

Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners Superintendent's Report

AP Diaz, Superintendent

June 12, 2025



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Department Update



Hoa Mai Park Resource Fair



LEAD Program at Garfield TLC



Upcoming Events

2025 **BIG DAY OF PLAY** **FREE**

**Saturday,
August 16, 2025**

12-5 p.m. | All Ages

Sports | Water Activities | Fun Run | Food Trucks | Games | Vendors



Parks & Recreational Services: Recreation



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Summer
Day Camps
Still Open!



Hundreds of offerings

- Basketball
- Carpentry
- Cheerleading
- LEGOs
- Movie Making
- Pickleball
- Robotics
- Theater
- Volleyball
- Water Color

and so much more!

Register on seattle.gov/parks



SUMMER STARTS IN
SEATTLE PARKS





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FREE FAMILY FUN ALL SUMMER LONG!



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**FREE
BEACH
SWIM
LESSONS**



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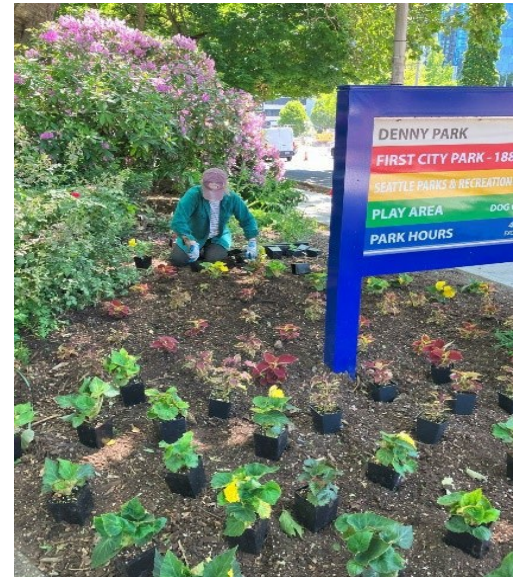
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Parks & Recreational Services



Parks & Recreational Services: Parks and Environment / Facilities



Parks and Capital Development: Project Updates



**Soundview Playfield
Groundbreaking**

**Off-Leash Area
Eagle Scout Project**



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Park Project Updates: Off-Leash Areas



New Off-Leash Areas (OLA) at Othello Playground and West Seattle Stadium!



See how your input helped shape the next stage of design. This is an opportunity to help design Seattle's two new off-leash areas.

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Thank you!



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**Board of Parks and
Recreation Commission**

Magnuson Park Pickleball Project

July 12, 2025

Topics

- **Citywide Pickleball Planning 2021-2023**
- **Magnuson Pickleball Project**
 - Location
 - Scope
 - Schedule
 - Budget
 - Engagement
 - Design
- **Magnuson Pickleball Project SEIS**



Citywide Pickleball Planning

2021: A Pickleball Demand Steering Committee was formed including individual volunteers and:

- Seattle Metro Pickleball Association (SMPA)
- Amy Yee Tennis Center Advisory Council (AYAC),
- SPR Lifelong Recreation, court scheduling, and planning staff

2021-2022: The 2021-2022 Outdoor Pickleball Study

- Magnuson Park and Georgetown Playfield for dedicated facilities in north and south.
- This study was presented at a virtual public meeting in **May 2022**.

August 11, 2022:

- Presentation to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners (BPRC).
- BPRC recommends to proceed with concept development at Magnuson Park and Georgetown Playfield.



Citywide Pickleball Planning

2023 Outdoor Pickleball Court Planning

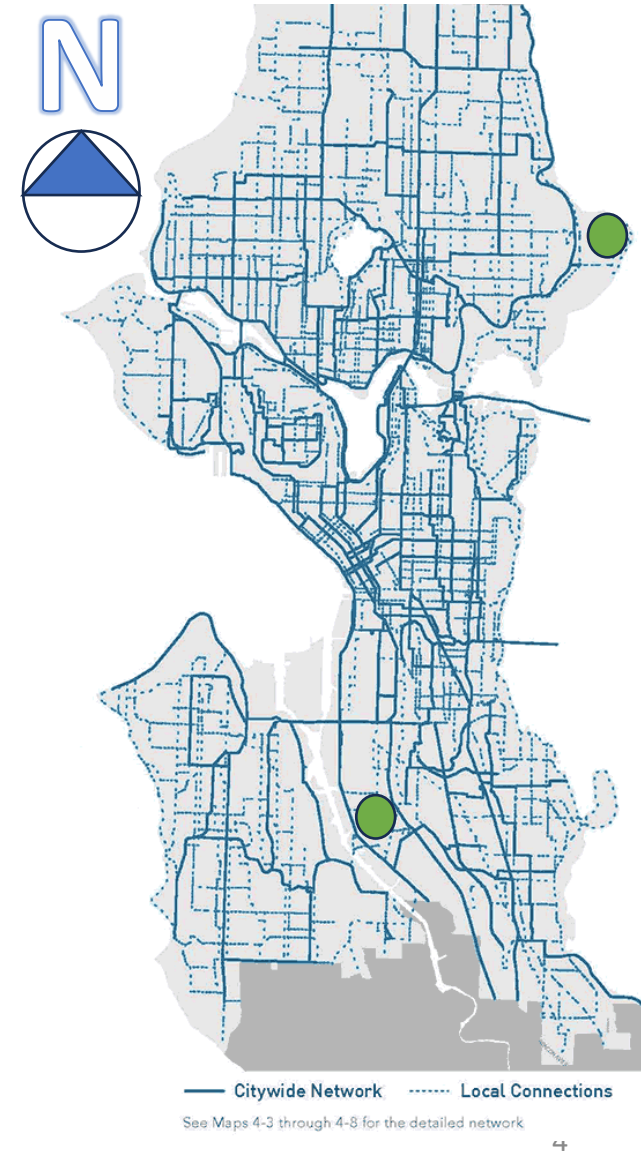
SPR assessed numerous potential sites for dedicated pickleball facilities. These sites were chosen due to the availability of land and to select a preferred location in both north and south Seattle from several options:

- **North Seattle:**

- **Magnuson E5 Parking Lot,**
- Bitter Lake Reservoir,
- Interbay,
- Woodland Park Lower,
- Woodland Park “Horseshoe,”
- Woodland Triangle,
- Magnuson Tennis courts.

- **South Seattle:**

- Hiawatha Playfield,
- Genessee Playfield,
- **Georgetown Playfield,**
- Jefferson Park oval,
- Pratt Park,
- Judkins Lower Field,
- Lincoln Park.

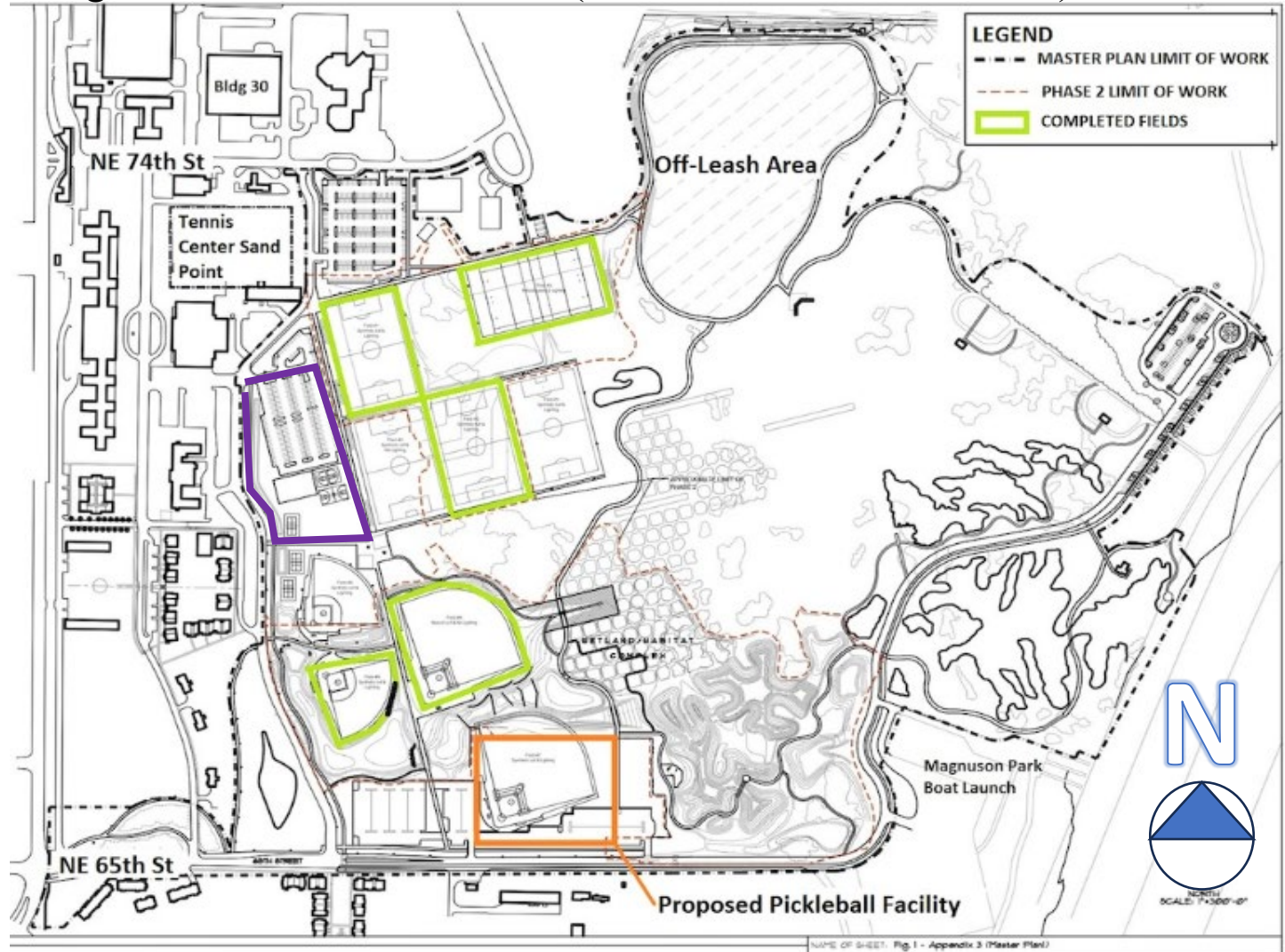


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Magnuson Pickleball Project Location

- Selected project site is at the parking lot located north of NE 65th Street known as **Parking Lot E-5**.
(Orange Box)
- The Master Plan will have to be amended to change site selection from Diamond playfield to Pickleball.
- Opportunity to increase utilization of existing Diamond playfields on Sandpoint Way.
(Purple Polygon)

Magnuson Park Master Plan (Ordinance 122318 – 2006)



Magnuson Park – South

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Magnuson Pickleball Project Scope

New Pickleball Courts

The project will construct 8-10 new pickleball courts with a professional-grade playing surface, net systems, court markings and lighting.

Lighting and Fencing

The courts will be equipped with energy-efficient LED lighting to allow for evening play, and perimeter fencing will be installed to enclose the playing area.

Spectator Seating

Ample seating for spectators will be provided, including shaded areas and benches, to enhance the viewing experience for players and community members.

Accessibility Features

The project will incorporate accessible design elements, such as ramps and designated parking, to ensure the pickleball facility is inclusive and welcoming to all members of the community.

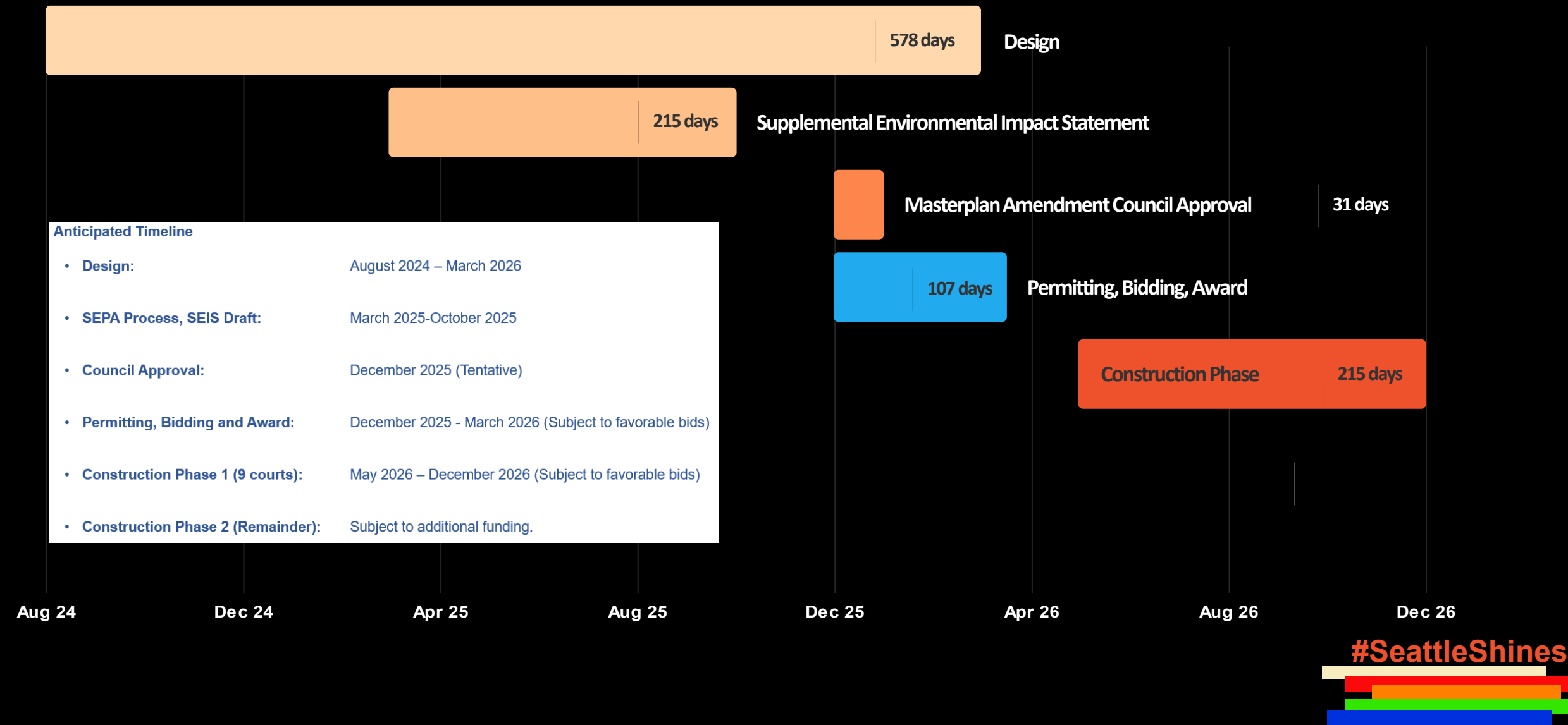
Landscaping and Amenities

The surrounding area will be landscaped with native plants and trees, and additional amenities like water fountains and bike racks will be installed to create a comfortable and enjoyable environment.

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Magnuson Pickleball Project Schedule



Magnuson Pickleball Project

Estimated Hard-Costs

Budget Item	Estimated Cost
3-Court Module of Post-Tensioned w/Fencing	\$300,000
9 Post-Tensioned Courts w/Fencing	\$900,000
Site Servicing and Restoration (Storm/Power)	\$400,000
Site Furnishings and Lighting	\$500,000
Future Phases (beyond 9 Courts)	TBD

Magnuson Pickleball Project Engagement

September 2024

“This is an exciting opportunity for community members to meet the design team and view the initial concepts for dedicated pickleball courts at the park.

The proposed project site is the former Children’s Hospital park-and-pool lot, located to the north of NE 65th Street. The current project budget allows for the construction of 8 to 10 pickleball courts with lighting. SPR anticipates the courts will open by Q1 2027.

SPR plans to amend the park’s master plan to accommodate a more extensive development and a potential ultimate buildout of 24 lighted courts through additional grant or donation funding.”

The Community is Invited to Review
Design Concepts for the

**PICKLEBALL COURT
PLANNING PROJECT AT
WARREN G. MAGNUSON PARK**



Magnuson Pickleball Project Engagement

November 2024

“SPR will present a design concept for pickleball courts to be constructed on a former aircraft parking area which since the late 1990s has been used for special event, boat launch overflow, athletic fields parking and for access to the nearby wetlands and athletic fields.”

The Community is Invited to Review
**Magnuson Park
Outdoor Pickleball Court
Preferred Concept Designs**

Please Join Us!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
FROM 6 TO 7:30 PM**

Magnuson Community Center, 7110 62nd Avenue NE.



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Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) invites the community to attend a meeting to review design concepts for the Outdoor Pickleball Court Development project at Warren G. Magnuson Park.

The preferred concepts include up to 24 pickleball courts on the Children's Hospital park-and-pool lot, located to the north of NE 65th Street. The current project budget allows for the construction of 8 to 14 pickleball courts with lighting which are anticipated to be open by late 2026.

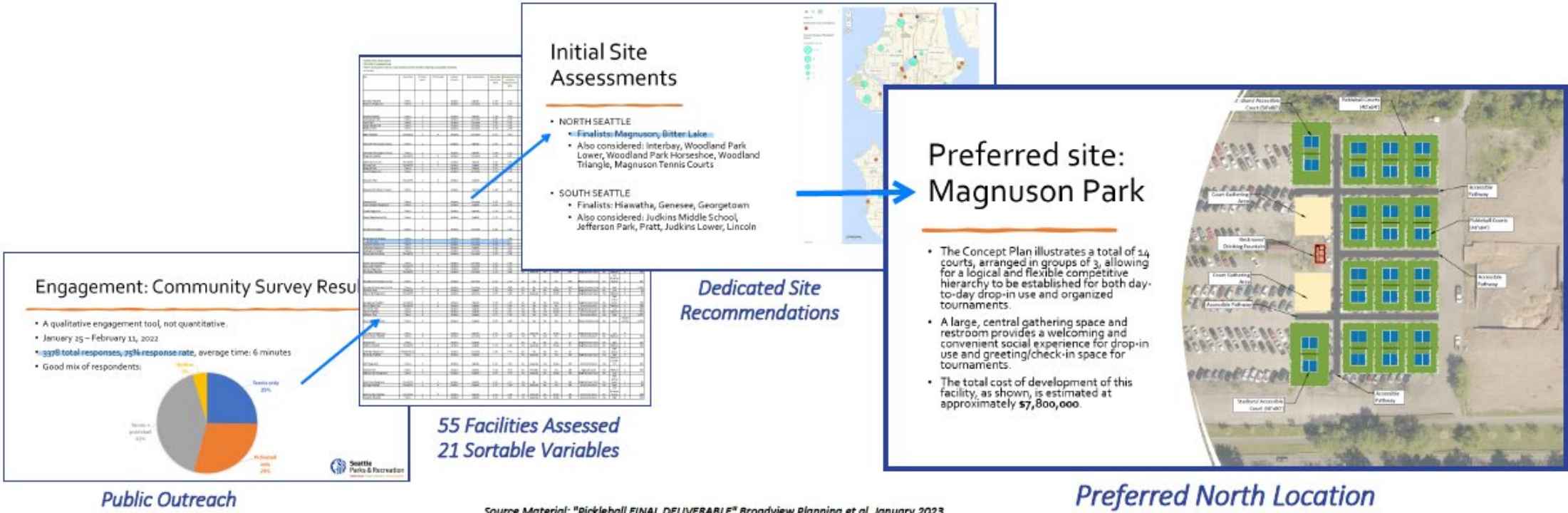
In 2003, an environmental impact statement was prepared for the Wetlands, Courts and Sports Field project, which includes the current pickleball site. Due to this a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) will be prepared. This includes an analysis of three alternatives: no build; build 8-14 courts, and full build out of 24 courts. After a preferred alternative is selected, a wetlands and sports field master plan will be amended by removing an unbuild ballfield and inserting the pickleball full build out alternative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT AND TO STAY UPDATED ON THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS, PLEASE VISIT:

www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/projects/outdoor-pickleball-planning
or contact Kevin Bergsrud at Kevin.Bergsrud@seattle.gov.

“The current project budget allows for the construction of 8-14 pickleball courts with lighting which are anticipated to be open by late 2026. A full build out concept includes up to 25 courts, court lighting, some covered courts, picnic tables and other amenities. These may be constructed in phases and would be funded by donations or grants.”

Magnuson Pickleball Project Design



Source Material: "Pickleball FINAL DELIVERABLE" Broadview Planning et al, January 2023

Magnuson Pickleball Project Design

Specifics

- The current budget allocation of **\$2.6M** anticipates the construction of **8-10 courts with lighting by the end of 2026**.
- A **\$1M** community donation has been made to the Seattle Metro Pickleball Association and secured with the Seattle Parks Foundation for pickleball at Magnuson Park.
- This location is determined as the most suitable from a capacity and cost perspective, utilizing existing stable hard surface and improving surface runoff.



Magnuson Park – south AKA Concept 6 (24+1 Courts)

Magnuson Pickleball Project Design



Placing aggregate bedding on failed asphalt tennis courts for a Post-Tension Concrete overlay.



Liner, Formwork, and Reinforcing Cable/Tendons



Pump-placement & screeding



Power-screed finish

**POST-TENSION CONCRETE
SLABS OVER PARKING LOT**

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

- The State Environmental Policy Act (**SEPA**) rules require the analysis of “reasonable” alternatives with lower environmental cost.
- “A lead agency may decide that there are no reasonable alternatives to a proposal and that the no action alternative, and the proposed action would be the only alternatives examined in the EIS.”
- **Analyzing only one action alternative is not recommended.**



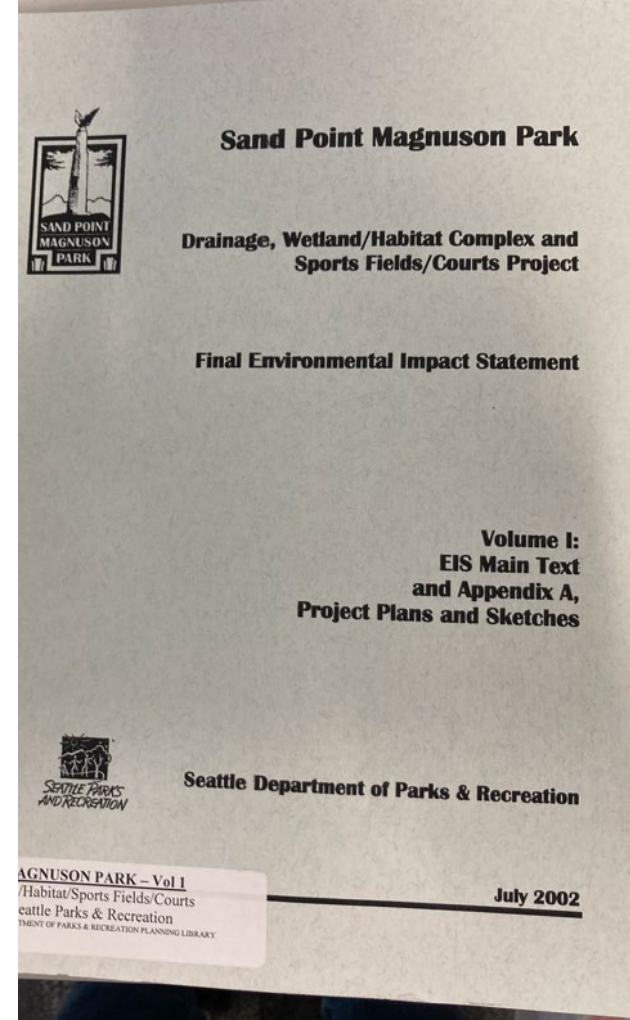
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

- In 2002, SPR prepared a SEPA EIS for the *Sand Point Magnuson Park Drainage, Wetland/Habitat Complex, and Sports Fields/Courts Project*.
- Due to a citizens group appeal, SPR was required to prepare a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) in 2003, on the sole issue of the impacts of sports field noise on wildlife.
- After the 2003 SEIS was issued, an Addendum to the Final EIS (FEIS) was published, also in 2003, which modified selected design and operational characteristics.



Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

- Analyzing only one action alternative is not recommended.
- The 2025 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will supplement the 2002 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the SEIS issued in 2003, and the Addendum issued in 2003.
- The 2025 SEIS will be the second SEIS to be prepared. The 2002 EIS and 2003 SEIS and Addendum contain detailed analyses of the No Action Alternative and Alternative 1 (Master Plan).
- The 2025 SEIS will compare and analyze the impacts of the No Action Alternative and other Action Alternatives including an **Off-site Alternative**.



Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)



Assess the impacts of the Alternatives:

No Action Alternative: Existing conditions (parking lot, no construction - already analyzed in the earlier EIS).



Action Alternative 1: Master Plan
(baseball field - already analyzed in the earlier EIS).

Action Alternative 2:
25 Pickleball Courts: Construction and operation.



Action Alternative 3:
Off-Site Option: West of Arena Sports.



Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Action Alternative 3: The Off-site Alternative

- An **Off-site Alternative** on the west side of Arena Sports in the north end of Magnuson Park is being explored.
- East Parking lot is at capacity during peak use times.



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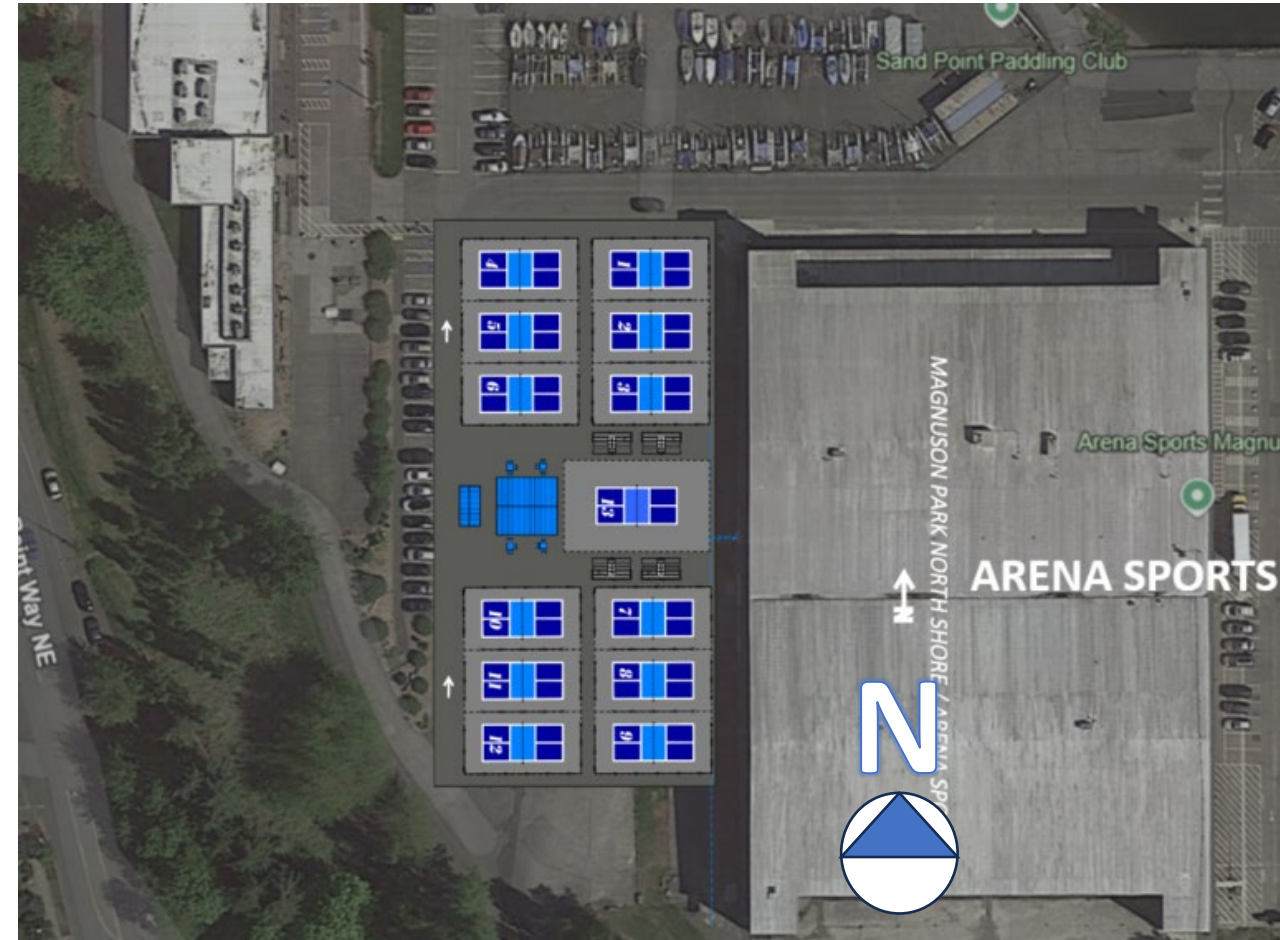
Magnuson Park - north

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Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Action Alternative 3 The Off-site Alternative

- An **Off-site Alternative** on the west side of Arena Sports in the north end of Magnuson Park is being explored.
- Approximate number of 13 courts.



Magnuson Park - north

Meanwhile...

City-wide Strategy for Outdoor Racquet Sports

SPR will release for public input later this year

- The strategy seeks to provide a global solution for racquet sport court management, maintenance, and distribution.
- The strategy seeks to establish minimum court distribution objectives and establish an achievable, meaningful, and equitable level of service for both racquet sports.
- The strategy seeks to provide opportunities to expand capital investment through public-private partnerships for both sports, AND to develop a capital improvement plan for the next three MPD funding cycles.





Thank you