

Drumheller Springs Buffer Zone review begins in 2025!

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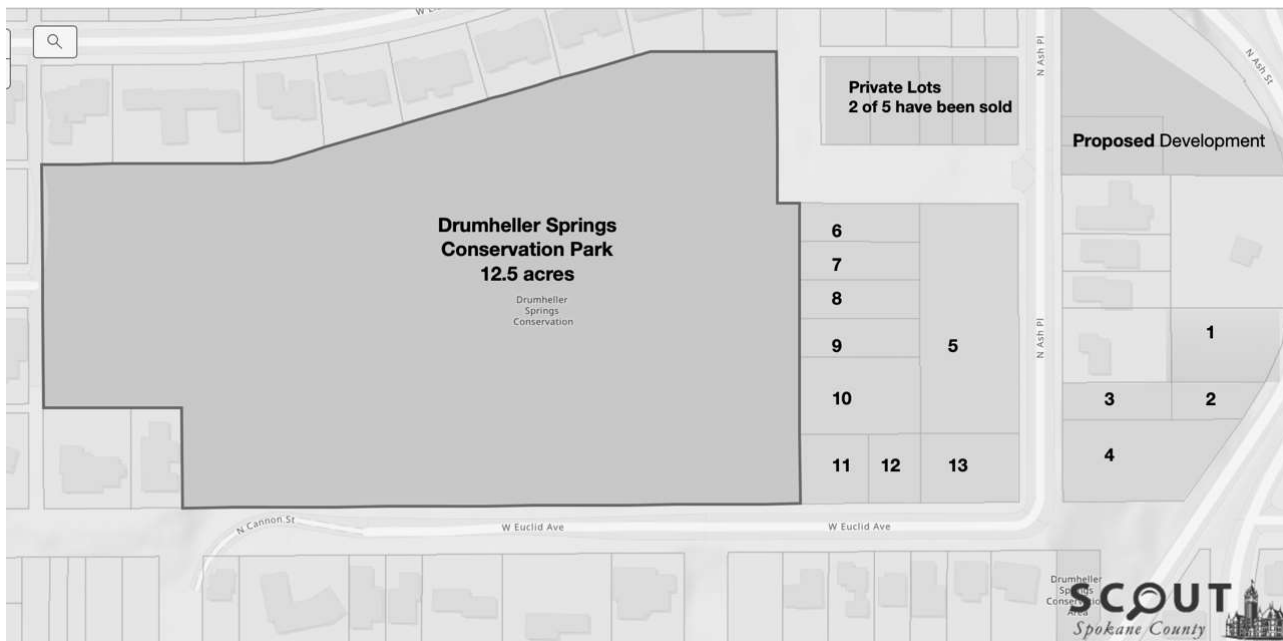
Hello Neighbors -

The future of the Buffer Zone land adjacent to Drumheller Springs Conversation Park is scheduled for review beginning in 2025. Our neighborhood needs to act now to prevent the Drumheller Springs Conversation Park Buffer Zone from private development.

Drumheller Springs Conversation Park isn't as big as we think it is. The actual park size is only 12.5 acres. It is surrounded by a Buffer Zone. Drumheller Park is owned by Spokane Parks and Recreation. The City of Spokane owns the Buffer Zone. Drumheller Park is protected from private development but the Buffer Zone isn't protected.

Drumheller Springs Conversation Park is protected by Spokane Municipal Code. The selling of any park land including Drumheller Springs Conversation Park requires approval by the Park Board and a vote of the electorate. A Buffer Zone, including those adjacent to Drumheller Springs Conversation Park, are not legally protected by Spokane Municipal Code. A Buffer Zone can be vacated by the city and sold for private development. All of the Drumheller Springs Conversation Park Buffer Zone properties are scheduled for inspection by the city beginning in October 2025. This map shows the protected Drumheller Springs Conversation Park land and the unprotected Buffer Zone.

Drumheller Springs Conversation Park and Buffer Zone Map



City of Spokane Buffer Zone land list and inspection schedule:

1. City of Spokane Community Development scheduled for inspection between October 2025 and May of 2026

2. City of Spokane scheduled for inspection between October 2027 and May of 2028
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Could the Buffer Zone be sold by the City of Spokane for Private Development?

Yes!

The City of Spokane has sold Buffer Zone land for private development before and it can happen again.

In 2005 a local developer purchased the Buffer Zone land adjacent to the north west bank of Riverfront Park. This political savvy developer had the city vacate the property and purchased it for \$10,000. The developer then built condominium's there that sold for prices ranging from \$500,000 to more than \$1 million. These are the condominium's next to the Flour Mill. People thought this land was part of Riverfront Park and owned by the Parks Department. The property was actually owned by the city and sold without public input.

"The City of Spokane recently sold a developer more than 10,000 square feet of land adjacent to his upscale condominium development on the north bank of the Spokane River for \$10,000...The city sold the land...in a quit claim deed on Aug. 12. -excerpted from The Spokesman-Review 2005



Workers dig Monday into a 10,000-square-foot section of city land that was sold for an upscale condominium development. (Brian Plonka / The Spokesman-Review)

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