



STAR CENTER & SERA CAMPUS- Phase II, Community Plaza & Play Area:

Project Description: The 75+ acre SERA Campus is home to Gray Middle School; a Boys & Girls Club; and the STAR Center, a new 34,000 square foot multipurpose community center. The next phase will begin in 2012 to address the outdoor amenities and program features of the campus in order to further serve this community. The outdoor features will include a 'boundless' playground, sprayground, climbing wall, restroom, and a picnic and event pavilion that will provide the area with a new venue for the successful farmers market, and community garden. The farmers market will provide local produce, jobs and an economic engine for the business district. The goal of this project is to contribute to keeping the community healthy and active, to give children a safe place to access play and to provide economic opportunities to the region.

Total Project Costs: **\$4.25 million**

Community Support: The SERA Master Plan was completed in 2009 with a broad community involvement that included six public meetings, focus groups, and participation by over 500 residents and community groups.

Benefits/Partnerships: Metro Parks coordinated a collaborative approach to master planning, and the campus accommodates a wide range of partnerships with other public, non-profit and private entities to offer services to the public and to maximize and leverage resources. The Master Plan brought together a variety of local agencies, organizations, and groups with vested interest in improvements to the SERA Campus. A partial list includes the Boys & Girls Club, Pierce County, City of Tacoma, JBLM, and Tacoma Public Schools.

Project Readiness: Phase I will open spring 2012. Phase II is ready for design development. Project components to be implemented during this phase will be determined on the basis of secured funding.

Total Project Cost:	\$ 4.25m
Current State Investment:	\$ 365,000
Metro Parks Tacoma Investment:	\$ 250,000
Leveraged Funds:	\$2,440,000
Jobs Created:	43

FUNDING REQUEST: \$1.2 Million

