

FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPORTS FIELDS

Working with the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission, LEES+Associates carried out a feasibility study and preparation of preliminary design concepts for upgrading the existing Fernwood Elementary School athletic fields. The playing field is used by the school and community and slopes significantly. In the summer months it dries out quickly, due to lack of irrigation and in spring and in fall it is very wet, due to lack of drainage.

The project reconfigured the usable area to create two high quality Minor Baseball Mosquito level ball fields and a soccer practice field with a slope of not more than 1 - 1½%. This was accomplished by cut & fill reshaping of the surface and addition of subsurface drainage. New amenities were provided to improve the facility. Provision of rainwater harvesting and re-use for field irrigation was an important feature of the long-range plan.

