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New timeline for Legion Golf Course Stormwater Detention project completion New holes expected to open for play in spring 2019

EVERETT – Work on the Legion Memorial Golf Course Stormwater Detention project is nearing completion, but heavy rains earlier this year interrupted construction and pushed out the project schedule. The newly reworked holes are now expected to be open for play in spring of 2019.

“The amount and duration of rain we received this spring made it necessary to stop all heavy equipment activity until the weather conditions improved,” said Mike Kangas, construction manager. “The contractor worked hard to make up time during the subsequent dry weather months, but it wasn’t enough to allow for the hydroseed to grow before fall rains set in.”

The new grass needs to be well established before opening that part of the course up for play. Golf play continues on the rest of the course, including temporary holes provided to retain the character of a full 18-hole course.

The new stormwater detention ponds have been completed and are ready to receive drainage runoff when the [North Wetmore Stormwater Separation project](#) is completed next spring.

Project background

The Legion Golf Course stormwater detention project is designed to reduce or eliminate basement and surface flooding by collecting, treating and storing storm runoff from city streets and alleys, from a portion of Everett Community College, and from the golf course itself. The project will also help the environment by reducing combined sewer overflows into the Snohomish River. Stormwater detained at the golf course will be discharged to the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) for further treatment, although future improvements will harvest the runoff for irrigation use on the course.

Following storms in 2010 and 2013 that caused flooding to hundreds of north Everett homes, City engineers developed a plan to eliminate chronic basement flooding and [Combined Sewer Overflow \(CSO\)](#) discharges.

Making use of and expanding an existing pond system to detain stormwater on the golf course was the least expensive and most efficient design solution. The project is paid for by Everett's stormwater utility funds. The construction contract amount for the project is \$3.7 million. The total cost of the project is \$4.5 million.

Using golf courses to deal with stormwater has become a common practice; approximately 20 percent of the country's 17,000 golf courses are used for stormwater/water quality treatment.

For more information, visit everettwa.gov/LegionStormwaterProject

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