

June 30, 1938

Seattle Park Department  
Progress report on W.P.A. projects.

288 Van Asselt Playground:

W.P.A. Allotment	\$55,417.00
Park Department 1932 construction fund	3,174.00
Park Department 1937 budget	7,000.00
Total	<u>\$65,591.00</u>

16000 Cubic Yards of excavation      Completed  
10000    "    "    "    "    To be moved

Brick shelter House started. This building consists of rest rooms, caretaker's and equipment room, instructor's room and a play and meeting room. Building is so arranged that at some future date lockers, showers, and a larger meeting room may be added.

Drainage is 50% completed. Water system will not be started until grading is completed.

276 Colman Playground:

W.P.A. Allotment	\$15,667.00
Park Department 1937 budget	5,258.00
Total	<u>\$20,925.00</u>

This project consists of a reinforced concrete Shelter House. It has the same facilities as the Van Asselt Shelter House plus an additional play room in the basement. It is 85% complete and we hope to have it finished by the end of July.

274 Cascade Playground:

W.P.A. Allotment	\$12,030.00
Park Department 1937 budget	5,000.00
Total	<u>\$17,030.00</u>

A small brick Shelter House is being constructed, consisting of rest, caretaker's and instructor's rooms. It is about 85% completed. A small children's wading pool will be built as soon as the Shelter House is completed.

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249 Broadway Playground:

W.P.A. Allotment	\$38,600.00
Park Department 1937	
budget	<u>10,600.00</u>
Total	\$49,200.00

Regrading small children's field. 75% complete  
Construction of new wading pool and sand box. 96% "  
Fence and wall around small children's field 90% "  
New chain-link fence along tennis courts 33% "  
Vaulting and jumping pit completed  
Lighting ball field 50% complete

Concrete walks, resurfacing cinder track, sprinkling system, seeding, and repairing Shelter House and bleachers have not been started to date.

242 Highland Park Playground:

W.P.A. Allotment	\$13,870.00
Park Department 1937	
budget	5,000.00
Park Department balance	
left from 1936	<u>1,352.00</u>
Total	\$20,222.00

Shelter House, same type as Van Asselt, being constructed on this playground. Construction of single tennis court proposed after building is completed.

Ht. Baker Bathhouse:

Parking ground has been regraded and enlarged; walks and curbs built from bathhouse to beach and to walk along the boulevard.

Area in front of beach has been regraded and is now being top-soiled to cover cinders. This entire area is all cinders as the old city pumping plant dumped cinders here for years.

Painting Playground buildings:

W.P.A. Allotment	\$14,090.00
Park Department 1936	3,492.00
budget and material on hand.	
Total	<u>\$17,582.00</u>



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**Painting Playground buildings (con't)**

This project covers painting buildings over the entire Park System. The larger buildings being painted are Green Lake, and South Park Field Houses. West Green Lake, Madrona and Seward Bathhouses were painted before the bathing season opened.

**Rafts for Bathing Beaches:**

W.P.A. Allotment	\$ 1,498.50
Park Department funds-maintenance	574.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,072.00</b>

Two rafts for the bathing beaches at Fritchard Island and Golden Gardens were constructed in the bay at Seward Park. Construction of these rafts was made possible by the contribution of cedar logs left over from the dredging of Green Lake by the City Engineering Department.

**Alki Beach:**

W.P.A. Allotment	\$3100.00
Park Department equipment and material	430.00
	<b>\$3530.00</b>

This project will open July 6th and consists of cleaning up of the bathing beach, repairing tables and benches and painting light poles. (Paint supplied by City Light).

**Woodland Park Zoo:**

W.P.A. Allotment	\$2600.00
Park material and equipment on hand	828.00
	<b>\$3428.00</b>

Regrading walks, clearing fence lines, grading erecting 200 fence posts, painting, and repairing 40 doors and frames.

**Cleveland Playground running track:**

W.P.A. Allotment	\$6617.00
Park department and Cleveland High School	1742.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8359.00</b>

Quarter-mile track (running); grading and planting one acre of field, construction of jumping and vaulting pit and general clean-up of entire field.

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Cleveland Playground running track (con't)

As this track will be used by the Cleveland High School, they furnished all the material for the pit and about one-half for the running track.

West Seattle Golf and Recreation Area:

W.P.A. spent to 5/12/38	\$736,692.41
W.P.A. new allotment	282,698.60
Park Department 1937	
budget	30,000.00
Park Department 1938	
budget	19,500.00
Park department equipment	
trees, and miscellaneous	
items	25,000.00
Total	\$1,093,898.01

This project is divided into three major units: An 18-hole golf course, an athletic field, and a recreation camp.

Golf Course:

239 The golf course is 75% completed. At the present rate of progress it will be completely seeded by the middle of August. After the greens and fairways are completed the W.P.A. crew will start cleaning up the roughs or areas outside of the golf course proper. They will start the improvements of roadways, walks, paths, etc.

There still remains pipe and tile to the amount of \$5,000.00 to be purchased to complete the water and drainage system. No funds are provided for this. Areas not piped are now reached by long lengths of hose. This is not a practical method of watering and it will probably have to be left dry when the city takes over the course.

No funds for clubhouse have been provided.

240 Athletic Field:

The football field has been seeded and the grass is growing very nicely. The field is completely watered and drained.

The running track is ready for cinders. These will be hauled from Harborview Hospital as soon as the Cleveland Playground track is completed.

The grandstand is nearly completed. The bleachers are 60% completed. The entire structure and field will be ready for

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**Athletic Field (con't)**

play this fall. There will be seating capacity for 1500 under cover and 2600 in the open bleachers.

Parking grounds and roadways for this joint use of the athletic field and golf course are graded and partly graveled.

41 **Recreation Camp:**

Seven of the ten cabins are completed. The two rest rooms are well under way. Parade ground is graded and is now being fine-graded.

The Campfire Circle is almost completed. The brick masons are now working on a miniature mountain for hiking.

The purpose of this project is to provide camping facilities, sanitary provision, and room to carry out programs, but it is hoped that the various groups who use the camp will contribute different features such as signal towers, etc., to make the camp more interesting to those using it.

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There is, in Washington D.C., an application for a blanket W.P.A. project covering all parks and playgrounds amounting to \$235,428.20. If this project is approved separate units may be requested by the Park Board and then approved by the W.P.A. State Office, Alaska Building, Seattle. This will save approximately one month's time in getting projects approved, as it would otherwise take about 2 weeks here for approval and approximately 6 weeks to 2 months in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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