

Community Park Project FAQs



What is the community park project?

The City of Happy Valley is finalizing the design of a new multi-use park focused on outdoor recreation, gathering spaces and community events. Designed with residents of all ages in mind, this park will become a destination for recreation, relaxation and community connection for years to come.

The parks and trails in Happy Valley are some of the best in the region. This new community park will add to that legacy and expand available amenities that residents have requested for years.

What kinds of amenities are planned?

The park is intended to expand recreational opportunities and cater to all ages and interests. Planned amenities include:

- All-weather turf sports fields and courts
- Additional grass sports fields
- All-abilities playgrounds and family spaces
- Flexible open lawns
- Gathering and event spaces
- Amphitheater for community events
- Ample parking spaces

Where will the park be located?

The park will be located east of the roundabout at Scouter's Mountain Road and 172nd Avenue. Construction of the road leading to the park is slated to begin in January of 2027.

What is the project timeline?

Fall 2025 – Spring 2026
Park design phase

Summer 2026 – Spring 2027
Pre-construction planning and permitting

Summer 2027
Construction anticipated to begin

Summer 2028
Phase I opening

The full construction timeline is not finalized, some amenities will not be available until after Summer 2028.

What is the name of the park?

We're not sure yet! Keep an eye out for future communications around a naming process via the City's website, social media and the Happy Valley News.

How is the community park being funded?

Funding for construction of the park is already secured. The City has been saving for years, and the funding dollars include a mix of NCPRD settlement funds, urban renewal funds and one-time fees paid by new developments.

How much will it cost?

The current cost estimate for construction of the community park is about \$47 million.

How does the City decide what parks projects to build?

Projects are prioritized based on community feedback, financial feasibility and need. Public surveys, meetings and the Parks Advisory Committee all help guide decisions, with final approval from City Council.

How has the community been involved in the planning process?

The design of community park was shaped directly by residents. The process started with surveys and open houses during the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan update, where people shared their ideas and priorities. One of the biggest needs that emerged was for a large community park. After the City purchased the 40-acre site, another survey was conducted in 2024 to learn what features residents wanted most. That feedback was shared with the Parks Advisory Committee and City Council. The City then hired an experienced landscape architect to turn those ideas into a detailed park design.

Is this the same project as the Happy Valley Community Center (HVCC)?

No. The original plan for the 40-acre site included a phased approach that focused on constructing the HVCC first and then the community park later. The HVCC required voter-approved funding while the park does not. When the measure to fund construction of the HVCC did not pass, City Council decided to move forward with the park project to meet the needs of the community.

More Information

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