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## **Work kicks off on the metro region's newest waterfront park**

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The City of Vancouver has begun preliminary work on a 7.3-acre park that it says will complement a massive waterfront development being led by Gramor Development, Inc.

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A seven-acre waterfront park is one step closer to reality now that early construction work is underway.

The City of Vancouver began preliminary construction work on the new park along the Columbia River, just west of Interstate 5, last week. When completed, the park will help tie together the residential, office and retail components of the 32-acre, \$1.5 billion waterfront development proposed by Columbia Waterfront LLC, a partnership led by [Barry Cain's Gramor Development Inc.](#)

According to a release, the preliminary park work involves removal of existing surface obstructions, rough grading, adjusting manholes, installing utility sleeves and preliminary trail work. The work, which should be wrapped up by May, preps the site for the next phase of park construction, which is slated for this summer.

The 7.3-acre waterfront park will be a main feature for Columbia Waterfront, LLC's 32-acre, mixed-use redevelopment project, which will include office space, retail space and residential units. According to information from Gramor, the master plan for the waterfront development includes about 1.5 million square feet of office and retail space, which is about 20 percent of the total at 5 million developable square feet.

Columbia Waterfront acquired the property in 2008 and soon created the master development plan. The plan won unanimous approval from the city of Vancouver in October 2009.

In September, the [M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust](#) announced that it would be the first tenant in the first office building in the development. The organization will occupy 18,000 square feet of the top two floors of the waterfront's first new office and retail building on Block 6, which will be at 305 Columbia Way.