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Terry Snyder

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If you're not familiar with parks and recreation in Clark County, you may not recognize the name Terry Snyder. But, if you've ever visited Vancouver, Washington, you've undoubtedly witnessed the results of Terry's work. From the award-winning Waterfront Park, Grant Street Pier, and Esther Short Park to the cherished neighborhood parks throughout the city, Terry Snyder's expert guidance has been instrumental in creating Vancouver's most iconic places.

Since 1987, Terry has utilized his expertise as a landscape architect and his passion for parks and recreation to design and build the spaces where Clark County residents love to gather and play. Despite not seeking the limelight, Terry's impact is felt at the grand openings of parks where he can be found blending into the crowd. Little do people know that the person who designed and oversaw the creation of this recreational masterpiece is standing right next to them.

When the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed in 1990, Terry immediately went to work identifying city parks and trails that needed to be modified, advocating for necessary improvements to serve all members of the community. As understanding of the power of inclusive play grew, Terry stayed up to date, using innovative materials, collaborating with new manufacturers, and working with leaders in inclusive design and construction.

Terry's respect for the environment also informs his work, ensuring natural resources are protected and environmental impacts are minimized during park development, construction, and ongoing maintenance.

Terry consistently goes above and beyond his daily responsibilities, arriving early and staying late to address project challenges. His ability to think creatively and pay attention to detail has contributed to the successful completion of numerous projects. For Terry, his work is his canvas to create beautiful parks for everyone to enjoy, and that is his ultimate reward.

Without Terry Snyder's contributions, Vancouver would not be the same. For nearly four decades, he has quietly shaped the region's parks and natural areas, inviting all of us to disconnect, play, and explore.

