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Council Approves New Park in the Heart of the Blaney Hamlet

Maple Ridge, BC: Maple Ridge Council has approved the construction of a neighbourhood park in the Blaney Hamlet of Silver Valley located at 230A Street at 137 Avenue. This project is the result of a comprehensive neighbourhood consultation process where the types of amenities were determined by the needs and wishes of the neighbourhood.

"The new park, in the centre of a growing residential neighbourhood, will include trails through a natural forested area, a playground, sports court, informal grass area for picnics and sports plus a small water play area for the kids in the neighbourhood," said Valoree Richmond, Manager of Parks Planning & Development for the City of Maple Ridge. "I would like to thank the citizens who attended our open house and the neighbours who took the time to share their thoughts and ideas using our online feedback form, as this is your park. We are so pleased to be able to move forward with the work this summer with an anticipated completion this year."

The primary funding for the \$376,000 project will come from Development Cost Charges which are collected when new homes are built in the community. The remainder of the funding will come from the City's General Revenue Fund.

Construction is expected to begin in July 2018 and will be largely completed by November 2018.

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