The Oak Harbor City Council approved the Windjammer Park Integration Plan in June. As we move forward with Phase 1 (see graphic), the City will engage the public to define designs. These areas are assumed to include:

- Events plaza
- Kitchens and restrooms
- Nature playground
- Parking
- Pedestrian circulation
- Planting and irrigation
- Splash park
- Sport courts
- Stage/amphitheater
- Wayfinding
- Wetlands

For more information about upcoming activities and the Windjammer Park Integration Plan, visit www.oakharborcleanwater.org/Park.
November 2015 – November 2016: Year in Review

November 2015
Groundbreaking
Last year, we broke ground on the Clean Water Facility. Since then, the team has made significant construction progress on the facility foundation and connection to Oak Harbor Bay, as well as design progress on the facility and potential Windjammer Park improvements.

February - March
Soil Stabilization
Before crews began to build the facility, they prepared the work area by building 168 underground stone columns and installing sheet piles (thin, interlocking metal sheets drilled vertically into the ground). These extend 48 feet underground and help keep groundwater out of the project area.

March - May
Excavation, Tieback and Micropile Installation
Crews excavated down about 25 feet within the sheet pile perimeter. They stabilized the area by installing tiebacks, which are elements that are pushed horizontally and diagonally into the sheet pile wall. Micropiles were installed vertically into the ground to stabilize the future foundation.

May
Family Fun Day!
About 300 Oak Harbor residents visited Windjammer Park to check out Public Works trucks, information, and even a construction safety course!

May
Tower Crane Arrives
The Oak Harbor Clean Water Facility team installed a 165-foot tower crane. The crane helps lift equipment and materials in and out of the project site.

January - June
Windjammer Park Integration Plan Development
Siting the Clean Water Facility in Windjammer Park has presented a unique opportunity to develop a long-term plan for the park, integrating existing and new elements in this special community space. The design team worked with a community advisory group and the greater Oak Harbor community from January to June to create a plan that will help guide the future programming of Windjammer Park. City Council adopted the plan in June. For more information, please visit www.oakharborcleanwater.org/Park.

Today
Foundation Work Underway
Construction crews are currently working to build the future facility’s foundation, including concrete floors and walls.

What’s next in 2017?
You can follow along with construction by signing up for weekly email updates. Email treatmentplant@oakharbor.org to sign up. Over the next year we will see the treatment facility begin to emerge from the ground. The crane will continue to be up through the year—with holiday lights for festivities this holiday season.

Clean Water Facility Costs Continue to Meet Rate Projections
Funds from your monthly wastewater service rates allow the City to plan for the future while maintaining the existing system. Sewer rates contribute toward:

- Design and construction of the future treatment facility (currently underway), and
- Operations and maintenance of facilities and pipes throughout the City.

The Clean Water Facility Project plans to accomplish much more than originally planned in 2010, including improving Windjammer Park and serving as a catalyst for other development in the city. Even with these changes, the project team has been working to maintain new treatment facility project costs to keep rates down since the beginning of the project. We have:

- Managed contingency and risk on the project.
- Collaborated with the contractor to reduce costs where possible.
- Efficiently procured subcontracts.
- Designed the facility for efficient future operations.
- Worked with state agencies to reduce loan terms and interest rates.

On March 15, 2016, City Council approved wastewater service rates for 2016, 2017, and 2018, using previously Clean Water Facility Project project costs. Because project costs to date and remaining estimates are lower than previously anticipated, there is potential for future monthly rates to be lower than projected (see line graph).