

Community Center Stabilization

Frequently Asked Questions

Seattle’s community centers are the backbone of our recreation system. In addition to enabling health, recreation, and fitness, they serve as anchors for many of our neighborhoods and support a healthy environment and strong communities. These centers must continue to evolve as Seattle’s population changes and as recreation needs and interests of residents change.

What is community center stabilization?

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) has assessed that several community centers have major maintenance needs that may over time prevent programming and access to several of our community centers. SPR has prioritized life safety building improvements as the first capital investments to be made and the best use of limited resources.

How were repairs prioritized?

We are focusing the capital investment dollars on seismic, fire-safety, and access improvements to serve the community the best and prolong the usefulness of the facilities. The types of repairs needed are typically structural, electrical, or would improve ADA access, create gender neutral restrooms, or improve air (HVAC) systems. Examples include: seismic upgrades, roofing repairs, and restroom improvements.

How were decisions made?

In Spring 2017, SPR staff toured the centers with community leaders and center staff to identify priority improvements. These “walk-throughs” together with architectural and engineering studies for each facility informed the proposed scope of improvements for these centers. As mentioned above building life safety is the priority for this funding and we will do our best to include additional improvements.

Which centers are getting stabilization repairs?

- [Green Lake Community Center and Evans Pool](#) - Improvements include pool pump and heating replacement, electrical repairs, pool deck cleaning and sealing, gym floor leveling and refinishing and more.
- [Hiawatha Community Center](#) - Improvements include electrical repairs, water and sewer pipe replacements, furnace and water heater repairs, roof replacement, and more
- [Jefferson Community Center](#) - Improvements include electrical repairs, kitchen upgrades, ADA improvements, elevator installation, roof repair, and more.
- [Loyal Heights Community Center](#) – We are still determining the types of improvements that might occur here.
- [Magnolia Community Center](#) - Improvements include window repairs, seismic upgrades, ADA improvements, kitchen improvements and electrical upgrades.
- [Queen Anne Community Center](#) - Improvements include roof repair, kitchen upgrades, and ADA improvements.
- [South Park Community Center](#) - Improvements include ventilation, restroom remodeling, ADA improvements, roof repair, and more.

What about the other centers?

While other centers may benefit from cosmetic repairs or renovation, they do not present the same level of need as the centers identified above. Our other centers are serviced by our ongoing maintenance program that provides both preventative and on-demand maintenance year-round by our facilities staff.

When will these repairs take place?

Our planners are currently working with construction and design teams to scope and schedule the work. We expect repairs to be under way starting in 2019 and may take more than a year. We also expect that these repairs will require centers to be closed. We also expect that there will be unforeseen delays—just as with home repairs, there may be unexpected complications or additional repairs.

Why isn’t Loyal Heights included?

Loyal Heights needs stabilization repairs, however the scope of work needed exceeds the funds available. Staff are currently working with SPR leadership to decide if a smaller scope of work, or a complete rebuild would be most appropriate for the future of this community center.

Didn’t SPR promise to do a complete renovation of Green Lake Community Center and Evans Pool?

Green Lake Community Center and Evans Pool stabilization work is almost complete (a major roof repair was installed in 2018 and the boiler replacement is slated for 2019/2020). In the 2019 City budget SPR received funds to start a planning process to renovate the Green Lake Community Center and Evans Pool. We will begin that planning process in late 2019 and hope to have a plan that reflects our city’s recreation needs and priorities in 2020. This plan will then need identified funding to move to construction.

Where can I find more information?

General information and links to individual project webpages can be found at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/community-center-stabilization-overview>