



City of Seattle

Seattle Parks and Recreation

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Project Information & Public Involvement Summary MAPLE LEAF PLAY AREA RENOVATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

General Scope: In 2008, the Parks and Green Spaces Levy identified Maple Leaf Play Area as a named project for renovation. Four community meetings were held in 2010 for Maple Leaf Reservoir Park Development and a schematic design was approved for the full park. Please visit this site to see the schematic design: http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/maple_leaf_reservoir/ This schematic design includes the play area, known as the Family Terrace, and it offers a traditional play area similar to what's there now, an adventure play area, and a children's garden. Ideas will gathered from the community and incorporated into a final design.

Budget: A budget of \$450,000 for total project costs has been allocated. This budget covers planning, design and construction costs. The available funding includes the renovation of the traditional play area and, if funds allow, a taste of the adventure play and children's garden.

Possible Additional Funds: The Maple Leaf Community Council (MLCC) and a local family are applying for Department of Neighborhoods Large Matching Funds to help make the adventure play and children's garden come to life! Through our design process, we'll plan for this so that we're prepared if these additional funds become available. The goal of the group is to reach \$175,000 in addition to the Parks and Green Spaces Levy funding. **If you're interested in volunteering to help FGMLP, please contact: Scott Bishop, sbishop@live.com**

PARK HISTORY

Maple Leaf is primarily a residential neighborhood, originally a rural suburb named Maple Leaf Addition to the Green Lake Tract or Green Lake Circle. The name may have come from the Maple Saw Mill that operated to the east on Lake Washington or from maple trees that once grew in the area. Maple Leaf Playground became the jurisdiction of Parks in 1911 and was developed around 1932.

The play area is part of Maple Leaf Playground and is approximately 4 acres. It also contains a public restroom, two ballfields and public art. It's designated as a 'community park' through the Parks Classification Policy. "A community park meets the recreational needs of several neighborhoods and may also preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks serve multiple uses and provide recreational facilities and accommodate group activities not provided in neighborhood parks. Community park sites should be accessible by arterial and/or collector streets." *Source: Seattle Parks and Recreation: Parks Classification Policy*

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Seattle Parks and Recreation reaches into communities to inform them of opportunities to provide input and participate in public process in the following ways:

Mailers and Postings: Fliers announcing public meetings are mailed to residents within adjacent mail carrier routes, previously generated mailing lists from nearby projects, lists from other organizations and recent inquiries. Postings are placed on the project site, in nearby businesses and public buildings. A large project sign is placed at the site.

Website: Meeting minutes, project updates, and events can be found at the following website - http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/maple_leaf_reservoir/

Community Meetings: Parks will host a series of (2) community meetings which will be the main vehicle for community outreach.

Media Releases: Parks releases announcements through local newspapers and neighborhood blog.

Email and Mail: Comments can be sent to the following: kim.baldwin@seattle.gov

Seattle Parks & Recreation, Attn: Kim Baldwin, 800 Maynard Ave. S., 3rd Floor, Seattle, WA 98134

Questionnaire: Parks is sending out a questionnaire to gather input from individuals beyond the community meetings.

INPUT, DECISION-MAKING PROCESS & SCHEDULE

Public Input and Schedule:	Spring 2011	Summer 2011	Fall/ Winter 2011	Spring 2012 to Spring 2013
FORUMS for PUBLIC INPUT				
Community Meeting #1: Wednesday, June 1, 2011	★			
Questionnaires Accepted Through June 8, 2011	★			
Community Meeting #2: Wednesday, July 13, 2011		★		
Design Commission – The design team will present the progress of the design to the design commission at design development along with Maple Leaf Reservoir Park Development plans.		★	★	
Public Process Complete		★		
Internal Parks Reviews – Parks will review the progress of the design formally throughout the process.	★	★	★	
Construction --- The start date will be contingent upon the completion of SPU				★

Decision Making:

Parks reaches into the communities near the sites of proposed park improvements through public meetings, websites, news releases, and the public involvement methods stated above. This is in an effort to distribute information about potential projects and, more importantly, to gather input from those who will be the end users. This input becomes an important factor in shaping the final outcome of the park. Parks uses this information to help define the scope of the project and the maintenance and operations needs. The designers use this information to help guide the design to meet the needs of the users and to create a timeless and maintainable park. Parks strives to understand the needs of the under represented as well as the most vocal citizens. Such factors such as safety, budget, and timeline also drive the project. Recommendations will be taken from many sources and all final decisions will be made by Parks.