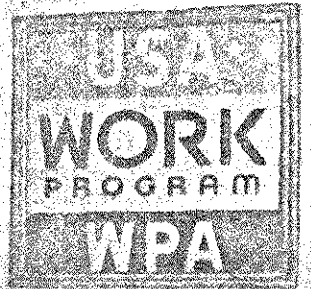


YEAR OF IMPROVEMENT: 1974  
COST OF IMPROVEMENT:  
DESIGNER: ROBERT POWELL (ARCHITECT)  
CONTRACTOR: SUN UP CONST.

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History: WEST SEATTLE GOLF COURSE  
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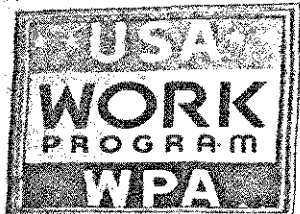
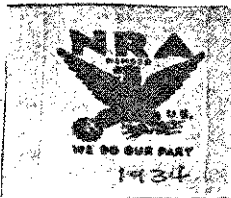
Golf Course opened for play: May 1940  
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# Wheat CATTLE

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