

Storybrook Park Phase 1 Facts

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Area: 7 acres
Zone: Public, Area 28
Purchase: Three parcels purchased for a total of \$481,000 between 2008 and 2010

Phase One includes:

Trail improvements	Playground	Utility connections
Emergency vehicle access	Signage	Park lighting
Site restoration	Park furnishings	Park core walkways
Landscape planting	Critical area buffer mitigation planting, fence, signage	West Maplewood pedestrian improvements: bike lane, curb gutter, sidewalk, utility relocation

Phase One At-a-glance

- Park Master Plan adopted December 2022
- Currently in 30% Design Phase
- Phase one designers: Pacific Landscape Architecture, Wilson Engineering, K Engineering, GeoEngineers, Kingworks Engineering, Drayton Archaeology
- Anticipated construction May 2024 – December 2024
- Construction budget: \$1,481,949
- Critical Areas:
 - 72% of the park is encumbered by critical areas
 - 4 delineated wetlands
- Demographics:
 - 4,850 residents live within ½ mile of the park
 - Birchwood neighborhood multi family density is 6 units/acre, 5th highest in Bellingham
 - 14.6% of Birchwood Neighborhood are disabled, versus 12.7% for Washington as a whole
 - 50%-59% of Birchwood Neighborhood residents are low income

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Overall public process to date:

Birchwood Neighborhood Association meeting	3/8/22
Park committee meeting 1	4/21/22
Park & Rec Advisory Board/GAC site walk	5/17/22
Park committee meeting 2	5/20/22
Birchwood Neighborhood International Market	6/17/22
Engage Bellingham outreach	6/10/22 to 6/26/22
Park committee meeting 3	7/25/22
Park committee meeting 4	9/6/22
Birchwood Neighborhood Association meeting	9/27/22
Park & Rec Advisory Board	10/12/22
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Park & Rec Advisory Board	11/9/22
City Council	12/12/22