

City of Burien, Washington

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Help name Burien's new pocket park

The city's parks and recreation advisory board is looking for suggestions and nominations to help name a unique pocket park that does double duty protecting residential property by controlling stormwater runoff.

The park site is in the 600 block of SW 141st Street in an area that was is lacking city park resources. Many people in the area know of it as an area that was subject to flooding in the past. In 2006, the Burien Public Works Department decided to take a different approach to the construction of stormwater detention ponds and, with input from the city's Parks Department, designed it in such as way as to make it more publicly accessible. The site was designed with a modest walking path and benches, and also performs its function as a stormwater control facility.

The park name should include a reference to its location, history, natural or geological features, an individual or group who contributed significantly to the acquisition or development of the park, or to an individual who provided an exceptional service in the interest of the park system as a whole.

The parks advisory board will make recommendations to the Burien City Council which will make the final decision.

Suggestions must be received by Wednesday, June 18, 2008, and should include a short explanation of why the name is appropriate for the park. Send suggestions to Burien Parks and Recreation, 425 SW 144th Street, Burien, WA 98166, Attn.: Park Name Idea, or by e-mail to michaell@burienwa.gov.

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