

# Thea Foss Waterway **PARKS ON THE FOSS**



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# Park Site



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# Melanie Jan LaPlant Dressel Park

- Large Northwest-themed play area.
- Pedestrian bridge connecting to a tower with viewing platform(s).
- Boardwalk extending from Dock Street to a shoreline viewing platform.
- Evergreen & deciduous trees and plants.
- Abundant seating/tables with inlaid game boards.
- 400 sq. ft. Community Room plus washrooms.
- ADA-compliant accessibility.



# Waterway Park

- Boathouse with storage for rowing shells and sculls, with a workshop and restrooms.
- Boat storage building for outrigger canoes, dragon boats, stand-up paddleboards and kayaks.
- Enlarged dock and gangway.
- New sidewalk ramp and/or stairs connecting Dock Street to the park.
- Native landscaping.
- Environmental benefits to foster natural shoreline habitat, provide stormwater run-off improvements and create new green spaces.



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- Began in early 2017 with FWDA hiring capital campaign consultant the Briggs Group to work with Executive Director.
- Case Statements for both parks developed over the spring.
- Feasibility Study conducted during the summer of 2017.
  - 74 public and private sector stakeholders interviewed.
  - 99% indicated a willingness to contribute if public agencies also contributed.
- FWDA reached out to Metro Parks Tacoma, Pierce County, City of Tacoma, and Port of Tacoma during the fall and winter to assist in funding approximate \$11.6 million for both parks.

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- Public Agency Involvement/Requests:

- Metro Parks Tacoma      \$1,500,000
- City of Tacoma            1,500,000 (requested over the next 2 biennium)
- Pierce County              50,000
- Port of Tacoma            500,000
- State of Washington      2,000,000 (joint Metro/City request in 2021)

Public Agency Requests	\$5,550,000
Private Donor Requests	<u>6,016,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,566,000</b>

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## FWDA:

- Total FWDA investment to date outside of needed construction funding is \$3,340,000:
  - Purchased the property for both parks and undertook environmental remediation.
  - Established \$500,000 parks maintenance endowment fund with Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. GTCF is only charging a 1% fee for donors tax deductible gifts.
  - In 2006, \$60,000 in revenues from marina operations will also be applied to parks maintenance.
- Provided \$60,000 toward design.

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<b>Project Costs</b>	<b>Melanie's Park</b>	<b>Waterway Park</b>
• Planning and design:	\$467,145	\$1,117,736
• Site development:	456,326	764,794
• Landscape and Esplanade:	787,137	1,932,044
• Building construction:	788,578	3,300,435
• Sales tax & contingencies:	377,213	1,205,451
• Fundraising Costs:	145,000	145,000
• City Municipal Arts Program 1%:	20,000	59,972
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$3,041,000</b>	<b>\$8,525,432</b>

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## Melanie's Park Project Schedule

- Design                      March - July 2018
- Permitting                 July 2018 – October 2019
- Bidding                     January 2020
- Construction             March – November 2020



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## Waterway Park Project Schedule



- Operations Plan Completion by Ballard King Consultants August 2018
- Design Development / Construction Documents
- Park Construction 2022

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