

Hockinson Community Park Fact Sheet

Hockinson Community Park, also known as Hockinson Meadows and China Ditch, is located on the southwest corner of NE 119th Street and 172nd Avenue.

It is 240 acres in size, with nearly half of the site consisting of wetlands and wetland buffer areas (+/-105 acres). The extent of the existing wetlands provides very few suitable areas that are large enough to accommodate the park and sports field elements that are part of this community park. The largest single area that is suitable for active use is about 30 acres in size and is located on the south side of the park. Initial park development efforts will focus on that area.

Current Status

The Phase 1 development plan for Hockinson Community Park is now in the final design and permitting process, and construction is expected to begin in spring 2008. Construction should last about 12 months.

In late August 2007, the county began hauling fill dirt into the park for the sports fields included in the plan. This preliminary site preparation work will be completed in October 2007.

Phase 1 Development Plan

The Board of Clark County Commissioners has established a Phase 1 construction budget for Hockinson Community Park of approximately \$9.3 million.

The cost to build everything included in the long-term master plan is estimated at more than \$25 million, which means that some of park features cannot be built initially. As a result, staff created a Phase I development plan for the park. The park elements that will be built as part of Phase 1 include the following:

- Eight Little League ball fields (some of these fields will also be used for soccer in the fall)
- Playground area with equipment
- Walking, jogging and biking paths
- Picnic areas including one covered picnic shelter
- Restroom facilities
- Parking lots
- Preserved and enhanced wildlife habitat areas
- Stormwater treatment facilities
- Wetland mitigation and enhancement (the design for Phase 1 minimizes development within the wetlands, and puts most of the improvements in the drier upland areas)

In addition, NE 172nd Avenue will be widened at the park entrance to provide for a new left turn lane.

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The Long-Term Master Plan

The long-term master plan for Hockinson Community Park was developed in 2004-05 with extensive public input. It was approved by the Board of Clark County Commissioners in December 2005.

The master plan represents the overall park program, and is not meant to be a construction blueprint. What is actually built at any park is based on the amount of construction funding available. Any unfunded master plan elements can be added to the park in the future when more funding is available.

The long-term master plan for Hockinson Community Park includes the following park features:

- 16 Little League fields
- Eight soccer fields
- Playground area
- Picnic areas and picnic shelters
- Extreme sports area (skateboarding/BMX bicycling)
- Multi-use trails
- Basketball and tennis courts
- Off-leash dog park area
- Restrooms
- Parking lots
- Interpretive areas and vistas
- Caretaker facility
- Stormwater treatment facilities
- Wetland mitigation and enhancement

Funding Sources

Funding to design and construct Phase 1 of this project comes from park impact fees, which are paid whenever homes are built; real estate excise taxes, which are paid whenever a property is sold; and a state grant.

Maintenance of the park after it's built will be paid for with property taxes collected in the unincorporated urban area of the county through the Greater Clark Parks District, which was approved by voters in 2005.

More Information

Visit the project Web page at: www.clarkparks.org/projects/hockinson.htm

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