Revenue forecast delays construction

Clark County recently received updated financial projections for the Greater Clark Parks District and has determined that construction will not start on East Minnehaha Neighborhood Park in 2012, as originally planned.

The ongoing economic downturn is projected to cause a significant reduction in the amount of property taxes collected by the Greater Clark Parks District for maintenance and operations of its parks. As a result, the county will slow down its park development program. It is not financially prudent to build all the remaining parks when projections indicate the county may have difficulties maintaining its existing parks. This park project will be put on hold after the concept planning process is completed this spring. Design, permitting and construction will move ahead when funding is available.

Neighbors will be notified when work resumes, but it may not be for a year or possibly longer. The county will carefully monitor revenues and expenditures, both projections and actual numbers, and make adjustments as needed.

Please visit <u>www.clarkparks.org</u> to learn more, or call (360) 397-6118 ext. 4949.

Help name your park

Neighbors were recently asked to suggest an official name for the park, which has been known by a several placeholder names since it was purchased. Now it's time to choose your favorite! The options are:

- 9-Iron Neighborhood Park
- Blue Heron Neighborhood Park
- East Green Meadows Neighborhood Park
- East Minnehaha Neighborhood Park (keep it the same)
- Fairway County Neighborhood Park
- Glennwood Heights Neighborhood Park
- Goose Hollow Neighborhood Park, for the flocks of geese that can be seen in the park
- Good Times Neighborhood Park
- Green Haven Neighborhood Park
- Green Meadows Neighborhood Park
- Highline Neighborhood Park, because of the nearby power lines

- Kelly Meadows Neighborhood Park, after Herman
- Kelly, the former property owner who has passed away
- The Meadows Neighborhood Park
- Minnehaha People's Neighborhood Park
- NE 63rd Street Neighborhood Park
- Northtown Neighborhood Park
- Our Neighborhood Park
- Par Excellence Neighborhood Park
- Park Meadows Neighborhood Park
- Sand Trap Neighborhood Park
- South Green Meadows Neighborhood Park
- South Meadows Neighborhood Park
- Sunshine Spot Neighborhood Park

Tell us which name you prefer *no later than May 13* by either filling out the "Help Name Your Park" survey on the project Web page (<u>www.clarkparks.org/projects/eastminnehaha.htm</u>), or by calling (360) 397-6118 ext. 4949.

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East Minnehaha Neighborhood Park Update

April 2011

Public input requested on updated draft park concept plan

Clark County Public Works and Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation have developed an updated draft concept plan for East Minnehaha Neighborhood Park. This plan was developed based on the project budget, site conditions and public input received at a public meeting and on the Web in March 2011.

This 7.5-acre park is located at the west end of NE 69th St. (8100-8300 block), just west of Par Lane next to the Green Meadows Golf Course. The updated draft concept plan for this park (see inside page) includes the following features:

- Paved, ADA accessible main trail between the two park entrances
- Smaller loop trail through the woods on the north side of the park
- A boardwalk across the wetland with a small overlook area for wildlife viewing
- Primary playground on the north side of the park with a mixture of equipment/features for multiple age groups
- Small secondary play area on the south side of the park with a few natural play features and a slide geared towards toddlers
- Picnic tables and benches
- Informal open lawn areas
- Bike rack, garbage cans and signage
- Additional trees, landscaping and wetland enhancement plantings

Please see the back page for an update about the construction schedule for this park.





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What's next?

Please provide your comments about the updated draft concept plan to Project Manager Don Andrews by mail, e-mail or telephone **no later than May 13**, **2011** (see project contact information below).

Project staff will present the preferred draft concept plan for the park to the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission** for action at its next monthly meeting:

> Friday, May 20, 2011 at noon Clark County Public Service Center 6th floor training room (# 679) 1300 Franklin St. Vancouver, WA

Neighbors are welcome to attend this meeting and provide comments to the Commission about this project.

Project contact information

Send input about the proposed concept plan to: Don Andrews, Project Manager Clark County Public Works PO Box 9810 Vancouver, WA 98666-9810 Phone: (360) 397-6118 ext. 4362 E-mail: Don.Andrews@clark.wa.gov

Visit us on the Web: www.clarkparks.org/projects/eastminnehaha.htm



East Minnehaha Neighborhood Park



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