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**GROUNDBREAKING SET AND CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN
ON COVINGTON COMMUNITY PARK PHASE 2**

Covington, WA – The City of Covington will conduct its ground breaking ceremony for Phase 2 of Covington Community Park on Aug. 22 with construction anticipated to begin in the next month. The construction of phase two will take about a year to complete.

Major elements of the second phase, include additions of a community stage with green roof, a large lawn, picnic shelters, a playground, a fitness area with exercise stations, a tennis court, additional trail segments, restrooms, a concessions building, additional parking, wetland mitigation, utility infrastructure and frontage improvements along 180th Avenue SE.

Areas of the park, such as the playfield, will remain open during construction as much as possible, but sections of the park will be closed as needed to complete the work.

Phase one of Covington Community Park Phase was completed June 2013. Since that time many park users have enjoyed playing sports on the athletic field and walking the nature trails. In the future, there will be a third and final phase of development at the park, but it currently is not funded. The most significant feature of the third phase will be the addition of synthetic turf athletic fields with lighting.

Funding summary for the Covington Community Park Phase 2 Project: \$7,000,000 (80% of the project) is funded by the WA Department of Commerce (The Taxpayers of Washington State); \$500,000 (6%) is funded by the federal Land Water and Conservation Fund program; \$500,000 (6%) is funded by the WA Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program; \$354,000 (4%) is funded by the City of Covington; \$65,000 (1%) is funded by King County; \$30,688 (<1%) is funded by King Conservation District; and \$0 (0%) of nongovernmental sources are funding this project.

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