

# SILVER VALLEY GATHERING PLACE

## PROJECT LOCATION

230A Street, South of existing park

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture infrastructure projects included a gathering place project in the Silver Valley area with the first being in the Blaney Hamlet neighbourhood. Additional land was acquired in 2020 to support this initiative. This first gathering place was built adjacent to the existing neighbourhood park on 230A Street. The City also developed youth action amenities along with a bike skills park as a donated feature.



Due to Covid-19, residents were encouraged to review the project information panels and submit an online comment form to leave their feedback. We collected feedback until August 16, 2020. Two meeting times were available by appointment in July for residents who wanted to review this information and ask questions of Parks, Recreation and Culture staff in-person while maintaining a 2.0m physical distance.

## CONCEPT PLAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PERIOD

The Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture department hosted the second phase of community consultation for the design of a new neighbourhood park at 241A St & 112 Ave.

Residents were encouraged to review the Park Concept Plan and provide their feedback from March 8 to March 22. This plan was developed based on the desired amenities and programming that came out of our first community consultation.

## SUMMER 2021 – CONSTRUCTION

Construction for the Silver Valley Gathering Place ran from the summer of 2021 to 2022. In the first few weeks the site was cleared, followed by excavations and earth moving activities in preparation for the new site amenities. These amenities included a picnic pavilion, parkour course, skatepark, pump-track, washrooms, and space for the neighbourhood to implement a community garden. The construction program also included the addition of a new play structure and swing set to the existing playground at Blaney Hamlet Park.



## SEPTEMBER 2021 - UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The site drainage, pavilion footings, and foundations for the pump track and skatepark took form.

## NOVEMBER 2021 – UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The drainage system, pathways, and foundations for the major components were completed. The skatepark elements were formed and poured.

## FEBRUARY 2022 - UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Despite challenging weather conditions, the Silver Valley

Gathering Place construction charged on. The pumptrack asphalt surfacing was completed, full loops and rollers to create an exciting course for bikes, scooters, and any other set of wheels visitors might be sporting. The skateboard area also had its final concrete pour.

## GRAND OPENING

The City of Maple Ridge held the grand opening on August 19, 2022, celebrating the new Silver Valley Gathering Place and Jordan McIlDoon Legacy Bike Park at Blaney Hamlet Park.



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