



## **PARK AND FORESTRY BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
6:00 p.m.**

Snohomish Carnegie, 105 Cedar Avenue  
Remote Option Available

Zoom Meeting Participation Information  
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### **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Flag Salute
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT on any nonaction item.**
- 3. APPROVE AGENDA order**
- 4. APPROVE minutes of the previous meeting(s)**
  - a. December 17, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- 5. ACTION ITEMS**
  - a. Agroforestry Northwest Tribal Art at Pilchuck Julia Landing
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. Two-Year Park Improvement Program
- 7. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**
- 8. STAFF MANAGER UPDATES**
  - a. Public Works Parks Staff Update
- 9. ADJOURN**

**NEXT MEETING:** A tentative meeting may be scheduled jointly with council in March. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6 p.m., at the Snohomish Carnegie, 105 Cedar Avenue, and online via Zoom.

Specialized accommodations will be provided with 5 days advanced notice. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 360-568-3115. This organization is an Equal Opportunity Provider.



## PARK AND FORESTRY BOARD STAFF REPORT

**Date:** January 28, 2026

**Agenda Section:** APPROVE minutes of the previous meeting(s)

**From:** Tom Kreinbring, Associate Planner

**Subject:** December 17, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**  
121725 PFB Minutes.pdf

**Park and Forestry Board Special Meeting Minutes**  
December 17, 2025

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Paul Kaftanski opened the special meeting of the Park and Forestry Board at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. The meeting was held in hybrid format with in-person attendance at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue, Snohomish, and remote online access via Teams.

**a. Boardmembers Present:** David Bigelow, Matthew Bachleda,  
Brian Douglas, Paul Kaftanski

**Boardmembers Absent:** Elle Hultz

**City Staff Present:** Tom Kreinbring, Associate Planner  
Serena Dudas, Associate Planner  
Katie Hoole, Permit Coordinator

**b. FLAG SALUTE**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT on any nonaction item**

Public comment was taken.

**3. APPROVE AGENDA ORDER**

Hearing no objections, Chair Kaftanski stated the agenda order stood as presented.

**4. APPROVAL of minutes of August 27, 2025, regular meeting**

Boardmember Bachleda moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2025, meeting as written. Boardmember Douglas seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**5. Action Items**

**a. Election of Officers for 2026**

Chair Kaftanski opened the floor for nomination for Parks Board chair in 2026. Boardmember Bachleda nominated Boardmember Hultz, who was unable to accept the nomination. Boardmember Douglas nominated Boardmember Bachleda, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Chair Kaftanski closed the floor to nominations. There was no public comment. The Board vote 4-0 in favor of Boardmember Bachleda for chair in 2026.

**b. 2025 Annual Report to City Council**

Associate Planner Kreinbring presented the draft 2025 Park and Forestry Board Annual Report. The Board asked clarifying questions and provided feedback. Public comment was taken.

The Board agreed to add to the end of the report, "The Board also discussed potential dog parks and community gardens. The Board noted that the City should consider conducting

additional research to determine if a pilot program for either program is feasible to implement. The possibility of adding broadband access with the park system was also discussed.” Chair Kaftanski moved to approve the 2025 Park and Forest Board Annual Report as amended and to forward it to the City Council as required per SMC 2.12.030. Boardmember Douglas seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

c. 2026 Work Program

Associate Planner Kreinbring presented the draft 2026 Park and Foresty Board Work Program. The Board asked clarifying questions and provided feedback. There was no public comment. Boardmember Bachleda moved to approve the 2026 Park and Foresty Board Work Program as presented and to forward it to the City Council for their acceptance. Boardmember Bigelow seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Chair Kaftanski requested that staff inform the Board how the incoming administration would like the Parks Board to present the Annual Report and Work Program to City Council, and how to input to support potential reprioritization of CIP projects and goals in support of the City Council’s goals. Associate Planner Kreinbring stated he would inform the Board as soon as that information was available.

**6. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Boardmember Bigelow stated tree protection zones are important during development.

Boardmember Bachleda asked questions about landscaping requirements for development and maintaining street trees.

Boardmember Douglas stated that the recent flooding made him think of trees as green infrastructure instead of an aesthetic or park amenity, and that through this lens it may help preserve more trees in town.

Chair Kaftanski described a recent river cruise which also had a riverside trail that could be biked the entire length. He informed the Board that Snohomish County is moving forward with trail extension projects. He also reminded the Board that three boardmembers constitutes a quorum, to be aware of potential conflicts, and not to discuss Parks Board items at such an event. They should contact the City Clerk with questions.

**7. STAFF MANAGER UPDATES**

Associate Planner Kreinbring updated the Board on a map showing where trees from the approved tree lists in the Urban Forestry Plan can be found so community members could see what they looked like, with the goal of being published online by the end of January.

Associate Planner Serena Dudas will transition to the Parks Board liaison position and is looking forward to working with the Board.

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



## PARK AND FORESTRY BOARD STAFF REPORT

**Date:** January 28, 2026

**Agenda Section:** ACTION ITEMS

**From:** Brennan Collins, Project Manager  
Serena Dudas, Associate Planner

**Subject:** Agroforestry Northwest Tribal Art at Pilchuck Julia Landing

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**SUMMARY:** The Park Board will review the installation of a donated public art piece at Pilchuck Julia Landing in partnership with Agroforestry Northwest, in alignment with the PROS plan goals and objectives.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:** In August 2025, the City received notification that Agroforestry Northwest (NW) commissioned a Coastal Salish sculpture by tribal artist Walter Moses for installation at Pilchuck Julia Landing. The artwork was created specifically for this park to integrate Indigenous land use perspectives and strengthen the connection to the edible food forest that was planted in partnership with the Snohomish Conservation District in 2022. The piece was completed and unveiled at Agroforestry NW's first creative ecology art show held at Raising Cane Ranch in September 2025. In November 2025, City Council formally accepted the artwork as a donation for Pilchuck Julia Landing.

The cedar carving is approximately 8 feet high and 4 feet wide, finished with a marine-grade varnish, with an estimated value of \$6,000. A location within the park has been identified for the sculpture in collaboration with the artist and Agroforestry NW, taking the site's flood hazard constraints into account. Installation of the sculpture requires construction of an appropriate flood-damage-resistant base in accordance with applicable regulations, which is planned for this summer. The Tulalip Tribes and Agroforestry NW will be involved in planning for a dedication or ceremony to coincide with installation.

This project aligns with the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan goals and objectives as detailed below:

**PRO 1:** Provide a high-quality park system that is diverse, accessible, interconnected, and focused on sustainability.

*Goal met. Installation of a Coastal Salish art piece at Pilchuck Julia Landing improves the park's overall quality and the diversity of the City's park system.*

**PRO 1.5:** Identify unmet demands in the community's parks, such as recreation activities for disabled children, community gardens, bike facilities, food trucks, and off-leash dog parks. Explore potential solutions for integrating these resources into the system, either through the allocation of City resources or by collaborating with other agencies and organizations to meet the needs of residents.

*The project meets this objective, as installation of the sculpture will add cultural significance and enhance passive recreation in the park system.*

**PRO 3:** Protect and preserve open space areas that are scenic, ecologically significant or sensitive, or serve as fish and wildlife habitat.

*Goal met. The proposal will provide a scenic representation of tribal history in an appropriate location.*

**PRO 3.2:** Promote the preservation and/or restoration of native vegetation in natural areas and open space throughout the city to conserve ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, improve ecological and climate resilience, and maintain the natural beauty of our environment for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

*The project meets this objective. Acknowledgement of the edible food forest and native heritage of the shoreline reinforces the value of the park's natural landscape.*

**PRO 7:** Coordinate and partner with other agencies and organizations to provide recreation programs, facilities, and opportunities.

*Goal met. The project is a unique opportunity to partner with organizations and a local artist to acknowledge Snohomish's history.*

**PRO 7.1:** Maintain close coordination and communication with regional partners.

*The project meets this objective through collaboration with Agroforestry NW, their partners, and the Tulalip Tribes.*

**PRO 8.1:** Foster and promote environmental stewardship, responsibility, and awareness within the city.

*The project meets this objective. The Coastal Salish sculpture meaningfully connects the edible food forest and natural environment which fosters educational opportunities and cultural significance.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the art installation at Pilchuck Julia Landing as presented.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Site Plan

Tribal Art Sculpture image







## PARK AND FORESTRY BOARD STAFF REPORT

**Date:** January 28, 2026

**Agenda Section:** DISCUSSION ITEMS

**From:** Serena Dudas, Associate Planner

**Subject:** Two-Year Park Improvement Program

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**SUMMARY:** Staff have developed a draft 2027-2028 Park Improvement Program (PIP), a two-year capital improvement plan aligned with the most recently adopted Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan. The program establishes a clear framework for monitoring parks projects alongside the capital improvement plan and will streamline future updates to Element 5 of the PROS Plan.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:** The Park Improvement Plan (PIP) will serve as a key component of the city's overall parks planning framework, connecting the long-range vision of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan with practical realities of near-term implementation. In August of 2025, staff presented the Board with an implementation update on the PROS Plan Capital Improvement Program (CIP), incorporating current feedback on system needs, available resources, and funding. As the PROS Plan is now two years old, and roughly one-third of the FY24-26 capital elements are funded, additional planning is needed to direct efforts for the upcoming budget biennium of FY27-28. The 2027-2028 PIP will fulfill this need by assisting staff, the Park and Forestry Board, and the public in reviewing capital priorities and planned work for the park system within the PROS Plan policy framework.

The PIP reflects current system needs identified through staff assessments, public feedback gathered during the PROS Plan, and ongoing maintenance observations. Prioritization rests heavily on alignment with the PROS Plan goals and policies, availability of funding and staff capacity, and current conditions of the facilities. Capital improvements included in the PIP draw on a combination of funding sources, including park impact fees, grants, and General Fund support. The PIP will serve as a two-year implementation tool that identifies specific capital projects to be advanced during the upcoming budget biennium. Coordination with Public Works is ongoing to ensure that project timelines, staffing availability, and construction sequencing are realistic. Staff also continue to pursue competitive grant opportunities and implement cost saving strategies to maximize available resources and support the projects identified.

The 2027-2028 PIP represents an important step in maintaining a well-planned park system that responds to community needs and aligns with adopted policy direction. This program will establish a transparent framework for decision-making and will help ensure that progress on Element 5 of the PROS Plan remains measurable and attainable. Future updates to Element 5 of the PROS Plan will also be a simpler task as a benefit from the PIP. Board discussion will confirm that the final PIP aligns with the PROS Plan and advances the priorities to achieve its long-term goals.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For the Board to discuss, ask questions, and provide feedback to staff.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**  
DRAFT 2027-2028 PIP



# 2027-2028 Park Improvement Program

City of Snohomish

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The Park Improvement Program (PIP) is a two-year capital improvement plan based on the most recently adopted Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan. This document addresses each City-owned park and trail individually with some basic information and the improvements planned for the budget biennium, which coincides with the PIP term. Park-related policies and objectives can be found within the PROS Plan.



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## Parks

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Averill Field</b>	CP	409 Third St	2.3 ac

An updated playground structure and new surfacing were installed at Averill Field in 2023, following a master planning process in 2021. A future phase will improve the open lawn area at the northeast corner of the property, install sport courts, a restroom facility, and construct frontage improvements on Third Street.

### 2027

No improvements programmed.

### 2028

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Install public restrooms	\$500,000	2

Total estimated budget: \$500,000

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Cady Park</b>	NP	40 Maple Ave	2.5 ac

### 2027

No improvements programmed.

### 2028

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Repair asphalt	\$60,000	2
Replace site furnishings/fixtures	\$10,000	4
Urban forestry	\$25,000	3

Total estimated budget: \$95,000

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Claytown Park</b>	NP	329 Avenue I	0.35 ac

The wood chip surfacing was replaced in the play area in 2025. The park irrigation system will be repaired in 2026.

### 2027

No improvements programmed.



**2028**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Urban forestry	\$15,000	3

Total estimated budget: \$15,000

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Ferguson Park</b>	CP	1330 Ferguson Park Rd	6.7 ac

The access road base course leading to the boat launch was repaired in 2024. In 2025, the parking lot at Ferguson Park was resurfaced including associated stormwater improvements.

**2027**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Playground equipment	\$800,000*	1
Urban Forestry	\$15,000	3

Total estimated budget: \$815,000

*\*Dependent on grant funding*

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Fischer Park</b>	NP	1214 Madrona Dr	0.11 ac

The play structure was replaced in 2025, including new surfacing, fencing, and landscaping.

**2027**

No improvements programmed.

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Heirman Family Nature Park</b>	TBD	1402 20 <sup>th</sup> St	3.5 ac



This is a new addition to the park system, donated to the City by Snohomish County in 2024. The property was initially donated to Snohomish County by the Heirman family in 2018. The property carries with it a conservation easement and deed restriction that requires tree preservation and naming rights. Permitted uses and activities at the future park include: passive recreation, trails, interpretive centers, viewpoints, picnicking facilities, access, restrooms, playgrounds, and restoration projects. Because it was donated after the PROS Plan was adopted, it has not yet been categorized by the Park & Forestry Board but will likely be either Neighborhood or Community Park.

**2027**

No improvements programmed.

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Hill Park</b>	CP	1610 Park Ave	5.6 ac

The Hill Park fishing dock underwent significant repairs in 2025, leading to a nearly full replacement due to deterioration.

**2027**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Urban forestry	\$30,000	3

**2028**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
ADA improvements	\$50,000	4

Total estimated budget: \$80,000

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Homestead Park</b>	RP	2000 Ludwig Rd	10 ac

The City Council adopted the Homestead Park Master Plan in April 2025 after a lengthy public engagement process. The plan is intended to take advantage of the site’s natural slopes and viewpoints, and to preserve existing trees and wetlands. A parking lot will be constructed at the eastern portion of the site where the grade is currently flat with restrooms. A walking trail will be installed around the perimeter, with viewpoints and seating areas. A disc golf course will be provided, in addition to open play areas. A sidewalk segment will be constructed by the developer of an adjacent residential subdivision to help complete gaps in the sidewalk network in the neighborhood for improved mobility.



**2027**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Urban forestry	\$80,000	3

Total estimated budget: \$80,000

**2028**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Install playground	\$800,000*	1
Parking and paving	\$600,000*	2

Total estimated budget: \$1,400,000

*\*Dependent on grant funding*

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Kla Ha Ya Park</b>	NP	1117 First St	0.37 ac

An urban forestry maintenance project was completed at Kla Ha Ya Park in 2024. Wayfinding and gateway signs were designed in 2025 for installation scheduled in 2026; this project has been deferred to the First Street Master Plan.

**2027**

No improvements programmed.

**2028**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Lighting installation	\$50,000	4
Resurfacing and repair	\$45,000	3

Total estimated budget: \$95,000

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Morgantown Park</b>	NP	200 Long St	2.5 ac

The wood chip surfacing was replaced in the play area in 2025. Playground equipment installation is planned for 2026.

**2027**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
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Sport court resurfacing	\$20,000	3
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Total estimated budget: \$20,000

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Pilchuck Park</b>	RP	169 Cypress Ave	12.9 ac

An urban forestry maintenance project was completed at Pilchuck Park in 2024. A fence maintenance project is anticipated for 2026. The sport court resurfacing project was placed on hold due to the need to replace the subsurface.

**2027**

No improvements programmed.

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

Name	Type	Location	Size
<b>Pilchuck Julia Landing</b>	RP	20 Lincoln Ave	10.01 ac

Wayfinding and gateway signs were designed in 2025 for future installation. A tribal art sculpture will be installed at Pilchuck Julia Landing in 2026, donated by the artist and installed by City crews.

**2027**

No improvements programmed.

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

**Trails**

Name	Type	Trailhead Location	Length
<b>Centennial Trail</b>	T	506 Fourth St	1.4 mi

Recent improvements of the Centennial Trail include repair and replacement of vehicle barricades and surface marking updates, beginning in Fall 2025 into 2026.

**2027**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
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Wayfinding signs	\$50,000	4
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Total estimated budget: \$50,000

**2028**

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Urban forestry	\$50,000	3

Total estimated budget: \$50,000

Name	Type	Trailhead Location	Length
<b>Interurban Trail</b>	T	600 Ford Ave	0.6 mi

In 2024 the City partnered with the School District to improve vegetation along a portion of the Interurban Trail near the Snohomish Aquatic Center. The westernmost portion of the Interurban Trail is privately owned, making any comprehensive trail improvements challenging. A future project involves property acquisition, to complete the trail segment from Ford Avenue to Avenue D. In 2025, the City installed pedestrian improvements at Avenue A for safe crossing.

**2027**

No improvements programmed.

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

Name	Type	Trailhead Location	Length
<b>Powerline Trail</b>	T	2100 Park Ave	0.46 mi

**2027**

No improvements programmed.

**2028**

No improvements programmed.

Name	Type	Trailhead Location	Length
<b>Riverfront Trail</b>	T	40 Maple Ave	0.3 mi

Wayfinding and gateway signs were designed in 2025 for future installation, in addition to a mural on the retaining wall and native planting installation. These projects have been deferred to the First Street Master Plan.

**2027**

No improvements programmed.



2028

Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Lighting installation	\$500,000	4

Total estimated budget: \$500,000



## Two-Year Budget 2027

Park/Trail	Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Centennial Trail	Wayfinding signs	\$50,000	4
Ferguson Park	Playground Equipment	\$800,000*	1
Ferguson Park	Urban forestry	\$15,000	3
Hill Park	Urban forestry	\$30,000	3
Homestead Park	Urban forestry	\$80,000	3
Morgantown Park	Sport court resurfacing	\$20,000	3
Pilchuck Park	Resurfacing and repair	\$150,000	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,145,000</b>	

## 2028

Park/Trail	Project	Estimated cost	Priority
Averill Field	Install public restrooms	\$500,000	2
Cady Park	Repair asphalt	\$60,000	2
Cady Park	Replace site furnishings/fixtures	\$10,000	4
Cady Park	Urban forestry	\$25,000	3
Centennial Trail	Urban forestry	\$50,000	4
Claytown Park	Urban forestry	\$15,000	3
Hill Park	ADA improvements	\$50,000	4
Homestead Park	Install playground	\$800,000*	1
Homestead Park	Parking and paving	\$600,000*	2
Kla Ha Ya Park	Lighting installation	\$50,000	4
Kla Ha Ya Park	Resurfacing and repair	\$45,000	3
Riverfront Trail	Lighting installation	\$500,000	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,705,000</b>	

*\*Dependent on grant funding*





## PARK AND FORESTRY BOARD STAFF REPORT

**Date:** January 28, 2026

**Agenda Section:** STAFF MANAGER UPDATES

**From:** Tom Kreinbring, Associate Planner

**Subject:** **Public Works Parks Staff Update**

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**SUMMARY:** Public Works staff provided updates for actions during the previous month:

- Assisted with flood response, including pre-flood preparation, post-flood cleanup, and damage assessment.
  - Performed general winter maintenance activities.
  - Removed holiday decorations.
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