

## Description & Purpose:

Cain Creek Park will serve the adjacent Salishan Neighborhood and with close proximity to the Central Business District, City Hall and the Post Office, there is potential for many visitors to discover and explore this undiscovered creek.



# Cain Creek Park Plan



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## Neighborhood Setting:

Cain Creek park is located at the north end of the 800 Block of Blaine Avenue, and directly east of the intersection of Steen Street. While the neighborhood is almost entirely single family residences, the north part of the future park connects to Martin Street and the Central Business District. Directly to the west is the Blaine Trade Center and commercial development.

The possibility of extending the park along the creek corridor to the south and Boblett Street has been considered as a second phase of the park. This section of the creek is challenging to develop with a narrow corridor of green space between the freeway right-of-way and private properties on Garfield Avenue.

With close proximity to the Blaine School District campus, the opportunity for educational fieldtrips exists.



## Abundant Wildlife:

Blue Herons and other wildlife frequent this ecological oasis while humans pass by on foot and vehicle unaware of this undeveloped hidden gem. With large stands of deciduous forest and native brush along the waters edge this portion of Cain Creek is the most natural along its entire stretch.

Cain Creek is a documented salmon bearing stream and habitat enhancement opportunities are plentiful. Several residents on Garfield Avenue have observed salmon swimming up stream through their backyards. Beavers have been observed and at one time in approximately 2012 a beaver dam had backed up a significant portion of the creek near Martin Street.

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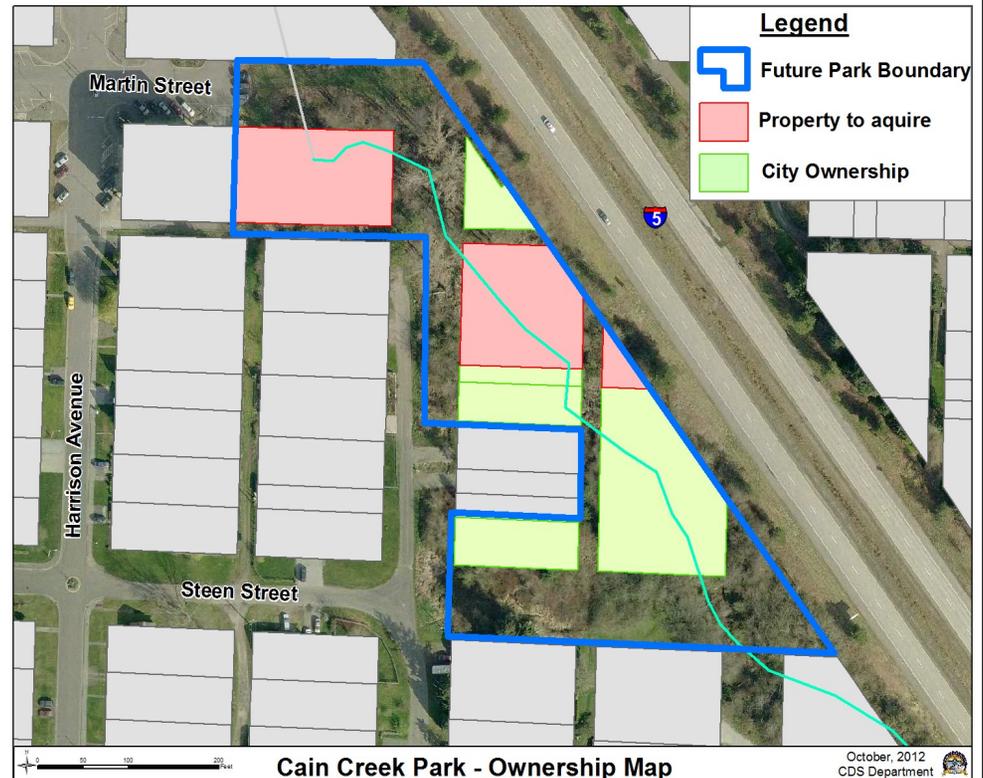
## Park Benefits:

Cain Creek Park should be developed with interpretive signage and educational elements about this natural greenway corridor in an urban setting. Blaine has a rich history dating back well over 100 years with numerous references to Cain Creek. With the creation of a new park this piece of the community's history can be memorialized in a natural setting allowing new generations the opportunity to learn about how the original settlers and Native American's utilized the creek.

This new park would also provide valuable wildlife habitat in Central Blaine where few large green spaces exist. As a salmon bearing stream excellent educational opportunities are available to provide information to the neighborhood and future park visitors.

## Property Acquisition Plan:

The properties identified in red on the map to the right are targeted for the City to acquire. The picture below shows the vacant commercial property next to Martin Street.



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Future picnic tables

## Park Improvements:

- Interpretative & habitat signs;
- Parking stalls with wheel stops;
- Doggie stations;
- Picnic table with concrete pad;
- Benches with concrete pad;
- Trail improvements;
- Boardwalk and bridge to cross creek;
- Evergreen screening trees along I-5;
- Screening shrubs along the southern property line;
- Small climbing structure;
- Entrance sign;
- Pack it in-Pack it out signs;
- Closed at dusk sign.

## Operations & Maintenance:

The Salishan Neighborhood should work towards implementing an Adopt-a-Park program where nearby residents watch over the park and keep in clean and safe. If the park is ever being abused or if substantial litter is discovered, the members of the Adopt-a-Park program would contact the City to notify them of the issue facilitating a quick response by City crews.

Normal maintenance would be preformed by the City or their landscape contractor which should include; mowing the lawn, seasonally pruning the shrubs, maintaining the trails and boardwalks, inspecting the picnic tables and benches, and picking up litter as necessary.



Boardwalk concept