

# Project Description



**Bose Farm Park** (working name) is a new park site located in West Cloverdale. The site, located between 62 and 64 Avenue, east of the Agricultural Land Reserve, was acquired by the City during the subdivision of the surrounding neighbourhood.

*The name 'Bose Farm Park' is a working (preliminary) name only. It is a reference to the previous family name and farm, and was selected to provide familiarity with the project site.*

*Complete the questionnaire and help us choose a permanent name for the park.*

The park site is comprised of a number of properties that together measure an area of approximately 7.5 hectares (18.5 acres). This is about the same size as thirteen regulation sized soccer fields.

The City of Surrey intends to develop and maintain the site as a forested park, with opportunities for habitat enhancement, as well as the development of amenities such as pathways, viewpoints and natural play.

## Planning & Design Considerations

- ✔ Enhance the natural integrity of the site, with a focus on protecting wildlife habitat areas.
- ✔ Acknowledge the natural and cultural heritage of the site and surrounding community
- ✔ Ensure meaningful public consultation in the planning and design of the park
- ✔ Consider neighbourhood access and connection, particularly existing park and pathway systems
- ❓ Are there other planning & design considerations that are important to you?

Ideas and input from community members, residents and potential park users are needed to help identify potential amenities and determine park concept options that will be presented at a second public open house this fall.

A CitySpeaks survey was conducted earlier this year to gather preliminary feedback from Cloverdale residents. Some of the survey results are available today for review.

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# Site Context

The project site is located along the Hook Greenway, which is part of a multi-use pathway and linear park system that loops around West Cloverdale. The site offers an opportunity to add to this green network and provide the community with additional park amenities.

The surrounding neighbourhood is predominantly single family residential. New townhouse and apartment developments are underway to the north and east. To the west is the Serpentine River Valley and the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).



## Greenway Network

Large sections of the Hook Greenway are complete. This project will extend the network north to 64 Avenue, and provide better connections with the surrounding neighbourhood.

- Parkland
- Multi-use Pathway (completed)
- - - Multi-use Pathway (planned)
- Pedestrian Pathway

## Neighbourhood Connections

A number of potential park access points [🚶] and pathways [🚶] have been identified. These locations may be good places to provide neighbourhood connections.





# Historical Context



Photos courtesy of the Bose family collection

The Bose Farm Park is a remnant parcel of the original Bose Farm, which was established by Henry Bose in the late 19th century. Between 1912 and 1920 Mr. Bose cleared much of the area of trees for farming, and to locate a farmstead outside of the adjacent flood plain.

There are a number of historically significant structures within the farm site, including the original farmhouse house, built by the Bose family (circa 1898), a later farmhouse, a dairy building and a large barn.

The farm operated throughout the 20th century, during which time it remained in the Bose family. It was recently sold for development and a number of the historically significant structures will be protected through the redevelopment of the property.

## Historic Use of the Forest

The forest was once a source of building materials for the farmhouse and other outbuildings. In the 1950s, Girl Guides from Richmond used the forest for camping and nature outings. Local potato farmers also held an annual picnic and barbeque within the forest. A number of informal trails and gathering areas are evidence of the previous recreational uses of the forest. Despite its use, the majority of the forest remains relatively unchanged from earlier times.



*In a preliminary survey, 85% of Cloverdale residents were familiar with the Bose Farm*

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**?** How should we incorporate historical context into the park's design?



# Environmental Context



Bose Farm Park is identified as a natural area within the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. It connects with the broader green network via the adjacent agricultural land and the Hook Greenway to the south.

The park site is an area of mature forest generally more than 80 years old, which is uncommon in Surrey and the lower mainland. The main trees in the canopy are Douglas Fir, Big Leaf Maple and Western Red Cedar. The site features a number of larger mature trees, some of which are up to 2 meters in diameter.

Groundcover consists predominantly of Vine Maple, Elderberry, Salmonberry, Huckleberry, Swordfern and other species. Invasive non-native plant species, such as Himalayan Blackberry, are common within the site, particularly along the disturbed edges of the forest. Efforts will be undertaken to remove them.

The northwest portion of the site supports an excellent quality swamp. Park improvements will need to ensure the integrity and function of this unique ecological feature is protected.

A number of snags offer roosts for raptors and food sources for insect eating birds. The forest is used as hunting grounds for a variety of raptors, including hawks and barred owls. Mammals such as raccoons, black-tailed deer, coyote and moles also use the forest.

## Environmental Assessment

An Environmental Assessment of the site is currently underway. The assessment will include mapping and analysis of the existing vegetation and wildlife communities. A full report will be prepared to guide the park design and the location of habitat enhancement areas and park amenities.

❓ What park amenities are appropriate in a forested park?



# Project Schedule

<b>CURRENT</b> ➤	<b>Phase 1: Community Engagement</b> <i>Open House 1, Stakeholder Engagement, Open House 2</i>	May - Sept 2014
	<b>Phase 2: Approvals</b> <i>Parks, Recreation &amp; Sport Tourism (PRST) Committee Presentation, Council Presentation</i>	Fall 2014
	<b>Phase 3: Detailed Design</b> <i>Design development, costing, construction drawing preparation</i>	Winter 2014-15
	<b>Phase 4: Park Construction</b>	Summer 2015
	<b>Phase 5: Park Opening</b>	Autumn/Winter 2015

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## Next Steps

### Preliminary Park Concept Design

We will review public feedback and begin working on preliminary design options.

### A public open house and CitySpeaks survey

A second open house and CitySpeaks survey will be hosted in Fall 2014 to present and gather feedback on park concept options and share how the community's ideas informed the park design.

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## How to Stay Involved

For more information or to join the contact list:

- ① Visit the project website at: [www.surrey.ca/newparks](http://www.surrey.ca/newparks)
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