

A LITTLE HISTORY...

In 1984, the Chamber of Commerce and the McKinleyville Area Foundation petitioned the District to provide recreational facilities for the Community. After forming an advisory committee, regarding feasibility, the Board sought a vote to determine if the Community wanted the District to develop and operate parks and recreation centers. The 1985 vote passed with 83% support for activating recreation powers.

The District then researched community needs, adopted a twenty-year Parks and Recreation Plan, and proposed funding for implementation of this plan through Measure B on the November 1991 ballot. McKinleyville voters, in approving Measure B by a vote of 1393 "yes" to 837 "no", authorized the Board to build Azalea Hall and the McKinleyville Activity Center at Pierson Park and to buy the 58-acre Hiller Sports Site.

Then in 1995, with a vote of 2189 "yes" to 480 "no", MCSD's Library Powers were activated, which allowed the District to build the McKinleyville Library at Pierson Park.

Today, the District owns and operates four parks: Pierson Park, Hiller Park, Larissa Park, and Hiller Sports Complex. The District also owns three other undeveloped properties; 3.10 acres off Washington Ave, 33 acres of river access property; and the 14.5 acre Hewitt Ranch property. These properties will be developed as funding becomes available.

In 2012, McKinleyville property owners voted and supported Measure B, which will provide funding to construct a 6,000 square foot Teen & Community Center adjacent to the McKinleyville Activity Center. Measure B funding will also cover the operation and maintenance costs for our existing and future parks and facilities.