



# What is happening at Soundview?

**Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) is renovating Soundview Playfield!**

Soundview Playfield is located at 1590 NW 90th St., next to Whitman Middle School.

The proposed project will include installation of synthetic field surfacing, the addition of lighting, ADA access improvements, and other site improvements. SPR is investing in state of the art synthetic turf systems that provide safe, playable, and durable fields. Additionally, we are investing in high quality energy-efficient field lighting which minimizes spill light and glare off the field while providing recreation light on the field. These upgrades will allow for additional use of the field to address recreational demands and to repair field drainage issues.

In the planning stage of this project we have heard from community members who have concerns about the changes to the playfield, and how these changes may impact the community. The following information is meant to address common questions and concerns around upcoming changes to this field:

- Soundview Playfield is well used by the community, especially youth leagues, as a sports venue. In 2016 over 2,000 hours were scheduled on the Soundview fields! Due to the age and wear of the field, the current demand, and much-needed drainage upgrades, Soundview Playfield has been selected for renovation.
- Planning for the renovation is underway and construction is expected to be completed at the end of 2019.
- An open house to discuss field design options and hear from the community will be held on site June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 3 p.m.
- The total budget for this project is \$ 6.3 million, and is funded by the Seattle Park District.
- The field renovation project will include new lighting, that will offer high quality light with minimal glare and reduce light pollution.
- As part of the project a traffic study will be conducted and the results will be made public to anticipate the amount of new traffic generated.
- SPR will not be expanding the parking lot.
- Seattle Public Schools will be conducting a separate project to renovate the fields at Whitman Middle School. Construction on Whitman's fields will begin summer 2017.

Updates on the project can be found at the following website:

<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/soundview-playfield-athletic-field-renovation>

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