



PARK ENHANCEMENT

ARROWHEAD PARK

Restoring native tree and shrub cover, reducing invasive plants, and creating a healthier park for people and wildlife.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

The Town is conducting a restoration project within Arrowhead Park, replacing invasive-dominated ground with native trees, shrubs and groundcover suited to the site.

With assistance from the SCRD FireSmart Team

The Town gratefully acknowledges the SCRD FireSmart Team for its wildfire mitigation work, including removing potential ladder fuels - vegetation that can carry fire from the ground into tree canopies - to help improve Arrowhead Park's resilience to wildfire.

Why This Area?

Arrowhead Park connects Trueman Road with Harmony Hall and Jack & Jill Preschool. Its north end has sparse, aging tree cover and extensive Himalayan blackberry, alongside English ivy, English holly and morning glory.

What The Work May Include

Removing invasive plants. Clear blackberry and other invasive vegetation from the work area.

Improving growing conditions. Add suitable soil and mulch where needed.

Addressing declining trees. Remove only over-mature or unhealthy trees required for safety and restoration.

Planting in layers. Combine trees, shrubs and groundcover to support a healthy, resilient forest over time.

Forest Health & Town Plans

This project supports forest health and Urban Forest Plan Action 2c: restoring 2 hectares of forest on Town-owned land by 2045.

The Town-wide target prioritizes tree equity, biodiversity, cultural/heritage value, recreation, aesthetics, invasive species control and fuel hazard. Native planting and invasive removal at Arrowhead Park contribute to this goal.

Native Planting Palette

Potential plants identified in the park assessment are listed below. Final selection depends on site conditions and availability.

TREES

Vine maple
Douglas-fir
Western redcedar

HABITAT

Rose spirea
Native groundcover
Seasonal flowering plants

BENEFITS

Forest health
More canopy and habitat
Improved park experience

SHRUBS

Red huckleberry
Salal
Dull Oregon-grape

DESIGN

Low-density planting
Property line setbacks
Matched to light and soil

CARE

Mulch and watering
Invasive plant follow-up
Replanting as needed

Project Timeline

Starting September 8, 2026 - invasive plant removal and site preparation.

Planting to follow - native trees, shrubs and groundcover.

Years 1 and 2 - quarterly inspections of plant health, establishment and invasive regrowth.

Year 3 onward - an annual health report with recommended follow-up work.