

# Maintenance Surge in City Parks

## Seattle Parks and Recreation

City Council Public Assets and Homelessness Committee

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**City of Seattle**



# Park Maintenance Team

- 8 geographic teams
- ~230 team members
- ~@ 485 developed parks
- January 2022: 83 vacancies
- ~50 positions filled by July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Hiring “surge” continued





# Need for Maintenance Surge



# Maintenance Surge: Four Priorities (Tier 1)



Turf maintenance



Comfort station cleaning



Graffiti removal



Trash removal

- What makes a park look clean?
- What makes a park look inviting?
- Identified 4 priorities



# Turf Maintenance: Mowing, Edging, Line Trimming

- SPR turf maintenance
- Surge 2022: 3,383 hours
- Same period 2021: 488 hours



# Trash Cleanup: Litter Pickup, Emptying Receptacles, Dumpsters

- Surge 2022: 4,965 hours
- Same period 2021: 4,708 hours
- 4,005 YTD tons
- Surge 2022: 330 tons
- Same period 2021: 276 tons



# Comfort Station Cleaning: Wet, Dry, Deep



- Surge 2022: 1,964 hours
- Same period 2021: 2,974 hours
- Staff also inspecting and calling-in work orders



# Graffiti: Pressure Washing, Painting, Color Matching

- Surge 2022: 688 hours
- Same period 2021: 481 hours





# Other Work

- Pressure washing
- Annuals beds: weeding and planting
- Beach Fire Program
- Irrigation repair
- Shrub bed trimming




# Communicating the Surge

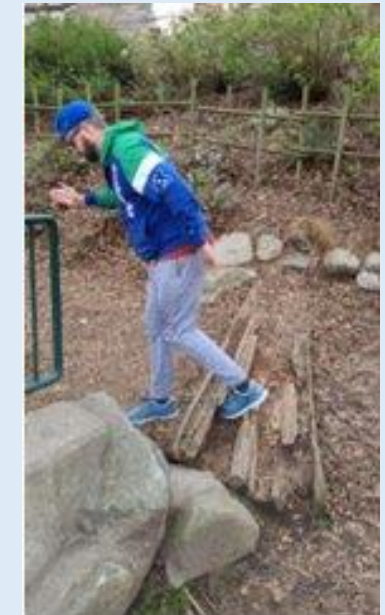




# Park Inspections

Park Inspections Completed			
Year	Volunteer Inspections	Quarterly Inspections	Total
2017	12		12
2018	72	8	80
2019	72	8	80
2020	21		21
2021	18	2	20
2022	22		22
Totals	217	18	235

 <b>Seattle Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		<b>Park Evaluation Form –</b> See inspection book for rating details and example photos. Ratings: 1 = unacceptable, 2 = barely acceptable, 3 = needs improvement, 4 = meets almost all goals, 5 = excellent		
<b>Park Inspected:</b> Burke-	<b>Inspec:</b> Brian Rapalee	<b>Date:</b> 4/17/18	<b>Time:</b> 10:30am	<b>Weather:</b> Partly
<b>Inspected Areas</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Comments / Improvements Needed</b>		
Garbage Control	4	No comments. No photos.		
Restrooms	3	Minor cleaning of interior surfaces and floor required. Painting/repair of exterior		
Community Center Entry	N/A			
Picnic Shelters and Areas	4	Minor surface cleaning of picnic tables and several separate bench seats required. One		
Play Areas	3	Additional mulch material, leveling and grading required. Weeding required at some		
Sport Courts	N/A			
Hardscapes	1	Significant tripping hazards at 12-15 raised/lowered walkway panel edges require immediate mitigation by edge grinding, feathered ramps or selective reconstruction. Worst area is a sagging/cracked walkway area at edge of nature trail entrance which will ultimately require reconstruction of four large panels or more—maybe with subsurface edge drains at toe of landscape mound. Most walkway joints and cracks are filled with grass/debris and/or lacking joint filler/sealer. All walkways require surface cleaning of moss/debris. See 3 photos.		
Lighting	4	No comments. No photos.		



For more information or to volunteer visit:  
[seattle.gov/parks/volunteer/park-inspection](https://seattle.gov/parks/volunteer/park-inspection)

# Next Steps

- Identify Tier II Priorities
  - ✓ Sport Court Cleaning
- Identify Tier III Priorities
  - ✓ Site furnishing refurbishment
  - ✓ Fall preparation; roof cleaning





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After (bottom)**



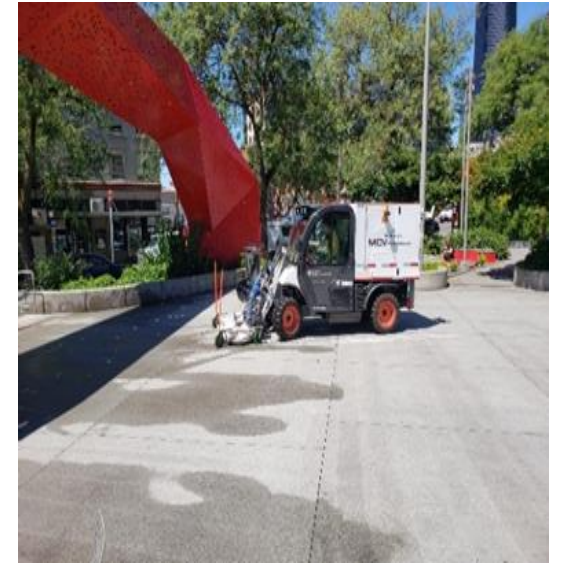


## Before (top) and After (bottom)





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# Thank You!

**NW Maintenance Team**