



City of Bellevue

Japanese American Legacy Project with Isan Bellevue

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Information Only

Staff will present the city's partnership with the Isan Bellevue organization to develop a commemoration project in the new park at Main Street and 112th Ave SE.

AGENDA



Project Background



Concept Plan



Fundraising Partnership



Park Naming Process



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Background



Land acquired by Sound Transit (2014-2015)



Isan Bellevue evaluation of potential commemoration sites (2018-24)



Park constructed by Sound Transit and dedicated to the City (Sept. 2024)



Isan Bellevue and the City confirm feasibility of new park for Legacy Project (2024-25)

Park Location



Site Photos



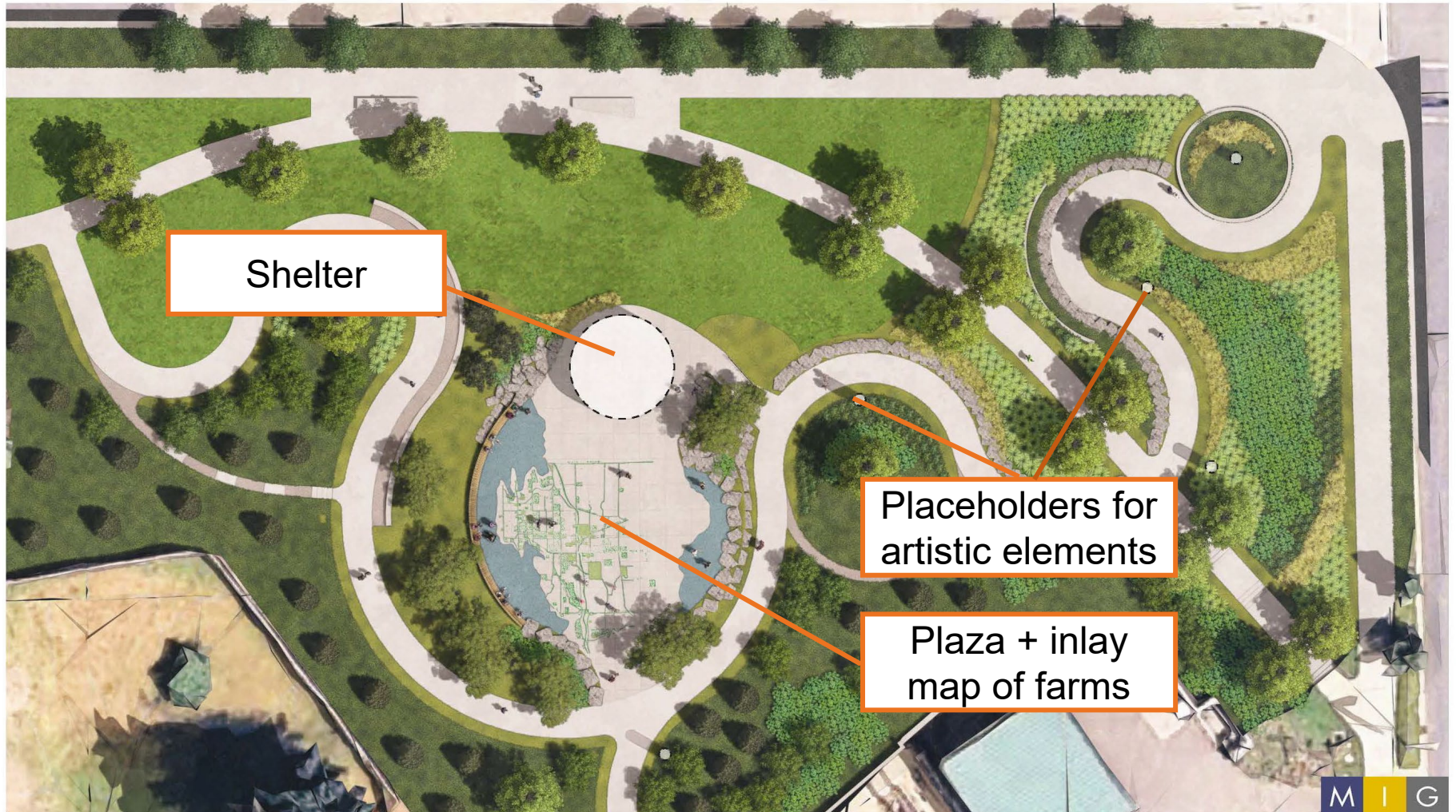
Existing Conditions





Concept Plan

Concept Rendering



Concept



Concept





Fundraising Partnership

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- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to deliver project.
- Isan Bellevue to conduct a three-phase fundraising effort for design and construction.
- City to contribute project management and assume long-term maintenance.

L: Suguro Farm, Midlakes, c. 1933. Densho, the Akizuki Family Collection.

R: Tom Matsuoka + children, Bellevue Vegetable Growers' Association. Densho, the Tom Matsuoka Collection.





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- Community outreach for name ideas and preferences
- Staff screen suggested names to policy criteria
- Name options considered by Parks & Community Services Board, with recommendation to Council
- City Council considers and selects





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- Finalize MOU with Isan Bellevue to raise funds.
- Continue the park naming process.
- Once phase 1 funds are raised, continue design process.



Kokaido (Japanese Community Clubhouse) in 1930, at 101st Ave. NE and NE 11th St. Densho, the Matsuzawa Collection.



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