

McPhee Meadows update

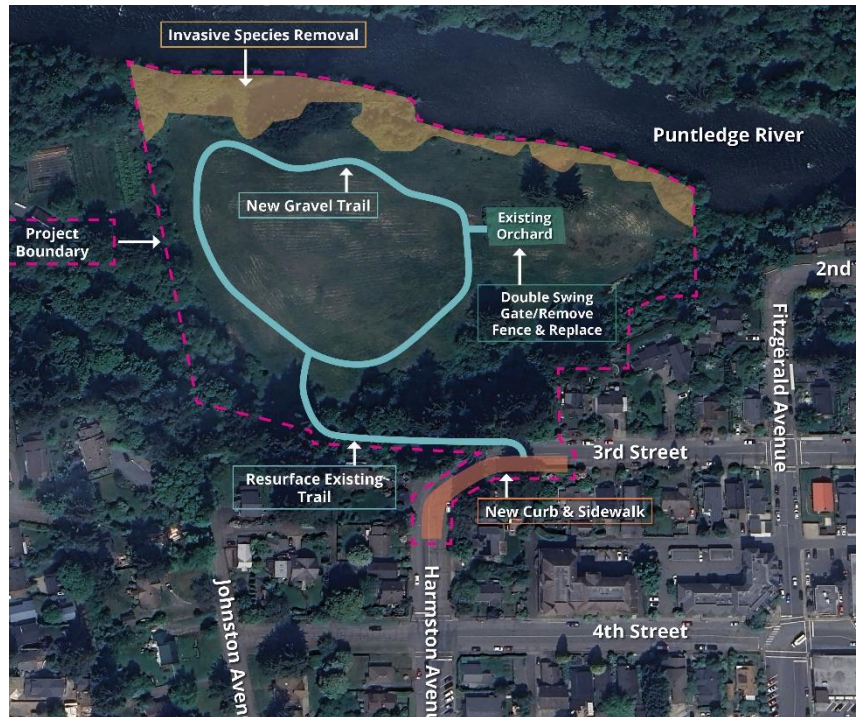
Park construction planned this summer

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Work to construct the new McPhee Meadows Park is targeted to begin this summer.

A tender is now out for construction on the first phase of the project, which will include improvements to the lower field and orchard area. Once complete, public access to the park will be from the corner of 3rd Street and Harmston Avenue.

If a contract is successfully awarded, the City's goal is to see work start in July 2025 and continue for up to three months.



The 11.8-acre property was donated to the City of Courtenay and The Nature Trust of B.C. in 2011 through Canada's Ecological Gifts Program by the late Mr. Robert McPhee, who wanted the site to be maintained as a public wetland park.

The park design focuses on maintaining the natural setting and heritage of the property.

Construction plan for 2025

Phase 1 will be completed with environmental oversight from arborists and registered biologists. It includes:

- Connecting the sidewalk at 3rd Street and Harmston.
- Resurfacing the existing access path and adding a split-rail fence along the edge.
- Creating a gravel loop path through the meadows.
- Installing culverts where the path crosses low points.
- Replacing the orchard fence.
- Removing about 8,000 square meters of invasive plants and planting over 4,300 square meters of native species. (Timing to be confirmed based on federal environmental permit approvals.)

The project team invites residents and neighbours to follow along for the latest news and information over the coming months at courtenay.ca/mcphee-meadows



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