



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

October, 2019

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## Mission

**Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all ages positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.**

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## Department Update

### **East County Parks & Recreation District Bond Measure – What is ECPRD?**

The ECPRD is a separate parks district serving the City of Monroe and unincorporated areas of Snohomish County including the Echo Lake, Maltby, Roosevelt and Rivmont neighborhoods. The ECPRD boundaries are roughly the same as the Monroe School District boundaries. The East County Park and Recreation District fits a niche between City and County park systems, helping to fill the gaps.

The ECPRD has not run a bond measure since 1999 (over twenty years ago). The District's last bond measure was paid off in 2008. The money was used to build Maltby Park and toward development of Sky River Park in Monroe. The District is proposing a \$26.5 million capital bond measure on the November 5, 2019, ballot in order to enhance and expand recreation opportunities within the district, in Monroe and Snohomish County. Proposed projects in Monroe include constructing all weather sports fields at Lake Tye; replacing playground structures at eight City parks – Blueberry, Cedar Grove, Currie View, Hillcrest, Park Meadows, Stanton Meadows, Wales Street, and Rainier View; acquiring land and developing a new neighborhood park in the North Hill area to serve the Eaglemont, Sweetbrier, and Raspberry Hill neighborhoods; and extending the Chain Lake Road trail from Rainier View to Brown Road. If approved by sixty percent of voters in November, the first-year cost estimates are \$0.16/\$1,000 assessed value. For a home worth \$500,000, this would be approximately \$6.66/month or \$80/year. In 2023, the tax rate would increase to \$0.26/\$1,000 assessed value. For a \$500,000 home the cost would be \$10.83/month or \$130.00 per year. Estimated monthly impacts to an individual home worth \$500,000 would be equivalent to a Galaxy Theater movie ticket (~\$10.00), one-month streaming services (~\$8.99), or two Big Mac meals (~\$11.98). For more information about the bond measure visit the City's website [www.monroewa.gov/826/ECPRD-Bond-Measure](http://www.monroewa.gov/826/ECPRD-Bond-Measure).

The City of Monroe has been working with our partners, Snohomish County and ECPRD to provide information and take the opportunity to talk with community members regarding the upcoming The East County Park and Recreation District (ECPRD) Bond Measure. Outreach methods have included distribution of informational

materials, presentations to numerous community organizations, hosting information booths at area events such as the Monroe Harvest Festival and social media outreach.

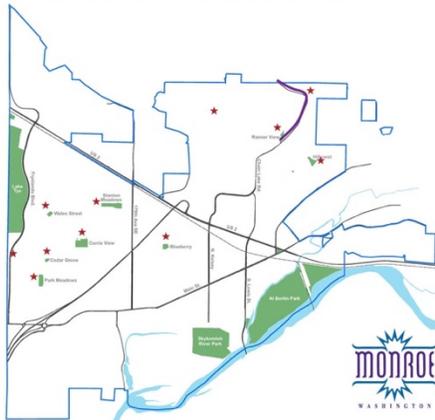
# EAST COUNTY PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT BOND MEASURE

November 2019

## CITY OF MONROE PROJECT PROPOSALS



- **Lake Tye Park Athletic Fields Renovation:** Convert unlighted, poor-draining grass fields to all-weather, lighted, synthetic turf, multi-purpose athletic fields.
- **Park Improvements:** Replace and upgrade playground equipment at eight City parks utilizing features and materials similar to recent upgrades to Lake Tye, Sky River & Lewis Street Parks.
- **North Hill Area Park acquisition, design & development:** Acquisition of a new neighborhood park located in Monroe's North Hill Area.
- **Extend Chain Lake Road Trail between Rainier View Park and Brown Road:** Extend Chain Lake Trail to connect new residential developments in north area of City to North Kelsey.



## ECPRD PROJECT PROPOSAL



**Maltby Park:** Improvements including planning, design and construction to:

- Replace field grass with all-weather turf on north fields and updating all fields for multi-sport use.
- Replace the grass and irrigation system on the south field.
- Additional drainage upgrades to support turf improvements.
- Replace 20 year-old bathrooms to increase sanitation and water conservation.
- Replace the walking path and installing lighting for increased visibility.
- Replace parking lot surface and improving drainage swale.
- In conjunction with path completion, reclaim wetlands adjacent to park.
- Replace picnic shelter and upgrade sport court surface

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROJECT PROPOSAL Evergreen State Fairgrounds



Improvements would include:

- **Spray pad/splash park:** Free to the public.
- **Frontage improvements/perimeter trail:** Paralleling Hwy 2
- **34,000 square foot building/community center**

## ESTIMATED COST TO TAXPAYER

Year	Bond Amount	Cost to Taxpayer
2020	15.15 million	\$6.66/month
2023	11.35 million	\$10.83/month

The total amount needed is \$26.5 million



## Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy wrapping up summer and kicking into fall responsibilities. These include with daily recreation use of our park's facilities and athletic fields, scheduled maintenance, cleaning and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas. A few specific projects entail picnic bench maintenance and fire hydrant painting.



*Sarah Atwood performing maintenance on a picnic bench.*



*A newly painted fire hydrant.*

Bat Houses were constructed and installed at Rotary Field a few weeks ago as part of an Eagle Scout project by Parker Butterfield. Thank you Parker for your hard work!



*New bat houses at Rotary Field*



New dog agility equipment has been installed at Wiggly Field's Off-Leash Dog Park as part of an Eagle Scout project by Alan Simchick. Thank you Alan for your hard work!



**New dog agility equipment at Wiggly Field Off-Leash Dog Park**

A dog fountain has been installed at Wiggly Field's Off-Leash Dog Park. This fountain allows both a person and a dog to hydrate. To operate, push the front button as you would a normal drinking fountain. The dog bowl at the bottom of the fountain will fill up at the same time. The dog's bowl is designed to drain slowly but holds the water long enough for a dog to have a drink. This installation will also relieve the volunteers who have been regularly supplying water to the dog park by hand. Kudos to our parks crew for their hard work!



**New drinking fountain at Wiggly Field Off-Leash Dog Park**

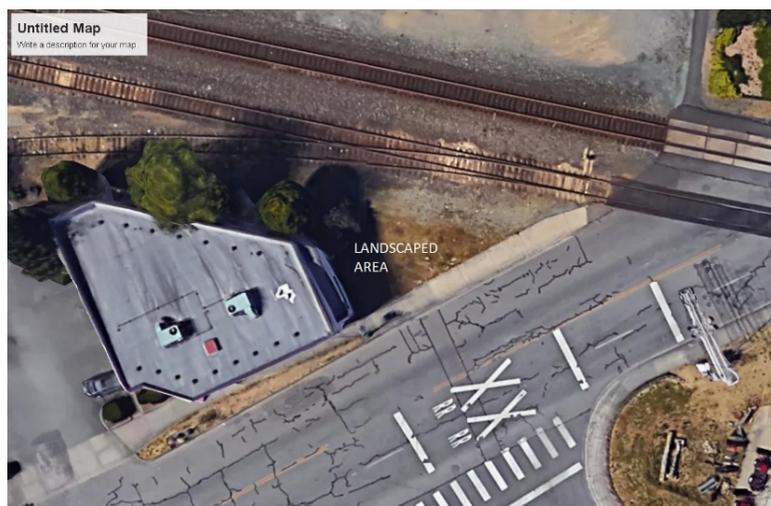
## Monroe Park Board

During their September meeting, the Monroe Park Board discussed the East County Park and Recreation District's proposed November election bond measure and started its process to develop its 2020 Work Plan.

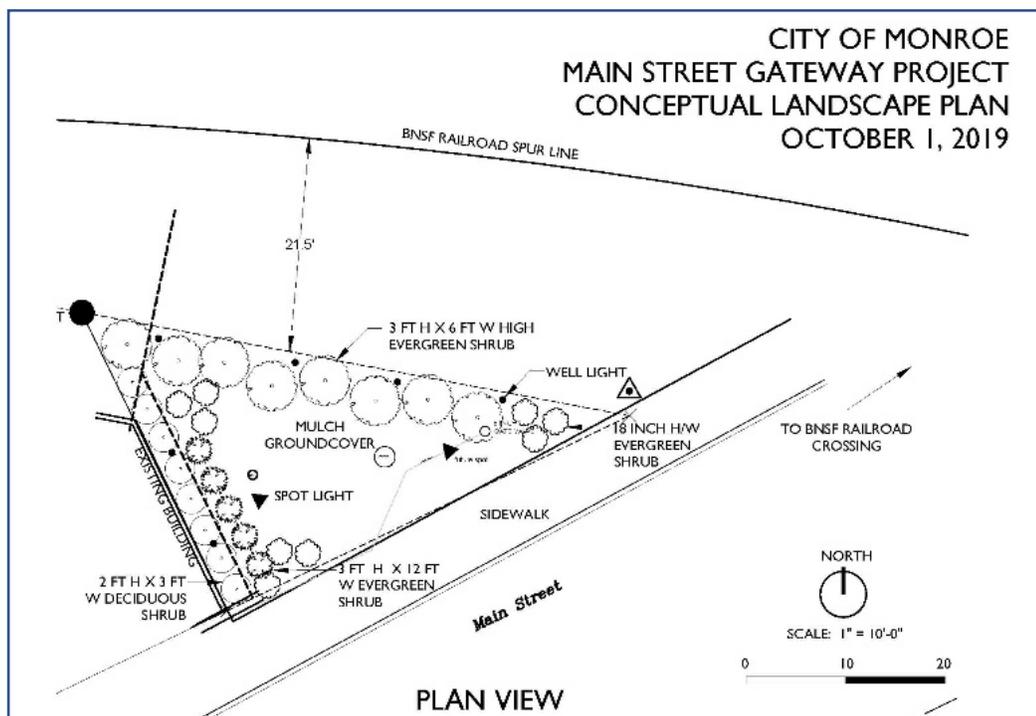
Please visit [www.choosemonroe.com](http://www.choosemonroe.com), pick up a copy of the latest issue of Choose Monroe magazine and Parks & Recreation Events & Programs Brochure for more community event happenings this month and throughout the year!

## Main Street Landscaping – Gateway Entrance Feature

The City is initiating a gateway (and wayfinding) sign program to greet visitors and residents with attractive signage at its primary entry points. This fall City crews will be landscaping a future gateway site at a City-owned property located on the north side of Main Street just west of the BNSF Railroad crossing. Work will include general clean up, mulch groundcover, drought tolerant plant material including evergreen screening, and lighting installation. Landscaping is the first step in preparing the site for a future gateway sign which will mark the entrance to Monroe's historic Main Street. The City's signage and wayfinding programs are expected to be implemented in phases over multiple years as funding becomes available.



Location for Gateway Entrance Feature



Conceptual Landscape  
Plan for Gateway Entrance  
Feature

### City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

Two years ago, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks.

The following is a summary of data for the past month:

#### Locations: Al Borlin Park, Lake Tye Park, Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
9/5	2	2	1 camp at Al Borlin Park. Multiple camps observed on adjacent Cadman property. Police contacted on both.
9/10	19.5	48	4 camps found. 2 at Sky River, 1 at Lake Tye, 1 at Al Borlin Park. Police contacted.
9/11	4.5	30	1 camp found along active railroad track adjacent to Al Borlin Park. Police contacted.
9/17	6	15	No camps found.
9/24	4.5	2	No camps found.
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>19.4</b>	

### Volunteer Opportunities

Join the City of Monroe team by volunteering your talent and time to support City programs, projects and events. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn about Monroe's diverse community, understand how local government works and connect with other community members. The City offers on-going and one-time event volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering, or seeking additional information, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519.

Visit the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.