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Property Purchased for Future Neighborhood Park on 8th Ave. NE

On August 17, 2006, the City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department purchased a four-acre parcel located at 3102 8th Ave NE in Thurston County in Olympia's Northeast Urban Growth Area. In a number of years, this open field will be developed into a neighborhood park to serve the needs of residents in Northeast Olympia.

This is the third park site to be purchased with revenue from the Park and Recreation Facilities Funding Measure passed by voters in 2004. (The other two parks are West Bay Park and Evergreen Park Drive Neighborhood Park.) With Olympia's supply of undeveloped land rapidly disappearing, City staff are working as quickly as possible to secure new park sites.

Currently there are no funds budgeted for fully developing these new park sites and funds will likely not be available for several years. In the intervening years between purchase and development, Parks staff will work with neighborhoods to develop Interim Use and Management Plans. Minor interim improvements on park property may include picnic tables, benches, trails, or a small mowed play meadow.

