

McGarvey Park FAQ's

Q. Will King County do a clear-cut of the park?

A. No! We will only be removing some of the hardwood trees, such as bigleaf maple and red alder, to promote growth of conifer trees. The alders are reaching the end of their life span, and many of the maples are low vigor as they sprouted from stumps when the property was previously logged.

Q. Why is the forest being harvested?

A. Historical logging activity resulted in the property growing an unusually high percentage of big leaf maple and red alder. This harvest will help restore a more natural forest comprised of approximately 75 percent conifer species and 25 percent deciduous species. The harvest will be followed by planting cedar, Douglas-fir, white pine, and grand fir in open areas. In addition the harvest will allow understory vegetation to grow and provides more space for the existing conifers to grow.

Q. Where will the trees be harvested?

A. We will be harvesting 70 acres; please refer to map for harvest locations.

Q. Will the trails be open during this project?

A. No - to ensure the safety of all users, trails in the affected areas will be closed during the harvest process, which will last six to eight weeks. We will put signage up at the trails reporting when these trails will be closed and reopened.

Q. When will the harvest take place?

A. The harvest will take place in summer of 2015. The cutting, yarding, and processing of trees on the site could occur weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Work will not occur on weekends and holidays unless agreed to by the King County forester. Log loading and hauling could occur between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Q. Will the trails be affected after the harvest is complete?

A. King County will restore any trails damaged during harvest, and we will also be talking to the public about options for new trail routes.

Q. How are the funds generated from this thinning being used?

A. The funds are used to help support maintenance and restoration of King County parks and open space lands.

Q. How can I receive updates about this proposal and other activities planned for McGarvey Park Open Space?

A. Sign up for updates by entering your email in the link provided [here](#)

Q. Who can I contact for further questions?

A. If you have any further questions about the proposed forest stewardship activity please contact Kelly Heintz at kelly.heintz@kingcounty.gov or at 206-477-6478.

Q. Who do I contact about general questions regarding the management of McGarvey Park Open Space?

A. If you have further questions about general management of McGarvey Park please contact Dan Perzynski at dan.perzynski@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-2386.