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Potential Park Bond Renewal- Community Sports Fields

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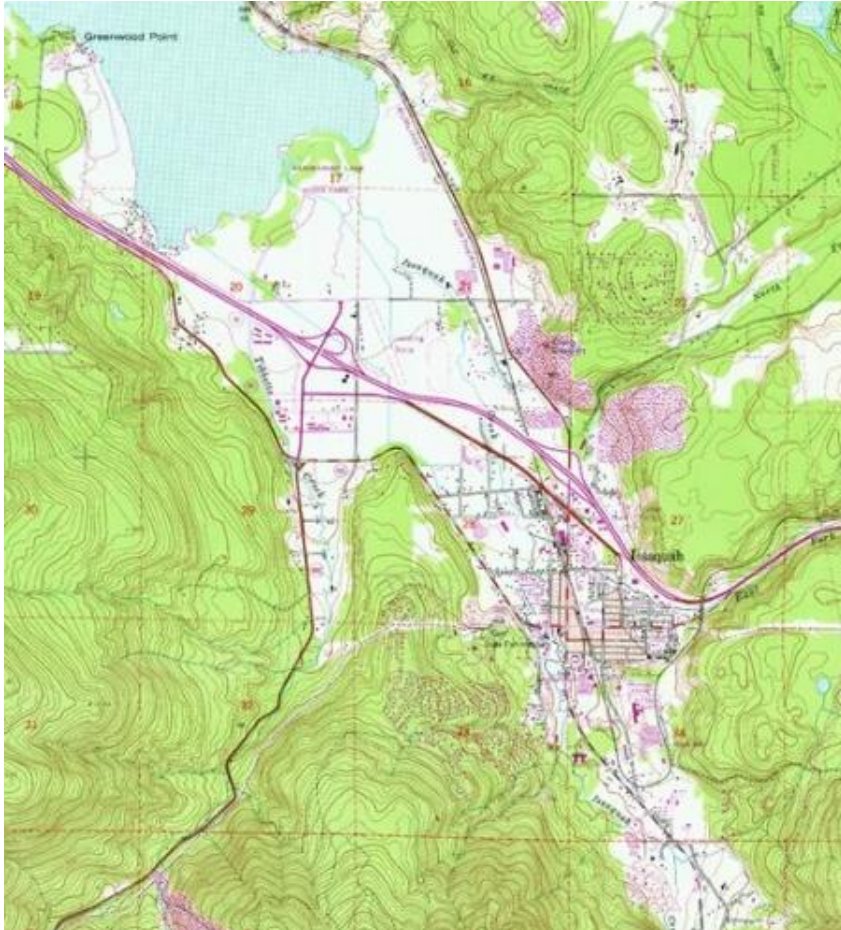
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Purpose

City of Issaquah staff will present information on the potential parks bond renewal that is being considered by the City Council for the November 3, 2026 ballot.

City staff will provide an update on the community sports fields that are being considered for the three elementary schools within the City.

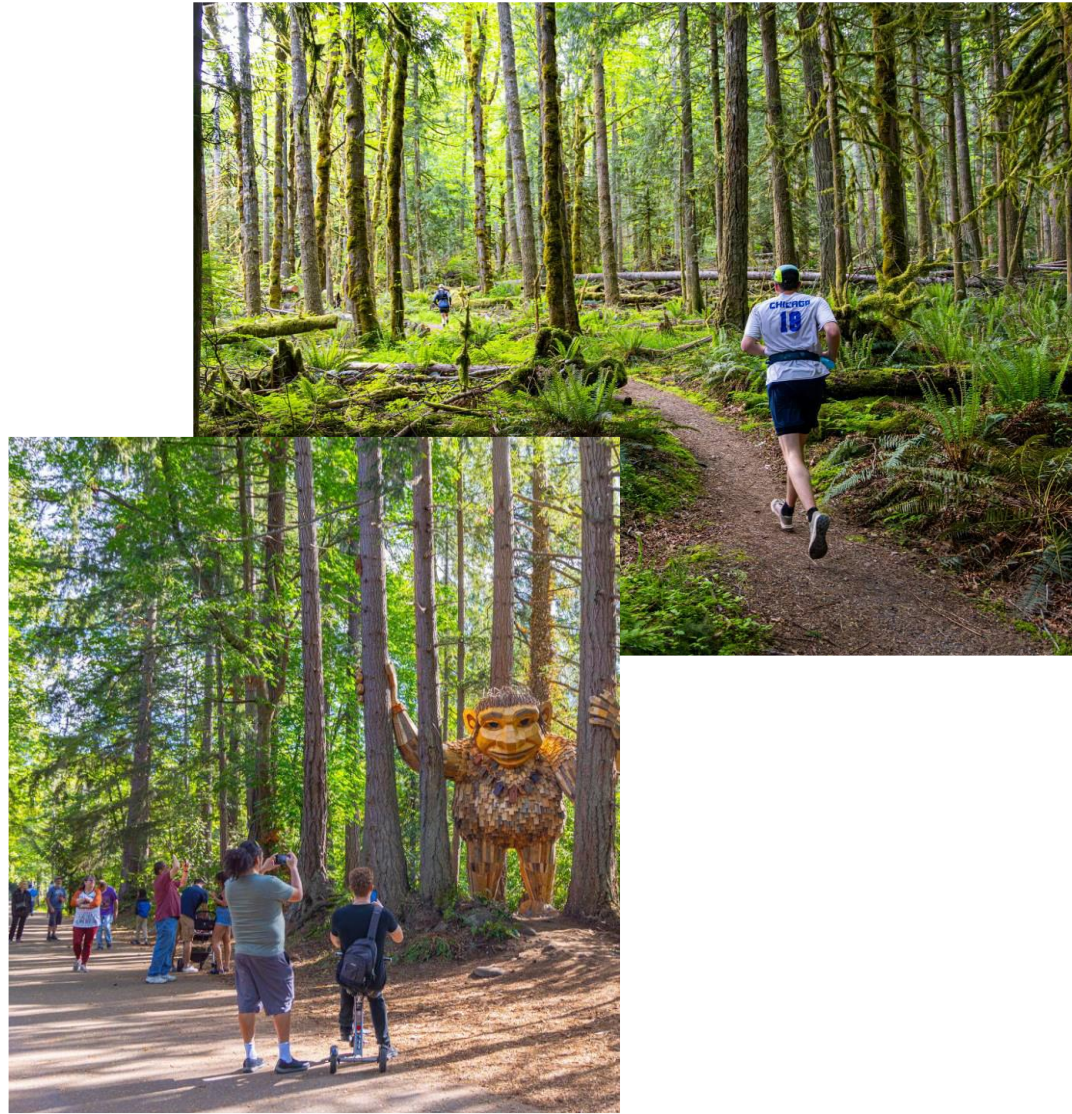




Background

- In April 2024, a joint meeting was held with the Issaquah School Board and Issaquah City Council. Presentation given on current partnerships and opportunities for enhancing them.
- We celebrate and protect the natural setting that defines Issaquah, AND we acknowledge the constraints that come with those creeks, forests and hillsides.
- Current adopted Park System Plan set the foundation for seeking creative solutions for the public facilities essential to community livability in Issaquah.
- How can the City and School District further partner? Pool expansion and community sports fields discussed at that 2024 joint meeting.
- Staff collaboration has continued...

Proposed Park Bond Renewal



- Park Bonds are a historic funding source for Issaquah. Most recently in 2006 and 2013.
- With the 2006 park bond expiring, City Council is considering a renewal at the same levy rate going to voters this November.
- Priority investments into the park system were identified by the community in the adopted 2024 Park System Plan.
- Those priority projects became the foundation for the package of proposed projects.
- Strong community interest in the concept of Community Sports Fields at elementary schools.

Proposed Park Bond Renewal Projects

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Community Sports Fields- Elementary Schools

Initial Estimate: \$9.25m



To help meet demand for sports fields in Issaquah, the three fields at local elementary schools (Grand Ridge, Clark, and Issaquah Valley) would be renovated with multi-use turf and opened for year-round community use, outside of school hours.

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New Trail Corridors- Cougar Mountain

Initial Estimate: \$2.4m



On Cougar Mountain, new trails within Harvey Manning Park would connect Central Issaquah, Tibbetts Valley Park, Talus, and Cougar Mountain Regional Park.

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New Trail Corridors- Squak Mountain

Initial Estimate: \$1.5m



On Squak Mountain, a new corridor through the Kelkari and Weymouth properties would provide more than 35 acres of open space and serve as a gateway to surrounding county and state lands.

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Sen. Bill Ramos Memorial Trailhead Improvements

Initial Estimate: \$1.5m



Improvements to the Senator Bill Ramos Memorial Trailhead – which connects the valley floor to the West Tiger Mountain and Grand Ridge trail systems – would include improved parking, restrooms, wayfinding signage, bike amenities, seating, and a drinking fountain.

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Confluence Park Ek House Restoration

Initial Estimate: \$2.5m



A full restoration of Confluence Park's Ek House would preserve its historic character and create a gathering place for community events, arts and culture, and local history programs in the Olde Town/Creative District.

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Tibbetts Valley Park All-Inclusive Playground

Initial Estimate: \$3.0m



Designed for children of all abilities, the new playground would include accessible play features, covered seating, and gathering spaces.

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Tibbetts Valley Park Dog Park

Initial Estimate: \$1.0m



An off-leash dog park at Tibbetts Valley Park would create a new dog recreation space with amenities such as agility equipment, shaded seating, and interactive play areas.

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Central Park Pickleball Courts

Initial Estimate: \$2.6m



New pickleball courts in Central Park would support casual play, organized programs, and community gathering opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels.

Note that project costs are estimated.
Proposed projects are conceptual until public outreach and design have been completed.



Proposed Park Bond Renewal Projects



- 1 Community Sports Field-Clark Elementary School
- 2 Community Sports Field-Grand Ridge Elementary School
- 3 Community Sports Field-Issaquah Valley Elementary School
- 4 New Trail Corridors-Cougar Mountain
- 5 New Trail Corridors-Squak Mountain
- 6 Sen. Bill Ramos Memorial Trailhead Improvements
- 7 Confluence Park Ek House Restoration
- 8 Tibbetts Valley Park-All-Inclusive Playground
- 9 Tibbetts Valley Park-Dog Park
- 10 Central Park Pickleball Courts





Community Sports Fields— Elementary Schools

- Convert existing playfields to synthetic turf fields to maximize space and support multi-use. The new City standard for infill material is a cork/sand mix, with no use of crushed rubber infill.
 - Issaquah Valley Elementary
 - Clark Elementary
 - Grand Ridge Elementary
- Improved school facilities for students during school days and new community capacity created for evenings, weekends, and summer months.
- Interlocal Agreement would serve as the foundation with addendum agreements for each of the three sites.



Community Sports Fields— Framework for Agreement

- Modeled after the partnership between Lake Washington School District and City of Sammamish. Initial community sports field at Eastlake High School completed in 2005.
 - School District provides the property.
 - City provides capital funding for the project.
 - City maintains, schedules, and is responsible for long-term replacement of turf.
- Facility is designed in collaboration between District and City. Goal is to ensure student and campus safety, while also creating intuitive space for public to access the field as a park space.



Next Steps

- City Council considering a park bond ordinance
- Adoption of updated Joint Use Agreement by City Council and School Board
- Finalize Addendum Agreements for the three school sites

Thank you!
Questions and Feedback