Kirkland's contractor builds stormwater detention facility and renovates 132nd Square Park

City of Kirkland receives permits, bids, and Council approval for construction





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# Construction begins on oneyear surface water and park renovation project

Open-space owned by King County Housing Authority three blocks east of park along Northeast 132nd Street offered as alternative space during closure

WHAT: The park renovation begins an estimated one-year park closure while the contractor, Allied Construction, installs the surface water facility, multi-use synthetic turf field with lighting, new restroom, expanded parking with drop-off zone, new playground, walking paths, and picnic shelters.

WHEN: Kirkland's contractor plans to begin construction on June 28, 2021. It intends to complete the stormwater detention facility by the end of 2021 and to complete the park renovation by mid-summer 2022.

WHY: The City of Kirkland is renovating 132nd Square Park and, at the same time, installing a stormwater solution to benefit the waterways between Kingsgate and Lake Washington. Among other improvements, the project will replace the southern-most softball/soccer field's grassy—and frequently muddy—surface with a synthetic turf surface that will be playable all year.

Kirkland's leaders have timed the park renovation project with the installation of a stormwater system beneath the park's new synthetic turf multi-use field. The stormwater system will consolidate and treat surface water runoff from the surrounding 48.25 acres, including the nearly 10-acre park site, and is funded primarily with grant awards from two agencies. The surface water project was the highest impact project in the Juanita Creek/Totem Lake Basin Surfacewater Retrofit Study.



This rendering depicts the 132nd Square Park renovation, which begins June 28th and will close the park for approximately one year. The labyrinth shown will not be installed with this project.

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#### Nearby open space



A grassy field is available for walk-up, drop-in play. Located 3 blocks east of 132nd Square Park, along NE 132nd Street, between 135th Ave NE & 136th Ave NE.

In response to community interest for dropin play for area residents during the closure of 132nd Square Park, Kirkland partnered with the King County Housing Authority to make available their grass field and half-court basketball hoop.

Kirkland Park's maintenance crews renovated the turf and replaced the basketball hoop last fall as a condition of the agreement.

#### Additional improvements (playground features, parking, restroom, etc.)

132nd Square Park will gain improvements throughout the park:

- the parking area is being expanded and includes a drop-off zone to help people access the park and multi-use field
- new, larger restroom building with exterior drinking fountains and bottle filling station
- new playground features zip-line, swings, balance and agility courses, wheelchair carousel, and slide located on the play/ sledding hill
- new concrete walking paths, two new picnic shelters with concrete plaza, and the existing acupressure pathway will be relocated within the park.



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# Surface water infiltrated on-site

Typically, when rain falls on roadways and other impervious surfaces within the Kingsgate neighborhood, that surface water flows via gravity to Totem Lake and eventually Lake Washington. The facility being constructed underneath the multi-use field at 132nd Square Park will filter and infiltrate the stormwater it collects from 48.25 acres upstream of the park, resulting in cleaner water and a slower flow of water entering Totem Lake and Juanita Creek. An overflow system is in place to direct larger rain events that may not be accommodated in the facility to existing surface water drainage.