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SEATTLE PARKS NAMES 3 PARKS IN WEST SEATTLE AND SOUTH SEATTLE

Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ken Bounds announced today the naming of three parks: Junction Plaza Park, Marra-Desimone Park and Cottage Grove Park.

Junction Plaza Park, 4545 42nd Ave. SW

A new park is being developed on a vacant site (0.15 acres) located in the West Seattle Junction area at the corner of SW Alaska St. and 42nd Ave. SW. Junction residents nominated this property for acquisition through the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund. In July 2002, the City Council approved \$200,000 in Opportunity Fund funding to acquire this site. Together with \$100,000 from the Neighborhood Matching Fund and a \$100,000 community match, Parks purchased the parcel in 2005. Parks has held two public meetings and developed a design for a plaza and landscaping. There will be decorative paving, seating, lighting, a kiosk and landscaping. The Junction Association will assist with raising additional funds for construction.

www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/JunctionPlazaDev.htm

Marra-Desimone Park, 9026 4th Avenue S

Located in the South Park neighborhood, this 8.72-acre property was transferred from King County to Seattle Parks and Recreation in December 2004. The west half of the site was historically operated as Marra Farm, a traditional truck farm that supplied fresh produce to Seattle farmers' markets in the mid-20th century.

Parks staff have worked with the community and Marra Farm Coalition to produce a long-range development plan for the site. The proposed plan calls for continued farming and gardening on the western half of the site and a potential learning center and pavilion, children's play area, and parking on the eastern portion of the site. The plan also includes paths, gathering areas, and options for a surface water detention facility that addresses neighborhood and site drainage needs.

The new park name hails from the farm's history. In 1920, Italian immigrants Carmine and Maria Marra purchased the farm Joe Desimone, of Pike Place Market fame.

www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/marrafarm.htm

Cottage Grove Park, 5206 26th Ave. SW

This recently renovated park, located in the Delridge area, is part of three parks, known collectively as the Delridge Parks. Together with Puget Boulevard Commons and Greg Davis Park, Cottage Grove Park creates a large area of open space/park land that includes passive and active recreational elements.

Within Cottage Grove Park is the King County Restoration Garden, a special garden created for the purpose of restoring the soul. The garden was created with input and financial assistance from the King County Chemical Dependency Board. Park development funds came from the 2000 Pro Parks Levy.

www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/pugetblvd.htm

The Park Naming Committee is comprised of one representative of the Board of Park Commissioners, one representative of the Seattle City Councilmember who chairs the committee dealing with parks issues, and one representative of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. For more information about the park naming process, please contact Paula Hoff, Seattle Parks and Recreation, at 206-615-0368 or paula.hoff@seattle.gov.

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