

## **Parks Bond Project Update 01/27/2025**

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#### Construction

At Ridgecrest, FORMA is completing miscellaneous closeout items before the final acceptance by the City. The City has taken over maintenance of the park except for several landscape areas that are still being established.

Shoreview off leash dog area was completed on schedule and re-opened to the public on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Water is still not available since the only option to bring water to the site is to tap into the Shoreline Community College water supply. Negotiations with the college are still ongoing. Staff have been planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Spring when weather is more favorable. We will provide more details at a later date.

At Richmond Highlands FORMA began Phase I of construction in October. This included demolition, installing new fencing, parking lot renovation, and improvements to the right-of-way on 167<sup>th</sup> street. We have been working closely with Recreation Staff to ensure that the Recreation Center remains open and accessible during construction. Upon completion of Phase I, the parking lot on Fremont Ave N will be reopened and parking will be available there for staff and program participants. We anticipate substantial completion in the fall.

Construction at James Keough began on January 13<sup>th</sup> with early demolition and clearing of non-native trees. The park will remain closed until completion in the fall.

#### Remaining Project Development

Permitting is progressing for Hamlin Park. In anticipation of permit issuance, the project area around Ballfield 6 will be fenced in and demolition will begin in early March. Brugger's Bog and Hillwood are both delayed as we apply for Critical Area Special Use Permits. As a result, construction likely won't begin at these parks until fall-2025.

Staff will be planning ribbon-cutting ceremonies for all parks upon completion with Shoreview in spring 2025 and Richmond Highlands and James Keough in fall 2025.

#### New Park Design Development (Westminster, West Echo Lake, Hemlock)

Since selecting ABLE as our design team in October staff have been focusing on engagement efforts. In Fall 2024 staff held tabling events at the Westminster Neighborhood Block Party, Parkwood Elementary, and the Winter Market. Our next tabling events will be at Parkwood Elementary on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Dale Turner YMCA on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff have also reached out to the Friend of Echo Lake, Hillwood Neighborhood Association, and the Westminster Neighborhood Association. In December, ABLE canvassed the neighborhoods engaging directly with residents. The City's online survey was launched on 1/17 and will be available through 2/5. Upcoming events are publicized through Currents, news releases, social media updates, eNotifications, the City's website:

<https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/projects-initiatives/2022-park-bond-projects-phase-ii>