

Construction of Parkside Park Improvements Begins in August

Parkside Park transferred from King County to the City of Des Moines in 1993 is long overdue for needed updates. Although the park is in a beautiful hillside setting, it requires vegetation and amenity improvements to make the park safer, user friendly and accessible to the surrounding neighborhood.



The City's Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan identified that the park's entryways are in poor condition and are not ADA accessible. Much of the park is overgrown with blackberry bushes, dense brush, and unhealthy trees that need to be addressed to enhance site safety. The fencing around the park perimeter needs repair or replacement in some areas for site security. Hillside re-grading is needed to create accessible pathways to an open play area. The existing sport court, play equipment and other amenities are in poor condition or have been removed and need to be replaced. This project will make those improvements as well as add an asphalt trail that connects to S. 26th Place and install a new outdoor fitness area to create a welcoming neighborhood gathering place.



Parkside Park is an important community asset as the only developed park located in the South Des Moines neighborhood serving 5,000 citizens, located one block south of Highline College and in the new Transit Community Land Use Planning Area.

Funding for the park improvements are coming from the King County Community Development Block Grant program and the King County Youth Sports Facilities Grant Fund. The removal and replacement of contaminated soil in the park where the levels of arsenic exceed the established safety levels will be included in the project funded by the Department of Ecology Soil Safety Program. For more information about the contamination go to DirtAlert.info.

For more information about the Parkside Park Renovation Project call the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department at 206-870-6529.