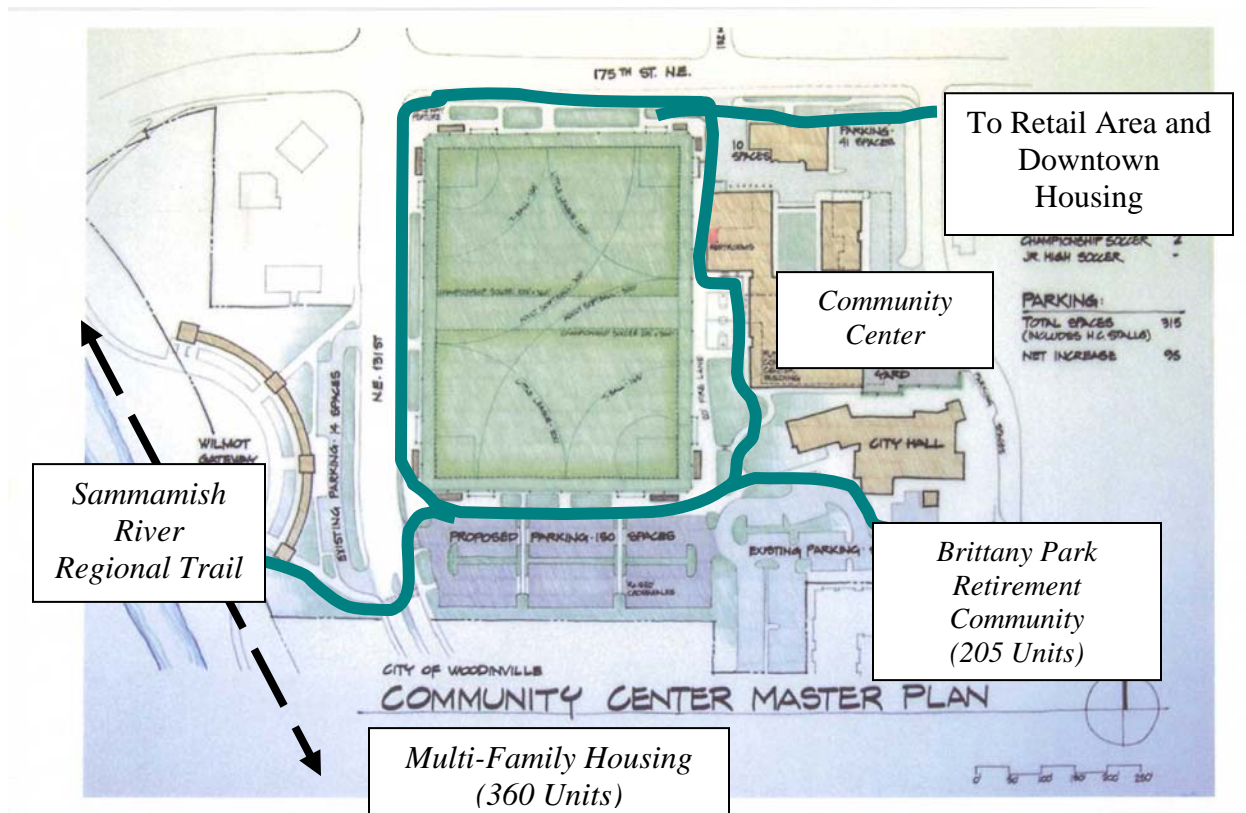


## 🐾 Carol Edwards Loop

Imagine a summer night at a lighted ball field complex in the heart of Woodinville. Picture a pedestrian parkway surrounding the fields with benches, beautiful landscaping, and public art. Marvel at seeing bronze dog prints laid into the walkway surface with mile markers that invite you to stroll around in the safety of the lighted ball fields.

You wonder what you may find by following the paw prints and discover charming visual surprises at every turn. Along the community pathway you pass senior citizens who are safely walking near their homes; some with pets and some in joyful conversation. You pass moms with strollers exercising while their older kids play on the fields. A meeting at City Hall breaks up and citizens filter out onto the pathway. You notice a bicyclist enjoying this special place after a long bike ride on the Sammamish River Regional Trail.

A toddler crawls onto the back of a larger than life bronze basset hound under the watchful eye of her parents. A walking club from a downtown apartment complex emerges from Wilmot Gateway Park and passes through toward the local coffee shop. You've just experienced the community spirit of the Carol Edwards Loop....



\*No other franchise coffee in the area.

## LOOP OVERVIEW

The Carol Edwards Loop will revitalize park and pedestrian facilities at the City's Civic Campus, adjacent to 205 units of assisted senior living and a 360 unit multi-family housing development. The Loop will promote health and fitness through walking, honor a civic icon, and provide a beautiful and regionally significant gathering space that reflects the unique character of the community.

The Loop will be the focus of community gatherings in Woodinville. It encircles the City's only sports field complex serving youth and adults with competition level soccer fields during soccer season and four Little League fields during baseball season. The Civic Campus also includes City Hall and the Woodinville Community Center. The Loop is the cohesive element that links all these amenities with the Sammamish River Regional Trail and retail activities in Woodinville's Central Business District.

## CAROL EDWARDS



This project was proposed to the City of Woodinville and Northwest Parks Foundation by the Friends of Carol Edwards. This 20+ member volunteer group has rallied around honoring the "Mother of Woodinville", Carol A. Edwards who is valiantly battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease. During her 30 year career as a community activist she founded and published the Woodinville Weekly and instigated the City's premier special events, the All Fool's Day Parade and Basset Bash, now known regionally as Celebrate Woodinville. Carol Edwards single-handedly launched numerous civic activities, programs, and charity events that have served to define the character of Woodinville.

## CITY OF WOODINVILLE COMMITMENT

At its February 21, 2006 meeting, the Woodinville City Council approved Resolution No. 317, which renamed the Woodinville Community Center after Carol Edwards and endorsed a public/private partnership to construct the Carol Edwards Loop on City property. In doing so, the Council committed city resources toward planning, design, construction, and on-going maintenance of the Loop. The Carol Edwards Loop Fund was immediately established by Northwest Parks Foundation – a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation - to facilitate private funding support as part of the Carol Edwards Loop campaign.

## LOOP FEATURES

1. Carol Edwards made the floppy-eared but noble basset hound a symbol of community spirit in Woodinville by launching the annual Basset Bash in 1983. To honor this tradition, a large basset hound sculpture will be displayed in a prominent location along the loop route to welcome walkers and provide a place to rest and reflect along the way.



2. Charming, life-size basset hound footprints will be laid into the ADA accessible walkway surface as an invitation to walk around the fields. Distance markers will help measure progress and promote community health and fitness. These footprints will encourage community-wide participation in the private funding campaign for the Loop, as well as community pride and on-going stewardship.
3. A plaque will be installed to commemorate Carol's many community contributions and acknowledge major donors to the project, such as Starbucks Coffee Company.

## FRIENDS OF CAROL EDWARDS

Loop features will be funded by private contributions obtained through volunteer efforts of the Friends of Carol Edwards. The Friends have already donated hundreds of volunteer hours to launch the Carol Edwards Loop. Although design, permitting, and construction will be coordinated with planned City improvements, the Friends of Carol Edwards have committed to raising \$80,000 for park enhancement.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Friends of Carol Edwards is engaged in many aspects of making this project successful. From planning and fundraising to “hands on” volunteer projects to install park amenities to recognizing other community volunteers who participate in these work parties. Upon completion of the Loop, Friends will “Stay in the Loop” by actively engaging in annual work parties and special events at the park. This project will be successful if it builds a long term community partnership to support parks and recreation in Woodinville and establishes the outstanding Carol Edwards Loop as a benchmark for excellence.

Please join us by making a contribution at:

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P.O. Box 605  
Woodinville, WA. 98072  
<http://nwparks.org/Programs/ParksSafetyNet.htm>