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To the Neighbors of Ballard Corners Park at 17th Avenue NW & NW62nd/63rd Streets:

A beautiful new park is being created at this corner. The primary funding source for this new park is the Pro Parks Levy, approved by voters in 2000. Seattle Parks purchased the 10,000 square foot property for the new park, and a conceptual plan for the new park has been developed through a public process.

A major step in the creation of the new park will happen next week.

Seattle Parks has contracted with Seattle Conservation Corps to remove the structures on the property.

Preliminary work at the site has already begun. Deconstruction of the structures is scheduled to begin on August 21, 2007 (Deconstruction is a technique that increases component salvage and reduces debris for disposal into the City's landfills.)

After the structures are removed, the area will be hydroseeded with grass, and will remain fenced off until the park is developed and opened to the public in 2008.

The volunteer group Friends of Ballard Corners Park has been very active in fundraising for development of the park. The Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund provides \$150,000 for this park development project. The Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) provided \$15,000 towards design and \$75,000 for development. There are grants from the State Legislature (\$125,000), King County Waterworks (\$43,250), King County (\$20,000), Home Depot (\$3,000), and Safeco (\$500), and the community is actively fundraising. They are continuing to seek contributions and their website is: www.ballardcornerspark.org

The Friends of Ballard Corners Park earlier received funds to work with Seattle Parks to conduct a public process and develop a schematic design for the future park. The schematic design, is on the web at: www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/ballardcornersdev.htm

Park construction is scheduled for 2008.

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