



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6398
January 16, 2024
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6398: Island Crest North Infield Appropriation Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Appropriate \$152,561 to complete Phase 1 of the Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Upgrade project.	

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
STAFF:	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	n/a
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	3. Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ 552,561
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 400,000
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 152,561

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to:

- Provide the City Council with information about the Island Crest Athletic Fields Upgrade project.
- Request an appropriation of \$152,561 to support the completion of Phase 1 of the PA0117 Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Upgrade.

BACKGROUND

The north athletic field at Island Crest Park is the most-used athletic field in the City’s park system, hosting recreational and league teams year-round. Due to its high use and high visitation by spectators, the backstop needs to be replaced with a taller structure, and the infield synthetic turf is due for a lifecycle replacement. In addition, the south field backstops are also worn and not functioning well. Field users have reported foul balls hitting spectators and vehicles in the parking lot. However, the existing poles cannot support more netting or additional height, according to the most recent engineer’s assessment. The current backstop needs to be replaced with a taller structure designed to reduce foul ball conflicts with spectators. To address these infrastructure needs, the City Council approved ballfield upgrades in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program, to be completed in phases by 2025.

The City contracted with DA Hogan in 2023 to design both the infield turf replacement and backstop upgrades, and work on the turf replacement began in July 2023. As part of the design, DA Hogan included an alternate item to replace the bullpen located in between the north and south fields, which currently consists of both turf surfaces and grass surfaces.

The turf replacement is scheduled to be constructed in early 2024 using the King County Directors Association (KCDA) purchasing cooperative. Historically, the City has used KCDA to purchase commodities and allied services for products ranging from garbage cans to the Island Crest Park synthetic turf outfield. Recent parks projects constructed through a purchasing cooperative include the Mercerdale Park Playground (2022) and the Bike Skills Area at Deane’s Children’s Park (2023).

Purchasing through KCDA is an efficient means of procurement when the majority of a project is made up of commodities with predictable installation needs. Since the competitive bidding process is already completed through KCDA, using KCDA is a faster process than the phased design/bid/construction process typical with other types of public works’ projects. The north infield turf replacement will be constructed by FieldTurf, a KCDA vendor used for the north outfield (2017) turf and recently for the South Mercer Playfields turf project (2022).

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The City Council approved \$400,000 for construction of the Island Crest Park North infield turf replacement (Phase 1) in the 2023-2024 budget. Project design was originally planned for 2022 but was delayed until 2023 due to staffing vacancies within the Capital & Engineering Team. The design contract with DA Hogan came out of the 2023-2024 appropriation of \$400,000.

At the time the project was scoped in late 2022, DA Hogan estimated the cost of Phase 1 to be \$364,455 + sales tax. The original scope **did not** include the alternate item to replace the bullpen with new synthetic turf, but staff recommends adding this alternate item to Phase 1 due to the condition of the current bullpen and the efficiencies that can be gained by completing both projects at once.

Staff received the following pricing from FieldTurf:

- Base price (Phase 1 only): \$375,695
- Alternate item (replace bullpen with new synthetic turf): \$53,379

The estimated construction total for Phase 1 plus the bullpen replacement is \$429,074. To construct Phase 1 before the 2024 baseball season begins, an additional appropriation of \$152,561 is requested to cover the cost to replace the bullpen as well as remaining design for Phase 2 (North and South field backstop upgrades) and Washington State Sales Tax. The updated project budget is provided in the table on the following page.

Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Upgrade ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET - UPDATED	
Project Elements	Estimate
Design Contract (Phases 1 + 2)	\$65,000
Construction Contract (Phase 1 + bullpen replacement)	\$429,074
Washington State Sales Tax (10.1%)	\$43,337
Project Management	\$15,000
Project Awareness Signs	\$150
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$552,561
Approved Budget (2023-2024)	\$400,000
<i>Additional Appropriation Requested</i>	<i>\$152,561</i>

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the additional appropriation for the Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Upgrade project, staff will send the notice to proceed for Phase 1 (including the bullpen) to Field Turf. Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of February.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Appropriate an additional \$152,561 to complete Phase 1 of the Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Upgrade project. Additional funding will come from the Capital Improvement Fund available balance.