

Fall City Park District applies for grant

to purchase former Wells Nursery site

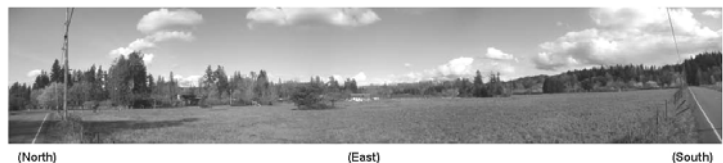
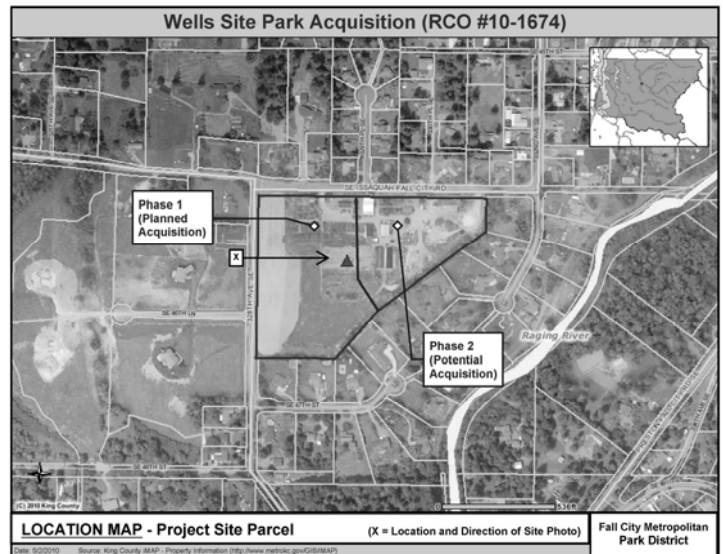
The Fall City Metropolitan Park District (FCMPD) is applying for a 50/50 matching grant with the State of Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to acquire the western 9.3 acres of the 14.3 acre property that was home to Wells Farm & Nursery. The RCO accepts grant applications for its Local Parks program once every two years. The deadline for this year's application is July 30.

The Wells site acquisition grant application excludes the eastern 5-acre portion of the property because it contains structures which are ineligible for the grant program. Therefore this area will be considered for a future Phase 2 park expansion with a different source of funds. The Phase 1 western portion of the site is one of the few locations within the FCMPD boundaries that is at least 9 acres, walking distance to the heart of the town, outside of the Snoqualmie River floodway, unencumbered by other environmentally sensitive areas, relatively flat, cleared, and with a potential for future park expansion. In addition, the Wells site has clear views of Mount Si, the Cascades, and the foothills surrounding Fall City.

As a result of its many positive attributes, the Wells site has been identified as a place that would have great value as a community park and gathering location. In addition to open space, ball fields, courts, and playgrounds being considered for the Phase 1 portion of the site, rural elements such as a covered riding arena and

farming center could be added into the Phase 2 area. Development of a detailed master plan layout of the site would occur if the FCMPD is fortunate enough to be awarded the grant.

For additional information about the grant application or if you simply have questions or comments for the FCMPD Commissioners, please visit our booth at Fall City Days, join us at one of our meetings (every 4th Tuesday of the month), or check out the FCMPD website at www.fallcityparks.org.



The Fall City Elementary School 1st grade class

went on an exciting trip to the Seattle Aquarium in May. They enjoyed a day of touching sea creatures in the tanks, watching the Otters swim on their backs while peeling shrimp, and a massive Octopus change colors while being fed. It was an exciting day for the two busloads of kids and chaperone's, and the weather was even cooperating enough to visit the outdoor tanks.

