



# CITY OF ST. HELENS PLANNING DEPARTMENT

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Jacob A. Graichen, AICP, City Planner  
**RE:** Columbia View Park expansion – permitting FYI  
**DATE:** January 12, 2022

The proposed Columbia View Park expansion is ripe for permitting. It has been vetted with the Parks and Recreation Commission after efforts with staff and consultants for the design.

The expansion area is within the Riverfront District zoning district where public parks are permitted but requires a Site Development Review to allow the development to occur.

As had been done in the past for new parks or expansions, staff intends to elevate the review authority (normally administrative in this case) to the Planning Commission pursuant to SHMC 17.24.090(2).

This is on your January 19, 2022 Work Session agenda to provide an opportunity for questions, clarifications and such in advance of commencing the formal permitting process.

The proposed Columbia View Park expansion plan is below:

