

Project History/Background

Jan 2003- Five City departments have been meeting over the last year to plan and coordinate improvements near the Bitter Lake Reservoir. This Interdepartmental Team (IDT) includes Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks), Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), Department of Neighborhoods (DON) and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Seattle City Light (SCL).

In autumn 2003, SPU completed preliminary engineering for a project to alleviate flooding at the intersection of 143rd and Linden. SPU envisions a system of drainage swales to handle the water that now floods the intersection. The design of this drainage system will be closely integrated with Park's recreational and open space development. Parks and SPU are entering into a joint design agreement, and will hire a consultant design team create a unified site design.

In November of 2002, Parks SPU and DON conducted design interviews. A representative of the Linden Ave Task Force participated in the selection process. We are pleased to report the selection of J. A. Brennan Landscape Architects as the lead designer. Brennan's experience in the Seattle area includes the design of Herrings House Park on the Duwamish River and Webster Park in Ballard adjacent to the Nordic Heritage Museum.