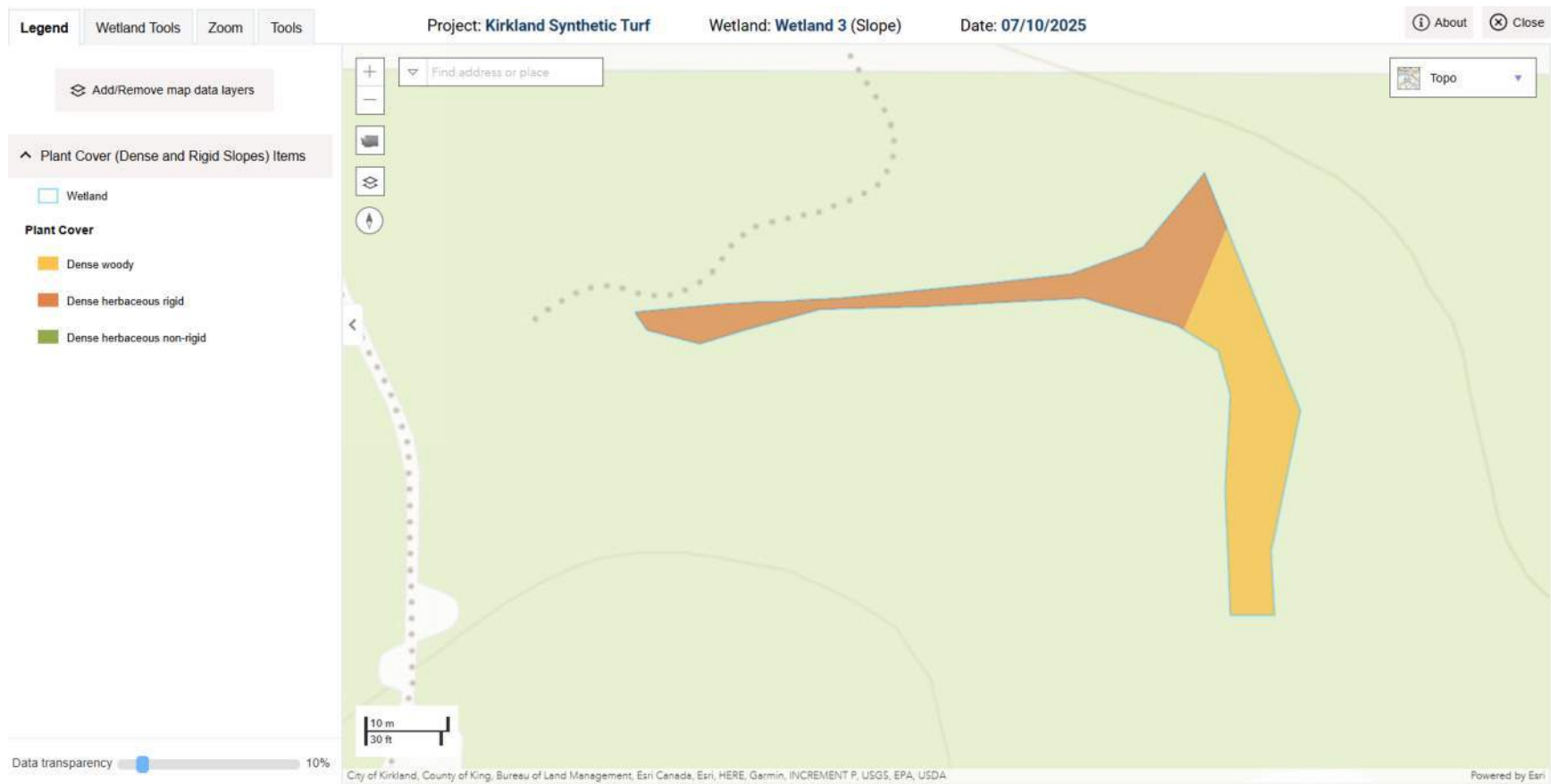


Figure C.3. Wetland 3 Plant Cover of Dense Trees, Dense and Rigid Trees, Shrubs, and Herbaceous Plants

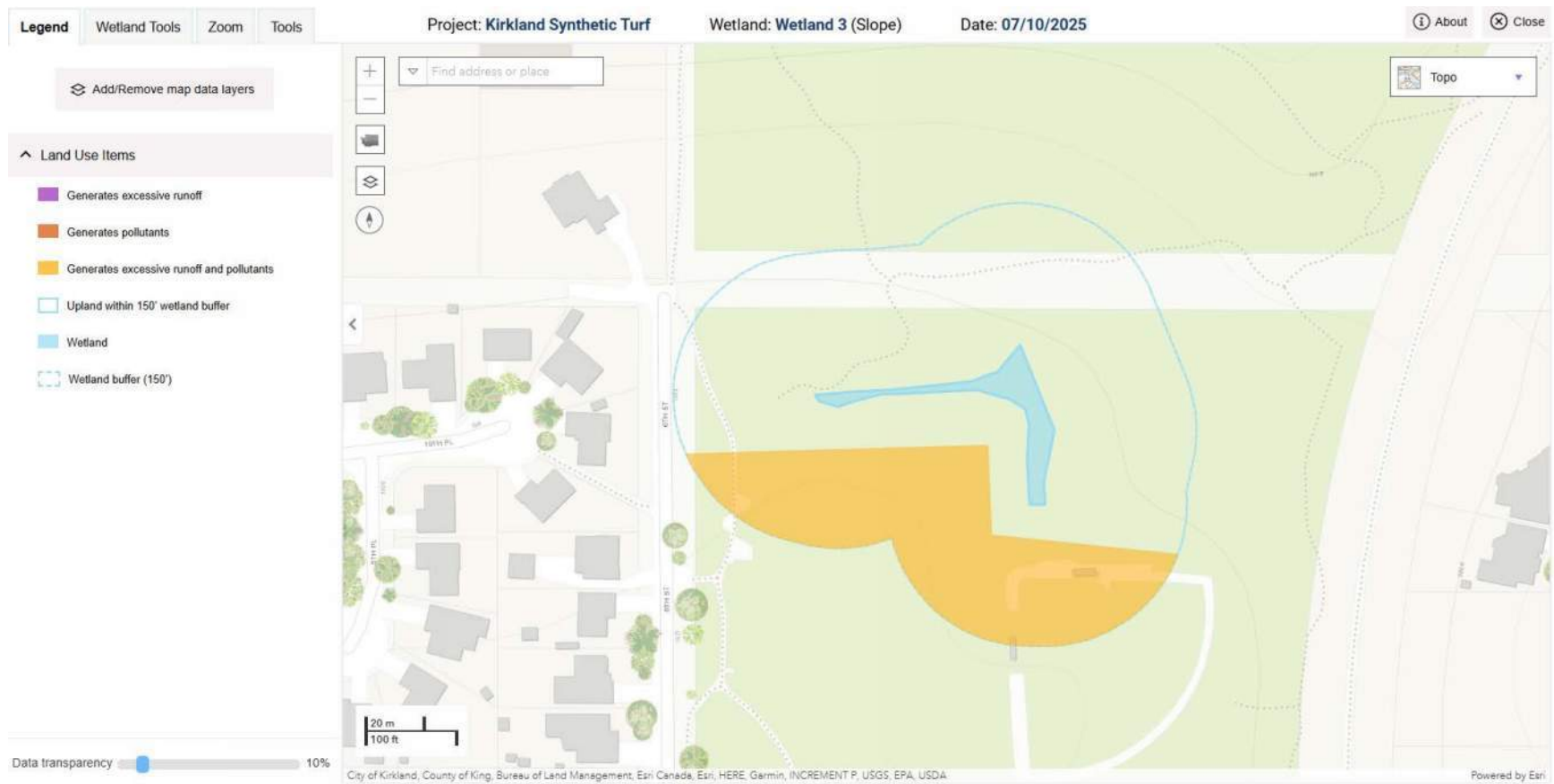


Figure C.4. Wetland 3 150-Foot Boundary



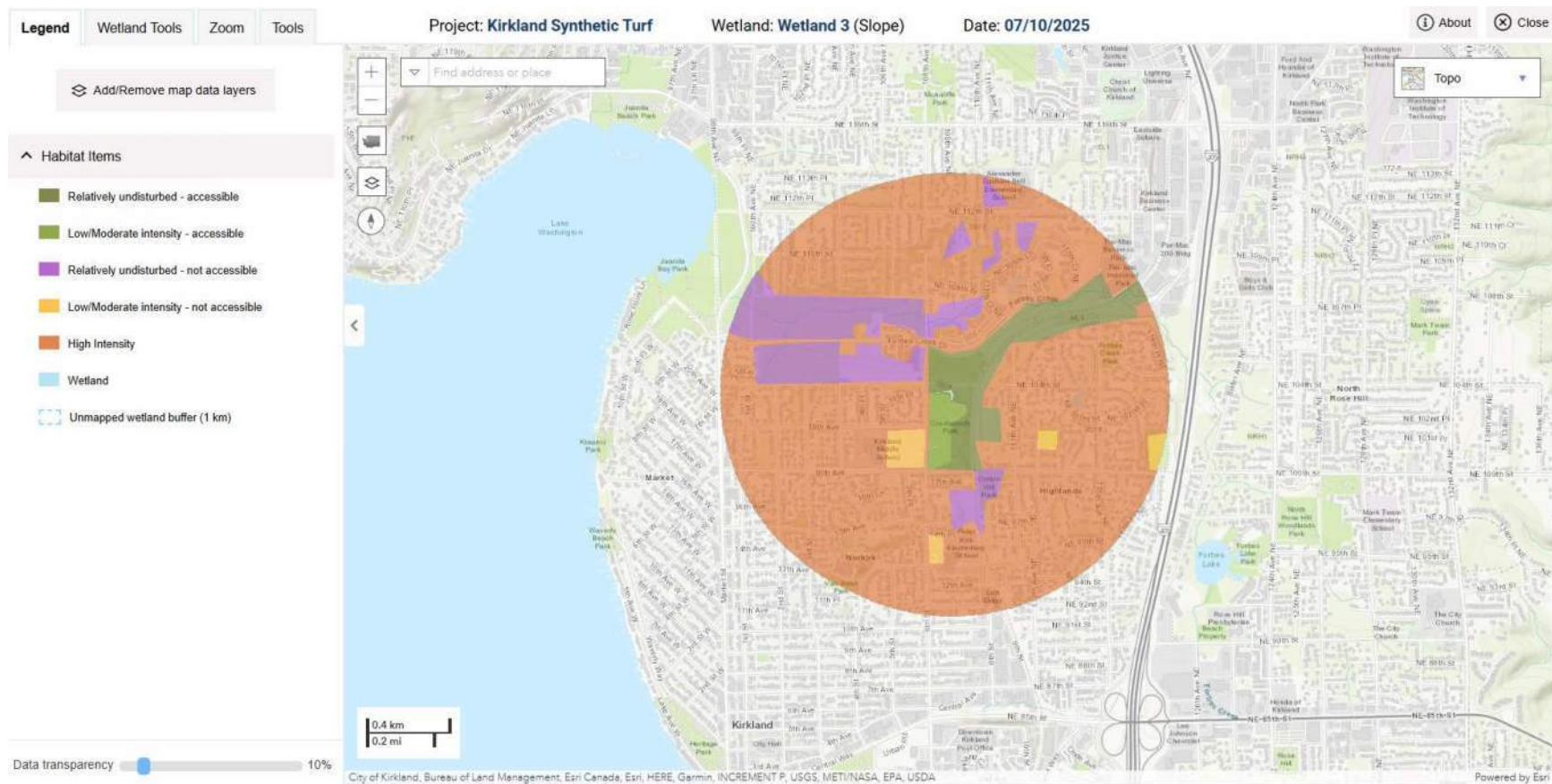


Figure C.5. Wetland 3 1 Kilometer Habitat Polygon

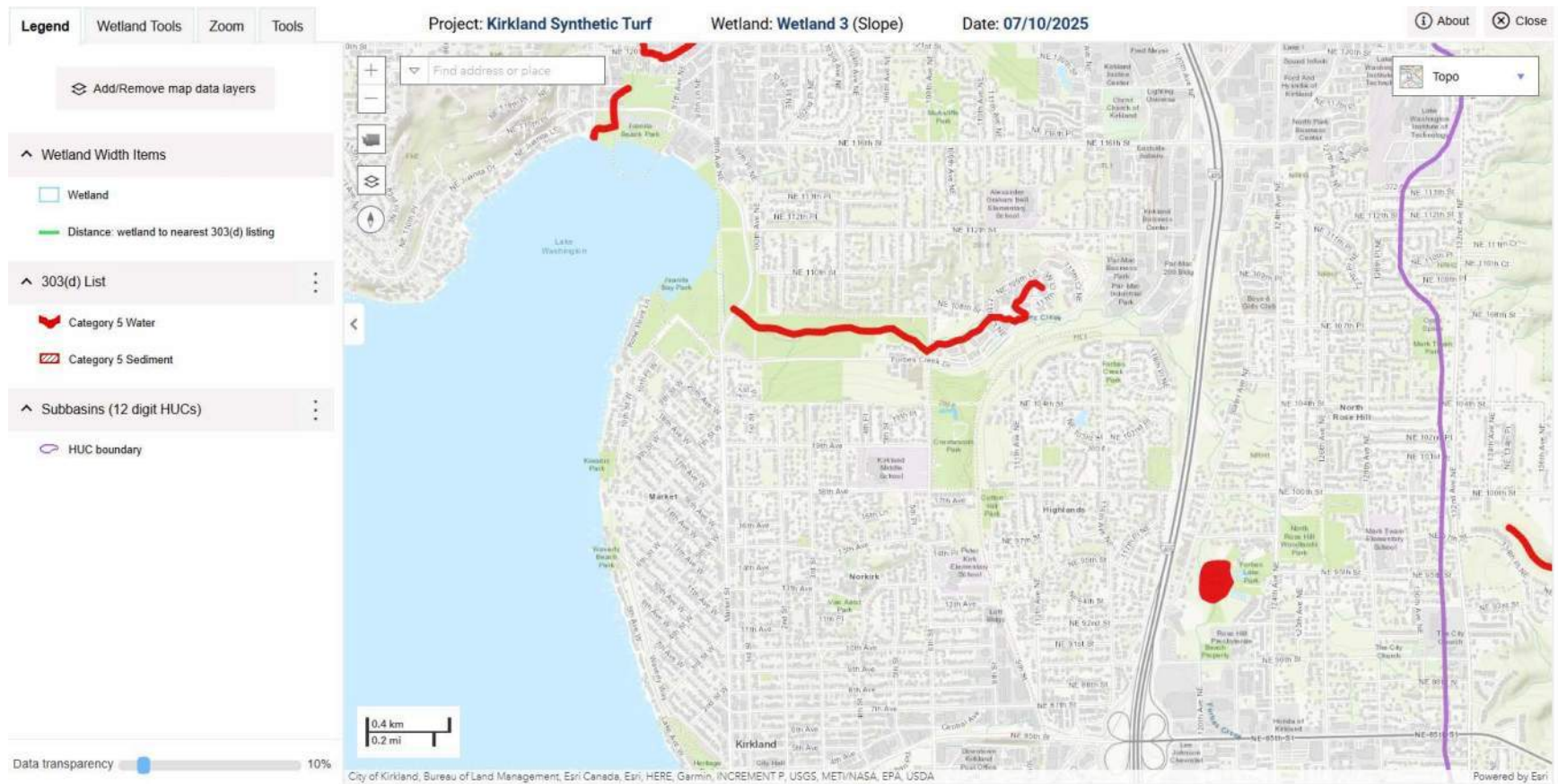


Figure C.6. Wetland 3 Distance to 303(d) Listed Waters

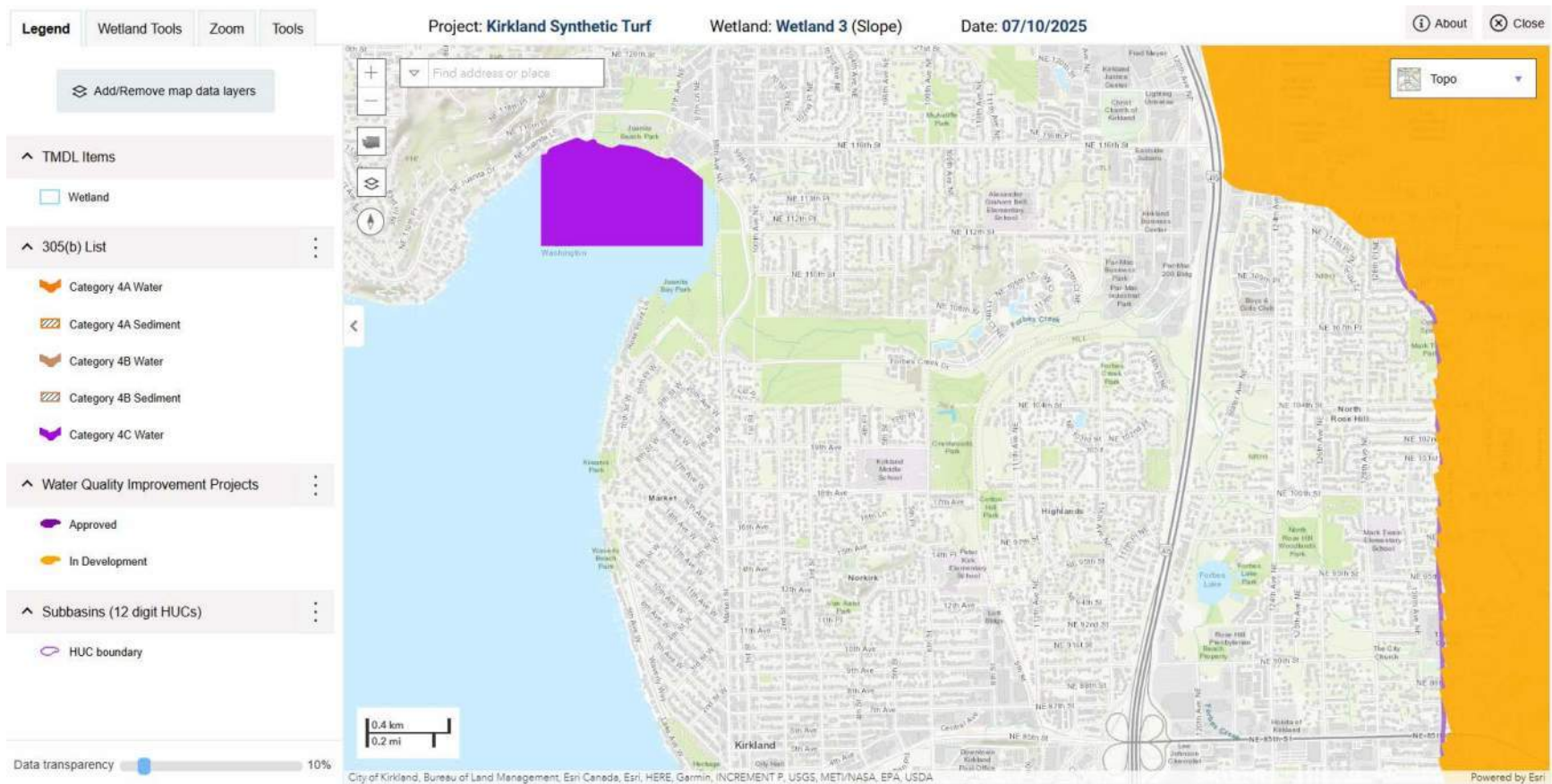


Figure C.7. Wetland 3 TMDL Map



# Appendix B

## Permit Matrix

Permitting Matrix For Crestwoods Park Site.					
Responsible Agency	Permit/Process	Permit Triggers	Compliance Approvals/Deliverables	Estimated Agency Review Time Frame	Applicable to Infield Redevelopment
Washington State Department of Ecology	NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit	Projects with over 1 acre of earthwork (including staging areas) or with discharges to waters of the U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction Stormwater General Permit NOI at least 60 days prior to construction</li> <li>Two public notices and a 30-day comment period</li> <li>SWPPP (can be submitted after the NOI, but prior to construction start)</li> </ul>	2 months + 1 month comment period	No, unless project involves more than 1 acre of earthwork, including staging areas.
Lead Agency (City of Kirkland)	SEPA Checklist	Required for a proposal that requires government action and is not exempt from the threshold determination provisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEPA checklist</li> <li>60 percent site plans</li> <li>Cultural Resources Review</li> <li>Critical Areas Report</li> <li>Geological Hazards Report</li> </ul>	3 months	Yes
City of Kirkland (Crestwoods Park)	Critical Area Determination	Development that includes a critical area and/or its buffer within the project area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Application</li> <li>Critical Areas Report</li> <li>Site and Construction Plans</li> </ul>	3 months	No, unless activities extend into wetland buffers.
	Clearing and Grading/Land Surface Modification Permit	Land surface disturbance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Application</li> <li>Drainage Technical Information Report</li> <li>Rodent Abatement Declaration and letter from rodent abatement company</li> <li>Construction Plan Set</li> <li>Site Plan</li> <li>Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan</li> <li>Landscape Plan</li> </ul>	3 months	Yes

Permitting Matrix For 132nd Square Park Site.					
Responsible Agency	Permit/Process	Permit Triggers	Compliance Approvals/Deliverables	Estimated Agency Review Time Frame	Applicable to Infield Redevelopment
Washington State Department of Ecology	NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit	Projects with over an acre of earthwork or with discharges to waters of the U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction Stormwater General Permit NOI at least 60 days prior to construction</li> <li>Two public notices and a 30-day comment period</li> <li>SWPPP (can be submitted after the NOI, but prior to construction start)</li> </ul>	2 months + 1 month comment period	No, unless project involves more than 1 acre of earthwork, including staging areas.
Lead Agency (City of Kirkland)	SEPA Checklist	Required for a proposal that requires government action and is not exempt from the threshold determination provisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEPA checklist</li> <li>60 percent site plans</li> <li>Cultural Resources Review</li> <li>Critical Areas Report</li> <li>Geological Hazards Report</li> </ul>	3 months	Yes
City of Kirkland (132nd Square Park)	Clearing and Grading/Land Surface Modification Permit	Land surface disturbance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Application</li> <li>Drainage Technical Information Report</li> <li>Rodent Abatement Declaration and letter from rodent abatement company</li> <li>Construction Plan Set</li> <li>Site Plan</li> <li>Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan</li> <li>Landscape Plan</li> </ul>	3 months	Yes



# **Attachment C**

## **D.A. Hogan Kirkland Parks Infield Conversions**

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## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Neil Schaner, PE, Herrera

**Cc:** Eliza Hoffman, Herrera

**From:** Eric Gold

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**Date:** August 26, 2025

**Re:** City of Kirkland Parks  
Infield Surface Conversions  
Narrative Summary

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Having observed and studied the conditions at both 132<sup>nd</sup> Square and Crestwoods Parks Infields, we have provided narrative and graphic analysis of each, as well as options for conversion to synthetic turf surfacing with representative details. Each option was selected for a variety of practical reasons including cost, durability, ease of installation, and level of site disturbance. All of the options offered have equivalent outcomes as regards safety and performance, assuming an identical synthetic turf specification and adequate installation quality controls.

### Preferred Options

Each option, graded<sup>1</sup> for expected total development cost (including associated or “soft” costs), life cycle duration or durability<sup>2</sup>, ease of installation / expected construction duration, and level of site disturbance required:

#### 132<sup>nd</sup> Square, Option 1 “Traditional Full Section” Conversion

Total Development Cost	HIGH
Expected Life Cycle	HIGH
Ease of Installation	LOW
Site Disturbance	HIGH

#### Crestwoods, Option 1 “Overlay” Conversion

Total Development Cost	MEDIUM
Expected Life Cycle	LOW
Ease of Installation	HIGH
Site Disturbance	LOW

#### Crestwoods, Options 2 & 3 “Full Section, Traditional Drainage” Conversion

Total Development Cost	HIGH
Expected Life Cycle	HIGH
Ease of Installation	LOW
Site Disturbance	HIGH

### Synthetic Turf Specification

The City of Kirkland has some representative experience with specific synthetic turf products and vendors. Although limited, this experience may be of some assistance in guiding the specification of future installations. As a general rule of thumb and guide for future budgeting, synthetic turf surfaces *as a whole* have a 10-12 year replacement life cycle.

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<sup>1</sup> Graded on a “high, medium, low” basis, relative to all options recommended for the site.

<sup>2</sup> Refers to the underlying infrastructure only. Synthetic Turf Surfacing itself is excluded.



This excludes the underlying infrastructure and supplemental resilient pad systems (if applicable), as these elements are relatively generational (life-cycle of 20+ years). Removal and replacement, in 2025 dollars, is roughly \$10/sf depending on the specification. High wear areas such as batters boxes, soccer penalty kick areas, etc. have a significantly shorter life span and require far more regular maintenance, daily during periods of high use. Note that batters boxes and pitching runout areas are normally installed as removable panels, using Velcro to secure in place. The initial installation should come with 4-6 replacement panels.

The following describes various options available on the market today.

## 1. Common Products

The following are all typical product-type selections by the majority of our Parks, K-12, Collegiate, and Pro Clients.

- A. Slit-Film, or fibrillated tape, consists of wide, thin polyethylene fibers (somewhat analogous too scotch tape) that are then incised (slit) in a way that allows them to split or “fibrillate” during the installation of the infill materials. The fibrillation process, also often referred to as “blooming”, spreads the individual strands out in a way that holds the infill in place particularly well. Slit-Film fiber is softer than most other fiber types due to its thin cross section. This makes it less abrasive but also results in it laying down or matting earlier in its service life. For many of our clients this is actually beneficial – public Parks and K-6 facilities in general like this feature as it encapsulates or traps the infill material, meaning far less migration and therefore less maintenance. In some applications, we use this product as an analogue for infield clay, as a matted surface creates faster ball roll and truer bounce.

- B. Monofilament fibers are extruded in a wide variety of cross sections, one way vendors tend to differentiate their products from the competition. Not unlike pasta: spaghetti (large, round), angel hair (small, round), linguini (thick, flat), etc., but over the years we’ve seen some chevrons, deltas, spined bat wings, all kinds of variations. It’s debatable whether these shapes contribute much to performance, and many iterations over the years have failed spectacularly as the more complex shapes tend to break at a weak point, resulting in significant fiber loss due to breakage and shedding. The industry has largely settled on “linguini” as it’s simple geometry has proved the most durable.

Monofilaments tend to maintain their upright condition a little longer than slit-films. This favors cleat interaction with the infill as the fibers’ open stance allows more cleat interface. This also creates more friction or ball “check up” which makes it among the primary soccer turf types.

- C. Dual Fiber Turf uses various proportions of both slit-film and monofilament fibers, usually somewhere between 40-60% of one and 40-60% of the other, by weight. This system offers the best of both and is gaining popularity rapidly.
- D. “Thatch Layer” Turf incorporates a dense layer of textured (curly) polyethylene, polypropylene, or nylon fibers below the top of the infill. In theory, this provides extra holding power over the infill materials, and a bit more resistance to migration under the lateral forces of cleats. This has been successful as extremely durable deep-pile surfaces, as well as thinner, faster surfaces like infields and warning tracks. While any of the top-tier vendors will supply this configuration, AstroTurf has been the leader in this development (their “RootZone” and “3D” product lines). A thatch layer can be incorporated with any fiber type or blend.

## 2. Specialty Products

Some sports demand specific types of synthetic turf (Field Hockey is one example, where the preferred surface is essentially the late-80’s-style woven nylon over an e-layer), and some uses and applications benefit greatly from some of the more unusual configurations.

- A. The “original AstroTurf” system is practically a specialty product at this point... a non-infilled, very high density, short-pile turf that can be extremely durable in many applications like batting cages, walk-off

areas, conditioning spaces, and as mentioned field hockey. Because it lacks the ballasting effect of infill, this is typically glued to a solid base of concrete or asphalt, but it is supplied with an integrated closed cell pad that can act as ballast.

- B. Extremely high density, thatch-zone systems with fiber heights/depths 1" or more tend to be best for landscape applications (pet areas as well).

It's worth noting that some vendors are offering "new, non-infilled turf for multi-sport applications". Our experience with products of this nature is that they tend to be highly directional, abrasive, dimensionally unstable, and generally nothing like grass. Which is what infilled synthetic turf sports surfaces strive to emulate (or should).

### 3. Associated Products & Materials - Infills

Infill materials are one of the main ways synthetic turf mimics grass and soil – by grabbing and releasing the cleat or sole of the shoe just as natural grass does. Probably even more than as described for monofilament turf fibers, producing unique infills has been a major way for vendors with the resources to differentiate themselves from their competitors. This has led to some significant successes, but also some abject failures. We'll only go in depth on the more common options in our region.

Inherently Resilient Options:

- A. SBR Crumb Rubber is the original resilient infill introduced in the mid-late 90's. It is recycled tires supplied in a specific range of particle sizes. Only a few firms perform the process of rendering tires into this granular form – none of the turf vendors do this "in house" that I am aware of, although some do recycle it out of used turf. Two processes are used: Ambient Grind is a room-temperature process that results in a more ragged-edged particles and small pieces. This can cause the granules to "lock up" and despite the inherent resiliency of the rubber can actually get quite firm and even slow drainage considerably. Cryogenic Grind or "Cryo" uses liquid nitrogen to flash freeze the raw material to well below 0°F resulting in a brittle feed stock that essentially shatters into cleaner, more cuboidal geometry that resists consolidation or settling.

SBR Crumb Rubber has a long history of serious claims of danger to human and environmental health, and it's hard to dispute that the negative PR has greatly diminished its use, particularly in the PNW and more specifically west of the Cascades. Coating the granules with latex paints or polyurethane has been one means of eliminating human contact. While *most* of the claims of human health dangers have been debunked (there are current some discussions around PFAS and microplastics), the recent discovery of something called "6PPd-Q" in leachate from shredded tire material as lethal to juvenile salmonids has, or will likely, eliminate it as a viable option.

- B. EPDM Crumb Rubber is another resilient material that was offered early on when the uniformity of SBR was less reliable, and later as an alternative that lacked the additives that truck tires required (and was suspected of creating health hazards). These days, as an alternative to SBR it suffers from one of its greatest attributes: it can be practically indistinguishable from SBR. For many of our clients, this potential "bad PR" excludes it from consideration. It is also quite expensive relatively (about \$1.00/sf more than SBR) and must be sourced from a reliable manufacturer and rigid specification as there are some pretty bad versions of it available.

Insufficiently Resilient Options requiring a Supplemental Pad:

- C. TPE, or Thermoplastic Elastomer, is a "virgin plastic" material often used in medical equipment and food-grade containers. It is only barely resilient, but extremely inert. TPE carries up to a \$1.10/sf premium over SBR. Despite this, King County Parks has essentially standardized this infill, and King County does not consider it as "pollution generating" as other infills (even cork, somehow).

- D. Granular Cork has become the dominant “alternative infill” in recent years. In 2016, Seattle Parks made cork their standard, and Seattle Public Schools soon followed suite, followed by Shoreline Schools, among others. As a commodity raw material of the cork industry, granular cork can be supplied by any vendor (much like SBR), making it a viable alternative under most any purchasing requirements. Cork, the bark of the cork oak (sp. *Quercus suber*), is of course organic, but unlike other organic infills, it does not absorb water. Used on a poorly constructed base or under some very specific environmental conditions it does float, but by its nature it does have excellent resiliency and durability. Cost for cork has come down considerable in recent years and now carries around a \$0.65/sf premium over SBR.
- E. Olive Pit, Walnut Shell: I put these under a common heading because they are extremely hard and can be abrasive. We typically reserve these options almost exclusively for warning tracks and walking surfaces.
- F. Other Generic Organic Infills are typically based on coconut shell by-products, often mixed with other organics like rice hulls. Our experience with these materials point to two very undesirable traits: 1) they hold a LOT of excess water, and days after a rainy period can still generate “rooster tails”, splashing, and general discomfort for users, and 2) during dry periods can become wind-born (i.e., blow away) and so require watering / irrigation. They also settle and migrate significantly and so require “top dressing” every other year or so.

#### 4. Associated Products & Materials – Supplemental Resilient Pad Systems

Often referred to simply as “shock pads”, these underlayments can eliminate *any* potential issues with G-Max or Head Impact Criteria regardless of the type or quality of the infill and are a necessary part of all *non-infilled* systems going back to the second generation of AstroTurf.

- A. Paved-in-Place Elastic Layer, or “e-layer” is a matrix of SBR granule and pea gravel bound and encapsulated in a polyethylene binder, paved onto a permeable surface such as aggregate or porous asphalt much like asphalt. E-layers are extremely durable – we encounter installations from the 80’s that are still serviceable. E-layers allow for the simplest turf replacements, being a single unit covering without seams. The only downside to e-layers is weather sensitivity during installation – cold and wet will hamper progress. Can also be somewhat problematic if settlement is a potential future issue. Definitely the preferred pad system, these run around \$1.75 - \$2.25/sf.
- B. Most other common pad systems available fall under the “interlocking tile” category. The most common are Brock and SchmitzFoam, both of which are available at different thicknesses and resiliencies. Not at all weather dependent, these are a good option when winter installation is predicted. On the downside, these have to be removed during every subsequent turf replacement and while that may be every 10-12 years, the edges are trimmed-to-fit and generally have to be replaced. This can be an issue if the product line is no longer available and of course carries an additional cost. Installed, tile systems run \$1.65 - \$1.85/sf.
- C. Less common with the advent of the interlocking tile system is the “rolled goods” system, which is basically a factory-fabricated e-layer, albeit much denser and less permeable, more like a flooring product – it’s most common use these days.



# **Attachment D**

## **D.A. Hogan 132nd Square Park Infield Conversion**

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## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Neil Schaner, PE, Herrera

**Cc:** Eliza Hoffman, Herrera

**From:** Eric Gold

A blue ink signature of Eric Gold, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

**Date:** August 26, 2025

**Re:** City of Kirkland Parks  
132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park Infield Surface Conversion  
Feasibility Study Narrative

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### Existing Conditions

The following are our observations of existing conditions associated with the infield playing surface and immediately adjacent surfaces only. Fencing, Player & Spectator amenities, and outfield conditions were not assessed. Refer also to the attached "Existing Conditions" exhibit. Images follow.

- Fully "Skinned" Infield, consisting of approximately 2.5" of clay/silt/sand infield soil mix, over a thin layer of coarse sand (image 1).
- Assumed no underdrainage present.
- No fence line / containment curb (image 2).
- Grade irregularities around foul lines / foul territory and the infield "arc" (images 3, 4).
- Mostly even transitions between the foul lines (image 5).
- Surface slopes varied from 1.5% to 5% across the infield surface.
- The existing infield/outfield arc is not consistent with accepted "typical" little league baseball rules for dimension, i.e., a 60' radius drawn from the front-center of a pitching slab at 46'.

### Design Assumptions / Conclusions

The following considerations apply;

- Lacking any existing subsurface drainage infrastructure will require a solution that employs a full-section approach using, at a minimum, a permeable aggregate foundation and formal subsurface drainage system.
- Subsurface drainage will discharge to a conveyance per Herrera.
- The lack of any perimeter containment curbs requires new poured-in-place concrete curbs to both contain the field foundation section and to support the synthetic turf edge anchor (see Typical Details).
- The variable surface slope and irregularities around both foul territories will require a more significant than typical transition regrade and restoration, particularly down the first base foul line and foul territory. Some of this may be remedied via the expansion of the infield/outfield arc.
- Significant adjustments / retrofit of the existing irrigation zones around the arc will be required.

### Traditional Full-Section Conversion

- Trenched 4" perforated drainage laterals, spaced 15' on center, piped to a 6" tight-line collector. Orientation of the drainage laterals as shown simplifies the collector pipe required and takes advantage the existing average surface gradient.
- A solid-piped collector will convey stormwater to Herrera for code compliance and discharge.
- Non-woven geotextile separator fabric between drainage trenches, on a prepared (planar, unyielding) subgrade.
- 8" of permeable aggregate base course (rough graded), 2" of permeable aggregate top course (fine graded) will comprise the field foundation/base. This allows for both vertical and lateral infiltration of stormwater through the surface, base, and to the subsurface drainage trenches.
- Synthetic turf surfacing of an approved specification, along with irrigation retrofit and site restoration completes this installation.



*Image 1, Soil Profile*



*Image 2, typical fenceline condition*





*Image 3, Grade Irregularities*



*Image 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Line / Foul Territory Grade Irregularities*

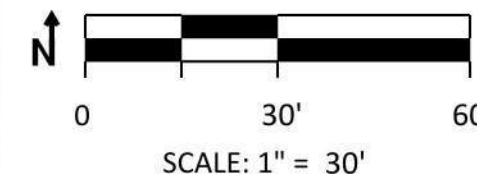
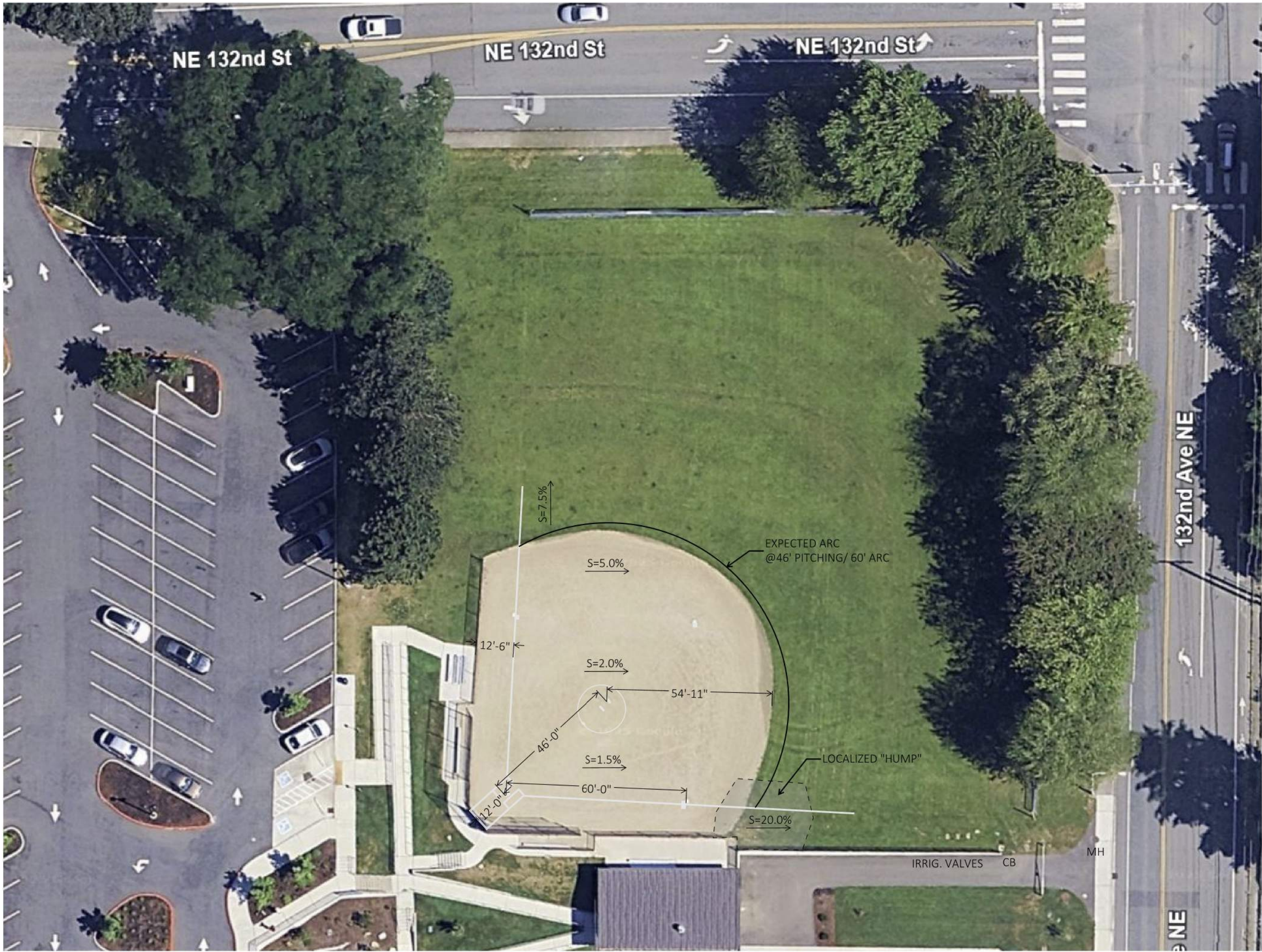


*Image 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Base Line / Foul Territory Grade Irregularities*



*Image 6, Relatively even transitions between the foul lines*





## Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

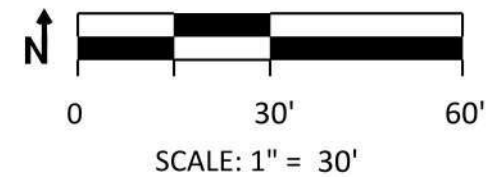
### Existing Conditions

*"Skinned" Infield*  
*No subsurface drainage*  
*Soil-Based Natural Grass*  
*Variable cross-slope*

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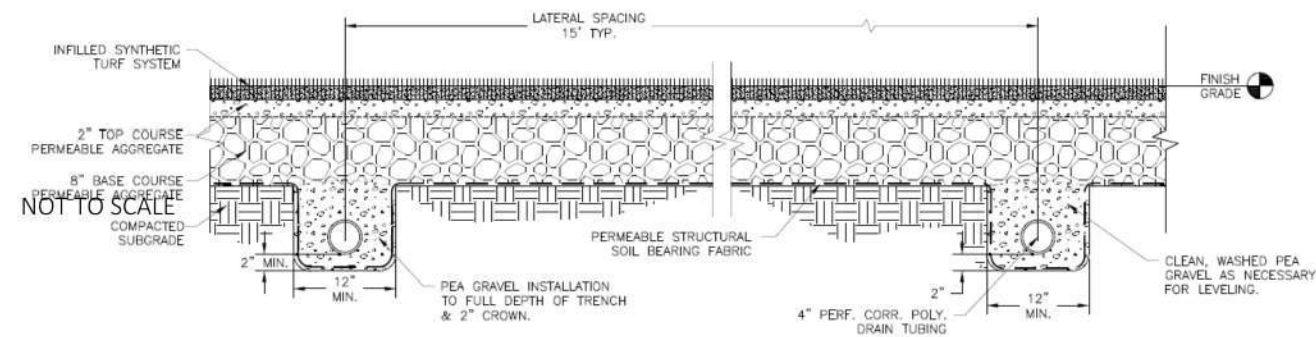
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New Fence-line Curb  
Synthetic Turf Surfacing  
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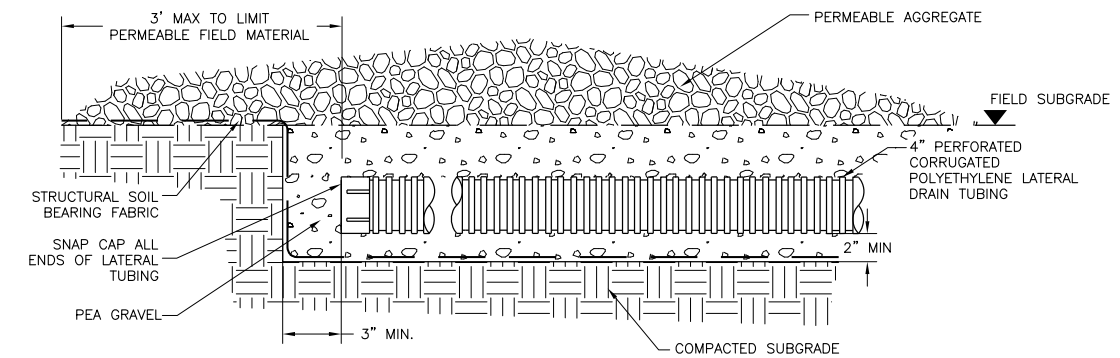
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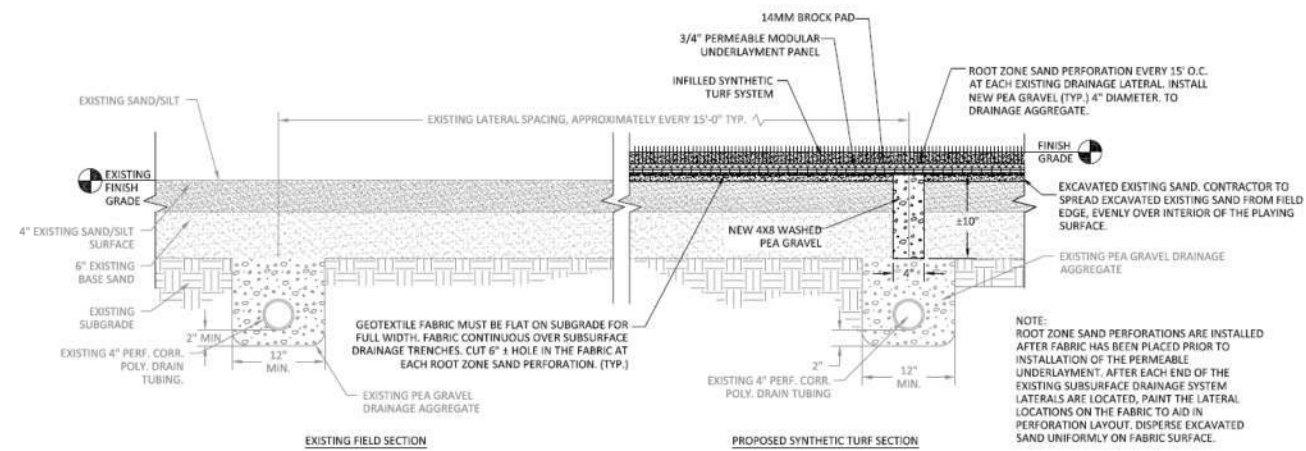




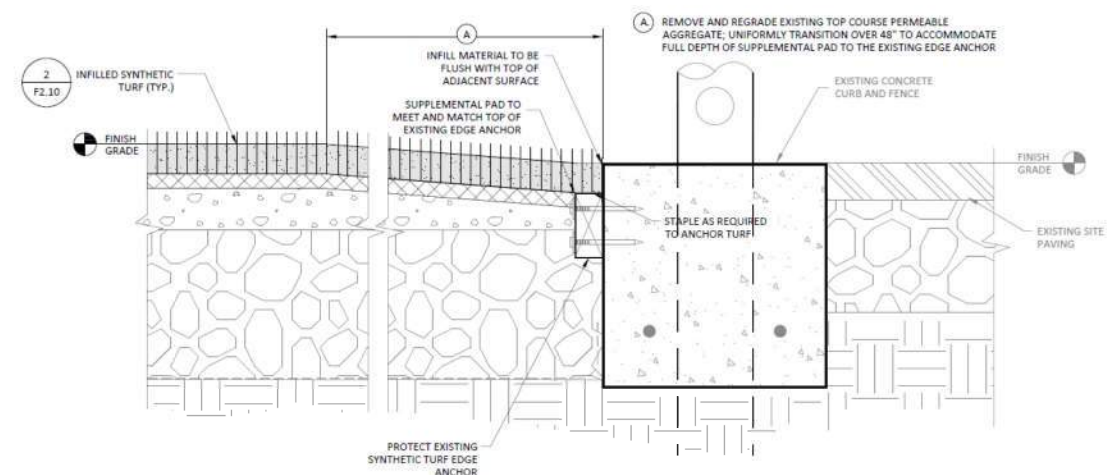
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CRESTWOODS NOTE: REPLACE EXISTING DRAINAGE AGGREGATE



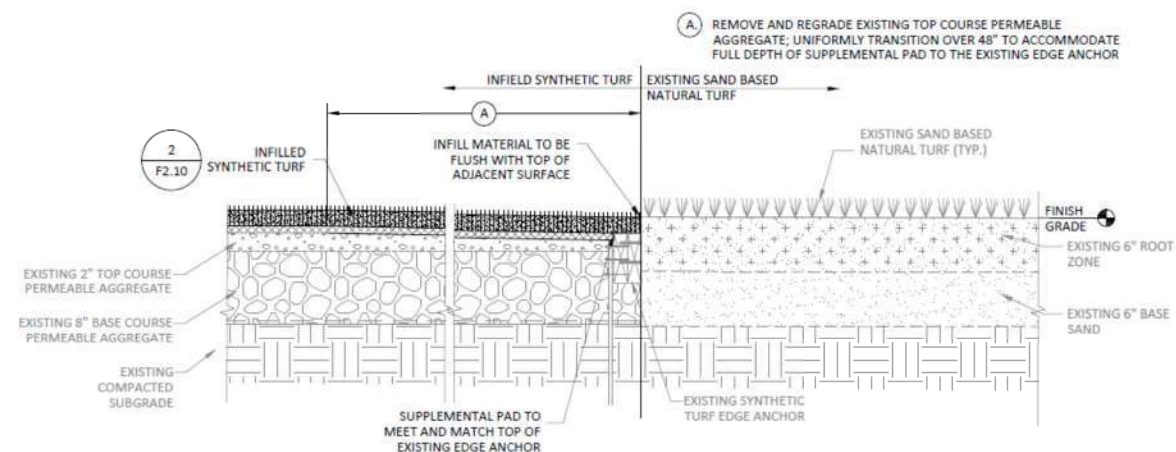
**D** **TRENCHED SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE**  
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**C** **OVERLAY**  
NOT TO SCALE



**F** **CONTAINMENT CURB & EDGE ANCHOR**  
NOT TO SCALE  
CRESTWOODS NOTE: CURB IS EXISTING



**G** **EDGE ANCHOR @ GRASS TRANSITION**  
NOT TO SCALE

# Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

Typical Details

City of Kirkland, WA  
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# **Attachment E**

## **132nd Square Park Stormwater Figure**

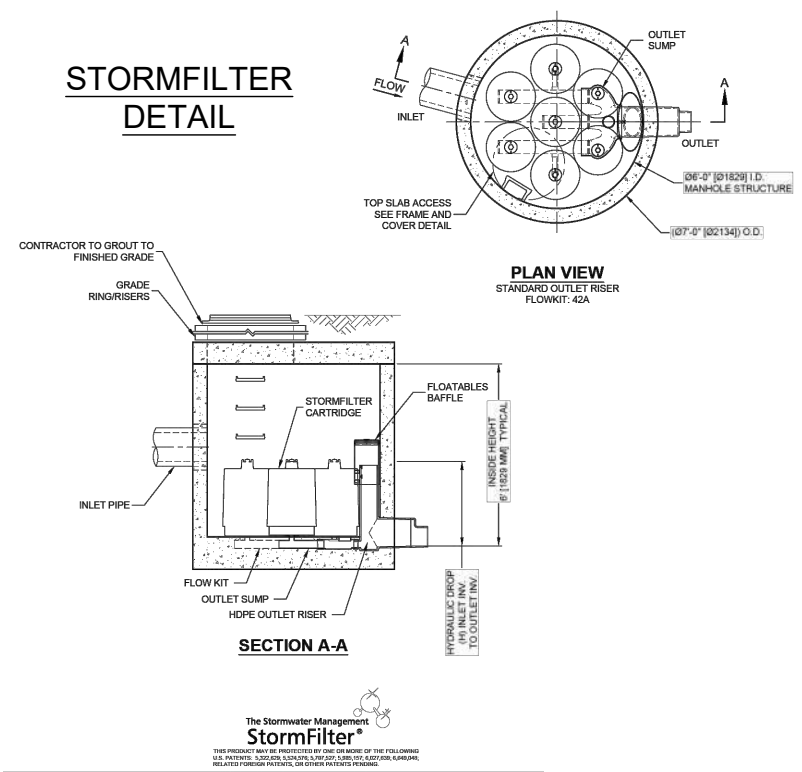
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132ND SQUARE PARK



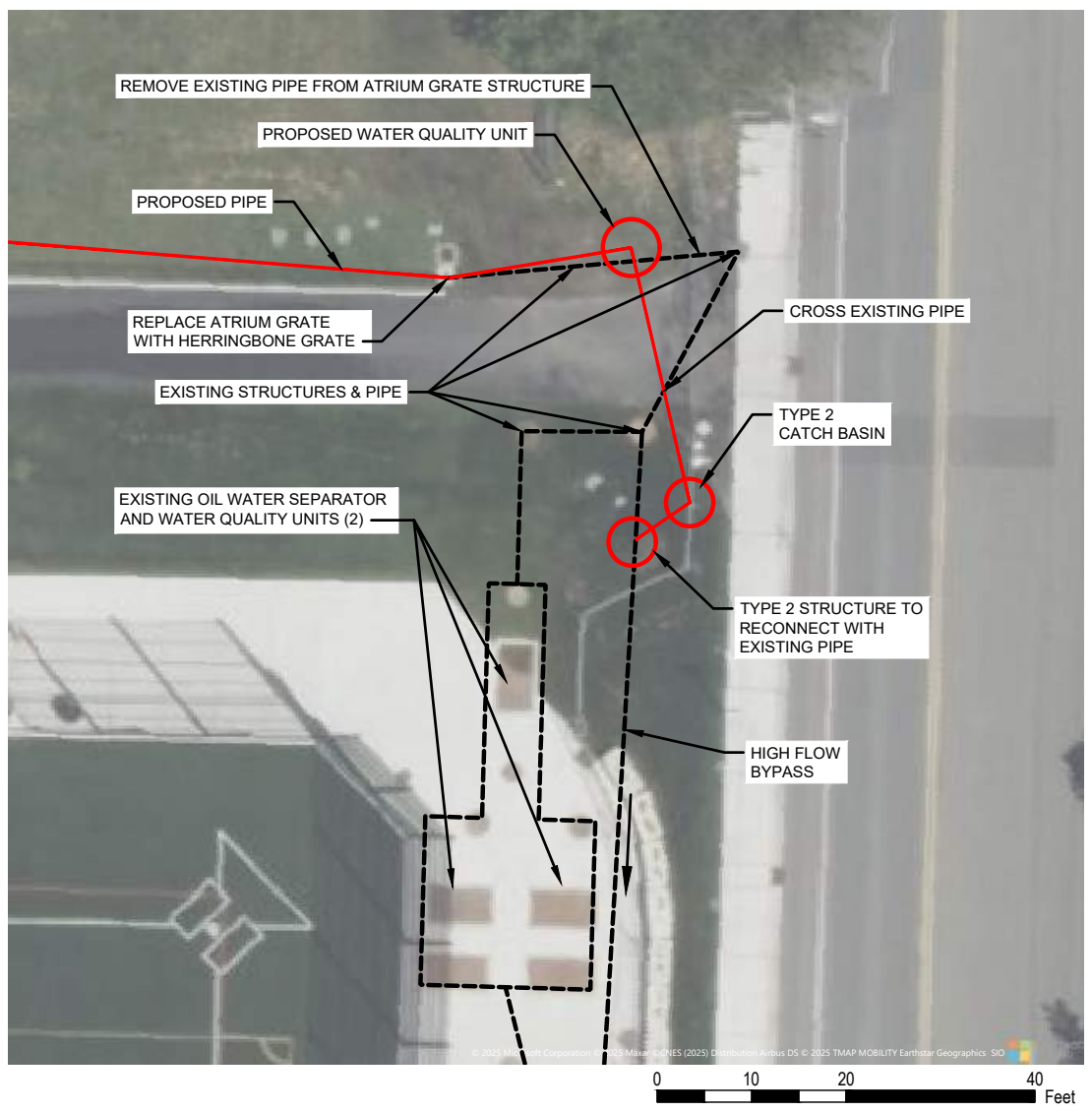
**STORMFILTER  
DETAIL**



132ND SQUARE PARK BALLFIELD



WATER QUALITY FACILITY



**SITE NOTES:**

1. SITE LOCATION: 132ND SQUARE PARK, KIRKLAND WA
2. THIS DESIGN ASSUMES CR #3 FLOW CONTROL CAN BE MET WITHIN EXISTING STORMWATER SYSTEM INSTALLED IN 2021.
3. THIS DESIGN ASSUMES CR #1-2, 4-7 AND 9 CAN BE MET WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FACILITIES



# **Attachment F**

## **D.A. Hogan Crestwoods Park Infield Conversion**

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## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Neil Schaner, PE, Herrera

**Cc:** Eliza Hoffman, Herrera

**From:** Eric Gold

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Gold", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Date:** August 26, 2025

**Re:** City of Kirkland Parks  
Crestwoods Park Infield Surface Conversion  
Feasibility Study Narrative

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### Existing Conditions

The following are our observations of existing conditions associated with the infield playing surface and immediately adjacent surfaces only. Fencing, Player & Spectator amenities, and outfield conditions were not assessed. Refer also to the attached "Existing Conditions" exhibit. Images follow.

- Fully "Skinned" Infield, consisting of approximately 6" of clay/silt/sand infield soil mix, over 6" of coarse sand, consistent with the record of 2005 improvements. The constituent materials were unscientifically "tested" via a simple water-settlement process to determine approximate particle gradations (see attached "Crestwoods Park Section Sampling"), and while generally containing higher percentages of fines than might be desirable, the materials seem perfectly functional in the context of the installation.
- Subsurface drainage system was located and a sample of the drainage aggregate backfill was obtained. Visually, the aggregate was immediately observed to be far courser than desired, generally 1-½" x ½" crushed washed stone. While this material has its uses, the large void spaces do not allow "bridging" of the sand materials above, and so we found (via testing as above) roughly 20% of the expected 35% void space to be occupied by sand and fines.
- Fence line includes a consistent concrete containment curb.
- Grades are generally uniform across the site, assumed to match the 2005 record at 1.67% diagonally SW to NE.
- The existing infield/outfield arc is not consistent with accepted "typical" little league baseball rules for dimension, i.e., a 60' radius drawn from the front-center of a pitching slab at 46'.

### Design Assumptions / Conclusions

The following considerations apply to any Option presented.

- The existing subsurface drainage system is suitable for re-use to varying degrees as described in the options.
- Subsurface drainage will discharge to a conveyance per Herrera.
- The amount of transition grading required will be greatly reduced by the uniform slope.
- Significant adjustments / retrofit of the existing irrigation zones around the arc will be required due only to the assumed reconfiguration of the arc to suit little league expectations.

### "Overlay" Conversion

- This unique approach usually falls under WAC 197-11-800 Categorical Exceptions SEPA Exemption for Recreational Facilities Maintenance as it a) does not disturb subgrade and b) generates little-to-no waste.
- Prior to beginning the work in earnest, the existing subsurface drainage system needs to be located. We know that the westernmost drainage lateral is located exactly 4' east of the first base dugout fenceline, so this should not be difficult. The 2005 record indicates a 15' o.c. installation.
- A transition is established around the installation perimeter to allow the finished surface of the synthetic turf to meet and match flush to surrounding surfaces as appropriate – this consists of the synthetic turf, supplemental pad (if required), and turf infill materials depths combined. This will also set the height of the turf edge anchor. For fully-skinned infields, the excavated material can be dispersed (scattered, lost) across the interior surface.



- The existing surface is then prepared by removing all unwanted vegetation, dragging to a uniform grade, and rolling to a firm and unyielding condition. The surface is then covered completely with an 8oz/sy non-woven geotextile.
- Penetrations to the existing subsurface drainage laterals, “chimney drains”, are then created by simply cutting a 12” “X” in the fabric and auguring 6” diameter holes to the drainage aggregate on a 15’ o.c. grid. The waste material from this is so incidental it too can be dispersed across the surface. The holes are filled with #4x#8 pea gravel to grade.
- A pre-molded, interlocking, panelized drainage tile is then installed, trimming neatly to all of the perimeter edges.
- Synthetic turf surfacing of an approved specification, along with irrigation retrofit and site restoration completes this installation.

#### Traditional Full-Section

- This option can be oriented so that the subsurface drainage flows either west-to-east (option 2) or east-to-west (option 3).
- Grading design identifies a uniform and consistent slope and aspect, in this case approximately 1.67% sloping from SW to NE. The subgrade is prepared to spec tolerance planarity and density.
- The existing subsurface drainage system is abandoned in place or removed. The existing collector is maintained.
- A perforated collector is installed from a new control structure near the limit of the infield work as a solid pipe conveyance. Herrera will provide further conveyance to code compliance and discharge.
- Non-woven geotextile separator fabric is placed across the entire subgrade.
- New subsurface drainage laterals consisting of perforated 4” double walled corrugated polyethylene (CPEP) with #4x#8 pea gravel backfill are installed 15’ on center at 0.5% slope to the new collector.
- The subgrade is graded to a +0.05’/-0.05’ tolerance, firm and unyielding. Non-woven geotextile is placed between the subsurface drainage laterals, not covering the trenches.
- 8” of permeable aggregate base course (rough graded), 2” of permeable aggregate top course (fine graded) will comprise the field foundation/base. This allows for both vertical and lateral infiltration of stormwater through the surface, base, and to the subsurface drainage trenches.
- Synthetic turf surfacing of an approved specification, along with irrigation retrofit and site restoration completes this installation.



**APPROX. GRADATION:**  
CLAY 3%  
SILT 1%  
FINE SAND 18%  
GRAVEL 78%  
TOTAL 100%

**CRESTWOODS PARK FIELD 4  
SECTION MATERIALS SETTLEMENT TESTING  
DRAINAGE AGGREGATE SAMPLE JUNE 18, 2025**





**APPROX. GRADATION:**  
**CLAY & COLLOIDAL 4%**  
**SILT 4%**  
**FINE SAND 36%**  
**MEDIUM SAND 56%**  
**TOTAL 100%**

**CRESTWOODS PARK FIELD 4**  
**SECTION MATERIALS SETTLEMENT TESTING**

**BASE SAND SAMPLE JUNE 18, 2025**



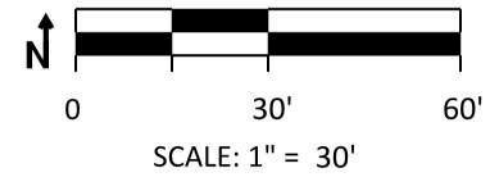


**APPROX. GRADATION:**  
**COLLOIDAL 8%**  
**CLAY 4%**  
**SILT 40%**  
**FINE SAND 48%**  
**TOTAL 100%**

**CRESTWOODS PARK FIELD 4**  
**SECTION MATERIALS SETTLEMENT TESTING**

**INFIELD TOP MIX SAMPLE JUNE 18, 2025**





# Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

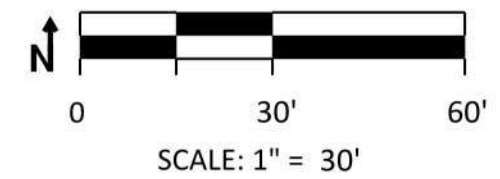
Existing Conditions

*Standard "Skinned" Infield  
Existing Fence-line Curb  
Standard 6"/6" Infield Section  
Suspect Drainage System Backfills*

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Crestwoods Park  
1818 6th St, Kirkland  
WA 98033





# Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

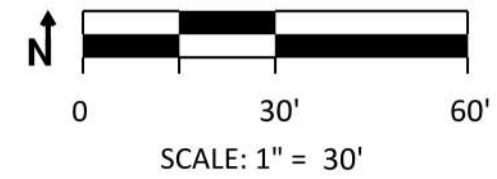
Option 1

"Chimney" Drains  
Overlaid Panel Drains  
Limited Transition Zone Sod  
Synthetic Turf

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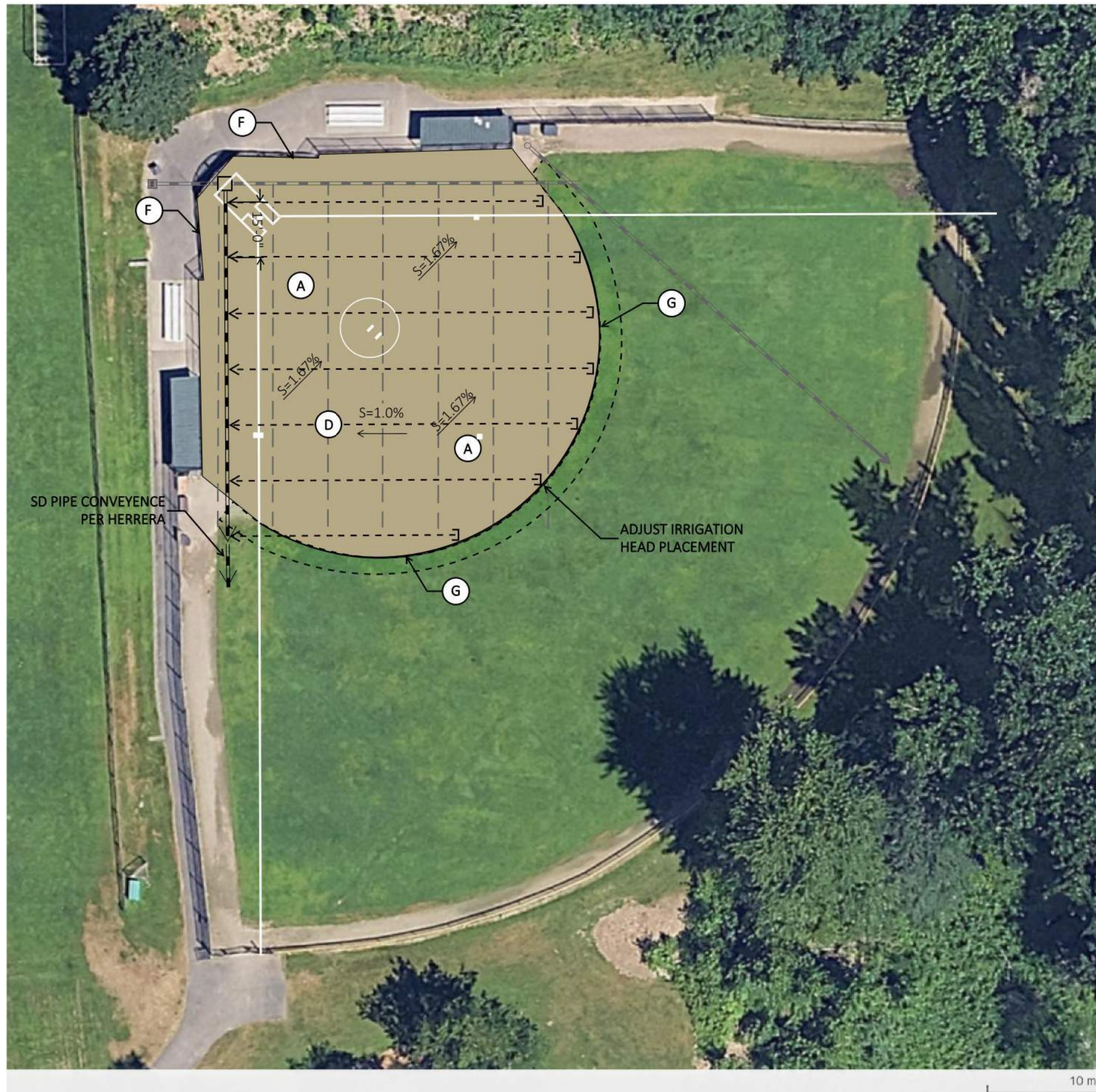
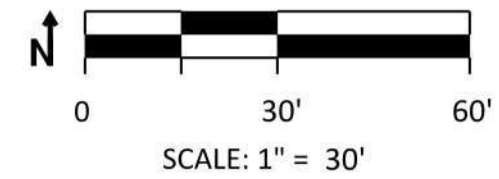
Option 2

Full-Section Base  
Abandon Existing Drainage In-Place  
New Flat Drains on Subgrade  
Limited Transition Zone Sod  
Synthetic Turf

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# Infield Synthetic Turf Conversion Study

Option 3

Full-Section Base  
Replace Existing Drainage Aggregate  
Limited Transition Zone Sod  
Synthetic Turf

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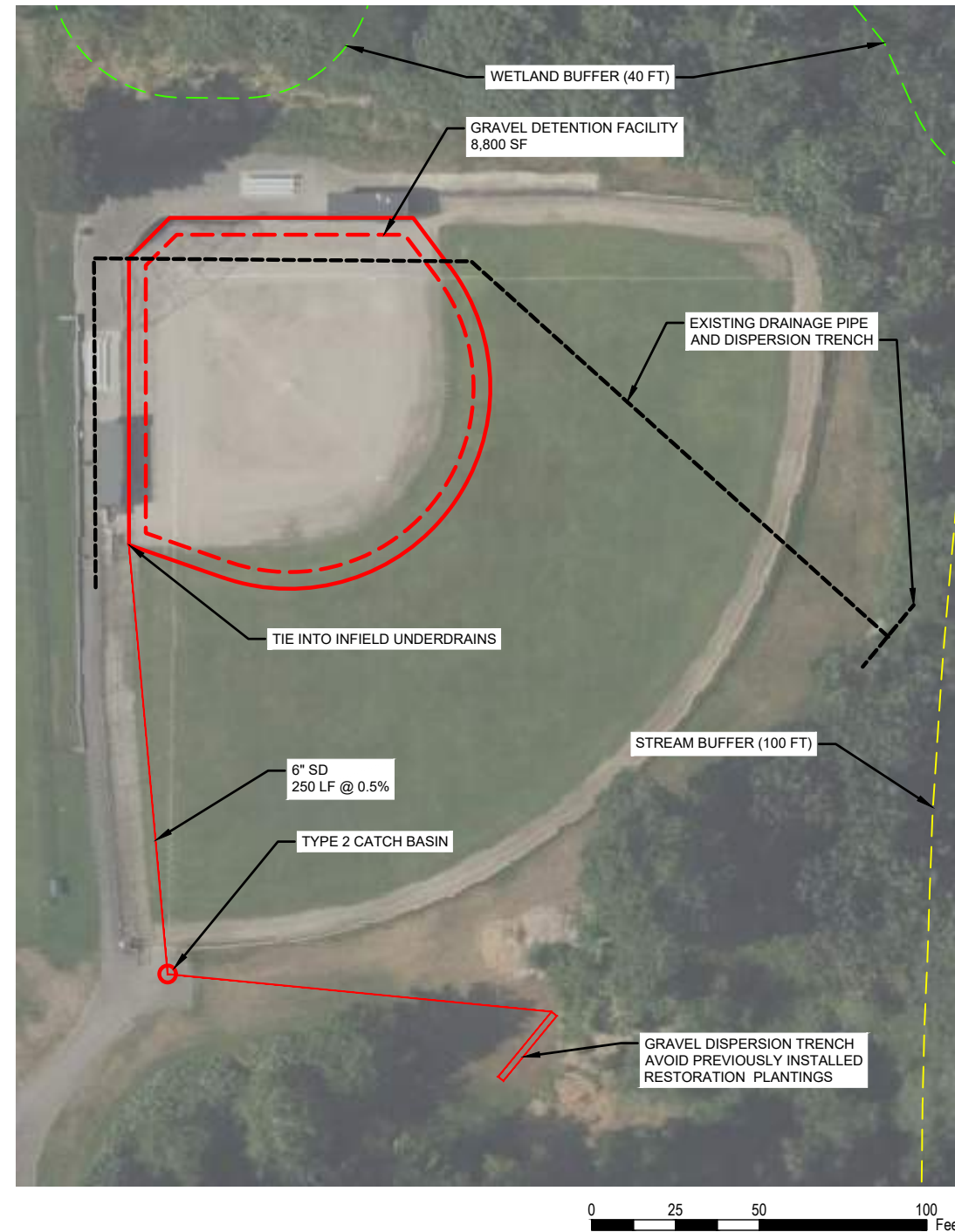
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## **Crestwoods Park Stormwater Figures**

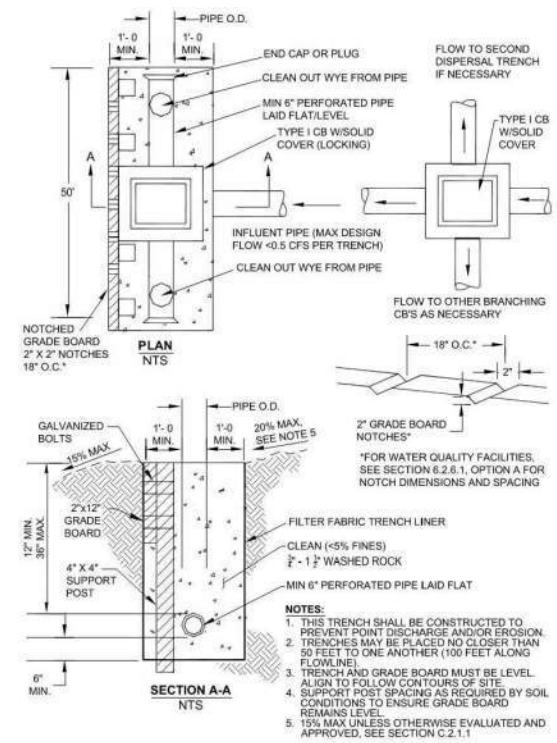


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## CRESTWOODS BALLFIELD & FLOW CONTROL FACILITY



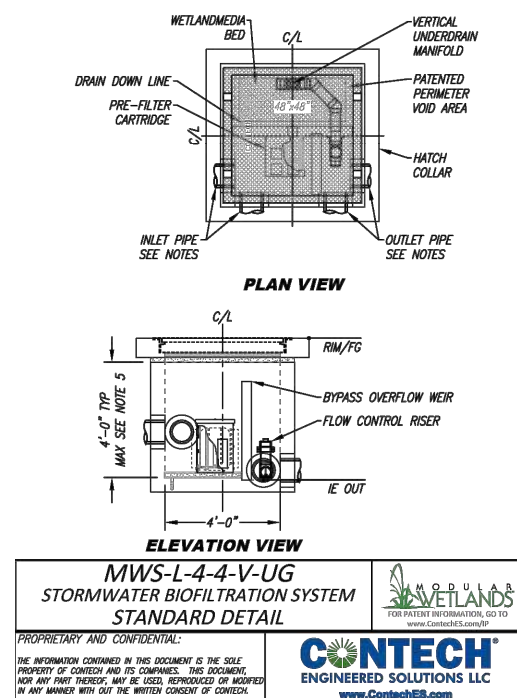
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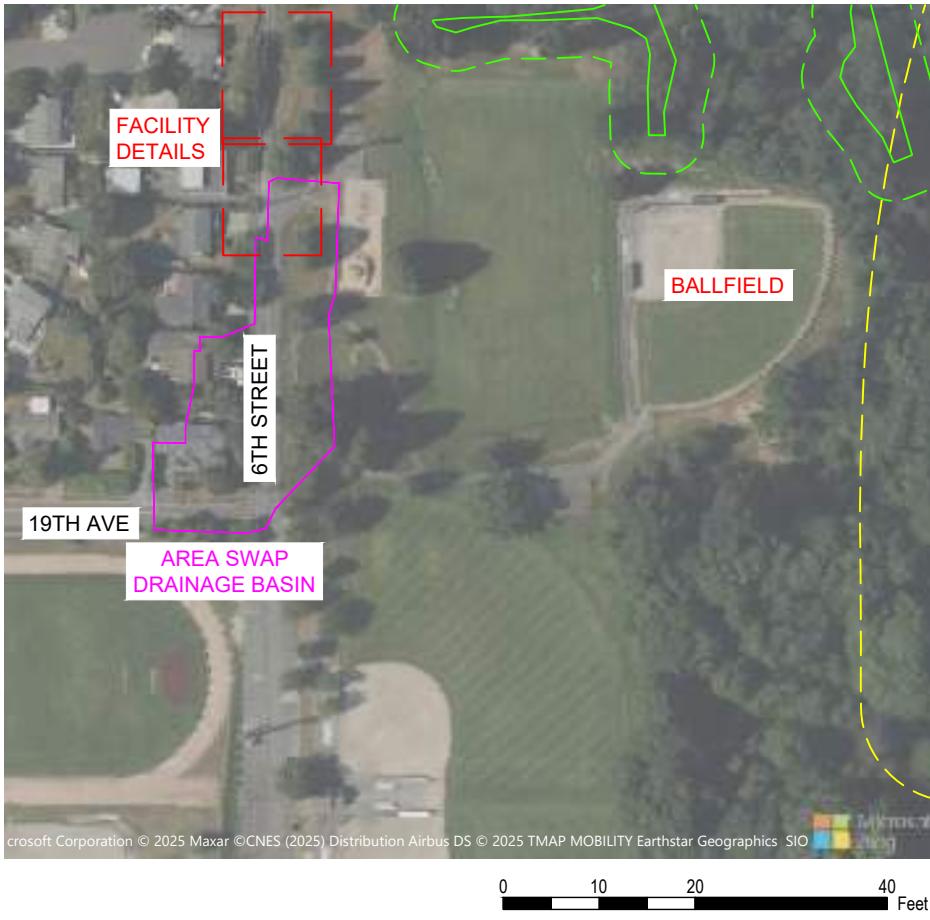


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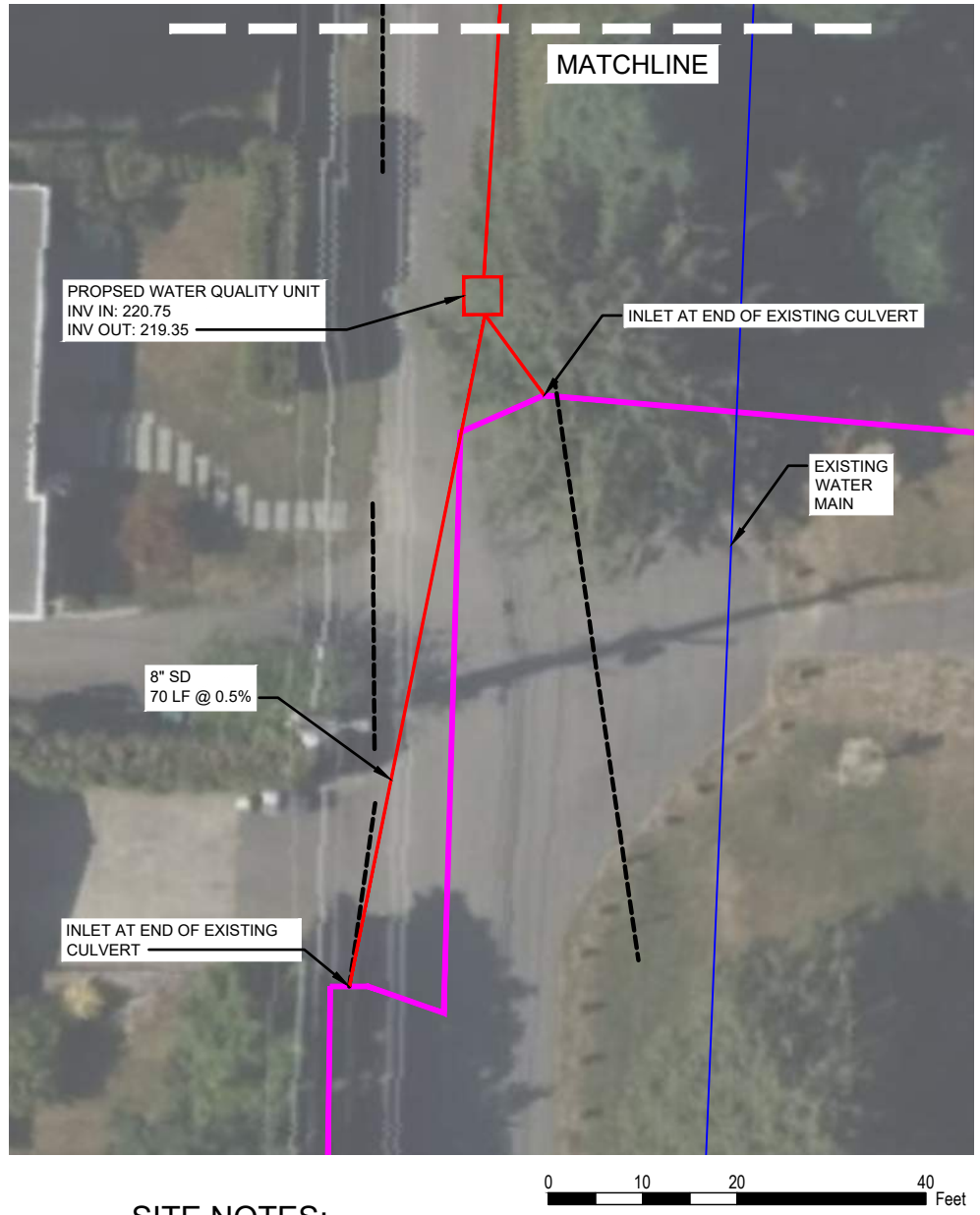
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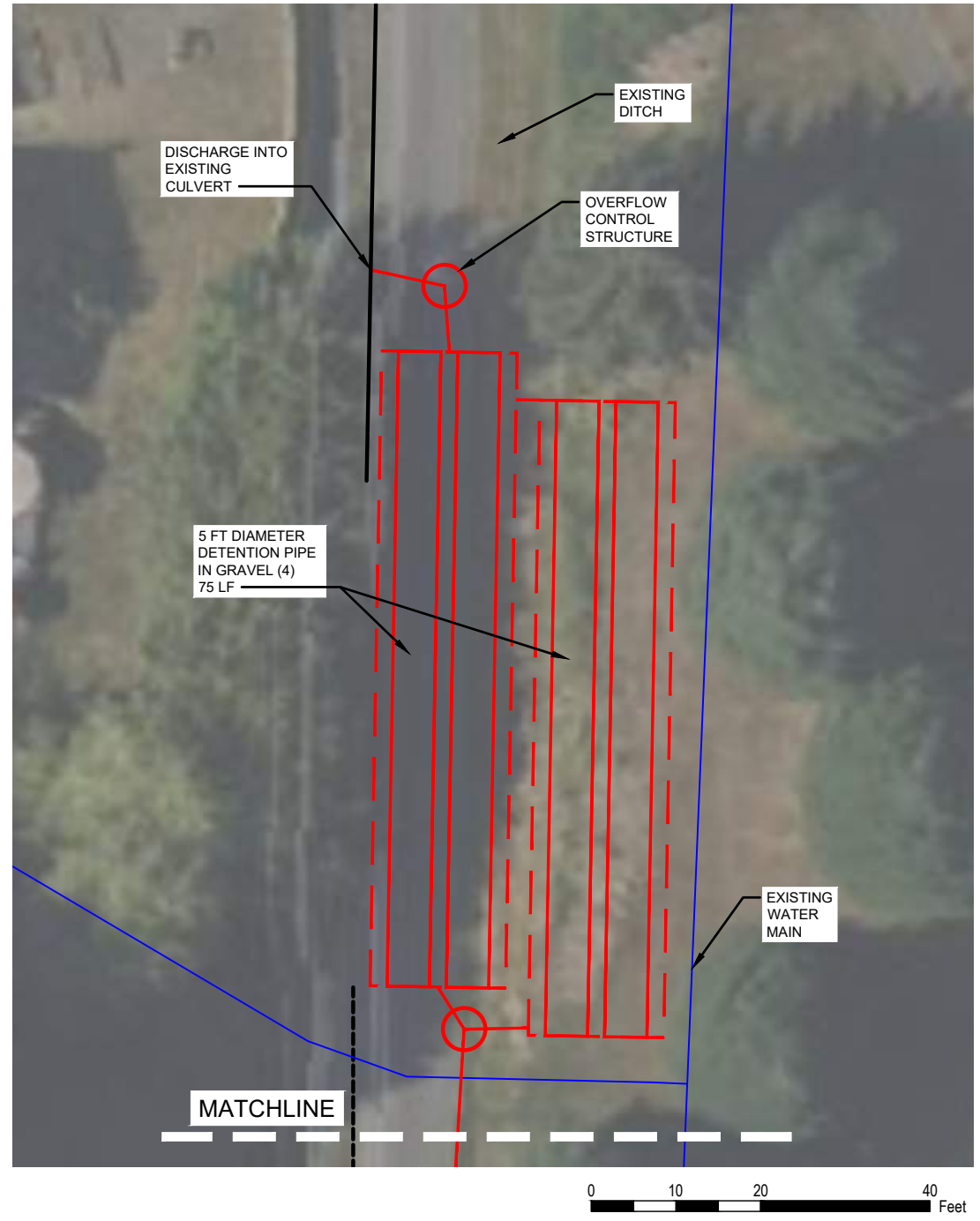
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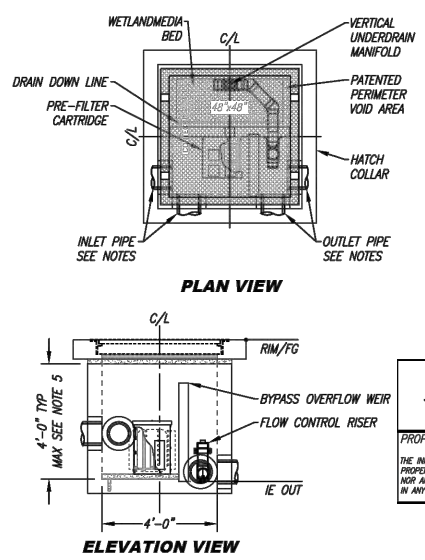
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FLOW CONTROL FACILITY



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Park Board

**From:** John Lloyd, Deputy Director – Parks and Community Services  
Emily Lima Welch, Administrative Assistant

**Date:** September 24, 2025

**Subject:** Park Board Work Plan Discussion

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Park Board continue discussing the development of a Park Board work plan.

### BACKGROUND:

The development of a Park Board work plan was a discussion item at the May, June and August Park Board meetings earlier this year. As discussed in May, Park Board has not adopted a work plan since May 2021 for a variety of reasons. However, Park Board members have expressed interest in reviving a formal work plan for the Board.

At the August 27, 2025 Park Board meeting, Board members discussed the Draft Work Plan included with this memo as **Attachment 1**. The Board identified several changes to be made in a future draft, including the following:

- More proactive language, and less passive language throughout
- Improved tracking of the PROS Plan goals
- Improved definition of the Board Member role or action
- Defining external communication (what the Board communicates with the community) separately from internal communication (what the Board communicates with the Parks & Community Services department)

Since the August meeting, staff have developed an updated draft Park Board work plan based on the feedback provided. An updated Draft Park Board work plan is included as **Attachment 2**. In particular, the updated work plan:

- Categorizes items in the work plan by:
  - Active Projects & Board Actions
  - Updates & Long-Term Projects
  - Board Administration & Housekeeping
- Defines the 'Board Role' as an action item, with supporting information in column 'Detail'
- Differentiates between 'Feedback' and 'Recommendations'
  - Feedback: An informal survey of Board input and public opinion on a topic
  - Recommendation: A Board direction taken by a majority vote on a specific action

## **NEXT STEPS**

The Park Board will continue their discussion of the development of a Park Board work plan at the September 24, 2025 Park Board meeting, with the intention of reviewing their draft Park Board work plan with Council at a joint session.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – August 2025 Draft Park Board Work Plan

Attachment 2 – September 2025 Draft Park Board Work Plan

**DRAFT Park Board Work Plan****Last updated Aug 22 2025 by PCS Staff**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Categories</b>	<b>Board Role</b>
Kraken Iceplex & Community Recreation Center	City Council Work Plan; PROS Goal 3	Stay updated on current Council direction and actions, provide recommendations to Council, encourage community participation in City public engagement initiatives.
Peter Kirk Pool Enclosure	City Council Work Plan; PROS Goal 1	Stay updated on current Council direction and actions, provide recommendations to Council, encourage community participation in City public engagement initiatives.
Board Member Engagement Plan <i>(Development and Implementation)</i>		Plan, outline, and set goals and expectations for Board Member engagement in Parks Maintenance, Events & Services, and Recreation. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support department outreach initiatives by hosting a table at Juanita Friday Market</li><li>• Joint Session Invitational—plan, prepare and attend an annual invitational with another Board, Council or Committee to connect, seek new perspectives on Board topics, and better understand department priorities</li><li>• Volunteer at major community building events such as Celebrate Kirkland</li></ul>
CIP Updates <i>(including Park Site Development Planning)</i>		Receive <b>monthly</b> updates on CIP Dashboard, reviewing active projects and status. Projects include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• O.O. Denny shelter construction</li><li>• Marina shoreline project</li><li>• Park Development Planning<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Spinney Homestead</li><li>○ Green Loop</li></ul></li></ul>
NKCC Facility Feasibility Assessment <i>(Renovation/Expansion)</i>	PROS Goal 1	Stay updated on current dept direction and actions, provide recommendations to Staff and Council, encourage community participation in engagement initiatives.
ADA Plan <i>(Development and Implementation)</i>	PROS Goal 5; ADA Plan	Stay updated on current dept direction and actions, provide recommendations to Staff and Council, encourage community participation in engagement initiatives.
Marketing & Community Engagement Plan <i>(Development and Implementation)</i>	PROS Goal 3; PROS Goal 4	Stay updated on current dept direction and actions, provide recommendations to Staff and Council, encourage community participation in engagement initiatives, align Board Member



DRAFT Park Board Work Plan		
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Topic	Categories	Board Role
		Engagement plan to align with department Marketing & Community Engagement goals.
Recreation Program Plan (Development and Implementation, including Key Performance Indicators)	PROS Goal 3	Stay updated on current dept direction and actions, provide recommendations to Staff and Council, encourage community participation in engagement initiatives.
Re-establishment of KTUB	PROS Goal 3	Receive updates and provide feedback upon request. Evaluate successes and expand into daytime programming and summer camps. Continue to monitor while funding remains designated as "one-time."
Review of department municipal codes	PROS Goal 4	Review of draft Municipal codes, provide comments / feedback to Staff and Council.
Park Board Work Plan	Admin	Review, reassess, rewrite, and re-approve Board Work Plan <b>bi-annually</b> and present to Council for approval.
Department Budget	Admin	Receive administrative updates <b>annually</b> on PCS Department budget.
Department Overview and Administration	Admin	Receive administrative updates <b>annually</b> on PCS department operations and structure.
Division Overviews	Admin	Receive administrative updates <b>quarterly</b> on each division in PCS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events &amp; Services</li> <li>• Human Services</li> <li>• Parks Management</li> <li>• Recreation).</li> </ul>
Training Requirements (Public Meetings, Robert's Rules, Records Retention)	Admin	Receive updates <b>bi-annually</b> on training items
Chair & Vice Chair Elections	Admin	Elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair annually
City Council Updates	Admin	Receive monthly updates on PCS items at City Council

DRAFT Park Board Work Plan			
Last updated September 19 2025 by PCS Staff			
Topic	Category	Board Role	Detail
Active Projects and Board Actions			
Kraken Iceplex & Community Recreation Center	City Council Work Plan; PROS Goal 3	<b>Support</b> the development of the Kraken Iceplex & Community Center project, with a focus on maximizing public recreation benefits.	<b>Support by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay updated and informed on current Council direction and actions related to the Kraken development, be able to communicate the status to others, and redirect community members to Staff or City resources when applicable</li> <li>Provide recommendations to Staff and Council on specific project items as they arise during project development</li> <li><a href="#">Activate [propel; motivate; energize]</a> community participation in City public engagement initiatives such as public hearings or surveys</li> </ul>
Peter Kirk Pool <a href="#">Re-Development</a>	City Council Work Plan, PROS Goal 1	<b>Support</b> the long-term development of the Peter Kirk Pool (such as the construction of an enclosure), with a focus on maximizing access to swimming lessons.	<b>Support by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay updated and informed on current Council direction and actions related to the Peter Kirk Pool site re-development, be able to communicate the status to others, and redirect to Staff or City resources when applicable</li> <li>Provide recommendations to Staff and Council on specific project items as they arise during project development</li> <li><a href="#">Activate [propel; motivate; energize]</a> community participation in City public engagement initiatives such as public hearings or surveys</li> </ul>
Board Member Engagement Plan	Administration	<b>Create and publish</b> a Board Member Engagement Plan that can be implemented in future Board Member onboarding.	<b>Plan, outline, and set goals and expectations</b> for Board Member engagement in Parks Maintenance, Events & Services, and Recreation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External engagement with the community (such as serving as neighborhood associations liaisons)</li> <li>Internal engagement with the Department (such as making recommendations to Council)</li> </ul> <i>When the Board Member Engagement Plan is completed and approved, the 'Action' item will be moved into the 'Administration' section as a new item, to be periodically revisited (like the Work Plan)</i>
Update department municipal codes	PROS Goal 4	<b>Recommend</b> drafted municipal codes for Council approval.	<b>Review</b> draft Municipal codes, and <b>provide comments, amendments or recommendations</b> to Staff and Council.
NKCC Facility Feasibility Assessment ( <i>Renovation / Expansion</i> )	PROS Goal 1	<b>Receive updates and provide feedback</b> on the NKCC Facility Feasibility Assessment and results, with a focus on long-term site goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive annual updates on the NKCC Facility Feasibility Assessment and be able to provide community members with City resources or Staff contact information regarding project status</li> <li>Provide recommendations to Staff and Council on specific project items as they arise during project development</li> <li><a href="#">Activate [propel; motivate; energize]</a> community participation in City public engagement initiatives such as public hearings or surveys</li> </ul>

## DRAFT PARK BOARD WORK PLAN – SEPTEMBER 2025

DRAFT Park Board Work Plan			
Last updated September 19 2025 by PCS Staff			
Topic	Category	Board Role	Detail
CIP Updates (including Park Site Development Planning)	PCS Department Work Plan	<b>Receive updates</b> on the department CIP Dashboard <b>and provide recommendations</b> on items under development.	<b>Receive <u>monthly</u> updates</b> on CIP Dashboard <b>and provide feedback and/or recommendations</b> upon request. Projects include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O.O. Denny shelter construction</li> <li>• Marina shoreline project</li> <li>• <u>Park Development Planning</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Spinney Homestead</li> <li>&gt; Green Loop</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Updates and Long-Term Projects			
Re-establishment of KTUB	PROS Goal 3	<b>Receive updates</b> on the re-establishment of KTUB and provide feedback at request.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive annual updates on the re-establishment of KTUB and other teen services, and be able to provide community members with City resources or Staff contact information regarding further information</li> <li>• Provide feedback to Staff on specific project items as they arise during project development</li> </ul> <i>When KTUB is allocated ongoing funding, the 'Updates' item will be collapsed into the 'Administration' item 'Division Overviews - Recreation'</i>
PROS Plan Review & Status Updates	PROS Plan	<b>Receive updates</b> on PROS Plan status and provide feedback on future project prioritization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive updates on the 7 identified PROS Plan goals throughout the year (i.e., roughly one goal is reviewed every other month)</li> </ul>
PCS ADA Plan	PROS Goal 5; ADA Plan	<b>Receive updates</b> on the PCS department ADA Plan and provide feedback at request.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive annual updates on the department ADA Plan development and be able to provide community members with City resources or Staff contact information regarding project status</li> <li>• Provide feedback to Staff on specific project items as they arise during project development</li> </ul>
PCS Marketing & Community Engagement Plan	PROS Goal 3; PROS Goal 4	<b>Receive updates</b> on the PCS department Marketing & Community Engagement Plan <b>and provide feedback</b> at request, with a focus on how the Park Board is leveraged to improve department community engagement efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive annual updates on the department Marketing &amp; Community Engagement Plan development and be able to provide community members with City resources or Staff contact information regarding project status</li> <li>• Provide feedback to Staff on specific project items as they arise during project development.</li> <li>• Align Board Member Engagement Plan with PCS department Marketing &amp; Community Engagement goals</li> </ul>



DRAFT Park Board Work Plan			
Last updated September 19 2025 by PCS Staff			
Topic	Category	Board Role	Detail
PCS Recreation Program Plan	PROS Goal 3	<b>Receive updates</b> on the PCS department Recreation Program Plan and provide feedback at request.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive annual updates on the department Recreation Program Plan development and be able to provide community members with City resources or Staff contact information regarding project status</li> <li>• Provide feedback to Staff on specific project items as they arise during project development</li> </ul>
Board Administration and Housekeeping			
Park Board Work Plan	Administration	<b>Create and publish</b> a Park Board Work Plan bi-annually.	<b>Create (review, reassess, rewrite) and re-approve</b> an updated Park Board Work Plan bi-annually in odd years (including presenting the Work Plan to Council for approval).
Joint Meeting with Council	Administration	<b>Plan and attend</b> joint meetings with City Council annually.	<b>Develop an agenda</b> for an annual joint meeting with Council. Topics may include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park development plan [formerly: master plan] review</li> <li>• Board Work Plan approval</li> <li>• Board Engagement Plan approval</li> <li>• PROS Plan status review</li> </ul>
Department Budget	Administration	<b>Receive training</b> on the PCS department Budget.	<b>Receive training</b> on the approved annual PCS Department budget <b>annually in Q1</b> (including overviews of any approved service packages).
Department Overview and Administration	Administration	<b>Receive training</b> on the PCS department organization and administration.	<b>Receive training</b> on the PCS Department organization, operations, and structure including any updates to the organization <b>annually in Q2</b> .
Division Overviews	Administration	<b>Receive operational updates</b> on the PCS department divisions.	<b>Receive operational updates</b> <b>annually</b> on each division in PCS (i.e., one division overview per quarter): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events &amp; Services</li> <li>• Human Services</li> <li>• Parks Management</li> <li>• Recreation</li> </ul>
Chair & Vice Chair Elections	Administration	<b>Elect</b> a Chair and Vice-Chair annually.	<b>Elect</b> a Chair and a Vice Chair annually at the last session of the calendar year.



**CITY OF KIRKLAND**  
**Parks and Community Services**  
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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Park Board

**From:** John Lloyd, Deputy Director – Parks and Community Services

**Date:** September 17, 2025

**Subject:** 2025 Park Board Joint Meeting with City Council

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend the Park Board discuss topics for discussion with City Council in advance of the joint meeting with City Council scheduled on October 21, 2025.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Park Board and City Council are scheduled to meet on October 21, 2025. This joint meeting with City Council is an opportunity for Park Board to directly interface with City Council. Past topics for these joint meetings have focused on top City Council and Park Board priorities. The last joint meeting was held on April 4, 2023<sup>1</sup>, and focused on the upcoming ballot measure and park level of service. Following the joint meeting, Park Board discussed a few ways to improve the meeting with Council, including bringing more structure to the discussion. Rather than hold a free-flowing discussion, Park Board should identify someone to introduce each topic and highlight why it is important to the Board. Specific questions or concerns related to each topic should be included in the memo sent to City Council in advance of the meeting. Park Board also requested the memo to Council be from Park Board rather than staff. Finally, it was recommended that a presentation be developed to help guide the conversation. This presentation should include the specific questions or concerns identified by the Board.

At the September meeting, staff will lead a discussion with Park Board to finalize discussion topics and plan the logistics for the upcoming joint meeting with City Council. Based on recent discussions with Park Board, it is assumed that many of the topics for discussion will be related to some element of the Park Board work plan. However, Park Board may select any topic for discussion, including items not on their work plan.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

Staff will take Park Board feedback and will work with Chair Ambrosini and Vice Chair Silvia to write the memo for the Council meeting. Staff will share the memo with Park Board for a final review. The memo needs to be completed no later than October 6, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-council/agenda-documents/2023/april-4-2023/3a\\_study-session.pdf](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-council/agenda-documents/2023/april-4-2023/3a_study-session.pdf)

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**To:** [John Lloyd](#); [Park Board](#)  
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**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2025 11:29 AM  
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**Cc:** Jill Roszel <JillRoszel@AltaGO.com>; Mariah Murphy <mmurphy@kirklandwa.gov>; Jodie Galvan <jgalvan@kirklandwa.gov>  
**Subject:** Provide Insight on Kirkland's Green Loop!

Dear City of Kirkland Park Board,

The City of Kirkland is developing the Green Loop Implementation Plan to bring to life a longtime community vision: a continuous trail and open space corridor that will link parks, local and regional trails, and destinations in the Finn Hill and Juanita Neighborhoods.

This plan will support habitat preservation, expand outdoor recreation opportunities, and make it easier for people to walk, bike, and explore the city's green spaces.

**We need your input!** Your feedback is essential to help guide the vision — including where the Green Loop is located, what it looks like, and how it's built.

[Click here to take the project survey and share ideas on the online interactive public input map!](#)



Visit the [project website](#) to:

- Learn more about the plan
- Sign up to receive project updates
- Learn about upcoming community meetings and events

I've also attached a flyer you can share with your community if that's helpful.

Thank you for helping build the future of Kirkland's parks and trails!

***This email is sent on behalf of the City of Kirkland, Washington.***

**AMELIA ADAMS**

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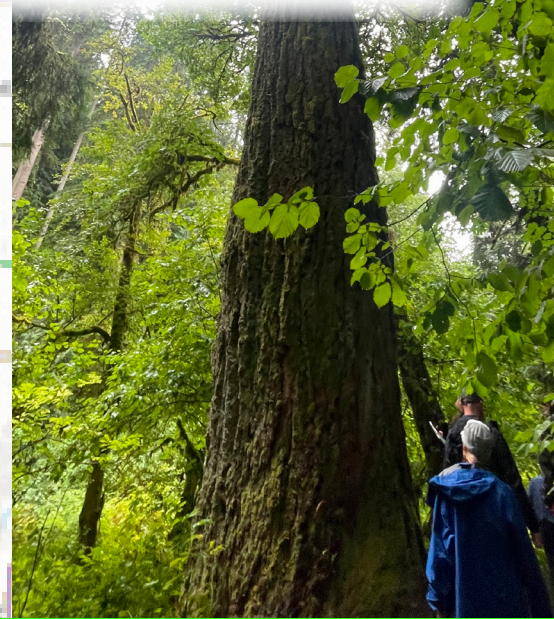
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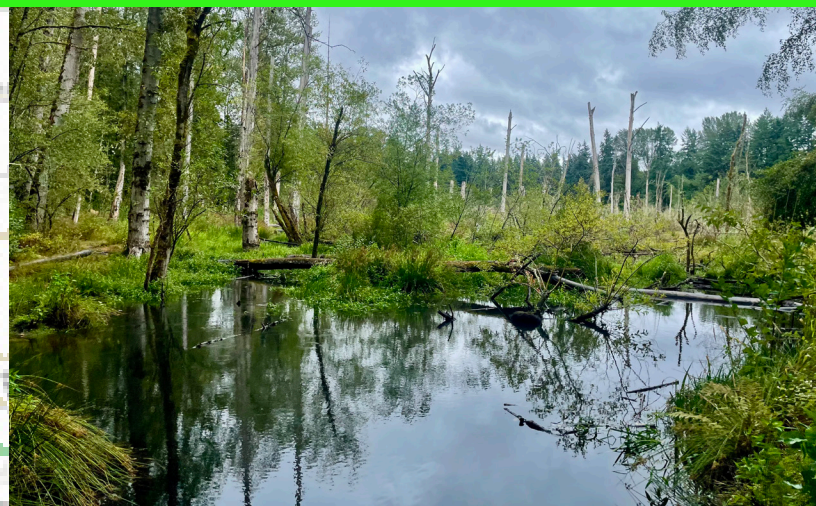


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## TAKE THE SURVEY AND SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK



Learn more on the Project Website: [https://bit.ly/Green\\_Loop](https://bit.ly/Green_Loop)



**Saint Edward  
State Park**

# The Green Loop

**Open  
Space**

**Big Finn  
Hill Park**

**Henry David  
Thoreau  
Elementary**

**Finn Hill  
Middle  
School**

**Gemmill  
Heights**

**Juanita  
Elementary  
School**

**Brookhaven  
Park**

**O.O.Denny  
Park**

**Carl Sandburg  
Elementary**

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Triangle  
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Park**

**Juanita  
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Park**

**Juanita  
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**From:** [scott@finnhill.org](mailto:scott@finnhill.org)  
**To:** [Park Board](#)  
**Subject:** Invitation to DennyFest at OO Denny Park on Saturday, September 6  
**Date:** Saturday, August 23, 2025 1:28:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [DennyFest general flyer 2025.pdf](#)

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Dear Chair Ambrosini and Park Board members,

On behalf of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance (FHNA), I am writing to invite you to DennyFest, our community's annual picnic, on Saturday, September 6, at O.O. Denny Park. The event runs from noon to 4pm.

We'll have live music, face painters, a bouncy house, a Kirkland fire truck, plus community booths, food trucks, and free beverages and light snacks. We'll have a host of community booths, including one from the UW Bothell Collaborative for Socio-Environmental Engagement (CoSEE), one from Bastyr University, and one from Alta Planning + Design, which is creating the Green Loop implementation plan. We've also booked Reptile Man and we've set up an environmentally focused geocaching tour around the main lawn of the park. This informal, family-oriented gathering attracts about 300-500 residents over the course of the afternoon.

DennyFest is not a political event but we do announce the presence of candidates and officials when they arrive; as Kirkland's citizen representatives overseeing the City's parks, you will be a particularly welcome guest. I'm sure that our neighbors would enjoy the opportunity to meet you and exchange views on the future of our community's treasured parks.

If you plan to join us, please let me know when you think you might be stopping by. We'll arrange to greet you and ensure that you are introduced to those in attendance. And if you have any questions about the event, by all means send me an email or give me a call.

We hope to see you on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

Best regards,

**Scott Morris**

Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance - President

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**Sat., Sept. 6**

**Noon to 4pm**

**O.O. Denny Park**



**Join us again this year to celebrate all things Finn Hill.**

**Enjoy live music.**

**For the kids, we'll have Reptile Man, face painters, a bouncy house, and Wild Child portraits. Plus a City of Kirkland fire truck! Lawn games and free snacks. A dog parade!!**

**Food truck, exhibitors, and your neighbors!**



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Drawing for a 2 night stay at the  
Lodge at St. Edward's along with  
a \$200 dining credit.



*Shuttle transportation will be available during the event.*





## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Park Board

**From:** Emily Lima Welch, Administrative Assistant  
John Lloyd, Deputy Director

**Date:** September 24, 2025

**Subject:** Parks & Community Services Highlights

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park Board engage and share current projects and upcoming events related to Parks & Community Services (PCS) with their neighbors, school or work associations, and other community groups.

### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Parks & Community Services Highlights are intended to be a shortlist of current projects and upcoming items relevant for members of the public to attend, participate in, and share with their communities!

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

#### **Harvest Fest**

**Saturday, October 4 2025, 11 AM – 4 PM**

#### **Juanita Beach Park**

**Description:** Bring the whole family to our 5th annual Harvest Festival! The event will include craft and food vendors, food trucks, contests, pony rides, 'kids korral' with games and crafts, as well as a pickleball tournament. It's not a harvest for many in our community, please show your support by bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to those in need. Find more information on our website<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Costume Swap**

**Donate:** Mon, Oct 6 – Fri, Oct 10 2025, 8 AM – 5 PM at North Kirkland Community Center and Kirkland City Hall

**Swap:** Saturday, October 11 2025, 10 AM – 12 PM at Kirkland City Hall

**Description:** The annual City of Kirkland Costume Swap is back! This is a great opportunity to trade in old Halloween costumes and accessories for new-to-you costumes. Learn about this sustainability event on our website<sup>2</sup>.



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Whats-Happening/Community-Events/Parks-and-Community-Services/Kirklands-Harvest-Festival>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Whats-Happening/Community-Events/Public-Works-Department-Events/Costume-Swap>

### **Día de los Muertos**

**Saturday, October 25 2025, 11 AM – 4 PM**

**Peter Kirk Community Center**

**Description:** Acompáñenos a celebrar el Día de los Muertos para recordar a nuestros familiares antepasados, y disfrutar actividades tradicionales, comida, música, y más. Save the date to celebrate Día de los Muertos as we remember our loved ones, enjoy traditional activities, food, music, and more. Look for more information on this event coming soon<sup>3</sup>.

### **Green Kirkland Stewardship Events**

**Various Dates, Times, & Locations**

**Various Sites**

**Description:** It's fall, which means it's planting season! Join Green Kirkland at one of our many upcoming events to lend a hand with stewardship activities such as removing invasive species and planting native plants in parks and natural spaces throughout Kirkland. No prior experience necessary. Tools and education are provided at all events. View the Green Kirkland Event Calendar and register online<sup>4</sup>.



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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Whats-Happening/Community-Events/Parks-and-Community-Services/Día-de-los-Muertos>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Parks-and-Community-Services/Green-Kirkland-Partnership/Event-Calendar>