

# Counterbalance Park: an Urban Oasis Development

This project develops the 12,000 square foot site at 2 Roy Street at the NE corner of intersection of Queen Anne Ave N and Roy Street into a neighborhood pocket park. This now vacant property was occupied by gas stations from 1922 through 1991. The site was also at the base of the Counterbalance trolley system that linked upper and lower Queen Anne hill until the 1940s. Additional information about the project is available at:

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/queenanneparkdev.htm>

Parks staff, the Uptown Alliance, Murase Associates Landscape Architects, and artist Iole Alessandrini have worked with the community to find bold ideas outside traditional park design to respond to potential site security issues and counteract potential undesirable urban activities in this new park. The Uptown Alliance is committed to an ambitious fundraising plan that will allow the construction of a park that is vibrant, unique and attractive. Counterbalance Park is part of the Mayor's Center City Parks Initiative [www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/downtown.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/downtown.asp).

**Development Fundraising Goal: \$1 million. Funds raised to date: \$814,000**

**Friends of the Park contact: Jean Sundborg at Uptown Alliance (206) 733-9435**

Seattle Pro Park's Levy funding	\$304,000
Lead gift from Shah Safari, Inc.	\$225,000
City of Seattle, Neighborhood Matching Fund grant	\$100,000
Metro/King County funding	\$50,000
Grant from Miller Foundation for horticultural materials	\$45,000
The Norcliffe Foundation grant	\$20,000
Safeco Insurance community grant	\$10,000
Individual contributions	\$30,000
Business and corporations	\$30,000
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## For more information:

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