

Estimated Project Timeline

***This schedule is subject to change*

February 2010	Planning and design begins
April-May 2010	Public input about the draft concept plan requested at a public meeting, through the project Web page and with newsletter and postcard mailings
June 2010	Preferred concept plan presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to request approval
Spring 2011	Final design and permitting completed
2011	Construction scheduled to start if funding is available

Help Name Your Park

Last month, park neighbors were asked to suggest an official name for this park, and now it's time to vote for your favorite! Naming guidelines stipulate that parks not have names that are similar to, or the same as, other local parks, to avoid confusion. As a result, name suggestions including the words "Sifton" or "Heritage" cannot be considered. Options include:

- 96th Street Neighborhood Park
- Country Lane Neighborhood Park
- Fieldstone Neighborhood Park
- Haven Neighborhood Park
- Merrifield Neighborhood Park
- North Highpride Neighborhood Park
- Otto Neighborhood Park
- Peaceful Acres Neighborhood Park
- Stone Tree Neighborhood Park
- York Neighborhood Park

You can vote for your favorite name by using the "Help Name Your Park" survey on the project Web page (www.clarkparks.org/projects/northsifton.htm), or by calling (360) 397-6118 ext. 4949. The deadline to vote is June 15, 2010. The most popular name will be recommended to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the Board of Clark County Commissioners later this year.

North Sifton Neighborhood Park Update

May 2010



Public input requested on updated park concept plan

Clark County Public Works and Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation have updated the draft concept plan for North Sifton Neighborhood Park. This plan was developed based on the project budget, site conditions and public input received from neighbors in April 2010.

North Sifton Neighborhood Park is located at 15809 NE 96th St., west of NE 162nd Avenue in the Heritage neighborhood. The 8.4-acre property is currently undeveloped and features open pasture on the west side and mature trees on the east side. Preliminary planning and design work began in early 2010. Construction is expected to begin in 2011, if funding is available.

The latest draft concept plan for this park (see inside page) includes the following features:

- Paved, ADA accessible trail
- Irrigated informal play field
- Small playground
- Basketball half court
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Bike rack, garbage can and signage
- Additional landscaping
- Unfunded, future covered picnic shelter and secondary path through the trees on the west side of the property

What's next?

Please provide additional input to Project Manager Robin Washington by mail, e-mail or telephone **no later than June 4, 2010** (see project contact information below).

Project staff will ask the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission** to approve the concept plan at a public meeting:

Friday, June 18, 2010 at noon
Marshall Community Center
Oak Conference Room
1009 E. McLoughlin St.
Vancouver, WA

The meeting agenda includes a public comment period at the beginning. Neighbors are welcome to attend.

Later this year, project staff will mail out a postcard inviting park neighbors to provide input about playground equipment.

Project contact information

Send input about the proposed concept plan to:

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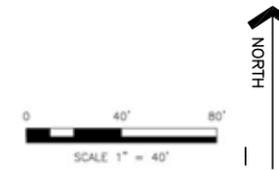


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North Sifton Neighborhood Park

Updated Draft Concept Plan - May 2010



Summary

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation and Clark County intend to keep the east side as natural as possible and **integrate the trees into the park design**. Only trees that are sick or that present a danger to the public or private property will be removed from the east side. Some trees on the west side may need to be removed to allow for road improvements along NE 96th Street and other park amenities.

The **house** on NE 96th Street surrounded by the park is privately owned and will remain in place. The large **barn** south of the house is on park property and will be removed. Chain link fencing will be installed around the entire property.

The concept plan features a circular entry walk at the **main entrance** from NE 96th Street, a small circular walk at a **secondary entrance** from NE 160th Avenue and a third, **unfunded future trail connection** on the east side of the house on NE 96th Street. This trail can be added in the future as funding allows or through neighborhood fundraising or volunteer efforts.

A 3/4-mile double-loop, **asphalt path** outlines two **open lawn play areas**, one of which will be irrigated and remain green year-round.

The central activity area includes **playground equipment**, a **basketball half-court**, looped **tricycle path**, painted **sports courts** including four-square, checkers/chess and hopscotch, a **bench** and two **picnic tables**. A bike rack and garbage can would also be located there.

Another asphalt path leads from the playground to **another picnic area** with two tables within the existing trees on the east side of the park. A **nature play area** is located within the wooded area north of the picnic node. This space will include logs and boulders designed to give children a natural play experience where they can explore the outdoors.

The park project may be required to **widen NE 96th Street for sidewalk** or a paved walkway, curb and gutter as part of the project. It is also possible that the county will require that the barricades be removed from NE 96th Street. Staff will learn more about this during final design and permitting.

Additional trees and landscaping are also included in the plan. These plantings will be designed so they don't obstruct visibility through the park or provide hiding places.

The plan includes space for several **donation benches** along the walking path. Interested neighbors may honor a family, friend, loved one or event by donating one of the benches, which comes with an inscribed plaque. More information about the Bench Program is available online at: www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/how_to_help/.

The plan also includes a **gazebo** that can be added to the park in the future through neighborhood fundraising or grants.