



Park Background

Fruit Valley Neighborhood Park (3200 Fruit Valley Rd.) is a 6-acre park in west Vancouver. A popular gathering spot for neighbors, Fruit Valley Park offers a beautiful natural environment that includes a playground, a sports court, a community garden and enough space to host large events like summer movies in the park.

New Playground

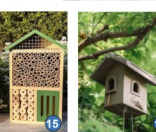
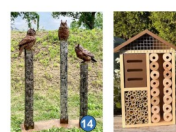
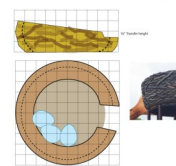
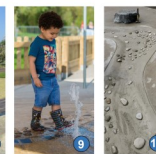
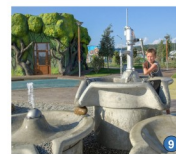
Fruit Valley Neighborhood Park is receiving a fully inclusive playground thanks to a generous \$1 million donation from the Kuni Foundation. The new playground will honor the legacy of community leader and mother, Elizabeth Austin.

The community chose “Play Like a Bird” for the design theme of the playground, which celebrates the natural beauty and habitat of Fruit Valley Park. The playground plan incorporates the play equipment and design features that were selected as the most popular among community members at in-person meetings and in online surveys.



Site Elements

- 1 Safety Surfacing
- 2 Concrete Paving
- 3 Planting and Bioswale
- 4 Turf Lawn
- 5 Crab Trap Climber & Slide
- 6 Inclusive Spinner
- 7 ZipKrooz Track Ride
- 8 Playmound with Slide
- 9 Waterplay Basins & Bubblers
- 10 Waterplay Channel & Weirs
- 11 Custom Bird Nest
- 12 Bell Lyre Instrument
- 13 Babel Drum Instrument
- 14 Custom Bird Sculptures
- 15 Habitat Houses
- 16 Bird Footprints
- 17 Fencing & Gates
- 18 Park Bench
- 19 Picnic Table
- 20 Existing Asphalt Paving
- 21 Bark Mulch



PREFERRED CONCEPT PLAY LIKE A BIRD



Fruit Valley Community Center

The Fruit Valley Community Center is a small building in the park that used to be available for limited event rentals under the management of the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association and volunteers. The building is owned by the City of Vancouver. The lease agreement that had been in place with the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association ended in 2023.

A recent Facility Condition Assessment determined that the building is in very poor condition due to:

- Environmental dangers (lead paint, asbestos, mold, radon gas)
- Minimal ADA access
- Not meeting seismic standards
- Not meeting Life Safety Code for occupancy
- Roof is not in safe condition

The cost of repairs and renovations is more than the value of the building. It is not a safe resource for the community anymore, so it will be removed when construction begins on the new playground.

Future Opportunities at Fruit Valley Park

We are inviting the community to share their ideas for new amenities and improvements that could be added to the park to create safe and inviting spaces for neighbors to play, gather and celebrate after the building is removed. Initial ideas include:

- Picnic shelter
- Portland Loo restroom
- Fitness equipment
- Skate spot
- Swings (the community chose a zipline for the new playground design)
- New benches and ADA picnic tables
- Utility improvements to support larger events and festivals

Fruit Valley Park Project Timeline

