



GLEN CANYON PARK RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

- The **Glen Canyon Park Renovation Project will begin soon!** Major improvements include: a new larger children's play area, new tennis courts, improved park paths, improved Elk Street entry, a new accessible restroom, new landscaping, and new heating in the Rec Center.
- As part of this renovation, an independent arborist assessed the health of the trees and found many to be in poor and/or hazardous condition.
- Unhealthy trees will be removed and new trees planted utilizing best management practices, which will maintain the park landscape over time.
- The Glen Canyon Park Renovation Project was developed through a strong community process from December 2010 to Summer 2012, involving over 12 community meetings.

HERE ARE SOME MORE FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT:

- 6 trees will be removed due to the new park design
- 52 trees will be removed to address poor health, structural defects, and/or hazards
- **163 new trees will be planted** -- almost 3 to 1 replacement.
- New tree varieties will include:
 - Madrone
 - Coast Live Oak
 - Dogwood
 - Evergreen Elm
 - Islais Cherry
 - Cottonwood
- Trees will not be removed during bird nesting or breeding season.



Diagram of Glen Canyon Park Plan

Still have questions?

Check out <http://sfrecpark.org/glenParkProject.aspx> or contact Karen Mauney-Brodek at (415) 575-5601.



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Dear Glen Park Neighbor:

It's not every day that a park gets a playground, new tennis courts, and 163 new trees, but Glen Canyon—our neighborhood gem—is about to have its day. The upcoming long-overdue improvements will ensure that all of us can continue to enjoy the natural beauty and recreate in the park for generations to come.

The Glen Canyon Park Improvement Project was developed through a thoroughly vetted community process that began in December of 2010 and involved more than 12 public neighborhood meetings. Most recently, at a meeting co-hosted by the Glen Park Association and the Diamond Heights Community Association, the community specifically discussed forestry management in Glen Canyon.

The capital project at the recreation center will include a larger children's play area, new tennis courts, improved park paths, better access from Elk Street, a new ADA accessible restroom, new landscaping, and new heating inside the recreation center, which will allow the City to increase recreational offerings during fall and winter.

As part of the renovation project, an independent arborist assessed the health of the trees around the park and project site, and found many to be in poor and/or hazardous condition. Although six trees are being removed due to the new park design, the majority of the trees planned for removal and replacement—52 trees—are being removed due to health concerns and structural defects. In fact, two trees that snapped and fell over next near the recreation center this past Monday had been slated for removal and replacement by the independent arborist.

Tree removal should not be taken lightly. With that said, almost three new trees will be planted for each tree removed, for a total of 163 newly planted trees—more trees than exist today. These trees will be planted during the renovation, which is scheduled to be completed in summer of 2013.

Please join the Board of the Glen Park Association and many Glen Park and Diamond Heights neighbors in supporting these upcoming improvements. For more information about the project and regular updates go to: <http://sfrecpark.org/glenParkProject.aspx>. If you would like to discuss other issues affecting the neighborhood, please call 415-554-6968.

One thing to note. The broader Natural Areas Plan (NAP) will likely come to the Board of Supervisors next year. The issue here is not the broader Natural Areas Plan, and the improvements to Glen Canyon are not related to that plan.