

Hullcrest Park Playground Project – Questions and Responses:

1. Does there need to be fencing included in this bid? *There is no requirement for fencing, but we are open to use of fencing as needed for safety, division of use, etc. in your design proposal.*
2. With a total of \$200,000 how much should I account for the town to do demo/site work: *We do not have a quote yet for this work but thought it would be helpful for bidding to know our overall project budget.* The current playground is the type that sits on tops of the ground (old wood structure), not cemented in. So demo is mostly removal and disposal of old equipment and engineered wood fiber to create a “blank slate” to start with. There are 3 overgrown cedar trees on the parking lot end of the current play area that will also be removed with site work. We will also try to level the area
3. The bid says must incorporate shade, will roofs over equipment be enough or are you looking for fabric shade (must be taken down in the winter)? Is shade a priority? *We are not looking for shade over the entire playground, but areas for gathering and/ or over parts of the equipment. We are open to fabric shade use but given our small staff and storage size, we could best handle smaller fabric shade sizes or permanent roof structures.*
4. For liability insurance and workman’s compensation is there a certificate holder or just a sample for the bid? *A sample for the bid showing coverage is sufficient. We’ll need to be listed as the certificate holder once a contract is signed with the winning bidder.*
5. Where will the playground area start (in relation to parking area)? A border of some kind will be needed just outside the paved parking area, to the north of the current cedar trees. The cedar trees will be removed. Pedestrian access to the playground area must be small enough to prevent a car from driving through as we have trouble with vandalism and people driving onto the field.
6. *Will everything be level? The site work will level off the entire playground area, though there may be a slight little pitch for drainage/runoff.*
7. *Are the stormwater plans available? How deep can footers placements go? 6 feet? Or 3 feet?* We are working on getting a clear set of plans available, but do not have a clear set available as of now . After speaking with our Stormwater Superintendent, who was not here when the previous project was completed, we think that to the best of our knowledge at this time, **you should plan for 36 inch max depth on footings (no 6 ft deep footings) . We**

are trying to get more information from the engineer firm that contributed to the project but likely will not have further information before bids are due.

8. Who is putting in borders? The contractor will be responsible for borders, as per their design with the bid. Borders may vary in different designs, depending on the type of surface material used.
9. Is there room to expand the current playground size/ location into the field beyond? No, the playground area will not go further into the field than it currently is now. Residents enjoy having open space to play.
10. Will we be keeping the fence (near the swings) and the current level / grade? Yes, we plan to keep the fence and we will replace on our own if necessary. We plan to level off the playground area to one grade.
11. Do you want straight line on east side? Currently it “juts out”. We prefer a straight line and will attempt that as close as possible from the fence line in back to the front by the parking area.
12. How old is the current playground system? The current playground structure is from Columbia Cascade and is over 30 years old.
13. Do you want separate structures for different age groups? We are open to either structures that will accommodate ages 2-12 or separate structures for younger and older age groups (2-5, 5-12). Not a requirement either way. While we have many of all these ages that visit the park regularly, there are more in the 5-12 age range.
14. Is the Sept. install date negotiable? Are you open to starting sooner? We prefer to start in Sept after School starts when kids aren’t using the park as much as the summer months.
15. Will the mulch be removed? Yes the current ground surfacing will be removed as part of the Town’s site work and just a base layer will remain. Installer will provide new safety surfacing.