

Public Comment Log for Website

This is a log of emails received from the public in response to project update emails sent in May – August 2026. Names have been redacted to protect privacy, and images and greetings have been removed to save space, otherwise the emails are copied over exactly as they were received and sent. The purpose of this document is to provide transparency on the feedback that has been received.

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Community Member A

Parks Staff (05/20/2026):

I'm reaching out to provide an update on the Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf project. Our partner, Northwest Disc Golf Association, has reached the point of a final design for the course. The course has been designed with careful consideration for the feedback received to date from park stakeholders, including concerns for impacts to the existing trail system, and concern for potential environmental impacts.

Below I've included some of the key course features, design considerations, a course visual, and the next steps.

Course Features:

- There will be a beginner's course with 9 shorter holes, located in the SW corner of the project area. We believe this smaller course will be of particular interest to kids or adults learning how to play disc golf.
- The main course, with 18 holes, will accommodate 3 levels of play (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) by installing 2-3 tee pads for each hole. This will allow for various skill levels to enjoy the course.
- Across the beginners and main course there will be 27 baskets and 60 tee pads. The baskets are approximately 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft x 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 6ft for the main course.

Design considerations:

- All course features are located outside of all identified wetlands and their buffers.
- Natural clearings will be utilized to the greatest extent possible to reduce vegetation clearing. No significant trees will be removed for the course. Vegetation removal and

trimming is limited to understory vegetation, shrubs, and dead trees that are deemed hazardous.

- Disc fairways will not cross the existing trail system, to allow for safe and continued use of the existing trail system.
- A minimum buffer of 20 feet is retained between the existing trail system and disc golf baskets (the throwing target for the discs).
- A minimum buffer of 50 feet is retained between the bordering homes property lines and the nearest course feature. In most areas the buffer is even greater than 50 feet.

Next steps:

- NWDGA and Parks anticipate submitting the final design to permitting for review in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Pending permit review and approval, construction (fairway clearing, and tee pad, basket, and signage installation) will begin in September 2026.

Please note the course visual below is not to scale, it is intended to share the course design from a high level. The baskets are approximately 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft x 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 6ft for the main course. The red line is the existing trail system in the project area.

Please feel free to share this information with your HOA members and let them know they can email me with any specific questions. If Trovitsky Park is interested in hearing more about the design process and the next steps, we would be happy to attend an upcoming meeting your HOA has on the calendar. Just let me know if that is of interest.

Thank you!

Community Member A (05/20/2026):

Hi,

Thank you for sending the update. I will share with our community. Our next HOA meeting is scheduled in July. I can provide further details if the community would be interested in having you attend.

Secondly, were you planning on running this design by the Renton/Fairwood community as a whole for overall feedback regarding the design?

Parks Staff (05/21/2026):

Great, I'll keep an eye out for an email from you if you decide you would like us to share more at an upcoming meeting.

We are in the process of sending out the final design to identified park stakeholders, and folks that previously responded to our project survey. We are open to additional feedback, and happy to answer questions or respond to concerns folks may have.

Thanks!

Community Member A (05/22/2026):

Thank you for providing the updated course information and visual layout.

After reviewing the proposed design, neighboring homeowners still have several significant concerns regarding safety, neighborhood access, parking impacts, and inconsistencies with prior project statements.

1. While Parks states that a minimum 50-foot buffer will exist between homes and course features, disc golf discs are capable of traveling up to or beyond 100 feet, particularly on advanced holes. Given this, many homeowners do not feel a 50-foot buffer is adequate for protecting neighboring properties, privacy, or safety. Was any formal safety analysis conducted to determine appropriate setback distances for bordering residential homes?

2. The course visual appears to show what may be an access connection from the Trovitsky Park neighborhood near SE 180th Pl into the course area. Are we interpreting this correctly? If so, what is the intended purpose of that connection?

3. Residents are very concerned that any neighborhood access point could lead to increased overflow parking within our residential streets. We already experience unauthorized parking associated with soccer games and park events at Petrovitsky Park. What plans does King County Parks have specifically regarding overflow parking in our neighborhood?

4. Would King County consider installing "No Park Parking / Unauthorized Vehicles Subject

to Tow” signage at the entrances to the Trovitsky Park neighborhood?

5. While the design notes indicate fairways will not cross the trail system, many baskets and throwing paths still appear oriented toward or adjacent to existing walking trails. What measures are being implemented to protect walkers, children, and pets from errant discs entering trail areas?

6. Previous communications indicated that vegetation and trees would not be impacted. The project description now references removal of understory vegetation, shrubs, hazardous trees, and selective tree removal where deemed necessary. Could Parks clarify what specifically changed between earlier statements and the current proposal regarding vegetation impacts?

7. The homes in our neighborhood seem to be removed from this plan, could you create an updated plan that accurately shows the aerial view with our neighborhood and the homes next to it?

We appreciate your willingness to continue communication with neighboring homeowners as this project progresses and would appreciate written clarification regarding the concerns above prior to permitting review.

Thank you,

Community Member A (06/10/2026):

Hi,

Our HOA would like to invite you to our next board meeting, July 21st at 6pm. I have included our management company to also help coordinate and document this communication.

I had forward some questions regarding the plan, and also a recent email to Councilmember Dunn and his team. It would be helpful if those items could be addressed prior to or at the meeting.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Community Member A (06/12/2026):

Hello,

I have attached a public records request regarding the proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park. Per RCW 42.56.520, I anticipate a response by 6/19.

I have also posted the request in the body in case there are issues opening the document.

6/12/26

King County Public Records Office

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Subject: Public Records Request – Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Project (Parcel No. 3623059007)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Washington Public Records Act (RCW 42.56), I respectfully request copies of records related to Petrovitsky Park (Parcel No. 3623059007) and the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course project.

Specifically, I request the following records:

1. Original Petrovitsky Park Master Plan

The complete Petrovitsky Park Master Plan adopted pursuant to King County Motion 06776, including all attachments, exhibits, maps, site plans, environmental analyses, planning studies, technical reports, and supporting materials referenced by the motion.

2. Open Space, Natural Area, and Environmental Planning Documents

Any documents identifying, describing, designating, or discussing the intended use, preservation, protection, management, or development limitations of:

The wooded greenbelt within Petrovitsky Park

Natural areas

Open space networks

Wildlife habitat

Wildlife corridors

Passive recreation areas

Environmentally sensitive areas

Wetlands and wetland buffers

Forested slopes

Critical areas

Water basin overlays

3. Critical Areas and Environmental Studies

The complete Critical Areas Study prepared for the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course project, including all:

Appendices

Maps

Figures

Exhibits

Field notes

Habitat assessments

Wetland evaluations

Technical memoranda

Environmental analyses

Supporting documentation

4. SEPA and Environmental Review Records

Any State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) records related to the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course project, including but not limited to:

SEPA checklists

Determinations of Nonsignificance (DNS)

Mitigated Determinations of Nonsignificance (MDNS)

Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

Environmental assessments

Environmental reviews

Public notices

Public comments

Agency comments

Responses to comments

5. Watershed, Wetland, and Open Space Records

Any records, reports, maps, studies, or analyses addressing:

Wetland 14

McGarvey Park Open Space

The 4:1 mitigation area associated with McGarvey Park

Spring Lake/Lake Desire watershed

Water basin overlays affecting the project area

Wildlife corridors within or adjacent to Petrovitsky Park

Hydrology, drainage, runoff, or watershed impacts related to the project area

6. Disc Golf Course Design and Planning Documents

All records relating to the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course, including:

Current and prior site plans

Draft and final course layouts

Design concepts

Design revisions

Permitting applications

Internal review documents

Project evaluations

Maps and exhibits

Documents reflecting changes made in response to environmental or community concerns

7. Permitting and Approval Records

Records identifying:

Required permits

Permit applications

Permit reviews

Public notice requirements

Public comment opportunities

Appeal procedures

Anticipated permitting timeline

Regulatory approvals required for project construction

8. Community Partnerships Grant Records

All records related to funding and approval of the proposed project, including:

The original Community Partnerships Grant application

All supporting documents and attachments

Project narratives

Maps and exhibits submitted with the application

Grant review documents

Scoring sheets

Evaluation criteria

Approval records

Funding agreements

Conditions of approval

Correspondence regarding grant eligibility or approval

Documents describing the intended purpose and allowable uses of the Community Partnerships Grant program as applied to this project

9. Northwest Disc Golf Association Agreements

All agreements between King County and the Northwest Disc Golf Association relating to the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course project, including:

Community Partnership Agreements

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

Maintenance agreements

Operating agreements

License agreements

Use agreements

Amendments

Attachments

Exhibits

Renewals or revisions

10. Liability, Insurance, and Maintenance Records

Records identifying:

Responsibility for maintenance of trails, fairways, baskets, tee pads, signage, and vegetation management

Environmental monitoring obligations

Restoration requirements

Insurance requirements

Indemnification provisions

Liability analyses

Risk management assessments

Property damage considerations

Personal injury considerations

11. Communications Regarding the Project

Communications between King County, the Northwest Disc Golf Association, consultants, contractors, and other project stakeholders regarding:

Project design

Environmental impacts

Wetlands

Wildlife habitat

Critical areas

Community outreach

Survey development

Survey results

Buffer zones

Residential impacts

Property value concerns

Traffic and parking impacts

Access points

Project permitting and approval

12. Access, Parking, and Traffic Records

Records identifying:

Proposed public access points

Trail connections

Neighborhood access points

Parking plans

Overflow parking agreements

Traffic studies

Traffic management plans

Communications regarding impacts to neighboring residential communities

If any of these records are available electronically, I request that they be provided in electronic format whenever possible.

If portions of this request are exempt from disclosure, please provide all non-exempt portions and identify the statutory basis for any redactions or withheld records.

Please confirm receipt of this request and provide an estimated timeline for fulfillment as required under RCW 42.56.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Parks Staff (06/15/2026):

Hi,

Thanks for following up. I'm working with King County Parks leadership to confirm who can attend this meeting, I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Community Member A, the items you raised will be addressed before the meeting. Thanks for your patience.

Best,

Community Member A (06/16/2026):

Hello,

Thank you for the recent update and for clarifying that Parks and the Northwest Disc Golf Association are still accepting feedback and that flexibility remains within the course design prior to permitting submission.

I do, however, want to respectfully request that King County Parks pause submission of the project to permitting until after stakeholder meetings have occurred.

Throughout this process, residents have repeatedly been told that the design would be shared and that stakeholders would have an opportunity to provide meaningful feedback before the project moved forward. While we appreciate finally receiving the plans, many significant questions remain unanswered, including concerns surrounding traffic, parking impacts, wildlife habitat, neighborhood access points, permitting processes, and long-term impacts to adjacent residential communities.

Unfortunately, our HOA is unable to meet with Parks until July. This is due in part to updated Washington HOA requirements that necessitate open meeting processes and limit our ability to make decisions or discussions outside of properly noticed meetings. As a result, we cannot adequately gather homeowner input and participate in a meaningful stakeholder discussion before the current anticipated permitting timeline at the end of June.

Submitting permits before stakeholders have had an opportunity to review, discuss, and provide collective feedback would seem inconsistent with prior representations that community input would continue to shape the project before it moved into the next phase.

We respectfully request that King County delay permit submission until after stakeholder meetings have occurred and neighboring communities have had a reasonable opportunity to review the design, ask questions, and understand the remaining processes available to them.

Additionally, several important questions remain unresolved:

- What specific permitting pathway will this project undergo?
- Will SEPA review be required, and if not, under what exemption?
- What opportunities for administrative appeal will exist once permits are issued?
- What parking and traffic mitigation plans are being considered for surrounding neighborhoods?
- What are the apparent neighborhood access points shown adjacent to the Trovitsky Park community?
- How were wildlife corridor impacts evaluated beyond wetland buffer avoidance?
- Why were directly bordering neighborhoods not included in the publicly shared project visualizations?

Given the anticipated permit submission timeline at the end of June, we respectfully request a written response addressing these questions, as well as whether a pause will be granted, **prior to permit submission and ideally no later than June 25, 2026.**

We appreciate your willingness to continue accepting feedback and hope a brief pause can be considered to allow for a transparent and meaningful stakeholder process before further advancement of the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Parks Staff (06/16/2026):

Thank you for your email and questions. Please see my responses below.

1. While Parks states that a minimum 50-foot buffer will exist between homes and course features, disc golf discs are capable of traveling up to or beyond 100 feet, particularly on advanced holes. Given this, many homeowners do not feel a 50-foot buffer is adequate for protecting neighboring properties, privacy, or safety. Was any formal safety analysis conducted to determine appropriate setback distances for bordering residential homes?

Per our analysis of the safety risks at hand, we believe the 50+ft buffer should be sufficient. The baskets are the target for the discs, so someone would have to vastly exceed their intended target to come even close to the property line. Their throw will be starting from the tee pad.

What distance from the bordering residential homes would you feel is safe? As you can see in the map below, most of the course is oriented 100+ feet away from the bordering properties.

Using the experience we have managing the disc golf course at Dick Thurnau Memorial Park, as well as the expertise our partner Northwest Disc Golf Association has in the sport, we don't anticipate discs being thrown more than 50 feet beyond their intended target. We are open to making changes as needed related to safety.

2. The course visual appears to show what may be an access connection from the Trovitsky Park neighborhood near SE 180th Pl into the course area. Are we interpreting

this correctly? If so, what is the intended purpose of that connection?

No, that is not correct. There is no access connection from Trovitsky Park neighborhood created by this project. If you can share an image of what you are referring to I may be able to provide additional information.

3. Residents are very concerned that any neighborhood access point could lead to increased overflow parking within our residential streets. We already experience unauthorized parking associated with soccer games and park events at Petrovitsky Park. What plans does King County Parks have specifically regarding overflow parking in our neighborhood?

Parking will be addressed both through strategic scheduling of the course for off-peak parking hours and through an over-flow parking area. Disc golf users will be encouraged during scheduled events that could increase traffic congestion to use the school parking lot across the street. Parks has negotiated an agreement with the school for overflow parking access for such events.

4. Would King County consider installing “No Park Parking / Unauthorized Vehicles Subject to Tow” signage at the entrances to the Trovitsky Park neighborhood?

King County Parks does not own or have authorization to put signage at the entrance of your neighborhood nor tow vehicles that are illegally parked. Here is a contact for King County Roads Services - maint.roads@kingcounty.gov

5. While the design notes indicate fairways will not cross the trail system, many baskets and throwing paths still appear oriented toward or adjacent to existing walking trails. What measures are being implemented to protect walkers, children, and pets from errant discs entering trail areas?

A buffer of 20+ feet is maintained from all baskets to the trail system. Based on the experience we have managing the disc golf course at Dick Thurnau Memorial Park, as well as the expertise our partner Northwest Disc Golf Association has in the sport, we don't anticipate discs being thrown more than 20 feet beyond their intended target.

User conflict will also be mitigated by signage, and course safety rules communicated with disc golf users. We are open to making changes as needed related to safety

6. Previous communications indicated that vegetation and trees would not be impacted. The project description now references removal of understory vegetation, shrubs, hazardous trees, and selective tree removal where deemed necessary. Could Parks clarify what specifically changed between earlier statements and the current proposal regarding vegetation impacts?

Consistent with previous communication, some vegetation and potentially trees would need to be removed for this project. However, we are intending to mitigate this to the greatest extent possible while balancing the needs of the course.

Previous communication was always based on what could possibly be removed depending on design, now that the design is developed, we have more certainty on what will be impacted. We are happy to share that no large trees will be removed for this course. There are approximately 6 hazard trees that are already dead that will need to be removed for safety reasons, as well as vegetation that will need to be trimmed in the fairway paths. Ferns, blackberries, vine maples, are some examples of the vegetation that will be trimmed along the fairways.

7. The homes in our neighborhood seem to be removed from this plan, could you create an updated plan that accurately shows the aerial view with our neighborhood and the homes next to it?

Here is a course map overlayed on an aerial photo.

Thank you!

Community Member A (06/18/2026):

I am acknowledging receipt of this email. I need time to reach out to homeowners to gather opinions.

Could you specify a deadline? I'm still waiting for confirmation of a pause or postponement so that stakeholders can weigh in at the board meeting in July.

As I mentioned, new HOA rules that went into effect 1/2026 have added barriers to how HOAs operate.

Thank you,

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

Additionally, the permitting process will ensure that this project mitigates environmental impact, while also balancing our goal to expand recreational access for King County residents. Although this project is considered categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(1)(b)(V) or WAC 197-11-800(24)(g), we will be issuing SEPA in the coming weeks for this project, which will provide an additional opportunity for you to provide any feedback you may have related to the environmental impact of the project.

The best place for current and accurate information can be found on the project website (Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington). We will continue to provide factual and up to date information about the project, as well as an ongoing list of questions/comments that people have submitted along with our responses. If there are duplicate or similar questions, they may be grouped as one question.

We look forward to partnering with you on this project. Please see my answers to your questions below.

- What specific permitting pathway will this project undergo?
 - We will be applying for a clearing and grading permit
- Will SEPA review be required, and if not, under what exemption?
 - Please see answer above
- What opportunities for administrative appeal will exist once permits are issued?
 - The permitting team at Department of Local Services would be able to answer this question.
- What parking and traffic mitigation plans are being considered for surrounding neighborhoods?

- Parking will be addressed both through strategic scheduling of the course for off peak parking hours and through an over-flow parking area. Disc golf users will be encouraged during scheduled events that could increase traffic congestion to use the school parking lot across the street. Parks has negotiated an agreement with the school for overflow parking access for such events.
 - What are the apparent neighborhood access points shown adjacent to the Trovitsky Park community?
 - Can you clarify where you are seeing Trovtisky Park access points? I can assure you there is no intention or plan to create additional access points to Trovitsky Park.
 - How were wildlife corridor impacts evaluated beyond wetland buffer avoidance?
 - King County maps a wildlife habitat network as occurring near the northern extent of the stream in the northwest portion of the project area. Per KCC 21A.06.1424, these are defined as an area that links wildlife habitat with critical areas, critical area buffer, priority habitats, trails, parks, and other areas to provide wildlife movement and alleviate habitat fragmentation. The wildlife habitat network travels through the center of the park, providing a connection from Lake Youngs, approximately 0.6 to the south of the park, with Lake Desire, approximately 0.4-mile to the east of the park. We will be taking all necessary precaution identified during the permitting process to mitigate impact on this mapped wildlife network.
 - Why were directly bordering neighborhoods not included in the publicly shared project visualizations?
 - An update on the project was sent to the list of stakeholders we have which included a representative from Trovitsky Park HOA, Woodside HOA, and Lake Desire Community Club, and Fairwood Community Group, among many other organizations connected to the neighborhood and park. We often ask our stakeholder contacts to share information with their network. If this wasn't clear, please share the update with your network! Your collaboration is appreciated.
- Thank you,

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Sorry, I got these two email threads mixed up and provided my response to your other email on this thread. In response to your request for Parks to confirm attendance to the HOA board meeting in July. We will hold off on attending the board meeting until the SEPA process is complete, as this will be an avenue for folks to provide public comment on the

project. This will still be prior to construction, and we will be happy to meet with Trovitsky Park HOA to hear any feedback that can be incorporated into the design that is not resolved through the SEPA process.

Thanks,

Community Member A (07/14/2026):

You had asked what distance the homeowners in Trovitsky park would like to see in terms of separation from the disc golf course. I have attached a letter as a response to your request. Thank you for your patience as it took time to connect with all homeowners and stakeholders.

Cordially,

Parks Staff (07/27/2026):

Thank you for your letter. Based on King County Code 21A.09.030, the setback requirement for this type of use is 5 feet. For additional context, the soccer fields at Petrovitsky Park are a much higher use facility than what is intended for the disc golf course. The soccer fields are located approximately 60 feet from bordering property lines. I have noted your feedback that a greater distance than the proposed 50 feet minimum currently in the design would be appreciated. We are in the process of collecting feedback from stakeholders and anticipate additional feedback during the SEPA process. We will consider the feedback from SEPA and share the final design prior to construction.

Thanks!

Community Member A (07/27/2026):

Thank you for your response.

I appreciate the citation to KCC 21A.09.030. However, that provision establishes a minimum zoning setback and is not a park design standard or a disc golf design standard. The section you cited is part of the **North Highline Subarea Geography** chapter of the King County Code and establishes residential density and dimensional standards for that specific planning area. It does not establish countywide design criteria for parks or recreational facilities, nor does it evaluate compatibility between an active recreational use involving flying projectiles and adjacent residential properties.

More importantly, to my knowledge and after hours of research, there are no King County development standards that establish appropriate setbacks for disc golf courses or recreational activities involving flying projectiles adjacent to residential neighborhoods. As a result, the appropriate buffer should be determined based on the characteristics of the proposed use, site-specific conditions, and the environmental review, not by relying solely on a minimum zoning setback intended for a different purpose.

The comparison to the soccer fields is also not directly comparable. Soccer fields and disc golf courses are fundamentally different recreational uses. Soccer activity is generally contained within a defined playing field, whereas disc golf intentionally involves repeated throws of hard plastic discs capable of traveling significant distances beyond their intended line of flight when errant throws occur. The current design also includes locations where discs are thrown toward or immediately adjacent to pedestrian trails, creating a safety consideration that is not present with the soccer fields.

For these reasons, neither a five-foot zoning setback nor the proposed fifty-foot buffer demonstrates that the project is appropriately designed for compatibility with adjacent residential properties. Those distances simply establish minimum dimensions; they do not establish that the resulting design adequately addresses public safety, neighborhood compatibility, or environmental impacts.

Our request for a 100-meter setback is therefore not based on a zoning requirement. It is based on the unique characteristics of this proposed use, the proximity of existing homes and trails, the potential for errant discs to leave the intended area of play, and the importance of maintaining a meaningful wooded buffer between active recreation and neighboring residences. These are precisely the types of site-specific considerations that should be evaluated through the SEPA process.

Parks Staff (07/30/2026):

Thank you for the additional information on your setback request. As mentioned, we are in the process of collecting feedback from stakeholders and anticipate additional feedback during the SEPA process. We will consider the feedback and share the final design prior to construction.

Thanks,

Community Member B

Community Member B (05/21/2026):

Hi shouldn't land use be put up for public comment?

The design is also missing distances and it seems to crop out the homes. Also why bother with 9 "beginner" holes where the tee and holes are literally a couple feet away?

Can you use AI to show expected changes to the undergrowth? I gave it a shot (attached)

Parks Staff (06/16/2026):

Thank you for your email.

This project has been reviewed by Park's Property Management team and it was determined that this recreational use does not contradict the intended designated land use for this parcel. The project was also reviewed by a Park's Environmental Planner and it was determined it does not trigger the need for SEPA. The Land Use designation for this parcel is Open Space; a park or recreational amenities fall under this designation.

The map of the course is not to scale which may cause confusion. The visual is only intended to help share the general orientation of the course. However, I'm happy to answer questions you have about the course. I've listed the length of each fairway in a table below, and I've provided an additional map overlayed on an aerial image in case it is of interest.

Beginners Course Hole Statistics

Hole #	# of Tee Pads	Length	Par	Elevation Change	# of Basket Locations
1	1	75	2	1	1
2	1	53	2	1	1
3	1	63	2	-1	1
4	1	130	2	2	1
5	1	83	2	1	1
6	1	128	2	1	1
7	1	82	2	1	1
8	1	132	2	-1	1
9	1	121	2	-2	1

Practice Baskets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
Totals	9	867	22	11	11

Main Course Hole Statistics

Hole #1	# of Tee Pads	Short length	Long Length	Par	Elevation Change	# of Basket Locations
1	3	158	251	3	-13	2
2	2	183	220	3	-15	2
3	3	159	332	3	-15	2
4	2	231	366	3	-8	2
5	3	174	338	3	-1	2
6	3	180	353	3	5	2
7	2	177	236	3	10	1
8	3	139	311	3	18	2
9	3	197	433	3	28	2
10	2	191	321	3	-7	2
11	3	139	329	3	3	2
12	3	233	347	3	0	2
13	3	207	369	3	18	2
14	3	200	385	3	-13	2
15	3	388	528	4	-11	2
16	3	187	396	3	21	2
17	2	193	245	3	22	2
18	3	265	580	4	18	2
Totals	49	3601	6340	59	286	35

The purpose of the beginner course is to create an easier course particularly geared towards kids, families, and new players. This way folks can get a hang of the sport, before moving on to the main course. We hope this will lower the barrier of entry to enjoying this new recreational amenity for folks of all skill levels.

Regarding your request for us to use AI to show the expected changes the course will make, King County currently does not have the ability to use AI in this manner at this time. If this changes, we can try to employ the use of this tool.

Community Member B (06/16/2026):

Can we get the information that explains the decision to skip SEPA review? This is a major change in the character of the property and would impact wildlife, ecology, and neighboring

properties, perhaps negatively. I am having difficulty understanding why the county believes you can play a sport where you throw things within throwing distance of a wetlands and bypass doing an environmental review. A discus can cut sideways substantially from your intended target. A beginner's course is not a sufficient mitigation.

It is also my understanding that the county can still opt into SEPA review. Bypassing that review and skipping due diligence doesn't help with the optics that this project is getting pushed through.

Community Member B (06/18/2026):

Hi Charlie, this is a friendly reminder that we are still awaiting the reasoning behind the county's determination that the Petrovitsky Park 27 hole disc golf course is exempt from SEPA.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (06/18/2026):

Thanks for the email. We'll get back to you by next Friday.

Best,

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

Additionally, the permitting process will ensure that this project mitigates environmental impact, while also balancing our goal to expand recreational access for King County residents. Although this project is considered categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(1)(b)(V) or WAC 197-11-800(24)(g), we will be issuing SEPA in the coming weeks for this project, which will provide an additional opportunity for you to provide any feedback

you may have related to the environmental impact of the project.

The best place for current and accurate information can be found on the project website (Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington). We will continue to provide factual and up to date information about the project, as well as an ongoing list of questions/comments that people have submitted along with our responses. If there are duplicate or similar questions, they may be grouped as one question.

We look forward to partnering with you on this project.

Thank you,

Community Member B (06/26/2026):

Hi Parks Staff and Reagan Dunn,

First, Parks Staff

I need the objectively wrong information that is on the Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf course website corrected, and stakeholders emailed a retraction and correction.

On the website:

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/nature-recreation/parks-recreation/king-county-parks/grants/cpg-projects>

It states:

Community Feedback Results

The survey closed with 1,281 participants and 1,176 comments.

Of the survey respondents - 68% identified as living, working, or playing within a 20-minute walk or a 5-minute drive of Petrovitsky Park. And of that subset 78% support the disc golf course project. The survey results indicate strong support among park neighbors and regular park visitors for a disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park, which is why we have moved forward to design and permitting for the course.

Emphasis mine.

We told you that the survey was conducted incorrectly because it used Facebook targeted ads, was opt-in, honor system, and was brigaded by disc golfers using side channel communication. We have had experts in marketing, data collection, and surveys come forward and state this as well, but you yourself told us to not worry about it because the only purpose of the survey was to gauge whether there was interest at all.

You then used this survey which you have admitted to containing little value beyond gauging the existence of interest to push this project forward, and incorrectly extrapolated the results to speak for all of us. You said the county needed to measure the wetland boundaries anyways and this was an excuse to do that. This project isn't even what people voted for, and the survey made no mention of the extensive underbrush clearing that would result from it. This strongly carries a lens of deception and dishonesty.

We have done our own outreach and found that of visitors at Petrovitsky Park:

- Most people aren't even aware of the project
- When they learn about it or knew about it they're against it. I have personally not met anyone at the park who is for it
- A coalition of neighboring HOAs are against

This "on the ground" pulse we've taken runs completely contrarian to the survey results.

Second, Reagan Dunn

I do not understand why this project was allowed to move forward in the way it has. There clearly is a procedural issue if a project can be pushed forward based on faulty data anyone with even high school level data collection expertise would have declared to be invalid. It seems the county needs more redundancy around decisions such as these to ensure fair and accurate outcomes before they snowball and turn into lawsuits. This is a waste of time and money for everyone involved. For us that actually live near the park this has caused real monetary and emotional damage and the longer it drags out the more those damages accumulate. We have spent hours upon hours defending against it at a cost of both personal and work time, effort, and energy.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (07/09/2026):

We followed our standard process for engagement at King County Parks for this survey. I understand that you don't agree with our methodology. We are not going to change the website language or information that is publicly available. The website shares exactly how we conducted the survey through the Community Engagement Summary document listed under related documents: [petro-disc-golf-summary.pdf](#) for anyone that is interested in better understanding how we made our decision.

Thank you,

Community Member B (07/09/2026):

This project is contingent on support of the neighboring communities so it is important that support is accurately measured.

I have never seen the parks conduct an outreach in this manner. Do you have a precedent to point me to?

Parks Staff (07/14/2026):

As a regional recreation provider, we employ a variety of tools to engage community on our projects to balance resources available with the scope of the project. This type of survey and the associated outreach is one of the tools in our toolbox that has been utilized across various projects. Attached are two examples of similar engagement conducted for other Parks projects.

Thanks,

Community Member B (07/14/2026):

Thank you for providing those examples!

This issue with putting stuff on Facebook is that Facebook has to budget what it serves people based on interest. So for example, even if you're not explicitly targeting disc golfers

with your ad, anyone discussing the disc golf course in a Facebook group will have that post from the group prioritized to people who would have previously shown interest in disc golf or fits the demographic.

So, "likes disc golf" is easy for Facebook to target from a post about the disc golf course. Would Facebook target, "likes undisturbed, natural nature" from such a post? Probably not. This doesn't even cover the fact that there's a large demographic in the area who doesn't regularly use Facebook.

The I love Fairwood group is an example. It gets 20+ posts a day but I usually don't see most of them. Anyone in that group who liked disc golf would have seen a post about the course while others may have had to switch to the group view to see it because it wouldn't hit their feed. If we post anything about disc golf in any local groups the disc golfers descend on us within an hour, like a pack of wolves.

This should be considered for all engagements, especially when democracy is considered. For lower stakes items where you're naming something, Facebook is probably fine, but hopefully it's obvious after what I've told you why social networks will skew survey results and thus is inappropriate for land use surveys.

We're strongly considering doing our own scientifically valid survey, delivered directly to residents homes with one use codes. We will need the latest design and all mitigations with their upsides and downsides. The goal is people have the latest design to have people give input on, as changing it after starting the survey would skew the data. We've heard some updates on Facebook groups, but it's not clear if it's someone speculating or if they have inside info.

It's worth calling out that providing a much smaller course as an option will likely make a lot more people happy. If you can provide a minimally viable design we can include that in the survey. A 9 hole course would mitigate a lot of problems. Even the people who like disc golf feel the course is too much and is monopolizing the property. It would also make us feel better if the county provided a criteria where they would decide too many compromises are being made and it isn't a good idea. From our perspective it looks like someone rubber

stamped the project without understanding the consequences or what's involved and now the county doesn't want to admit it made a mistake and is trying to force a square peg into a round hole. Meanwhile the NWDGA has been telling everyone it's going to be a big 18 hole course, for I guess, years, so for them they don't want to walk back on that promise.

I personally would want everything to be undoable. Some of the components of the proposal, such as concrete slabs, carry risk of killing the roots of trees which will kill the top of the tree. Removing widow makers requires cutting all the branches of the tree until you get to the target branch, so the tree looks weird for years because it doesn't have branches, and apparently the arborist just dumps the branches somewhere random or let's it fall on ferns below so the whole place starts to look like a dump. The widow makers accumulate during windstorms, and IIRC the wind is very often coming from the south, so the trees closest to Trovitsky Park get hit the worse. Widow makers and even other trees randomly fall later.

Clearing underbrush takes years to grow back. Somehow all the ferns recovered from the heat dome where the temperature got up to 116 and are doing great. I suspect the leaf litter and moisture helped protect their roots. There's a spot someone cleared and it looks awful and dead, and I don't know if the county investigated how it got into that state.

Thanks,

Community Member B (07/16/2026):

I've attached an annotated map of the disc golf plan with feedback annotations.

The red area near the Trovitsky Park homes is an approximate overlay of the 100 meter buffer that was requested. As per my prior email, the wind tends to blow north, so the trees near the homes get hit the hardest because they are the most uphill. This creates "widow makers" (heavy 40+ pound branches) which can drop randomly months later and can injure or kill people. The mitigation is to hire an arborist, who will cut all the branches off the bottom portion of the tree until they get to their target branch. This results in an unpreferable appearance with dropped branches squashing plants and apparently the arborist sometimes stuffing them somewhere. Avoiding this area helps mitigate that, although trees and branches still are affected on the lower elevations as well.

The gold area is the area that is full of ferns. At sunset, this becomes a photo opportunity as the forest turns a golden color. No other areas in the park provide this photo opportunity. Having trails, fairways, holes, and clearings for pads would degrade the photo, which is arguably postcard or desktop background quality. It takes less than a minute of walking on the trail to get to it. I am asking that the park explicitly preserves this area and makes an effort to keep it natural appearance. The end of the yellow area is an approximation - there is a dense area of tree growth that marks the end the visibility from the trail.

I didn't bother marking up the holes in these two areas but the design clearly encourages blind throws and throwing towards homes and water.

The orange area is near the trail and ideally is left in natural form from perspective of a trail walker. We definitely don't want a hole next to it. It's worth calling out that the park periodically weedwacks the area next to the trail to a height of about 1 foot, and its not clear to me why. It doesn't look nice, covers the trail in prunings, and it has pruned a fern into an unnatural appearance.

I looked up guidance on course design and flagged issues with the current design. We want to avoid:

- encouraging blind throws
- encouraging throwing into a fairway
- encouraging throwing into a tee pad
- encouraging throwing at the trail

Unlike a traditional disc golf course, we have trees and vegetation obstructing the view, and there's no linear flow that helps make the placement of people predictable. A hard throwing disc golfer could easily buzz-saw vegetation and have the disc curve into a person on the course, causing injury. We don't the woods to be filled with people screaming, "heads!"

The final issue is that there are holes easily within accidental throwing distance of the baseball fields. This could disrupt games or someone climbing the fence could get injured

In my prior email I asked for a minimally viable design, with the fewest holes and footprint the county is willing to tolerate. I ask that this is taken into consideration in that design.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (07/22/2026):

I will share your feedback on our engagement strategies with our Community Engagement team here at Parks.

As for your recommendations on changes to the course, thank you for sharing your input. We are in the process of collecting feedback from stakeholders and anticipate additional feedback during the SEPA process. We will consider the feedback from SEPA and share the final design prior to construction.

The best place to find accurate and up to date project information is the project website - [Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington](#).

Thanks!

Parks Staff (07/27/2026):

Thank you for sharing your input. As mentioned, we are in the process of collecting feedback from stakeholders and anticipate additional feedback during the SEPA process. We will consider the feedback from SEPA and share the final design prior to construction.

I will note that you are concerned for disruption to the baseball fields. As part of the project review phase, we have reached out to baseball user groups, and other scheduled user groups of the park, regarding the course.

Thanks,

Community Member B (08/07/2026):

Does King County and / or NWDGA have an official "statements for" of some sort that suggests the rationale and benefits of the disc golf course? So far I've seen the FAQ, microsite, contract, and the original proposal.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (08/11/2026):

The project website and linked documents are good places to look for official statements and reasons why we are pursuing this project.

Thanks,

Community Member B (08/23/2026):

If one were to survey the neighborhoods in the proximity of Petrovitsky Park, what would be your estimate for the percentage that support the project?

Thanks,

Community Member B (08/24/2026):

Hey I'm going to give you a call at your listed work number in about 10 minutes. If you could, please have an answer to the question: "who ultimately decides when to cancel a project?"

Thanks,

Community Member B (08/24/2026):

Alright I'll try again a little after 10. This is very time sensitive as we are presenting to the council tomorrow.

Community Member B (08/24/2026):

You really should answer the call. It would be helpful to understand what role everyone played in this project. There's 31 people in the DNRP office and the only publicly visible names on this project are Warren, TJ, and yours. We know Heidi was involved. I'll try one last time after 11.

Parks Staff (08/24/2026):

Park's Division Director, Warren Jimenez, would ultimately decide when to cancel a Parks project.

Regarding community support for the project, we conducted community engagement following the methodology and yielding the summarized results outlined in the attached document.

Thanks,

Community Member B (08/24/2026):

Thank you for clarifying that Warren ultimately decides to cancel the project.

Community Member B (08/24/2026):

Why do you feel it is appropriate to send me, this late in the game, the results of a survey done before it was even designed? Nevermind the bias and targeting issues we already called out about that survey that you are fully aware of.

Community Member B (08/31/2026):

I sent a couple of emails to KCParks.SEPA@kingcounty.gov with the subject line "Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course", but have received no confirmation email.

Prior to those, I accidentally sent an email with the wrong subject line and that one did receive a confirmation email shortly after I sent it.

Would you happen to have visibility into whether they were received? Should be 3 emails if you do not count the one with the wrong subject line. The one with the wrong subject line can be discarded because the first one with the corrected subject line has the same information.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (08/31/2026):

I'm not sure why you didn't receive a confirmation email on the later emails, but I confirmed with our SEPA inbox administrator that we received four emails from you.

The subject line isn't a strict rule for inclusion or exclusion, but it does help us stay organized and ensure no comments are missed.

Thank you,

Community Member B (08/31/2026):

Thank you for checking! I appreciate the work you're doing!

Community Member C

Parks Staff (05/20/2026):

Hello,

I'm reaching out to provide an update on the Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf project. Our partner, Northwest Disc Golf Association, has reached the point of a final design for the course. The course has been designed with careful consideration for the feedback received to date from park stakeholders, including concerns for impacts to the existing trail system, and concern for potential environmental impacts.

Below I've included some of the key course features, design considerations, a course visual, and the next steps.

Course Features:

- There will be a beginner's course with 9 shorter holes, located in the SW corner of the project area. We believe this smaller course will be of particular interest to kids or adults learning how to play disc golf.
- The main course, with 18 holes, will accommodate 3 levels of play (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) by installing 2-3 tee pads for each hole. This will allow for various skill levels to enjoy the course.
- Across the beginners and main course there will be 27 baskets and 60 tee pads. The baskets are approximately 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft x 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 6ft for the main course.

Design considerations:

- All course features are located outside of all identified wetlands and their buffers.
- Natural clearings will be utilized to the greatest extent possible to reduce vegetation clearing. No significant trees will be removed for the course. Vegetation removal and trimming is limited to understory vegetation, shrubs, and dead trees that are deemed hazardous.
- Disc fairways will not cross the existing trail system, to allow for safe and continued use of the existing trail system.
- A minimum buffer of 20 feet is retained between the existing trail system and disc golf baskets (the throwing target for the discs).

- A minimum buffer of 50 feet is retained between the bordering homes property lines and the nearest course feature. In most areas the buffer is even greater than 50 feet.

Next steps:

- NWDGA and Parks anticipate submitting the final design to permitting for review in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Pending permit review and approval, construction (fairway clearing, and tee pad, basket, and signage installation) will begin in September 2026.

Please note the course visual below is not to scale, it is intended to share the course design from a high level. The baskets are approximately 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft x 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 6ft for the main course. The red line is the existing trail system in the project area.

Please feel free to share this information with your HOA members and let them know they can email me with any specific questions. If Woodside HOA is interested in hearing more about the design process and the next steps, we would be happy to attend an upcoming meeting your HOA has on the calendar. Just let me know if that is of interest.

Thank you!

Community Member C (05/21/2026):

Thank you for the update and offer to come speak to the community. I understood that there was a pause in the process - can you talk a little about what the pause was about and how it was cleared?

Parks Staff (05/27/2026):

The pause in the project back in October 2025 was to ensure that we could provide clear and accurate answers to the various park stakeholders that reached out after several community meetings held in September 2025. After we were able to provide sufficient responses to folks, we resumed moving forward with the project.

Thanks,

Community Member C (05/28/2026):

Thanks for that clarification - I thought there was a more recent hold put on the project, but maybe time is just flying by faster than I remember.

Individual I summarized one question from the community in his last note, but I want to add to that:

- Could Parks provide a more detailed course map including aerial photography and polygons showing the areas to be cleared for course fairways, pad locations and the boundary of the Woodside 4:1 set aside? It would also be helpful to include surrounding features including Petrovitsky Park baseball fields and the Woodside/Parkside intersection for reference.

- We were told there would be no tree removal to create the course but now we are reading "no significant trees will be removed". What diameter/size are deemed significant? What is the width of vegetation clearance for each of the fairways?

- Petrovitsky Park parking lot remains crowded each weekend with vehicles parked on grass verges, in fire lanes, and overspilling on Petrovitsky Road SE, Parkside Way SE and Woodside HOA and surrounding neighborhoods. Summer 2027 the splashpad will open, bringing even more people to the park. The proposed disc golf course layout connects to the trail that joins to Woodside Dr SE/W Lake Desire Drive. Will there be any action taken to prevent disc golf course users parking on that narrow street used by many of our children getting to and from Northwood Middle School? Was a full parking/traffic study conducted to assure the area won't be overwhelmed?

Thank you!

Woodside HOA

Parks Staff (05/28/2026):

We are creating additional outreach materials to share with folks. I'll get back to you on your questions as soon as possible.

Thanks for your patience,

Parks Staff (06/15/2026):

Sorry for the delay in response.

Here is an updated course map.

The boundaries of this project do not overlap with the four-to-one boundary. The four-to-one includes parcels 9558001070, 9558001080, 9558001100, and 9558001140. It does not extend into parcel 3623059007, where the entirety of the project will be located. Parcel 3623059007 is part of Petrovitsky Park, not part of McGarvey Open Space. Parks holds parcel 3623059007 in fee simple.

The boundaries of the four-to-one open space include tracts “N” “O” “Q” and “U” in the map below.

9558001070 = Tract N

9558001080 = Tract O

9558001100 = Tract Q

9558001140 = Tract U

I’ve drawn a rough boundary around the project area in a light white color on parcel 3623059007, however it should be noted that the project area is actually much smaller than this due to Wetlands located near the boundary between 9558001100 and 3623059007. Please see the more detailed map above of the course orientation.

To answer your question, no live trees will be removed for the project. There are some hazardous dead trees that will be removed or dropped on site for safety reasons, as well as some Vine Maple shrub that will be cleared.

The project website linked here: [Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington](#) has additional details regarding this project, including a frequently asked questions document. Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions that you do not feel are addressed by the website, or if you have any specific recommendations on alterations to the design.

A traffic study was not completed for this project, as we do not anticipate heavy traffic from the disc golf project course other than for occasional tournaments or leagues. For those events, we plan to implement strategic scheduling outside of Petrovitsky Park peak hours. We will be monitoring this approach as we move forward to see if any other adjustments

are needed.

Thank you!

Community Member D

Community Member D (05/22/2026):

I haven't heard much lately about the proposed Disk Golf Course at Petrovitsky Park. I made comments in opposition to the project and was wondering if those were taken into consideration.

Best regards,

Community Member D (05/28/2026):

I would like to get several documents from King County Parks to better understand the proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park:

- o Final course design map with aerial photo background
- o A KML or shape file that can be opened in Google Earth with polygons of areas to be cleared and locations of pads
- o The Critical Areas Assessment
- o The agreement with Northwest Disc Golf Association
- o The Community Partnership Grant for the Petrovitsky Park project
- o A budget for the project
- o A detailed summary of the survey results (not the raw data).

Please send these as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Woodside HOA resident

Parks Staff (05/28/2026):

We are creating additional outreach materials to share with folks. I'll get back to you on your questions as soon as possible.

Thanks for your patience,

Community Member D (06/11/2026):

I made a request for documents related to the proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park on May 28 and have not received any of those materials. Please send them by June 17, 2026 so that I can review them.

Best regards,

Parks Staff (06/15/2026):

Thanks for your patience. I know you've sent me a couple of emails regarding the disc golf project at Petrovitsky Park. Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns. I want to assure you that the course has been designed with careful consideration for the feedback received to date from park stakeholders, including concerns for impacts to the existing trail system, and concern for potential environmental impacts.

Currently Parks and NWDGA are requesting feedback on the design. Although we will be submitting to permitting soon, there is flexibility to make changes to the course as needed.

Below I've included some of the key course features, design considerations, a course visual, and the next steps.

Course Features:

- There will be a beginner's course with 9 shorter holes, located in the SW corner of the project area. We believe this smaller course will be of particular interest to kids or adults learning how to play disc golf.
- The main course, with 18 holes, will accommodate 3 levels of play (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) by installing 2-3 tee pads for each hole. This will allow for various skill levels to enjoy the course.
- Across the beginners and main course there will be 27 baskets and 60 tee pads. The baskets are approximately 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft x 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 4ft for the main course.

Design considerations:

- All course features are located outside of all identified wetlands and their buffers.
- Natural clearings are utilized to the greatest extent possible to reduce vegetation clearing. No live trees will be removed for the course. Vegetation removal and trimming is limited to understory vegetation, shrubs, and dead trees that are deemed hazardous.
- Disc fairways will not cross the existing trail system, to allow for safe and continued use of the existing trail system.
- Safety signage will be installed along the course to increase awareness among users of the multiple user groups. Additional mitigation measures such as netting or barriers will be used as needed to avoid any discs reaching the existing pathways.
- A minimum buffer of 20 feet is retained between the existing trail system and disc golf baskets (the throwing target for the discs).
- A minimum buffer of 50 feet is retained between the bordering homes property lines and the nearest course feature. In most areas the buffer is even greater than 50 feet.
- The course will be monitored for safety and any recurring issues will be addressed as necessary.

Next steps:

- NWDGA and Parks is requesting any additional feedback you may have on the course design to be considered prior to permitting submission.
- NWDGA and Parks anticipate submitting the design to permitting for review by the end of June 2026.
- Pending permit review and approval, construction (fairway clearing, and tee pad, basket, and signage installation) is anticipated to begin in September 2026.

Please note the course visual below is not to scale, it is intended to share the course design from a high level. The baskets are approximately 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft x 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 4ft for the main course. The white line is the existing trail system in the project area.

The project website linked here: [Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington](#) has additional details regarding this project, including a frequently asked questions document and the critical areas report. Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions that you do not feel are addressed by the website, or if you have any specific recommendations.

Thank you!

Community Member D (06/16/2026):

I made a request for documents related to the proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park on May 28. Your reply only included the aerial map showing the proposed course layout. The website links that you provided had general information about the project and a summary of the survey results. Please send the materials requested below by June 17, 2026 so that I can review them.

- o A KML or shape file that can be opened in Google Earth with polygons of areas to be cleared and locations of pads
- o The Critical Areas Assessment
- o The agreement with Northwest Disc Golf Association
- o The Community Partnership Grant for the Petrovitsky Park project
- o A budget for the project

As a neighbor of the project and a King County taxpayer, I should have access to these public record documents.

Who in the County applied for the permits related to this project?

Please add me to any mailing list regarding permitting or any other actions related to this project.

Best regards,

Park Staff (06/16/2026):

Please see my responses below!

- A KML or shape file that can be opened in Google Earth with polygons of areas to be cleared and locations of pads
 - o We do not have a shapefile with areas to be cleared. The calculations of areas to be cleared is based off of tee pad, fairway, and basket sizes. I can request the shapefile from the partner, NWDGA, that shows where these items are located if that is of interest?
- The Critical Areas Assessment
 - o This is on the website under related documents.
- The agreement with Northwest Disc Golf Association
 - o I believe a public records request requesting this document was just submitted, so you should have access to this soon if you are in contact with [name redacted]! I will check

to see if I can provide it sooner.

- The Community Partnership Grant for the Petrovitsky Park project
 - o To date for design development and permitting, we provided NWDGA with a \$5000 grant.
- A budget for the project
 - o I can only speak to the direct costs to Parks. As this is a partnership project, NWDGA is budgeting on their end for the design development, and future construction costs, and have provided many volunteer hours to the project. Parks has committed \$65,000 to the project to date to cover the critical areas report, community engagement, Historical Preservation Program review and requirements, the grant to NWDGA for design development, and permitting submittal and review costs.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (06/16/2026):

Oh sorry. I missed the other two questions you added in there. Here are my responses to those.

Who in the County applied for the permits related to this project?

- We have not yet applied for permits. Please see the website for additional timeline information. The County is the applicant since it is Parks owned property, however NWDGA is developing the materials for the application.

Please add me to any mailing list regarding permitting or any other actions related to this project.

- You have been added.

I will work on getting you a copy of the agreement and the course shapefile. Thanks for your patience!

Parks Staff (06/17/2026):

Just following up on my email below. I got some clarification that since you are requesting access to project files, this is a public records request. You may submit a public records request with me (I can pass your information along as well as the documents you requested), or you can complete this online form, be advised this may incur a cost, see our charging policy on our King County Public records requests - King County, Washington page. Alternatively, I believe you are in communication with [name redacted], who has an

active public records request open with Parks that covers the files you are requesting. If you don't want to open a new request, you could ask [name redacted] to provide copies of the files as she receives them. All the KML or shapefiles we have related to design, as well as the agreement with Northwest Disc Golf, will be included in the documents she receives.

Hope that helps.

Thanks!

Community Member D (06/22/2026):

I wanted you to know that the Woodside HOA Board of Directors voted unanimously to oppose the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course on June 18th. This vote was taken after receiving input from homeowners and Board members (the comments were overwhelmingly against the project). The Woodside HOA consists of 475 houses that are from a quarter of a mile to one mile away from the proposed course. Our primary route to gain access to the subdivision is on Parkside Way which could be negatively impacted by traffic from the proposed land use. A more detailed statement from the Board is being prepared and I will send that to you after the Board approves the document.

Sincerely,

Community Member D (06/24/2026):

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course because of my concerns about the environmental damage that this project will cause. Having been a professor in a Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, a field station director at two facilities, and as a PhD soil scientist, I have expertise in developing and implementing stewardship plans for natural areas.

My review of the current plans for the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course (provided by King County) shows that the length of disturbed path between tees and baskets would be more than 7,000 feet where vegetation would be removed and concrete pads installed (108 total according to the most recent design). The existing understory vegetation is very dense and there are many mature trees (some of which would likely be removed to get disc flight paths). The removal of vegetation would have negative impacts on wildlife. Disc golfers often hit live trees and trample vegetation to retrieve errant discs. See the "Disc Golf

and Trees: Do We Have a Problem?” article in The Plant Doctor’s Landscape Tips by David L. Roberts, Ph.D., Michigan State University published in 2017.

This project would be a major disturbance to a vital natural area and will lead to other problems such as invasive species introduction, soil compaction, soil erosion, and increased runoff into the adjacent wetland. Lake Desire is downstream and the impacts on water quality and volume could be a problem for the watershed (the lake is already listed as impaired). These impacts are described in the scientific literature including “Assessing the Ecological Impact Due to Disc Golf” by Sylvia A. Trendafilova and Steven N. Waller in the International Journal of Sport Management Recreation & Tourism (Vol.8, pp.35-64, 2011).

The increased foot traffic (and construction and maintenance vehicles) will decrease herbaceous coverage and result in soil compaction. The city arborist in Bellingham observed that disc-golf player traffic induced damage resulted in hemlocks dying in Cornwall Park. Hotter, drier summers will only increase the potential for trees dying because of limited water supply.

<https://www.whatcomenvirocouncil.org/post/examining-the-proposed-disc-golf-course-at-civic-field-complex-balancing-recreation-with-environment>

The neighbors in the Trovitsky and Woodside HOAs have concerns about noise, vandalism, and parking problems. Current sports programs often result in overflow parking at Petrovitsky Park and adding a disc golf course would aggravate the situation.

See: <https://savepetropark.org/>

Neighborhood groups were not adequately involved in the design, which seems to have been triggered by a community grant to the Northwest Disc Golf Association. The concerns registered by the neighbors have largely fallen on deaf ears. In response, on June 18, 2026 the Woodside HOA Board voted unanimously to oppose the project (I am a HOA member in the community).

I ask that King County Parks terminate this project before permanent, irreparable damage is done to a beautiful, functional natural area in Petrovitsky Park.

Best regards,

PS: I have attached a Word version of this document with pictures illustrating the impacts to vegetation that will happen in Petrovitsky Park if the course is built.

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

Additionally, the permitting process will ensure that this project mitigates environmental impact, while also balancing our goal to expand recreational access for King County residents. Although this project is considered categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(1)(b)(V) or WAC 197-11-800(24)(g), we will be issuing SEPA in the coming weeks for this project, which will provide an additional opportunity for you to provide any feedback you may have related to the environmental impact of the project.

The best place for current and accurate information can be found on the project website (Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington). We will continue to provide factual and up to date information about the project, as well as an ongoing list of questions/comments that people have submitted along with our responses. If there are duplicate or similar questions, they may be grouped as one question.

We look forward to partnering with you on this project.

Thank you,

Community Member D (06/25/2026):

I am pleased that the County is going to review this project through the SEPA process. To whom should I send my comments regarding the proposed disc golf course project?
Best regards,

Parks Staff (06/30/2026):

For general comments or feedback regarding the project, please send them to me. I am compiling feedback/questions and we are working on getting them added to the project website. If you are asking about comments directly related to SEPA, once SEPA has been issued for this project you can send your comments to kcparks.sepa@kingcounty.gov.

I will email all project stakeholders including yourself once SEPA has been issued. In addition, we will take all our normal measures of notification such as publishing the notice in the paper, posting it on this site - Public notices - King County, Washington, posting signs at Petrovitsky Park, and mailing notices to all addresses within a 500-foot buffer of the project site.

It will take us a few weeks to get the SEPA Checklist prepared, so I don't anticipate issuance any earlier than the first week of August.

Thanks!

Community Member D (06/30/2026):

Thanks for the update. I look forward to seeing the County's SEPA review for the project. I have attached the Woodside HOA Board statement to this email. Please add it to the public record.
Best regards,

Community Member D (08/06/2026):

I am submitting comments on three SEPA topics (Earth, Water, and Land) for the County's assessment of the proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park. **Please make this document a part of the public record for the project.**

In my professional opinion (see qualifications below), placing a in a high-quality natural area would be a disaster for the plant community and the wildlife that depends on the park's resources. Removing about three acres of understory plants, small trees, downed

wood and snags will have significant ecological effects. Park's website contains the language below and the disc golf course is not going to be managed for its ecological value.

Managed for their ecological value, Parks' natural areas contain a diversity of native vegetation that provides fish and wildlife habitat and embodies the beauty and character of our region's landscape. These lands often support wetlands, riparian areas, small lakes and ponds, and other vulnerable or rare habitats. Low-impact activities, such as hiking, nature observation, and fishing are allowed, where appropriate; horseback riding is also permitted on certain sites.

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/nature-recreation/parks-recreation/king-county-parks/natural-working-lands>

Because of the numerous environmental consequences of this project, it should be halted. Based on all of the environmental risks, this project requires a full Environmental Impact Statement analysis. King County has alternative sites where less harm would be done (e.g., Parcel 1923069026 and Parcel 0221069022).

As described in the ZipperGeo Geotechnical Report for the Splash Pad (dated 5-15-2024), the Steep Slope Hazard on the site **requires a critical area report from a geotechnical engineer** to determine whether any of the proposed disc golf course is affected.

The proposed site is in a **Wildlife Habitat Network** which has restrictions on clearing and grading. The Critical Areas Assessment by ESA done in 2025 states: *King County provides allowances for project activities in KCC 21A.24.045, Allowed alterations. The proposed project does not fall within the allowed activities of KCC 21A.24.045.C. Clearing is allowed if the vegetation removed includes hazardous trees or for surveying or testing purposes (KCC 21A.24.045.D.18), or harvesting of plants or plant material is for restoration purposes (KCC 21A.24.045.D.20).*

The undated letter (appended below) from permitting to Charlie Hohlbein from Zoe Vierling-Coulter requires multiple actions including a **Full Drainage Review (Technical Information Report)**, a **Site Improvement Plan**, an **Erosion and Sediment Control Plan**, and a **Landscape Management Plan**. None of these documents have been provided to the neighborhood groups.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife map shows Lake Desire as being accessible for spring chinook salmon (threatened) and coho (species of concern). Installing a disc golf course in the watershed risks damage because of sediment and nutrient flows into the lake which already has a 303(d) impairment designation. **These impacts should be evaluated in a Wildlife Habitat Assessment prepared by a qualified biologist.**

Curriculum Vitae for

Dr.

PhD in Soil Management is from Iowa State University (Dissertation title: Tillage and traffic effects on soil physical properties). worked in the Natural Resources and Environmental Management Department at Ball State University where he served as Department Chair and as Field Station Director. He consulted on environmental management projects including wetland delineations, soil suitability for septic systems, and erosion control. Prior to retirement, he was a Certified Professional Soil Scientist by ARCPACS and a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control by EnviroCert International, Inc. His peer-reviewed publications include articles in the Australian Journal of Soil Research, Agronomy Journal, and the Soil Science Society of America Journal. He co-authored "Caring for Land Trust Properties" (one of Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices Curriculum books) and wrote a Landscape Stewardship Plan for Barry, Calhoun, and Kalamazoo Counties for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He served as President of several organizations including the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, the Indiana Association of Professional Soil Classifiers, and the Indiana Land Protection Alliance. He currently serves on the Board of the Lake Wilderness Arboretum Foundation where he volunteers as steward for the Forest Reserve and authored a management plan for the property.

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Dear Charlie Hohlbein,

Please find my initial floodplain review comments for PREA25-0194 located at King County Parcel Number: 3623059007 below.

1.) Please fill out the Site Areas Worksheet and submit with your development permit. If the project proposes less than 2,000 square feet of new or replaced impervious surface or less than 7,000 square feet of land disturbing activity then it is exempt from drainage review.

Site Area Worksheet: <https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/localservices/permits/building-land-use-permits/s/site-areasworksheet.pdf?rev=5179c40e1126411a8ddb2d9fe8dcfc34&hash=6F3FEF02FAF187F0A27B4C5EC8D61EC1>

2.) However, if this project does propose more than 7,000 square feet of land disturbing activity then it meets the threshold for Full Drainage Review. See below for information on Full Drainage Review:

a. Provide a Technical Information Report (TIR). It must be prepared by a licensed Civil Engineer and address the full drainage review requirements using the 2024 Amendment to the 2021 King County Surface Water Design Manual (KCSWDM). The following is a list of items to be included in the TIR however, it is not a complete list therefore, the civil engineer should review and address all requirements outlined in the KCSWDM before submitting. See Section 2.3.1.1 of the KCSWDM for required layout and content in the TIR.

i. The TIR should address how the project proposes to meet all nine Core Requirements listed in the 2021 KCSWDM.

ii. The TIR should also address all five Special Requirements and specific which are applicable to this project and if they are, how the project proposes to meet those requirements.

iii. Provide a downstream analysis, a minimum of ¼ mile from the subject property per the KCSWDM requirements.

iv. Please include a detailed description of the existing hydrology and topography of the area as well as the proposed changes to the hydrology and topography.

v. Provide a Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and Report per

KCSWDM requirements.

3.) Provide a Site Improvement Plan Set per Section 2.3.1.2 of the KCSWDM. This may include multiple pages including but not limited to:

- a. Overall Site Improvement Plan
- b. Official Survey stamped by a licensed land surveyor in the state of Washington
- c. Site Plan and Profile sheets showing all drainage and road elements.
- d. Details sheets showing all proposed details per KC (or WSDOT) standards which project specific details provided on the details if they are pulled straight from KC or WSDOT standards.

4.) Provide an ESC and SWPP plan(s) in the development permit submittal showing how the project proposes to minimize erosion and sediment transport during construction. See section 2.3.1.3 and

2.3.1.4 of the KCSWDM for specific requirements for these two plans and their respective reports.

5.) Provide a Landscape Management Plan per Section 2.1.3.5 of the KCSWDM.

6.) This project must apply for a Floodplain Development Permit (referred to as FLOD or FLOD Permit

Note: The next section was not included because the project is not in the flood plain.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email at zvierlingcoulter@kingcounty.gov.

Warm regards,

Zoe Vierling-Coulter Engineer II

KC Dept. of Local Services, Permitting, Agency Review Team – Road and Drainage Review

Parks Staff (08/07/2026):

Thanks for your email. SEPA has not yet been issued for this project. As I mentioned in my previous email (attached), I will email all project stakeholders including yourself once SEPA has been issued. In addition, we will take all our normal measures of notification such as publishing the notice in the paper, posting it on this site - [Public notices - King County](#).

[Washington](#), posting signs at Petrovitsky Park, and mailing notices to all addresses within a 500-foot buffer of the project site. The current anticipated issuance date is 8/19/26. Once SEPA has been issued for this project you can send your comments to kcparks.sepa@kingcounty.gov.

Thank you,

Community Member D (08/12/2026):

I look forward to obtaining the SEPA review. Can you direct me to (or send) the disc golf course plan for the project that has the holes numbered? I don't see that on the County's Petrovitsky Park website. It is hard to make sense of the design without knowing the details.

Best regards,

Parks Staff (08/13/2026):

Here is a map of the design with the holes numbered. The numbers in white are the proposed beginner's course, and the numbers in yellow are the main course. The numbers are located on the tee pad for the hole. I will work with our team to get something similar uploaded to the website.

Thanks,

Community Member D (08/13/2026):

Thanks for sending the map. That is exactly what I wanted.

Best regards,

Community Member E

Community Member E (05/25/2026)

Are you kidding me we're going to destroy wildlife habitat for a f***** golf course?

Resident

Community Member E (05/26/2026)

Fairwood residents are in an uproar about this proposed course. This is critical habitat for this area with hundreds of animals thriving in this area. We want to know when were we ever informed that this was presented to King County Residents as everyone in the area was not informed. This was not brought to a vote of the people. I am demanding the following;

1. When was this brought to the council?
2. When was this voted on?
3. How was this voted on?
4. Who approved the funding?
5. Where is the funding coming from?
6. What the exact plans?
7. Who approved the plans?
8. What are the actual costs going to be?
9. What entity approved the destruction of forests?
10. What environmental processes have occurred?
11. What are the next steps?
12. When are the next meetings, reviews for this proposed project.
13. We the citizens will shut this down

Community Member E (05/26/2026)

There are Western gray squirrels in this area and I have pictures of them they're federally and state protected you cannot develop this land.

Parks Staff (06/15/2026):

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns regarding the Petrovitsky Park Disc

Golf Project. I want to assure you that the course has been designed with careful consideration for the feedback received to date from park stakeholders, including concerns for impacts to the existing trail system, and concern for potential environmental impacts.

Currently Parks and NWDGA are requesting feedback on the design. Although we will be submitting to permitting soon, there is flexibility to make changes to the course as needed.

Below I've included some of the key course features, design considerations, a course visual, and the next steps.

Course Features:

- There will be a beginner's course with 9 shorter holes, located in the SW corner of the project area. We believe this smaller course will be of particular interest to kids or adults learning how to play disc golf.
- The main course, with 18 holes, will accommodate 3 levels of play (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) by installing 2-3 tee pads for each hole. This will allow for various skill levels to enjoy the course.
- Across the beginners and main course there will be 27 baskets and 60 tee pads. The baskets are approximately 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft x 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 4ft for the main course.

Design considerations:

- All course features are located outside of all identified wetlands and their buffers.
- Natural clearings are utilized to the greatest extent possible to reduce vegetation clearing. No live trees will be removed for the course. Vegetation removal and trimming is limited to understory vegetation, shrubs, and dead trees that are deemed hazardous.
- Disc fairways will not cross the existing trail system, to allow for safe and continued use of the existing trail system.
- Safety signage will be installed along the course to increase awareness among users of the multiple user groups. Additional mitigation measures such as netting or barriers will be used as needed to avoid any discs reaching the existing pathways.
- A minimum buffer of 20 feet is retained between the existing trail system and disc golf baskets (the throwing target for the discs).
- A minimum buffer of 50 feet is retained between the bordering homes property lines and the nearest course feature. In most areas the buffer is even greater than 50 feet.
- The course will be monitored for safety and any recurring issues will be addressed as necessary.

Next steps:

- NWDGA and Parks is requesting any additional feedback you may have on the course design to be considered prior to permitting submission.
- NWDGA and Parks anticipate submitting the design to permitting for review by the end of June 2026.
- Pending permit review and approval, construction (fairway clearing, and tee pad, basket, and signage installation) is anticipated to begin in September 2026.

Please note the course visual above is not to scale, it is intended to share the course design from a high level. The baskets are approximately 2 ft by 2 ft in size, and the tee pads will be 6ft by 4ft for the beginner's course and 8ft by 4ft for the main course. The white line is the existing trail system in the project area.

The project website linked here: Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington has additional details regarding this project, including a frequently asked questions document. Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions that you do not feel are addressed by the website, or if you have any specific recommendations on alterations to the design.

Thank you!

Community Member E (06/15/2026):

You didn't take anyone's objections into concern that we don't want this at all. And the fact that you took almost a month to respond to me is pathetic.

Community Member E (06/15/2026):

So based upon this email you're giving us one week to respond to this email this is absolute crap.

Community Member E (06/15/2026):

Let's be very clear you answered zero of the questions I sent to you also what are you going to do about mitigation for all the migratory birds that are currently nesting within all of those shrubberies? I along with wild bird connecting Washington Audubon have a problem with the habitat that you're destroying for all the migratory birds in this area. The fact that you

wait one week before you're going to send this into permitting and you all you did was send back the same crap you sent to everyone in fairwood 3 weeks ago. You don't answer your emails you don't answer your phone calls none of you do it's pathetic and we will fight this.

Community Member E (06/15/2026):

The whatcom environmental council up in Bellingham opposed all discourses because of the environmental damage that they cause since I can't get anyone in King County who apparently runs the so-called independent cCdar River environmental council I have to leave it for you to actually read the paperwork this is an environmental disaster and takes away habitat for migratory birds that have disappeared by 40% in the last 16 years. These are the following birds that are all in that area.

Swainsons thrush - this bird nests in that area and they are loyal to their nesting site so when you destroy their habitat they're going to die they won't nest somewhere else

Olive side eye flycatcher - this bird is on the near threatened list

Western tanager

Townsend's warbler

Orange crowned warbler

Yellow rumped warbler

Western flycatcher

Harry woodpecker

Downey woodpecker

The vast majority of the homeowners in Trotvisky

Do not want a disc golf course directly behind their home. I've spent every single day in that park for the last 3 weeks and every single person does not want it there that walks through those trails. You're literally putting the tease as well as the baskets 20 ft from the trail on all sides of the trail no one is going to want to walk through there with their children or their dogs while someone is throwing this at hard metal poles I visited all of the other discourses in Auburn and in Maple valley. You might be giving some of a buffer to the wetlands in the marshes but you still have migratory birds that are nesting throughout extensively in the area you will destroy all of their habitat as well as all of the small mammals in there and we do not want that now I'm going to put together a petition and we're going to start picketing and posting out there and protesting so be prepared for that cuz it's going to get ugly

Community Member E (06/17/2026):

First of all, I never got Dunns newsletter, secondly I and no one in the carriage wood or candlewood development received that survey in 2024-2025 that your talking about and I've lived here since 2004. Thirdly it's very clear by condescending comment about how dense the report is that I can read and did so. And not very surprising to find that no one none of the biologist did anything about the wildlife habitat there. See the attached highlighted report. Fourthly, maybe Ms Holhbein should learn how to respond to emails because I and multiple citizens have been sending her emails for a month and she's never responded.

I can also show you hundreds and hundreds of comments on next door about how angry people are over this course. So I'm going to make sure that they do look at the habitat because you clearly haven't looked at this and you haven't been out there and I'm going to hazard to Guess that hardly anyone from the parks department's been out there. Do you realize that this course is going to be only a hundred feet from people's homes all other courses are next to golf courses where they are 100 to 300 yards away from people's homes I don't think you realize how noisy frisbee golf is. So we are going to protest this we're also sending in all our comments and we're also including the whatcom environmental council's report on the environmental damage that disc golf courses do to the environment we don't want this here you did not ask the stakeholders in this area and that's clear by the responses of your survey.

I would say regards but I have no regard for dunn nor the parks department of King county is there a destroyer of habitat as is evidence by what they did on echo peak. do you realize why people want to save this stretch of the forest so much because it's one of the only places we can take our dogs and we can walk and listen to birds because you guys have failed us on Lake Young's. I'm going to include videos of what I listen to day and night with the e-bikes, dirt bikes, ATVs on the trail I haven't seen a horse on this trail in a year and a half they used to be out here every day but you guys have destroyed this trail and now you've destroying the trails at spring lake and lake desire now you want to destroy this stretch of forest is there any habitat that you guys want to save for wildlife? Do you know I had to get a no trespassing sign, put up cameras, lock my gate, because there's homeless people wandering on the trail there's kids on the trail at night there's ATVs on the trail at night it's ridiculous and you people do nothing about. I no longer use the trail and this is why I bought this home 22 years ago it's not safe to take my dogs in the trail we've almost been hit multiple times. They're flying down these trails you guys do nothing the dirt bike

riders and the bike riders are wrecking the trails out at Spring Lake as well, but let's go ahead and piss away money and create more noise and destroy more habitat.

Community Member E (06/22/2026):

To the King County Parks Project Management Team,

As a directly impacted local stakeholder, I submit this formal complaint and voice my strong objection to the proposed 18-hole + 9-hole "backcountry style" disc golf course currently being evaluated for the forested acreage of the park. **I request that this formal objection, my stakeholder status, and all documented procedural, environmental, and parcel violations be logged directly into the official public project record.**

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 9558001100 and 3623059007

As a formal stakeholder, I am deeply concerned by clear indications that King County Parks is attempting to artificially fragment the mature forested acreage from the rest of the existing park infrastructure across these specific parcels. This strategic partitioning is a deliberate attempt to isolate the project's physical footprint and minimize total acreage calculations to illegally bypass State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review thresholds. Piecemealing or segmenting a larger, high-impact regional recreational installation to qualify for a categorical exemption violates the strict legal intent of Washington environmental review processes. Introducing an 18-hole + 9-hole disc golf courses into this contiguous, mature ecosystem is a significant change in intense use that demands full, unfragmented environmental scrutiny across parcels 9558001100 and 3623059007.

Furthermore, this development directly conflicts with mandatory planning targets established under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) and the King County Comprehensive Plan. I formally request that King County Parks deny any categorical SEPA exemptions for this project based on the following critical issues:

- **Formal Request for Independent, Multi-Agency Field Studies:**
We formally demand that King County delay any permitting, threshold

determinations, or layout approvals until comprehensive, on-the-ground field studies and environmental inventories are completed. Because initial county reviews fail to accurately catalog the site's rich biodiversity, we demand independent field validations be conducted by the following authoritative entities and others to establish an accurate baseline:

- **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW):** To conduct formal wildlife surveys, evaluate the critical habitat transit corridor, and assess impacts on large and small mammals.
- **Audubon Society:** To conduct multi-season avian point counts to document the extensive migratory and resident breeding bird populations utilizing the mature canopy and shrub layers.
- **Washington Native Plant Society:** To complete a full botanical inventory of the understory vegetation, native shrubs, and ground cover threatened by clearing lanes and off-trail root compaction.
- **Scientific and Ecological Precedent on Soil Erosion and Compaction:**
The parks department cannot claim that a "backcountry style" course lacks an environmental footprint. Empirical environmental science research directly contradicts this. Peer-reviewed literature establishes that disc golf installations in natural areas significantly increase soil compaction, accelerate severe soil erosion, and rapidly decrease native vegetation density (Trendafilova & Waller, 2011). Constant trampling across unpaved forest terrain fundamentally alters the local soil structure. This soil degradation chokes critical root zones, severely limits nutrient uptake, accelerates long-term tree canopy decline, and removes the ground-level insects and native berries that wildlife depends on for survival (Decker, 2026; Parked Ecological Footprint Studies, 2020). [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)]
- **Illegal Project Segmentation and SEPA Evasion:**
The parks department's attempt to fragment the forested block from the larger park parcel to circumvent SEPA threshold determinations represents a profound abuse of administrative intent. Under Washington law, the cumulative impacts of the entire park property and the complete scope of the proposed development must be analyzed together. Artificially isolating the deep forest acreage to claim a minor footprint exemption masks the true regional, high-density impact of an 18-hole sports installation on the surrounding environment and communities.
- **Severe Lack of Public Transparency and Discriminatory Survey Distribution:**
The public outreach and survey process conducted for this proposal has been

severely compromised and structurally biased, failing basic community engagement standards. Out of the five immediate surrounding neighborhoods, three were excluded from initial notification entirely, while the remaining two were only offered access to the project survey long after it had already begun. Instead of an open, equitable community-wide notice, targeted notifications were funneled almost exclusively to active park sports enthusiasts, regional disc golf players, and an isolated political distribution list derived from Councilmember Reagan Dunn's office. This manufactured consensus bypasses local tax-paying stakeholders who will bear the project's actual daily impacts.

- **Destruction of Existing Passive Use and Safety Risks:**

This specific remaining pocket of mature forest currently contains only two trails, which are utilized by passive community recreationists, local families, birders, and dog walkers. Introducing an active 18-hole +9-hole sports installation directly into this narrow trail footprint creates an immediate safety hazard. High-velocity flying discs will inevitably intersect these existing trails, putting passive users and their pets at high risk of physical injury and effectively displacing the neighborhood community from a shared public green space.

- **Proximity to Residential Properties and Homeowner Impacts:**

The proposed site sits far too close to existing homes. Carving out an expansive regional recreation course next to a residential neighborhood introduces persistent noise, structural hazards from stray discs, and a total loss of privacy for adjacent stakeholders and homeowners. This does not belong in an intimate, neighborhood-bordering interior forest.

- **Established Regional Environmental Precedent (Whatcom Environmental Council Objections):**

The environmental risks of installing disc golf courses in sensitive urban canopy blocks are well-documented throughout Western Washington. Specifically, the Whatcom Environmental Council (WEC) formally objected to similar municipal master planning efforts due to the severe, inescapable ecological footprint left behind when courses cross interior forests. King County must heed these same regional scientific warnings, as the identical destructive mechanisms apply directly to Petrovitsky Park:

- *Habitat Fragmentation:* WEC's expert assessments highlight that carving courses out of the "only forest on a site" breaks up contiguous, protective canopy blocks into high-impact recreation zones, destroying interior forest integrity.

- *Conflict with Wider Public Use:* WEC underscores that active disc corridors fundamentally push out passive community recreationists, birdwatchers, and families due to safety concerns from high-velocity disc paths, rendering a public resource single-use.
- **Violations of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA - Chapter 36.70A RCW):**
Under RCW 36.70A.020, the GMA establishes explicit, binding goals that counties must uphold:
 - *GMA Goal 10 (Environment):* The GMA mandates that local jurisdictions protect the environment and enhance the state's high quality of life. Bypassing an environmental review for an intense, high-impact regional sport installation in a critical forest ecosystem directly undermines this statutory requirement.
 - *Mandatory Protection of Critical Areas (RCW 36.70A.030 / .172):* The GMA legally requires King County to protect the functions and values of "Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas" using the Best Available Science (BAS). Developing an active sports course within this interior forest fails to align with BAS guidelines regarding wildlife preservation.
- **Violations of King County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5 (Environment Policies):**
Chapter 5 directly implements the GMA's environment mandates by requiring strict protection and preservation of local biodiversity:
 - *Severe Threat to Migratory Birds:* Petrovitsky Park provides critical breeding, nesting, and stopover canopy habitat along the Pacific Flyway. High-velocity discs and off-trail foot traffic will cause physical disruption, threatening nesting success and risking displacement of migratory species (Olive-sided Flycatcher [Near Threatened], Western Tanager, Swainson's Thrush [shrub-nesting], Western Flycatcher, Violet-green Swallow) and resident forest species (Hairy Woodpeckers, Downy Woodpeckers, Brown Creeper, Purple Finch, Spotted Towhee, Dark-eyed Junco, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bewick's Wren, American Robin).
 - *Disruption of Critical Wildlife Habitat Corridors:* The plan directs the county to maintain continuous habitat networks. This interior forest acts as a vital wildlife corridor utilized by local fauna to transit between the Lake Desire and Lake Youngs habitats. Active use compromises its function as a safe passage zone for large mammals (**Deer, Cougars, Bears**) and resident small mammals (**Grey Squirrels, Douglas Squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons**).

- *Impact on Amphibians and Forest Floor Trail Ecology:* Numerous aquatics, including native **frogs** and other amphibians, are regularly observed directly on the trails. Heightened foot traffic and heavy course use destroy the sensitive, damp microhabitats essential to their life cycles.
- **Violations of King County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7 (Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Resources):**
Chapter 7 establishes that the management of passive parks and open spaces must balance recreation with the preservation of natural resource values, local tree canopies, and environmental stewardship. A "backcountry style" course dictates clear throwing lanes, tee pads, and basket placements that will inevitably result in the structural compromise, damage, or total removal of healthy trees and native understory vegetation.
- **Violations of King County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4 (Housing and Human Services – Community Framework):**
Chapter 4 emphasizes creating healthy, safe, resilient, and highly livable urban unincorporated communities. Central to this framework is ensuring equitable access to clean air, clean water, and preserved, quiet natural urban spaces. Converting one of the few remaining quiet, passive interior forest blocks into a high-impact, noisy regional recreational destination degrades the environmental health and neighborhood quality of life intended for local residents under Chapter 4 goals.

Please ensure this letter is officially logged into the public record for the Petrovitsky Park project and that I am recorded as a formal stakeholder. As an affected party, I request to be explicitly included on the formal stakeholder notification list for all future public notices, environmental threshold determinations, and SEPA appeal windows regarding parcels 9558001100 and 3623059007.

Thank you for your time and your attention to preserving our local neighborhood canopy, ecosystem connectivity, public transparency, and wildlife in strict accordance with Washington State and King County planning laws.

Sincerely,

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

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We look forward to partnering with you on this project.

Thank you,

Community Member E (08/19/2026):

Please explain why I was not sent the email regarding the sepa notification when I formally put my name down as a stakeholder.

Parks Staff (08/19/2026):

You have previously emailed me using this account - X You should have received the email there.

Thanks,

Community Member E (08/19/2026):

They both go to the same account I did not receive it

Parks Staff (08/19/2026):

I double checked, and your email was on the list. I also checked to see if we received a bounced message from your email, and we did not. I suggest checking your spam, or do a keyword search for "Petrovitsky". The email is attached here in case you still don't find it.

Thanks,

Community Member E (08/20/2026):

Why is there only one sepa notification board up inside the park and not out at the trailhead which is going to be directly impacted off of lake desire? There needs to be another sign out of the trailheads because many people just use the trails in the neighborhood and don't go directly into the park this needs to be corrected and then the time frame extended until you get the signs up.

Community Member E (08/28/2026):

To the King County SEPA Responsible Official and Project Manager,

This letter serves as a formal procedural objection to the ongoing environmental and land-use review process for the proposed Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course. I am writing to formally request that the current public comment period be immediately frozen and extended due to a critical failure by the applicant/county to comply with King County public notice and posting regulations.

1. The Violation: Failure to Post Notice at Primary Access Points

King County code mandates that land-use and environmental notice boards must be posted at all prominent public access points, developed trailheads, and property boundaries to ensure the affected community is reasonably informed.

Currently, physical notice boards have not been posted at the specific neighborhood trail access points located at *[Insert specific street names, intersections, or neighborhood trail entry points here]*.

While a sign may be present at the main vehicle entrance of Petrovitsky Park, the public routinely and primarily accesses the specific wooded acreage designated for this disc golf course construction through these secondary neighborhood trailheads. By failing to post notice boards at these critical pedestrian entry points, the county has effectively hidden the notice from the immediate neighbors and trail users who are most directly impacted by this construction.

2. Non-Compliance with Legal Standards

- **Visibility Mandate:** King County regulations require notice boards to face outward toward the public domain and be placed at locations where they are clearly visible to the passing public.
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3. Requested Remedies

Because the required "Affidavit of Posting" cannot accurately reflect visible public notice for the entirety of the affected project boundary, I request that King County Permitting take the following immediate actions:

1. **Freeze the Review Timeline:** Discontinue or pause the current SEPA public comment timeline immediately, as authorized by county rules for improper or missing signage.
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3. **Reset the Comment Window:** Restart or extend the 14-day public comment window only *after* these new boards have been verified and a corrected Affidavit of Posting has been filed.

Public participation is a core requirement of the SEPA process. This requirement cannot be fulfilled when the physical notices are omitted from the very trails where the project is to be built.

Thank you for your prompt attention to correcting this procedural defect. I look forward to your written response detailing how the county will remedy this lack of notice.

Sincerely,

Community Member E (08/28/2026):

A response to my formal objection about the sepa notification violation would have been appreciated but this seems to be standard practice for you to only respond to some people and not others. Extending the sepa comment period to the 9th is unacceptable, you need to post the signs and restart the sepa clock after the signs are posted at all trailheads. You would like me to point on a map where all the signs should be posted where all the trails are since you seem to be unaware of that I'd be happy to. it's a clear violation.

Sincerely,

Community Member F

Community Member F (05/25/2026):

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Community Member G

Community Member G (05/25/2026):

Please do not build this course.

I consider Petrovitsky Park to have two nicely complementary areas—developed playfields and forest with trails. Please let well enough alone and stop this project, leaving the current balance intact.

The critters and I would appreciate this.

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Community Member H

Community Member H (05/26/2026):

I found out that you were building a disc golf course off of Petrovitsky off of Nextdoor. I am very excited and look forward to playing it in the future. Thank you for all the hard work!

Community Member I

Community Member I (05/26/2026):

Hi,

Following up on the query from the Board, could you please provide a response regarding their question?

Additionally, we wanted to check if there is a clearer design image or map available. The current version does not clearly distinguish the association areas, and having a more detailed or enhanced visual would be very helpful for sharing with all homeowners. Please let us know if an updated version can be provided.

Community Member I (06/15/2026):

Hi,

Following up regarding the questions and concerns previously raised by the board. We have not yet received a response and would appreciate an update at your earliest convenience. The board would like to address these matter during the upcoming meeting on Thursday, June 18th, along with any additional questions that homeowners may have. To ensure a productive discussion, please provide the requested information as soon as possible. Additionally, we would like to invite you to attend the meeting this Thursday at 7:00 PM. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Please confirm your availability so we can make the necessary arrangements and notify the homeowners accordingly.

Kindly let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (06/15/2026):

Unfortunately, our Parks staff are not available this week. Do you have a meeting a few more weeks out? If so, I can work with folks to see who would be best to attend and answer questions/solicit feedback on the course.

Thanks,

Community Member J

Community Member J (05/26/2026):

I am writing in support of the proposed Disc Golf Course. I don't play disc golf but I enjoy walking and biking along them. The courses fit well among the wooded and open spaces of our area, with little apparent impact to the environment and wildlife. The players are typically quiet, sober, and respectful, and I am unaware of any troubles associated with them. The courses are a positive asset for families, and I urge King County to proceed with the plan for the course proposed at Petrovitsky Park.

Thank You

Community Member K

Community Member K (05/26/2026):

Hi,

..... Do we really need a disc golf course? Maybe it was a good idea in the 1990s when we were riding high but, dude. Read the room. Everything's expensive, people are losing their homes, and you're building a disc gold course?

At least consider making it smaller, because holy cow it seems, like, SUPER wasteful in the middle of a recession.

One of the plebs,

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Community Member M

Community Member M (05/27/2026):

This whole project is a NO WIN! So very sad the county has to spend money this way. Seems like a huge waste of funding that King County never seems to have enough of. It is also a horrible insult to our environment and the wildlife that will be destroyed. More chemicals introduced and wildlife moving closer to our back yards in search of food and safe places to live.

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Community Member N

Community Member N (06/06/2026):

I live in fairwood and really enjoy having the rare serene wooded area to hike and enjoy the wild life sounds. I am opposed to altering the natural setting and disrupting wild life habitat to make a Frisbee course. This area will not be quiet once you have altered the habitat and added lots of people playing music and competing, throwing Frisbees. There is the clanking of chains and the sometimes party type atmosphere that can take hold with no supervision. There will be TRASH and noise pollution. Families enjoy this rare area of nature as do the animals that live there. We don't want to hear humans celebrating while we are hiking in nature. There is a course a mere 7 miles away at lake wilderness arboretum that does not even get a lot of use. Please don't alter this natural habitat.

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Community Member N (06/15/2026):

How is trash and maintenance going to be handled? How about vandalism and drug use? Music? What about the wild life habitat that will be disrupted?

Who else can I let talk with about this? It seems you already have your mind made up and are for this. Do members of the community get a say? How do we voice our concerns since the plans are not answering these questions.

Thanks,

Parks Staff (06/15/2026):

The course will be maintained through a partnership between King County Parks and Northwest Disc Golf Association. Parks will continue to maintain the space to current Parks/County standards, which includes taking care of trash and vandalism repair. Maintenance of course amenities such as new trails/fairways, baskets, tee pads, and signage will be the responsibility of Northwest Disc Golf Association.

We do not anticipate excessive issues with music or noise, but as with any issue that arises in public space, including noise complaints, if there is an urgent concern, it is most appropriate to call the King County Sheriff Department.

Regarding the wildlife habitat, we are taking various mitigation measures and operating within King County Code to reduce the impact to the area including utilizing natural fairways and staying out of the critical areas identified within the project area. The critical areas report is linked on the project website if it is of interest to you. Currently Parks and NWDGA are requesting feedback on the design. Although we will be submitting to permitting soon, there is flexibility to make changes to the course as needed. Even after the course design is submitted to permitting, we are allowed to resubmit updates to the design as needed. We are open to feedback on the course, if there are specific aspects of the design that you have suggestions on, please let me know! Thank you,

Community Member O

Community Member O (06/09/2026):

Hello,

I just wanted to reach out to say I can't wait for the new disc golf course in Petrovitsky Park! It's going to bring many community members into the park, and the community is so good about keeping the environment nice and clean!

Adding more recreation in and near Fairwood is much needed and this project is one that will be loved by myself and many who live in and around this community.

Thank you for taking the time to hear from me on this.

Best,

Northwood Middle School educator

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Community Member P

Community Member P (06/09/2026):

I know you may be getting pushback from some residents of Fairwood, as permitting is getting close. I want to write to you to say I support the disc golf course for Petrovitsky Park. I read the survey results and agreed with the assessment of them. I hope that the county will protect the course as it's being built and maintained.

Fairwood Resident

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Community Member Q

Community Member Q (06/10/2026):

I just wanted to write a email saying I support the disc golf course at petrovitsky park it would make good use of the land without destroying the forest and allow families to get outside more and enjoy nature around the community

Sent from my iPhone

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Community Member R

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I have personally documented evidence of wildlife using the area proposed for development. Attached is a photograph showing two black bears observed near the proposed disc golf course layout. The attached map identifies the approximate location of the sighting in relation to the proposed course. This observation demonstrates that the forested areas of Petrovitsky Park are actively used by large mammals and function as important wildlife habitat and travel corridors.

In addition to bears, park visitors regularly observe deer, coyotes, birds of prey, woodpeckers, and many other species that depend on this natural environment. Increased human activity, vegetation clearing, trail creation, and ongoing recreational traffic associated with a disc golf course could disrupt wildlife movement patterns and increase the potential for human-wildlife conflicts.

I am also concerned about the potential environmental impacts associated with placing a disc golf course in a mature forest. The installation and maintenance of fairways, tees, baskets, and access paths can lead to vegetation loss, soil compaction, erosion, damage to tree roots, and fragmentation of wildlife habitat. Once these natural areas are altered, the impacts can be difficult or impossible to reverse.

Petrovitsky Park already serves an important role as a passive recreation area where residents can walk, observe wildlife, and experience nature. Preserving these natural spaces is increasingly important as development continues throughout our region. Recreational opportunities such as disc golf may be better suited to locations that do not require disturbance of valuable wildlife habitat and mature forest.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Woodside

Attachments:

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Community Member R (06/15/2026):

Hello. Thank you for your information today. I am jumping into the conversation as a HOA member at Woodside wants to express concerns regarding the proposed disc golf course

within Petro Park.

After reviewing the course layout, I am concerned that the project may unintentionally increase off-trail activity and negatively impact wildlife habitat.

The proposed course contains numerous baskets and tee pads distributed throughout a densely vegetated forest area (based on your latest layout today), including locations adjacent to mapped wetlands. While designated trails are shown on the plan, many play areas appear to require movement beyond established pathways. Disc golf inherently involves players retrieving discs that frequently land outside intended fairways, particularly in wooded environments and several times due to the golf game.

As a result, I believe the project could lead to:

- Creation of informal user trails throughout sensitive habitat areas. (we have just 2 main beautiful paths already to observe and enjoy the natural area)
- Trampling of native vegetation.
- Soil compaction and erosion.
- Increased disturbance near wetland buffers.
- Destroy vegetation to reach out the baskets out the established trails.
- Displacement of wildlife due to regular human activity.
- Long-term degradation of habitat quality.
- How many trees dead trees you mention will be removed? (have you counted them?), where is the location of those trees in the map?

In addition, there is documented wildlife activity within this area, including bear sightings and other native species that depend on the forested habitat and wetland corridor.

Given these concerns, I respectfully request that the City:

1. Conduct a comprehensive wildlife impact assessment before proceeding.
2. Evaluate expected off-trail traffic associated with disc retrieval.
3. Review potential impacts on wetland buffers and adjacent habitat.
4. Consider alternative locations that would avoid sensitive ecological areas.
5. Provide clear mitigation measures and monitoring plans if the project moves forward.
6. Finalize your strategic plan BEFORE proceed to the project

Petro Park serves as an important natural area for both wildlife and residents who value its ecological character. Any recreational development should carefully balance recreation opportunities with long-term environmental protection.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

Additionally, the permitting process will ensure that this project mitigates environmental impact, while also balancing our goal to expand recreational access for King County residents. Although this project is considered categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(1)(b)(V) or WAC 197-11-800(24)(g), we will be issuing SEPA in the coming weeks for this project, which will provide an additional opportunity for you to provide any feedback you may have related to the environmental impact of the project.

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We look forward to partnering with you on this project.

Thank you,

Community Member S

Community Member S (06/11/2026):

Dear Reagan and King County Parks Team,

I am writing to express urgent community concerns regarding the current disc golf course proposal at Petrovsky Park.

While the organizers see a playable layout, the families living in the five surrounding neighborhoods see major safety hazards that are being brushed aside. The initial survey for this project did not accurately reflect our community's heavy daily traffic, and we are asking the County to step in and address these critical issues before any plans move forward:

Dangerous Property Proximity: Several proposed baskets sit less than 100 feet from residential property lines. Even intermediate disc golf players throw 250 to 350 feet. A 100-foot gap ensures stray discs will smash into private backyards, risking property damage and injury.

Trail Safety Hazards: Our heavily used public trails—frequented from dawn to dusk by families, kids on bikes, and dog walkers—run within 25 feet of active throwing zones.

Lack of Infrastructure Plans: There has been no mention of golf-style safety netting to catch rogue discs, nor any clear plan on whether these essential public trails will be closed off during tournament hours.

Wildlife, wetlands, old growth have yet to be addressed.

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We cannot just uproot our homes, and our voices matter. There is clear room for negotiation here.

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Trovitsky Park neighborhood/community

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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Community Member T

Community Member T (06/11/2026):

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of a disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park.

I frequently play at Gaffney's Grove in Maple Valley and believe a similar course would be a wonderful addition to our community, offering a great outdoor activity for families.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help support this initiative.

Best regards,

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Community Member U

Community Member U (06/11/2026):

Hello,

I'm writing to voice my support for the pending disc golf course at Petrovitsky park. I've lived in district 9 or 5 for my entire life (41 years) and the prospect of a course so close to my house will create a more accessible recreation option for my young children and me.

I've personally donated equipment and golf discs to my local elementary school,

Maplewood Heights and am looking forward to volunteer opportunities at the new course. Disc golf offers a unique way get exercise and also teach my children how to be good stewards of our forests and trails.

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Maplewood Heights, Renton, WA

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Community Member V

Community Member V (06/11/2026):

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Community Member W

Community Member W (06/11/2026):

I want to go on record as being strongly against the proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park.

I have lived in Fairwood since 1981 and have long appreciated the wild areas nearby. Petrovitsky Park is a wonderful park and well used. One of the great things about are the undeveloped woodlands and wetlands. There are a few trails through the area so walkers and cyclists can enjoy its beauty without spoiling it.

My take on the pros and cons is as follows:

Pros

- 1) Provides another activity in the park.

Cons

- 1) Would negatively impact the woods, how could it not? At present one couldn't throw a frisbee 20 feet without hitting a tree so some must come down. Some underbrush would have to be removed as well. And what of errant frisbees? Players would have to trample areas meant to be untouched to retrieve them.

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It would be helpful to conduct a survey without the personal information impediments of the first survey.

Also, please schedule public hearings on the issue.

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Thank you!

Community Member W (07/08/2026):

Thanks for your reply.

However, your reply, nor the referenced website, does not address the specific questions I raised about this project (see below).

I am especially interested in your comments regarding items 4), 5), and 6) below.

thank you,

Parks Staff (07/09/2026):

Here are answers to your questions 4-6. Let me know if you have any other questions.

4) How popular is disc golf? I don't even see kids playing frisbee anymore. Where is the study that demonstrates a need?

We are a regional recreation provider and our intention is to support community in expanding access to their desired recreation. Disc golf continues to grow in popularity regionally, and internationally. This trend is backed both by first hand experience of the increase in use of the disc golf courses in our region, as well as the number of rounds played globally, nationally, and regionally on the UDisc app (a popular app used by disc golfers to record the rounds they play and the score).

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The survey requesting response on the proposal left demographic responses as completely optional. There was no requirement to provide answers regarding your demographics. Parks uses this optional data to help us understand the diversity of the responses we are receiving, there is no other purpose for this data, which is why it was left as optional. The survey itself labeled these questions as optional, and the folks surveying people in person at the park were letting folks know verbally that these questions were optional. I'm sorry there was confusion around this that led you to not complete the survey. In the future, feel free to reach out to the contact listed on a Parks survey if you have any questions or concerns.

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1. King County Parks is considering building a new backcountry style disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park. If King County Parks were to build a new backcountry style disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park, I would...

Strongly support

Support

Somewhat support

Neither support nor oppose

Somewhat oppose

Oppose

Strongly oppose

2. Anything else you want to share regarding your response to question 1?

3. How often do you visit Petrovitsky Park?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

A few times a year

Never

4. What is your main reason for visiting Petrovitsky Park?

Using the fields for organized sports or recreation

Walking or rolling

Taking children to the playground

Group outing (family, friends, school, faith group, community group, etc.)

Walking the dog

Having a picnic

Something else:

5. How did you hear about this survey?

From a sports or recreation organization

Promotion by King County

From community (faith group, school, community organization, family, friends, etc.) A sign or flyer

Somewhere else:

Demographic questions (All of which were non-required questions):

I live, work, play, or gather within about a 20 minute walk or 5 minute drive from Petrovitsky Park.

Yes

No

The zip code where I spend the most time is:

The language I speak most often at home is:

Spanish

Vietnamese

Russian

Somali

Chinese

Korean

Ukrainian

Amharic

Punjabi

English

Something else:

My racial/ethnic identity is:

Alaska Native

First Nation/American Indian/Indigenous

Asian, Asian American, or South Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino/a or Chicano/a

Middle Eastern/North African

Pacific Islander/Pasifika

White/European American

Multiracial

I identify as:

I have a diagnosis or disability that influences my learning, working, or living activities.

Yes

No

My yearly household income is:

Less than \$30,000 \$30,000-\$49,999

\$50,000-\$76,999

\$77,000-\$99,999

\$100,000 and above

My gender identity is:

Woman

Man

Non-binary

I identify as:

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Bisexual

Gay

Heterosexual

Lesbian

Queer

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woodlands and wetlands. Has there been an environmental impact statement issued? Asked for? I would think one is required.

We looked into the potential for this course at McGarvey Open Space but due to land use restrictions related to how the parcel was purchased, disc golf was not a compatible use. We also see benefit of the connectivity of the project area to the main part of Petrovitsky Park.

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A certified arborist reviewed the course design and provided recommendations on basket placement to avoid any removal of live trees, and provided additional mitigation strategies against undesired soil compaction.

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Thank you,

Community Member X

Community Member X (06/11/2026):

Please tell whoever is in charge of this project that there are hundreds of us who play Disc Golf who would love to see this come to happen. We currently have to drive to Maple Valley, North Bend ,or Enumclaw to play disc golf. Why should those cities be getting all of the money that disc golfers spend on food and drinks when the finish playing. I think this would be a great benefit to the local communities. It would be nice to have a course so close to where alot of us live. I'm sure there are a bunch of nay Sayers who think this would be detrimental to the park but trust me it would be more of a benefit. Gaffney's Grove disc course in Male Valley is the most played course in Washington. Why not bring that to Renton's Petroviski park.

Sincerly

King County and Renton Resident

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Community Member Y

Community Member Y (06/11/2026):

I am writing to express my strong support for the development of the proposed disc golf course in our community.

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Community Member Z

Community Member Z (06/11/2026):

My name is Z, I am the president of Mineral Springs Disc Golf Club (aka the only Seattle club) and currently maintain both mineral springs (a city park in Seattle open for disc golf since 1989) and a new course at Jackson Park Golf Course that is still in pilot with the City of Seattle (installed in October of last year).

These courses are heavily used. In addition there are 2 disc golf specific businesses in King County (<https://www.emeraldcitydiscs.com/> and <https://www.mandos-shop.com/>).

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I joke with people that disc golf will take what we can get. Disc golf courses don't need (or really want) flat open spaces. We want hills, cliffs, trees... my friends talk about disc golf as going on a hike vs going for a walk in a park like ball golf :) In addition disc golf clubs take care of their courses. I personally attend and organize a dozen work parties per year between the 2 courses. We dig up blackberries, pick up trash, work with the city/county on noxious plants and generally try our best to be good stewards.

My understanding is that there are a few neighbors who are opposed. I can imagine they are worried about: 1) noise, 2) additional traffic, 3) smoking/alcohol use. I think this comes from a tradition of disc golf as a "pot smoking hippy sport", and there are some who fit that profile. The growth in the sport is coming from professionals. I am a Product Manager for a leading tech firm, my friends are lawyers, engineers and medical professionals. Disc golf is our hobby, I own easily over 100 different discs (each one is different ... sorta like a golf club), 4 practice baskets, a "tech disc" (that connects via bluetooth and measures spin/velocity/angles) and a TV to run it, we go on disc golf vacations, watch the PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) streaming coverage, pay to play organized events, donate our time and money to the courses and generally find community in the sport.

I would be happy to talk to these neighbors and share my experiences of managing these courses or anything else that can get a new course installed.

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Community Member AA

Community Member AA (06/12/2026):

Hello. My name is AA, and I whole heartedly believe a disc golf course would have a positive impact on the community. I have lived in Renton for the last 10 years working as an educator for the district at a local elementary school. I like many others fell in love with disc golf during the pandemic, as it was one of the few activities that felt safe to do. Over the years I

have only had positive experiences with the disc golf community. It has been a great way to connect with nature, myself and friends. The kids I work with love when I bring my frisbees to recess, and I would love to set up an after school program. Having a local course would make that dream a lot easier.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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Community Member AA (06/15/2026):

Thank you for the response. This course looks amazing. Me and my friends are committed helping get this project done, and have already said we will volunteer our time in any way we can.

Thank you

Community Member AB

Community Member AB (06/12/2026):

I recently found out that a disc golf course is being planned for Petrovitsky Park and I am excited to see that happen! I was told you are involved in the project, so I wanted to reach out and thank you for your work on it. I make it down to Renton occasionally but would be visiting more often if a disc golf course opens up in that park.

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Community member AC

Community Member AC (06/12/2026):

Hello,

I'm writing to you regarding the new proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park in Renton. As a long-time Renton resident (since 1983) and disc golfer, this new course would be a very welcome addition to the community. I have been disc golfing for over 3 years now and everyone I have ever met disc golfing are respectful of the course and area. My husband and I usually go out to a local restaurant after we play and I'm sure most of the other golfers do the same.

We would play often on this new course and are excited to hear that one is nearly ready to go in! We have to drive to Maple Valley, Seatac or Auburn to play and they are not very convenient. We sure hope this course at Petrovitsky Park can go in soon.

My contact information is below in case you want to call or text me.

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Community Member AD

Community Member AD (06/13/2026):

Hey,

I saw a community post concerned about a proposal for a disc golf course in Renton.

The post was staunchly against it and I felt used some misleading information as well as AI generated images to raise fears.

I just wanted to write in to say that I support the addition of disc golf in Renton. I'm a cougar mountain resident and there is no such course nearby (the closest one is all the way out in North Bend for me).

It seemed the community post was directing people to spam you to tell you how awful it was that new visitors would come to the park.

I wanted to write to say, I'd love to have a reason to visit another king county park and walk the woods with some discs.

Thanks for taking on this project!

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Community Member AE

Community Member AE (06/14/2026):

Hello,

I am writing in opposition to the King County plan to place a disc golf course in the woods at Petrovisky Park. What a monumental mistake that would be. I have only just discovered the beautiful, peaceful environs of the walking trails of Petrovisky Park. What an urban gem the trails are. Walking there today I saw a doe resting in the shade near the woodland's edge. I saw a variety of birds, and many beautiful old trees. The trails are a healthy nature-escape. How can disc golf be good for the wildlife and habitat there? Why does a disc golf course have to be carved out of a beautiful woodland area? Can't disc golf be set up in an existing sports field? Changing any part of the Petrovisky woods/trails into a disc golf course would ruin the entire area and hurt the wildlife and habitat. There are plenty of disc golf courses. The Petrovisky woodland trails are one of a kind urban area here in the south end. Please do not go through with the disc golf course.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kent, WA

Parks Staff (06/15/2026):

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Community Member AD (06/16/2026):

Thank you for responding.

Despite all of the impact assessments, and public input, I do not see how it makes any sense to carve out beautiful, natural environs on public lands just so a small segment of the local population can play a game that could be played at existing locations. Disc golf is likely a fad, a passing fancy for a select few. But the woodland area benefits all: walkers of all ages, nature lovers, non-athletes. Altering the public woods in this way, for this reason is a gross error. There will be habitat disturbance. There will be disruption to wildlife. All the impact statements and assessments in the world will not change that. Once the damage to the woods is done, it will be hard to undo. Long after the popularity of disc golf has faded,

and the disc golfers have gone on to other hobbies, the damage to Petrovisky will still be there, an eyesore for the nature lovers and walkers to lament as they travel the trails.
Sincerely,

Kent, WA

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

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We look forward to partnering with you on this project.

Thank you,

Community Member AF

Community Member AF (06/14/2026):

Parks and Reagan,

I hear there is talk of a new disc golf course near Petrovisky Park. I just wanted to let you

know that I am an occasional disc golfer and am in support of the new disc golf course. Disc golfing is a great way to get outside, be active, and socialize. I think having a course closer to home would be great.

Thank you.

Renton

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Community AG

Community Member AG (06/14/2026):

I am writing to you as a resident of the Fairwood Neighborhood in Renton to express my enthusiastic support for the establishment of a disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park. This initiative, backed by the Northwest Disc Golf Association, would bring meaningful recreational, health, and social benefits to residents of all ages and backgrounds, and I respectfully urge you to champion it.

Disc golf is one of the most accessible outdoor sports available today. Unlike many recreational activities that require expensive equipment, memberships, or a high level of athletic ability, disc golf can be enjoyed by virtually anyone. A basic set of discs costs very little, no special attire or footwear is needed, and the rules of the game are easy to learn. Children can play alongside grandparents, beginners feel welcome next to seasoned players, and people of varying physical abilities can participate and enjoy themselves. This inclusivity makes disc golf an ideal fit for a community park setting.

Beyond accessibility, disc golf offers genuine health benefits that align with broader public wellness goals. A standard round involves walking two to four miles across natural terrain, providing low-impact cardiovascular exercise that is gentle on the joints. Research consistently shows that spending time outdoors in green spaces reduces stress, improves mood, and supports mental well-being. A disc golf course would give our neighbors a compelling reason to get outside, move their bodies, and connect with nature on a regular basis — benefits that are especially valuable for children and older adults.

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Community Member AH

Community Member AH (06/14/2026):

Please do what you can to make having a course there a reality. Having played the game for a little over a year now, I find that the players are most all considerate and well mannered. It's good clean fun.

Thank you,

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Community Member AI

Community Member AI (06/15/2026):

Hi,

I am a resident of Renton in district 5, and I just want to reach out and express my support for adding a disc golf course to Petrovitsky park. I have found disc golf to be a great activity, with a wonderful and welcoming community, that has drawn me to parks all around King county, and I would be delighted to have another course close to Renton.

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Community Member AJ

Community Member AJ (06/15/2026):

We'd like to voice our support for the disc golf course planned for Petrovitsky Park here in Renton. We are avid disc golfers and enjoy playing every week at local courses. We're very excited to see this new course being installed at Petrovitsky park because all of the courses here close to us are so very crowded much of the time. This course will have a very positive impact on the surrounding communities providing outdoor physical recreation for young people and old! Thank you so much for helping with this project!

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Kent, 98042

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Community Member AL

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Community Member AL (06/16/2026):

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. I am not a disc golf player and the decision has been made it sounds like so I will pass on commenting.

Thanks again for the opportunity,

Community Member AM

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I really like the layout, its really good... but also the effort to make this integrated into the park's other needs. Well done.

The beginner course is a wonderful idea.

The first feedback is few of those holes do not benefit much from having 3 tee pads, esp with the adjacent beginner course.

I can't comment specifically without more details on hole numbers or distances from the Tees.

My one complaint is that holes 1 - 5 are a bit crowded. Having those short-small holes in close proximity all at the beginning makes that area kind of tight and crowded.

If I could, I'd shorten one later hole to move one out of this cluster. And realign the res

Also the 2 practice warm baskets appear on the drawings, but not in the course description.

Its great to have two though so KEEP those, but its a detail that should be shared.

The overall design is brilliant.

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thanks for your email and for your feedback on the design. I'll be sharing this with our partner, Northwest Disc Golf Association.

To clarify, is your suggestion to do away with the beginner/shortest distance tee pads at each hole on the main course?

Thanks!

Community Member AO

Community Member AO (06/17/2026):

I am writing to you today as a constituent to formally express my opposition to the proposed project to build a disc golf course at Petrovitski Park.

As a resident living within a mile of the park, my family and I use this space frequently for

various activities, like the majority of our neighbors. We deeply value Petrovitski Park for its natural beauty and the quiet sanctuary it provides our community.

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Parks Staff (06/23/2026):

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Community Member AP

Community Member AP (06/17/2026):

I am writing to express my support for the proposed disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park.

First and foremost, I believe the creation of the course is a positive project that will encourage outdoor recreation, provide a low-cost activity for residents of all ages, and promote stewardship of the natural areas within the park. Disc golf has become one of the fastest-growing outdoor sports in the country, and facilities like this give community members an opportunity to enjoy nature while remaining active and engaged.

I have recently become aware of a Facebook group called "Stop the Petrovitsky Park Disc Course." While I respect the right of residents to voice concerns and participate in public discussions, I am concerned that much of the messaging surrounding the project fails to acknowledge the broader context of land use and recreation in our region.

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Thank you for your time and for your continued service to our community. I appreciate your consideration of viewpoints from residents who support the project and believe it will be a valuable addition to Petrovitsky Park.

Sincerely,

Community Member AQ

Community Member AQ (06/19/2026):

I am writing to you today to voice my strong support for the development of the disc golf course at Petrovitsky Park.

While I live in Olympia Washington, I frequently travel throughout the Pacific Northwest to play disc golf and support local parks. Adding an 18-hole course to Renton would not only serve the massive, passionate disc golf community already living in King County, but it would also draw regional visitors who will support nearby local businesses.

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Community Member AR (06/21/2026):

Hello. Thank you for all your work on this!

I've seen many disc golf courses go in over the years and seen the many benefits of adding this sport to mixed use and underutilized green spaces.

I have to say this is one of the most comprehensive plans I've seen, and I can't wait to see the results!

I'm also happy to volunteer time on the course building when the time comes.

Thank you!!

Community Member AS

Community Member AS (06/21/2026):

Installation of a frisbee golf course is moving quickly through the approval process, and it will impact all of us living in the neighborhoods around Petrovitsky Park. I don't feel enough time has been spent to evaluate its impact to where we live – especially since it seems to have happened without our being adequately notified.

OUR CONCERNS

- We have not been given adequate time or notice to provide input in what will be happening in our neighborhood.
- Parking: It is already constrained when there are soccer and baseball at the same time and the overflow ends up in our neighborhoods. Plans are to host national events which can bring 150-250 players and 1,000 to 5,500 spectators per event which will compound the problem
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- Habitat: Wildlife in the area will be pushed out and closer to our neighborhoods. This includes the black bears, coyotes, beaver, etc.
- Watershed and runoff: the deforestation of the area will choke the retention ponds and degrade Lake Desire as a watershed
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Sincerely,

Woodside Neighborhood, Renton WA 98058

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

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We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

Additionally, the permitting process will ensure that this project mitigates environmental impact, while also balancing our goal to expand recreational access for King County residents. Although this project is considered categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(1)(b)(V) or WAC 197-11-800(24)(g), we will be issuing SEPA in the coming weeks for this project, which will provide an additional opportunity for you to provide any feedback you may have related to the environmental impact of the project.

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We look forward to partnering with you on this project.

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Community Member AT

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Thank you!

Community Member AT (06/23/2026):

Thanks for the update, it's clear a lot of care has gone into the design, and I appreciate you keeping stakeholders in the loop.

I did want to flag one area of concern before this project progresses. Since the course extends into the green space around the park, I'm wondering what wildlife studies have been conducted for the area. We regularly have black bear and deer sightings near this area, and I want to make sure those populations were properly considered in the planning process.

A few questions that would be helpful to have answered:

- Has a wildlife or environmental impact assessment been done for the project area?
- Were bear and deer activity patterns factored into the course design or safety planning?
- Are there any wildlife protection measures planned, especially during the September construction window?
- Additional clarity on the clearing of space and trees vs vegetation removal
- Addressing concerns on parking availability and the already busy lot in conjunction with the planned splash pad
- How is trash and the increased foot traffic being addressed for this area?
- How is netting being used to not disrupt wildlife?

I think getting clarity on this will go a long way toward addressing concerns from other community members as well.

Thank you,

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

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We look forward to partnering with you on this project. Please see my answers to your questions below:

- Has a wildlife or environmental impact assessment been done for the project area?

A critical areas report was completed for this project which is available on the website.

- Were bear and deer activity patterns factored into the course design or safety planning?

Bear and deer activity were not factored into the course design, but hours spent in the field and working closely with our operations staff who are in the park daily have given us a strong understanding of potential safety concerns.

- Are there any wildlife protection measures planned, especially during the September construction window?

We will follow all wildlife protection measure identified through the permitting process, including no clearing, external construction or other disturbance in a wildlife habitat network during breeding seasons established under K.C.C. 21A.24.382

- Additional clarity on the clearing of space and trees vs vegetation removal

- Some areas are already sparse in vegetation and do not require any clearing, but may require trimming of branches. While other areas are dense and do require vegetation clearing. We anticipate around 6500 sqft of understory vegetation total to be cleared for the course. Approximately 3950 of that will be for the fairways/pathways, and the remaining portion will be for the teepads and the baskets.

- No live trees are anticipated to be removed for this project. The only trees anticipated for removal are dead trees that have been determined to be hazardous based on occupancy rates by a certified arborist.

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- Parking will be addressed both through strategic scheduling of the course for off peak parking hours and through an over-flow parking area. Disc golf users will be encouraged during scheduled events that could increase traffic congestion to use the school parking lot across the street. Parks has negotiated an agreement with the school for overflow parking access for such events.

- How is trash and the increased foot traffic being addressed for this area?

The course will be maintained through a partnership between King County Parks and Northwest Disc Golf Association. Parks will continue to maintain the space to current Parks/County standards, which includes taking care of trash and vandalism repair. Maintenance of course amenities such as new trails/fairways, baskets, tee pads, and signage will be the responsibility of Northwest Disc Golf Association.

- How is netting being used to not disrupt wildlife?

We are considering various mitigation options to avoid discs straying from the course, which may include netting, or barriers built up using natural material behind some baskets in key locations, but we are still considering what will work best for this space and be the most beneficial in terms of course safety and mitigation of environmental impact.

I encourage you to take a look at the FAQ on the website. We will continue to update it with questions that come our way.

Thank you and feel free to share the project update and website with your network, you collaboration is appreciated.

Community Member AU

Community Member AU (06/23/2026):

I'm beyond stoked after finding out about the plan to put a disc golf course in at Petrovitsky park. It's a great addition to the community and I can't wait to take my daughter there once complete.

Thank you!

Parks Staff (06/24/2026):

Thanks for your email. Here is some additional information on the project in case you are interested.

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Thank you!

Community Member AV

Community Member AV (06/27/2026):

To whom it may concern,

Please pause the permitting of the Petrovisky Disc Golf Course...there are too many unanswered questions!

I don't feel enough time has been spent to evaluate its impact where we live especially since it seems to have happened without our being adequately notified.

Parks Staff (07/01/2026):

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Community Member AW

Parks Staff (06/16/2026):

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Thank you!

Community Member AW (06/15/2026):

Thanks for the update. One follow up question on a related topic, are there any plans for more parking at Petrovitsky Park?

There are times on the weekend where there are up to 20-25 cars parked on Petrovitsky road. This is a safety issue. Adding another activity is likely going to add to the problem. Have you had time to look into this?

Thanks in advance for your response,

Parks Staff (07/01/2026):

There aren't currently plans for additional parking at Petrovitsky Park. Instead Parks has worked out a mutually beneficial agreement with the nearby schools to utilize their parking lots during peak hours, and has also been working on safety improvements to the Petrovitsky Rd. crossing for folks to use the Lake Youngs parking lot as well when the Petrovitsky Parking lot is full. We have noticed that the Petrovitsky Parking lot is only above capacity during peak park hours, like during baseball games and soccer games. For this reason, we will be implementing strategic scheduling of the disc golf course once it is open. Tournaments and leagues will not be scheduled during peak parking lot use hours at Petrovitsky Park. Day to day use of the disc golf course is not anticipated to cause parking congestion in the parking lot.

Thanks!

Community Member AX

Community Member AX (06/24/2026):

Dear Parks and Councilmember Dunn,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed disc golf course at

Petrovitsky Park. As a member of the local community, I believe this project will be a fantastic addition to Renton and the greater King County parks system.

Disc golf provides an accessible, affordable, and multi-generational outdoor activity for families, youth, and seniors alike. I look forward to bringing my young children to the course and am very excited to have somewhere nearby to play with their Grandpa when he's in town to visit.

The Northwest Disc Golf Association has worked diligently for years to bring this project to fruition with careful planning. I urge King County to move forward with the final approval and permitting for the Petrovitsky Park course so our community can begin enjoying this wonderful asset.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedication to our parks.

Sincerely,

Fairwood Greens, Renton, WA
98058

Parks Staff (07/10/2026):

Thank you for your email and feedback. We are continuing to make progress in partnership with Northwest Disc Golf Association on the project. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Otherwise, our project website will be the place with the most up to date and accurate information: [Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington](#).

Thanks!

Community Member AY

Community Member AY (06/24/2026):

My name is AY, I appreciate you sharing the Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Update.

I am a neighbor of Petrovitsky Park, do you know of any opportunities available to help with

this project; I am more than welcome to volunteer my time, or otherwise. I am semi-retired, very active on the trails throughout the area; and, most importantly, a disc golfer. I have played all over the West; Oregon, Idaho, BC, and am beyond excited to have this course within walking distance of my home.

Please let me know if you have any information/leads, and thank you again for the update!

Parks Staff (07/9/2026):

Thanks for reaching out. I'm connecting you with Northwest Disc Golf Association, our partner on this project. They can keep you in the loop about any opportunities to help or volunteer with this project moving forward!

Thanks,

Community Member AY (07/09/2026):

Thank you!

Gentlemen, I am Fairwood local, able and willing to help in any way I can; other than harassing from the Trovitsky Park NIMBY anti-disc golf group on FB, got that covered.

Please let me know -best!

Community Member AZ

Community Member AZ (06/23/2026):

Carson & King County Parks leaders,

Having lived here for over 10 years now one block from the proposed area, this is the first many of us in Woodside are hearing about this action! Any reference to a 2022 or 2024 effort to notify residents & get feedback and the show something like 76% favorable results with less than 1,300 responses is bad data set fabrication at best.

<https://www.change.org/p/protect-petrovitsky-park-s-critical-wildlife-corridor-wetlands>

Here is at least 217 signers who live here that are adamantly opposed to this!

Where were the board notices of public land use posted in this area from 2022, 2024, or 2025?

This is truly an unfortunate damaging circumstance for the environment, animals, & residents in this area. The parking issue & added road maintenance alone will be a massive headache. There is no way this was thought thru at all.

Someone in charge has got to come to their senses & stop this nonsense disc golf course from moving forward here. Plenty of other open spaces exist.

Parks Staff (06/25/2026):

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Community Member BA

Parks Staff (08/19/2026):

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Where can I learn more about the project?

For the most up to date information on the project, please visit the project website: [Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington](#)

Community Member BA (08/19/2026):

This sounds like a great project. I'm excited to see a new beginners course in the area, they are seriously lacking.

Looking forward to this addition!

Parks Staff (08/24/2026):

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Community Member BB (08/19/2026):

Hello,

In 2024 I was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer. Treatment for this is long and difficult both mentally and emotionally, I am still trying to recover. When things got really bad and I couldn't , and still can't get to one of the trails that are farther from Renton I could go there and walk along the peaceful little trail in back of the park, sometimes talk to others out walking with their dogs and children and get away from my problems for a little while. Thank you for taking this away from me and others who find this a little escape from the stress of their lives.

I have some questions about this project:

What about the wetlands? I guess they don't matter anymore.

How much are you going to charge for this? How much will parking be?

Who is going to pay for cleaning up the mess and garbage that will be generated by this facility?

I have other questions but I really don't think there is any point in asking.

Parks Staff (08/24/2026):

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Please see the FAQ listed on the project webpage here: [july-2026-petrovitsky-disc-golf-faq.pdf](#). The questions you have below are addressed in the FAQ. If you have any additional questions, feel free to reach out.

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Community Member BC

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Determination:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency as set forth in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-330 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030. This information is available to the public on request (for a nominal photocopying fee). It is also available on the King County website at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/parks/publicnotices>

To request a translation into another language please call 206-477-4527. This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for a minimum of fourteen (14) days from the date of issue, per WAC 197-11-502(3)(b). **Comments must be submitted or postmarked by 4:30 PM on September 2, 2026.** To provide comments or request additional information please contact:

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For email comments, please use the email address noted above and put "Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course" in the Subject line.

Where can I learn more about the project?

For the most up to date information on the project, please visit the project website: [Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington](#)

Community Member BC (08/19/2026):

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out and providing an opportunity for public comment on this project. As a homeowner in Trovitsky Park neighboring Petrovitsky Park, I do not support the proposed disc golf course in Petrovitsky Park.

Parking at the park is already frequently at or beyond capacity, particularly when the athletic fields are in use or sporting events are taking place. I am concerned that adding a disc golf course would increase parking demand, congestion and illegal parking unless additional parking capacity and appropriate traffic management are included in the project.

I also have concerns about introducing substantially more construction and foot traffic into the natural area where the disc golf course is proposed. I would encourage the county to carefully evaluate potential impacts to existing vegetation, wildlife and habitat, as well as the potential for erosion, vegetation removal and the creation of informal trails as use of the area increases.

I would strongly support investment in the park's existing developed areas. The proposed splash pad, for example, would be a welcome improvement for families and other park users. There is also an empty, gated area in the middle of the park that is currently not being utilized and could provide an opportunity for additional recreational amenities without requiring development of the natural area.

The existing paved walkway around the park could also benefit from investment. Portions are currently bordered by dead blackberry bushes and accumulated trash, and improving landscaping, maintenance and amenities along this established route could make a meaningful difference in the experience of park users.

I believe there are significant opportunities to add recreational amenities and improve Petrovitsky Park by investing in areas that are already developed or disturbed, while preserving the natural area and avoiding additional pressure on the park's existing parking constraints.

Thank you for considering my perspective as a neighboring homeowner and regular observer of how the park is currently used. I hope the county will prioritize improvements to existing developed areas and carefully consider the environmental, parking and neighborhood impacts of developing the natural area for disc golf.

Sincerely,

Parks Staff (08/24/2026):

Thanks for your email. For official SEPA comments, please send them to: KCParks.SEPA@kingcounty.gov and put “Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course” in the Subject line. Forwarding the email you sent below should suffice. If you would just like your feedback to be received as general project feedback, then no additional action is required.

Best,

Community Member BD

Community Member BD (08/27/2026):

I was informed that you are the project manager for the Petrovitsky Park Disc Golf Course. I live in Woodside, which is one of the neighborhoods that borders it. I run through these trails often, and I am not happy that there are plans to develop them. The plants, trees, and wildlife are what makes this area pleasant, not an decrease in those things and an increase in people throwing discs. It is also telling that there is a large lack of transparency. If construction is allowed to begin and the area changes for the worse (which it will), the damage cannot be undone. I will continue to inform my neighbors so that we can be sure our voices are heard on this. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Parks Staff (08/27/2026):

Thank you for your email. We understand and are happy to work with you and community to address concerns about the project.

We take concerns about the environment very seriously, as it's one of King County Parks

values as an agency to protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality.

We are confident that the permitting process will ensure that this project mitigates environmental impact, while also balancing our goal to expand recreational access for King County residents. SEPA has been issued for this project, which provides an additional opportunity for you to provide any feedback you may have related to the environmental impact of the project. If you would like to see the DNS that was issued and the associated SEPA checklist, you can find them here: [Public notices - King County, Washington](#). This site will also share how you can provide comment on the DNS.

The best place for current and accurate information on this project can be found on the project website ([Petrovitsky Disc Golf Project - King County, Washington](#)). We will continue to provide factual and up to date information about the project, as well as an ongoing list of questions/comments that people have submitted along with our responses.

If you have any specific questions about this project that are not answered in our FAQ document, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Community Member BD (08/30/2026):

I have emailed a couple of you about my general disapproval of this project, but I wanted to share a more direct concern that I discovered tonight. I did not know where the proposed action sign was for this project and had to be told where it was, yet I run the trail the course is supposed to be built around several times a week. I know for certain that there are people who walk this trail who do not realize the disc golf course is going to change it. This is unacceptable- they should be informed and have a chance to weigh in. I urge you to put a sign near the trail so that those who use it can have their chance to make their voices heard. Not all of us visit the playground and even so, people may not realize the scope of the project includes the dense woods surrounding the fields. It is quite misleading to have one sign by the playground.

Parks Staff (08/31/2026):

Thank you for your email. We agree that public participation is key to the SEPA process and we want to ensure impacted parties can provide comment on the determination. We appreciate your feedback that additional signage would be helpful for those that don't visit the main park area while using the trail system. We will be adding signs along the trail system over the next couple of days and have extended the public comment period to September 9th.

Community Member BD (08/31/2026):

Thank you- I appreciate this very much.