

**Newport Neighborhood Plan:** Proposed Policies

This packet includes proposed policy amendments to the Newport Neighborhood Plan. All text is new, though based on previous policies in the Newport Hills Subarea Plan and the Factoria Subarea Plan which are relevant to the Newport neighborhood area.

## Vision Statement

Newport is a connected neighborhood with strong social bonds and a deep relationship with the natural environment.

Proposed Number	Proposed Policy	Prior Policy	Notes
<b>Neighborhood Identity</b>			
S-NP-1	Support Newport's identity as a diverse and connected community, anchored by forested natural areas and connections to streams and Lake Washington.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Mark gateways to the neighborhood, Neighborhood Center and significant locations in a unique way.
S-NP-2	Identify locations and thresholds that are significant to community and contribute to the neighborhood's identity.	S-NH-52	<p><b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Mark gateways to the neighborhood, Neighborhood Center and significant locations in a unique way.</p> <p><b>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move:</b> Newport is recognized for its small-town feel and natural areas: highlight Newport's pride in its diversity, history, and natural beauty.</p>
S-NP-3	Reflect the continuing contributions of many different cultures to Newport in the design of public spaces and through public art.	S-NH-56 S-NH-57	<p><b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Encourage the documentation of historic resources in the neighborhood.</p> <p><b>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move:</b> Newport is recognized for its small-town feel and natural areas: highlight Newport's pride in its diversity, history, and natural beauty.</p>

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S-NP-4	Connect the Neighborhood Center with residential areas through a network of safe, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.	S-NH-49 S-NH-51	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Integrate different land uses across the neighborhood so that the area feels cohesive and visually unified.
S-NP-5	Preserve existing visual features such as trees and hilltops, public views of water, and open space in new development when feasible.	S-NH-54	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Maintain and expand the tree canopy and the forested environment including in the natural areas.
S-NP-6	Strive to minimize loss of trees, especially on slopes and hilltops, mitigate unavoidable tree removal, and maintain and expand the tree canopy and forested environment in natural areas.	S-NH-8, S-NH-44 and S-NH-54	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Maintain and expand the tree canopy and the forested environment including in the natural areas.
<b>Neighborhood Identity – Neighborhood Center</b>			
S-NP-7	Support a neighborhood-serving commercial district as shown on Map LU-2 (Volume 1) Neighborhood Centers as a walkable mixed use area with multiple transportation options.	S-NH-25	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support the Neighborhood Center as a mixed use hub for shopping and community gathering.
S-NP-8	Encourage new buildings to be located adjacent to the sidewalk to create an engaging street life for pedestrians in the Neighborhood Center.	S-NH-50	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Make the Neighborhood Center a place that encourages walking and social interaction.

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S-NP-9	Encourage the inclusion of small commercial spaces to accommodate new and displaced businesses in new commercial development.	S-NH-26	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Encourage unique businesses in the shopping district that set the neighborhood apart from other shopping districts.
S-NP-10	Encourage the retention of businesses impacted by redevelopment in the new development.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Encourage unique businesses in the shopping district that set the neighborhood apart from other shopping districts.
S-NP-11	Support the unique identity of the Neighborhood Center as a center of community life and commercial activity through signage, public art and activities.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Mark gateways to the neighborhood, Neighborhood Center and significant locations in a unique way.
S-NP-12	Encourage the construction of multifamily housing within the Neighborhood Center.	S-NH-10	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support the development of multifamily housing in the Neighborhood Center.
<b>Community Gathering Places</b>			

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S-NP-13	Create accessible, affordable and welcoming indoor gathering places that support community needs and encourage intergenerational connections on City property or in partnership with organizations like schools, faith communities and social clubs.		<p><b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support the development of community-serving uses such as community centers, daycares, and senior centers and encourage intergenerational connections.</p> <p><b>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move:</b> The Newport community wants more public places to gather and support intergenerational interaction: cultivate neighborhood places that foster these types of social connections.</p>
S-NP-14	Identify locations and partners to support a community-serving facility augmented to support residents and coordinate resource distribution and services before, during and after a hazard event.		<p><b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support the development of community-serving uses such as community centers, daycares, and senior centers and encourage intergenerational connections.</p>
S-NP-15	Encourage the Bellevue School District to include community-serving uses, such as a community center, daycare or senior center in the redevelopment of its property and support the use of surplus Bellevue School District property as third places.		<p><b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Encourage the Bellevue School District to include community-serving uses in the redevelopment of its property and support the use of surplus Bellevue School District property as third places.</p>

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S-NP-16	Collaborate with Bellevue School District on the joint use of public property to benefit operational needs of both organizations.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Encourage the Bellevue School District to include community-serving uses in the redevelopment of its property and support the use of surplus Bellevue School District property as third places.
S-NP-17	Support multi-functional, programmable parks and other outdoor spaces for sports, cultural activities, community gatherings, events and recreation opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	S-NH-42	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Promote social connection through more public spaces, recreation and social opportunities.
S-NP-18	Acquire parcels suitable for neighborhood parks, especially where such parcels can be connected to the trail system.	S-NH-37	<p><b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Promote social connection through more public spaces, recreation and social opportunities.</p> <p><b>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move:</b> Newport has fantastic access to nature, but fewer parks for organized recreation: cultivate new public neighborhood park opportunities for recreation.</p>
<b>Mobility and Access</b>			

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S-NP-19	Develop the transportation network to address the mobility needs of a growing and evolving community.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Ensure that transportation needs are met for residents of new housing through additional automobile, bus and pedestrian improvements.
S-NP-20	Improve the experience of people walking, biking, rolling and taking transit through the use of greenery, trees and landscaping.	S-NH-19	<b>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move:</b> Arterials are primarily how people move in and out of Newport's neighborhoods: improve the experience of walking, biking, and rolling along these arterials.
S-NP-21	Address cut-through traffic, speeding and other traffic safety concerns through traffic calming measures that adhere to Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles.	S-NH-20	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Ensure that transportation needs are met for residents of new housing through additional automobile, bus and pedestrian improvements.
S-NP-22	Support the expansion of transit service in the neighborhood, connecting with Downtown Bellevue, light rail service and the region.	S-NH-17 and S-NH-18	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Ensure that transportation needs are met for residents of new housing through additional automobile, bus and pedestrian improvements.

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S-NP-23	Expand and connect the public trail network as land and funding become available in collaboration with other public landowners.	S-NH-15	<p><b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Link trails across the neighborhood through infrastructure and wayfinding.</p> <p><b>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move:</b> The Newport community values its many different trails that traverse natural areas: strengthen and better connect Newport's system of local and regional trails.</p>
S-NP-24	Collaborate with King County and other managers of local trails to implement signage to help people identify entrances to and connect between trail systems.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Link trails across the neighborhood through infrastructure and wayfinding.
S-NP-25	Support the continued use of easements, such as the Pipeline Trail, for active transportation such as walking and biking.	S-NH-16	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Link trails across the neighborhood through infrastructure and wayfinding.
S-NP-26	Work with Newcastle and King County to connect to trail systems across jurisdictions.	S-NH-24	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Work with Newcastle and King County jurisdictions to connect to trail systems across jurisdictions.
S-NP-27	Work with school districts to enhance trails that pass through or are adjacent to school district property and connect them to the rest of the trail system.	S-NH-40	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Work with the school district to enhance trails that pass through or are adjacent to school district property.



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S-NP-28	Support the expansion and enhancement of the pedestrian network with an emphasis on safety and connectivity.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support the expansion of protected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks and walking paths.
S-NP-29	Expand and connect bicycle network facilities consistent with the Mobility Implementation Plan.	S-NH-12 and S-NH-14	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Plan for and construct sidewalks and protected bike lanes on arterials.
S-NP-30	Expand on- and off-street pedestrian and bicycle facilities to connect people to Eastrail safely from nearby destinations.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support the expansion of protected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks and walking paths.
S-NP-31	Coordinate with WSDOT to improve the I-405 crossing at the Lake Washington Boulevard interchange to provide safer and more comfortable active transportation connections to Eastrail and Newcastle Beach Park.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Work with Newcastle and King County jurisdictions to connect to trail systems across jurisdictions.
<b>Environment</b>			
S-NP-32	Work with partners to preserve and enhance the wildlife habitat in Coal Creek Park, Newport Hills Woodlawn Park, Newcastle Beach Park, Mercer Slough Nature Park and the creeks and green corridors between and adjacent to them.	S-NH-31 S-NH-35	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Preserve and enhance the wildlife habitat in Coal Creek Park, Woodlawn Park, Mercer Slough and the riparian and green corridors between them.

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S-NP-33	Expand access to Lake Washington and its tributary creeks and streams to support their ecological functions, and contribute to educational or recreational opportunities for the community.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Provide visual and pedestrian access to Lake Washington and its tributary creeks and streams.
S-NP-34	Support efforts to enhance the water quality in streams and creeks to support fish and animal life.		<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support and enhance the water quality in the streams and creeks in the neighborhood to support fish and animal life.
S-NP-35	Encourage the use of low impact development techniques in new developments and public spaces, especially in areas with significant impervious surface coverage, to minimize flooding and contamination of Coal Creek and other neighborhood streams to support human, fish and wildlife health.	S-NH-27 S-NH-28 S-NH-32	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Support and enhance the water quality in the streams and creeks in the neighborhood to support fish and animal life.
S-NP-36	Add information signage throughout the neighborhood about the history of the region, the natural areas, the animal habitat, and how people can contribute to the health of the environment.	S-NH-33	<b>Initial DRAFT Policy Move:</b> Include signage and education about the natural area, the animal habitat, and how people can contribute to the vibrancy of the environment.

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S-NP-37	Collaborate with King County and King County Conservation District to prepare the neighborhood and its natural areas in the wildland-urban interface to be resilient against brush fires and wildfires.		