



## King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

### Parks and Recreation Division

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## SEPA Categorical Exemption

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**Project Name**      Dockton Park Play Area Rehabilitation

**Project Number**    1140694

**Project Location:** Dockton Park. 9500 SW Dock St, Vashon, WA 98070  
Parcel No. 2051200315

### Project Description

The King County Parks Play Area Rehabilitation Program provides for removal and replacement of play area equipment and safety surfacing at parks throughout the King County Park system. The play equipment and rubber safety surfacing at Dockton Park has reached the end of its useful life. To keep the play area open, a portion of the rubber safety surfacing was already removed in 2021 and replaced with wood fiber. In addition, the drainage around the play area is poor, often flooding the adjacent lawn making it unusable and hard to maintain, and the pathway to the play area needs to be adjusted to make it fully ADA accessible.

This project will rehabilitate the play area by replacing all the play equipment with new equipment. The safety surfacing will also be replaced with rubber tile. The playground footprint will remain approximately the same with some minor adjustments to make it easier to maintain. Concrete pads for benches, musical play equipment, and a sani-can will be added near the play area. The pathway to and from the play area will be reconfigured to make the slopes meet ADA accessibility requirements. A portion of the lawn area will be planted with native vegetation and no longer maintained as lawn.

This play area is located in the Shoreline Management Area for Puget Sound and within overlapping wetland and aquatic area buffers. As mitigation for permanently impacting approximately 2,120 square feet of buffer within the Shoreline Management Area and temporarily impacting 2,100 of maintained lawn area within the buffer, buffer enhancement is proposed at a 2:1 mitigation ratio. In addition, approximately 7,010 square feet of wetland, which

is currently maintained a lawn, will be enhanced with native within the Shoreline Management Area to improve hydrologic and water quality function. It will no longer be maintained as lawn. A split rail fence will be added to protect the critical area. Soil amendments will not be required for planting.

Due to the park's location in a Shoreline Management Area and the play area's location in the critical area buffer, the work will require a King County Clearing and Grading Permit and Shoreline Substantial Development Permit.

**SEPA Exemption**

King County has determined that this project is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under WAC 197-11-800 (3) *Repair, remodeling and maintenance activities*.

**Determination Completed on 12/29/2022 By**

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