

# 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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           |
| Birchwood Neighborhood meeting              | 10/22/22           |
| Park & Rec Advisory Board                   | 11/9/22            |
| City Council                                | 12/12/22           |