

# SETTING THE STAGE FOR A NEW HOMETOWN

As landscape architects, we jump at the rare opportunity to **design landscapes on a grand scale**. Working closely with our client Oakpointe Communities, civil engineers and the contractor, we designed the boulevards, parks, green courts, streetscapes and a commercial center that set the stage for this new community. This team created a new town with **lush** landscapes and walkable parks to **support** family activities and community **engagement**.



**“Civic Park’s great variety of spaces and activities allows for inclusion of residents of all backgrounds and ages to celebrate together and give back to the citizens of Black Diamond.”**

- Brian Ross, CEO, Oakpointe Communities

**Ten Trails** is a 1,200 acre new master planned community (MPC) located southeast of Seattle in the City of Black Diamond. This walkable community was based on New Urbanist principals. Eventually, the project will include 4,800 new homes, connecting residents to schools and retail sites within a variety of open spaces and surrounded by over 800 acres of forests and wetland natural areas. The glacial outwash site soils are highly infiltrative, allowing for a variety of sustainable design strategies.

**Civic Park**, the focal point of this new home town, features an event stage, a picnic shelter, a natural play area, sports courts and a large lawn that becomes the stage for community events. We are equally proud of the beautiful streetscapes, a variety of green court parks and trails that connect the community. Construction begins this year on the new commercial lifestyle center with highly-detailed pedestrian spaces.

**Community Support and Awards:** Quality design and execution of the open space has won support of Black Diamond residents for the Ten Trails development, including some who were initially opposed to the new community. Ten Trails won the MPC of the Year for 2019 from the Washington New Home Council; Civic Park won a 2019 Merit Award from WASLA.

**Ten Trails, Black Diamond, WA**  
2005 - Current

We credit the project’s success to a collaborative and integrated design process.

**Owner/Master Developer:**  
Oakpointe Communities

**Design Team:**  
David Evans and Associates, Inc.  
Woodinville, WA

**Park Architects:**  
Synthesis Architecture

**Landscape Contractor:**  
Pacific Landscape Management