WILBURTON Sustainable District Opportunity Assessment

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Purpose

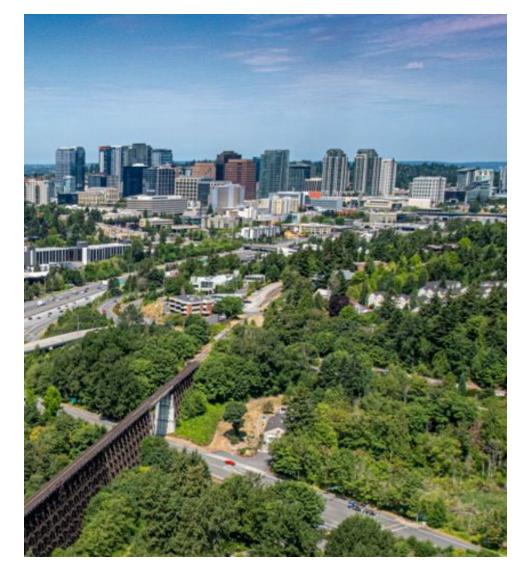
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Agenda

- Overview
- Sustainable Districts 101
- Project Approach
- Work to Date
- Key Opportunities
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Next Steps
- Q&A





Overview – Policy Context





ES Plan Action M.1.1

M.1.1 Sustainable district. Explore creating a sustainable district, such as an EcoDistrict, in downtown, BelRed, or Wilburton, to encourage district-scale sustainability. Establish district-scale sustainability goals with partner organizations.

#	Action	Action Type	Lead	Timeframe			
Str.	Strategy M.1. Sustainable land use.						
M.1.1	Sustainable district. Explore creating a sustainable district, such as an EcoDistrict, in downtown, BelRed, or Wilburton, to encourage district-scale sustainability. Establish district-scale sustainability goals with partner organizations.	Policy / Education/ Outreach	CD	2022-2023			
M.1.2	Using the 15-Minute City concept, promote and advance essential components of livability. Identify locations along the frequent transit network to continuously promote improvements that support access to transit and a high quality of life and livability.	Planning	CD TRNSP	2022-2024			
M.1.3	Consider climate and sustainability in land use and neighborhood planning. Address environmental stewardship in all land use projects and neighborhood planning and services.	Planning / Policy	CD DSD	2021-2025			
M.1.4	Growth corridor parking review. Study the impact of light rail and the increasing use of mobility options on the supply and demand for commuter and residential parking in buildings near transit stations. Consider modifying parking requirements to account for shifts in commuting behavior.	Policy	CD	2024			



ESI Plan 2050 Targets





Wilburton Vision Planning Timeline



Wilburton TOD Area

- East Link light rail
- Eastrail regional trail
- Grand Connection & Crossing
- Lincoln Center site
- Bellevue Botanical Garden





Wilburton CPA

ENVIRONMENT

Goal: To lead innovations in environmental sustainability that enhances the area's natural features and contributes toward the city's climate goals.

POLICIES

S-WI-42. Support the development of an environmentally resilient neighborhood through a sustainable district framework, code updates, and public-private partnerships.

Net-zero / net-positive development District energy Low-carbon building design Sustainable mobility Enhance natural features Green stormwater infrastructure + tree canopy



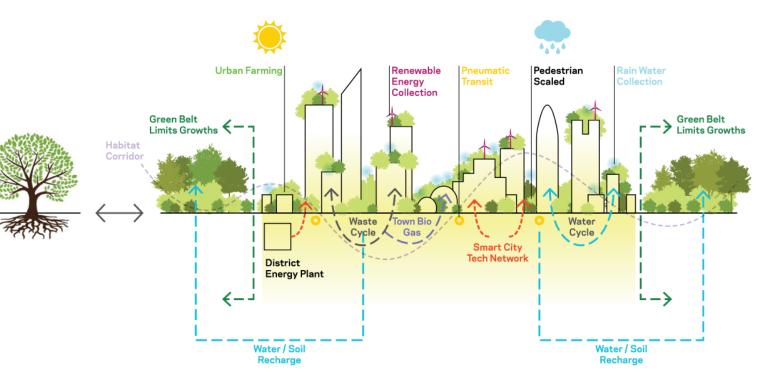
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Sustainable District Opportunity Assessment

What is a sustainable district?

- Defining elements
- Relevant precedents

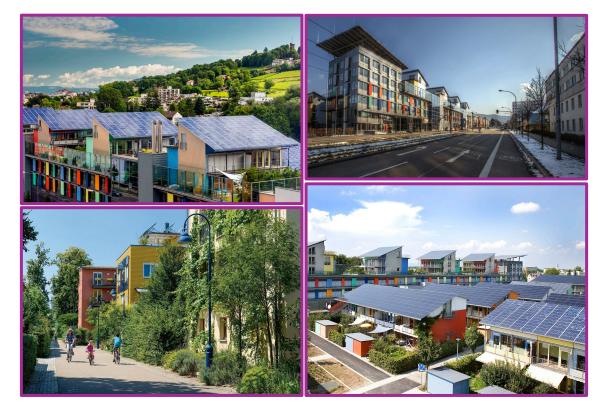




Sustainable District Opportunity Assessment

Defining Elements:

- Defined geographic boundary
- High performance standards
- Unique visual identity/experience
- Keystone projects/places
- District-scale certification





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Relevant Precedents:

Copenhagen, Denmark



- First Carbon Neutral City by 2025
- Sustainable bike infrastructure
- District Heating/Cooling
- Energy Efficient Buildings
- Preserving Green Space
- Public Service



Thornton Place, WA

- Northgate TOD mixed use redevelopment ahead of light rail station
- Restored Thornton Creek
- Increased open space by about 50 percent
- Reduced impervious
 surfaces by 78 percent
- LEED-ND: certified

East <u>Harbour</u>, Toronto



- EcoDistricts/Just Growth Community certified
- TOD, employment district
- Imperatives: Equity, Resilience & Climate Protection
- All new buildings to be WELL Certified

Lloyd District, Portland



- Ecodistricts/Just Growth Community certified
- Climate Adaption Projects
- Pollinator Placemaking
- Path to decarbonization
- Residential resilience

Vancouver, Canada



- False Creek
 Neighbourhood Utility (sewer heat recovery)
- Serves over 6.4 million SF of residential, commercial, and institutional space (as of 2021)



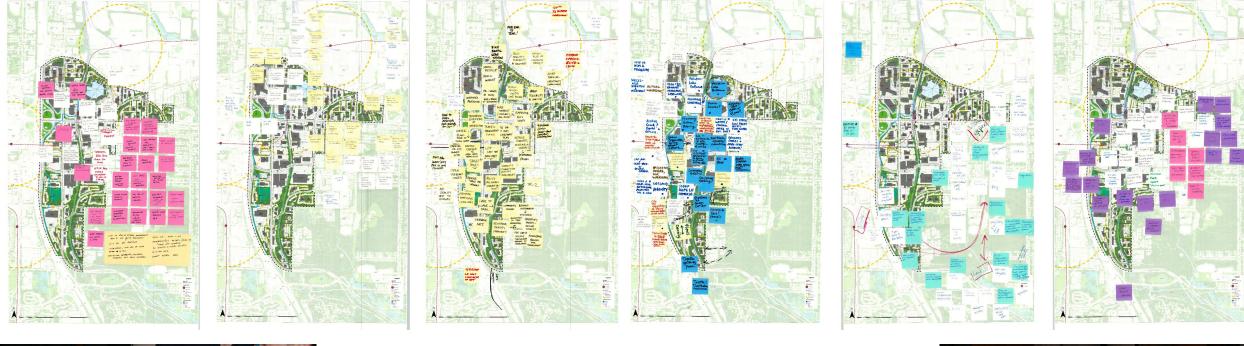
Sustainable District Priorities

- Demonstrate leadership + innovation
- Support the community's vision of great urbanism
- Substantial progress on sustainability goals & targets
- Leverage compound value of local + regional investments
- Tell a story of positive change: more urban AND more sustainable



Stakeholder Workshops







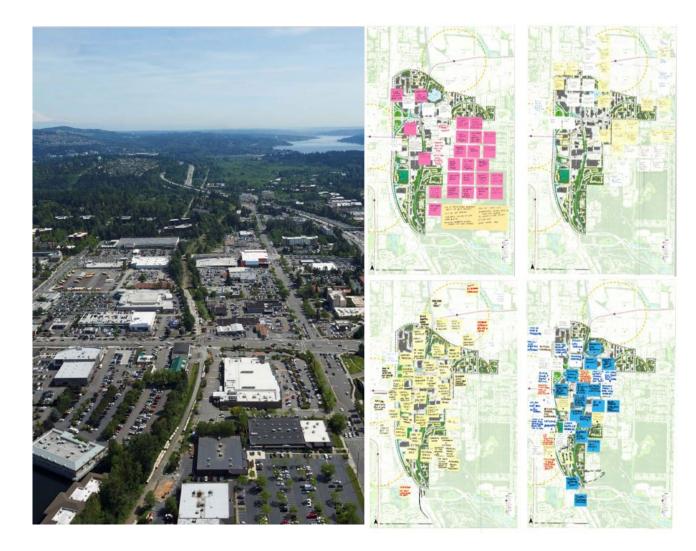






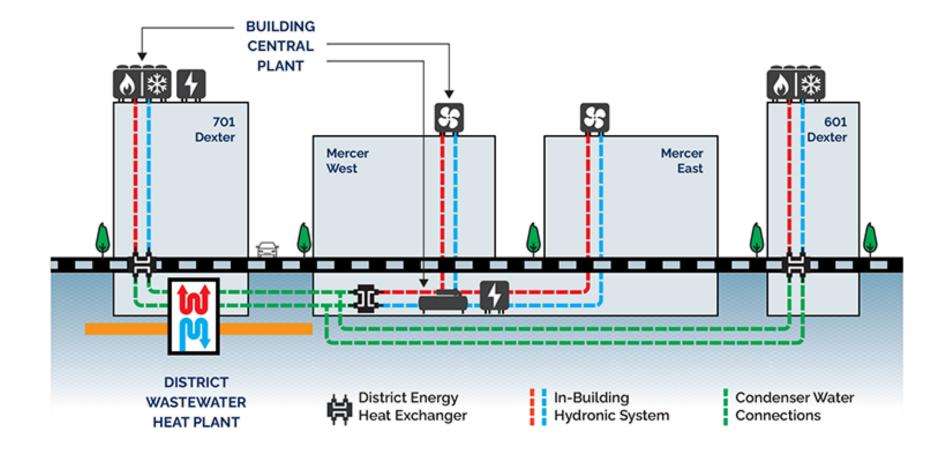


Key Opportunities





District Energy





Shared Infrastructure



South LA Wetlands Park



Green Building



34Stone – Seattle Living Building Pilot

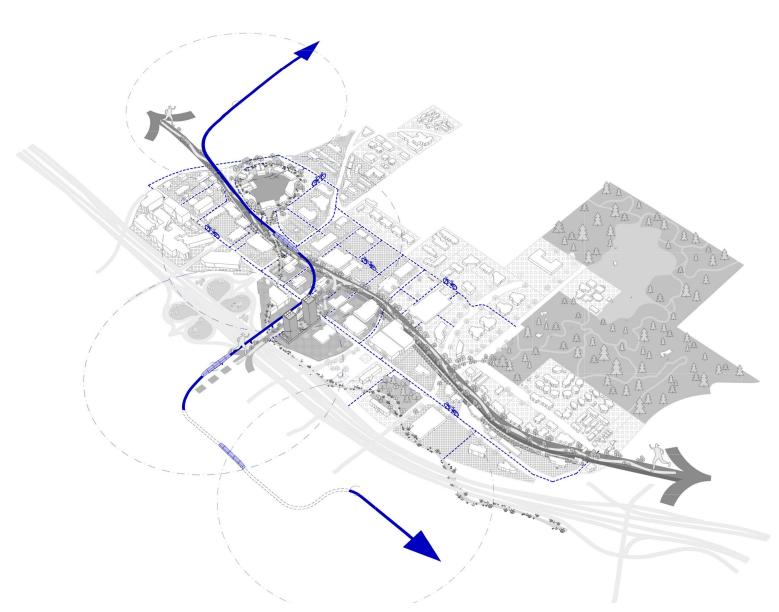


Urban Forestry $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ District Identity



Sustainable District Strategy: Mobility





Sustainable District Strategy: Water



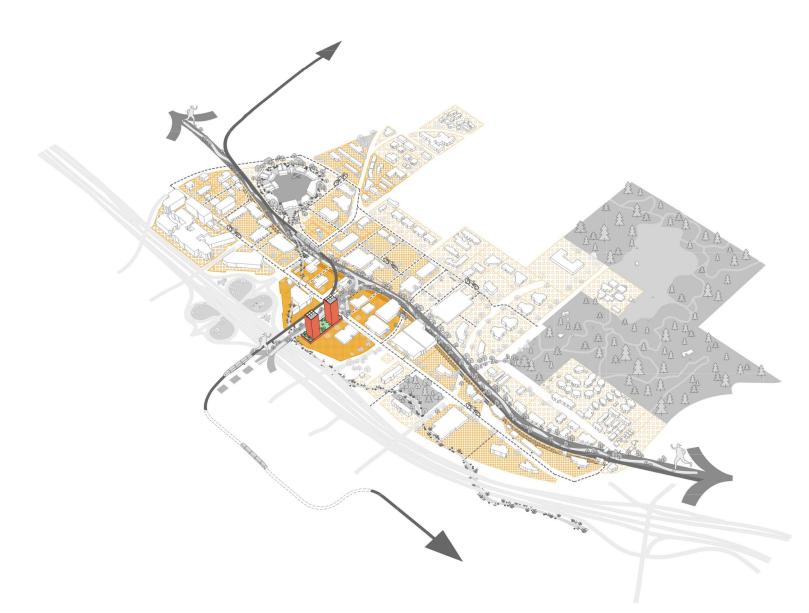


Sustainable District Strategy: Energy





Sustainable District Strategy: Resource

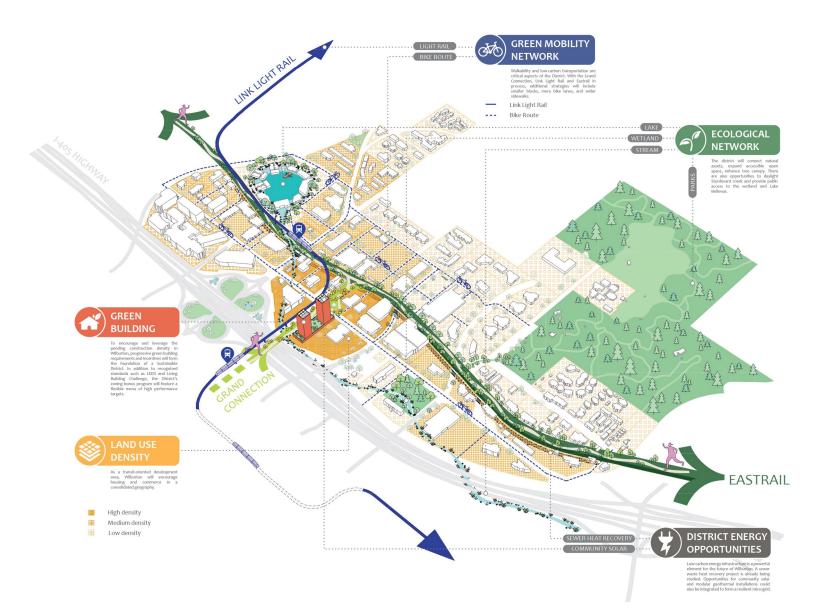


Sustainable District Strategy: Livability



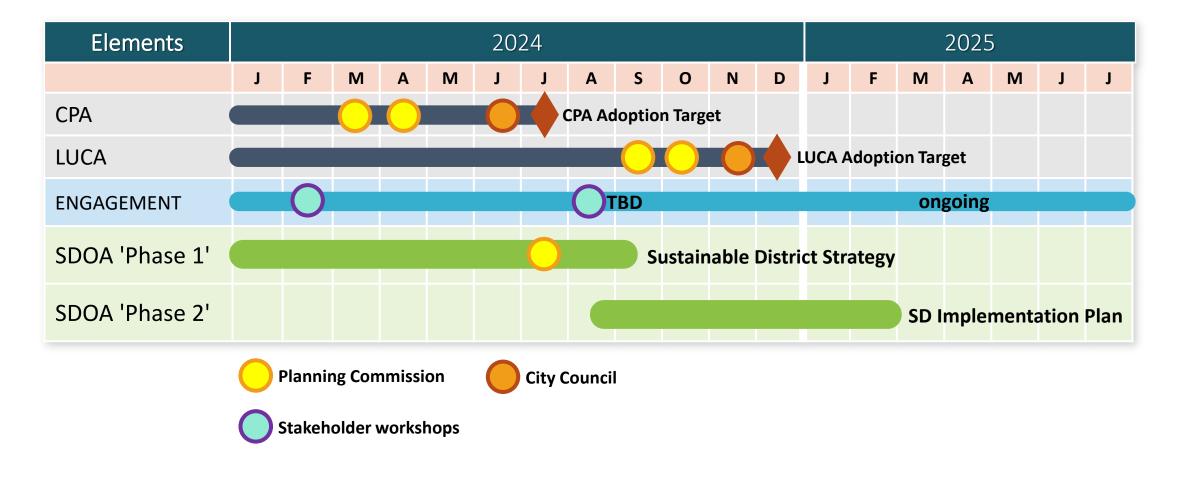
Sustainable District Strategy







Current Project Schedule



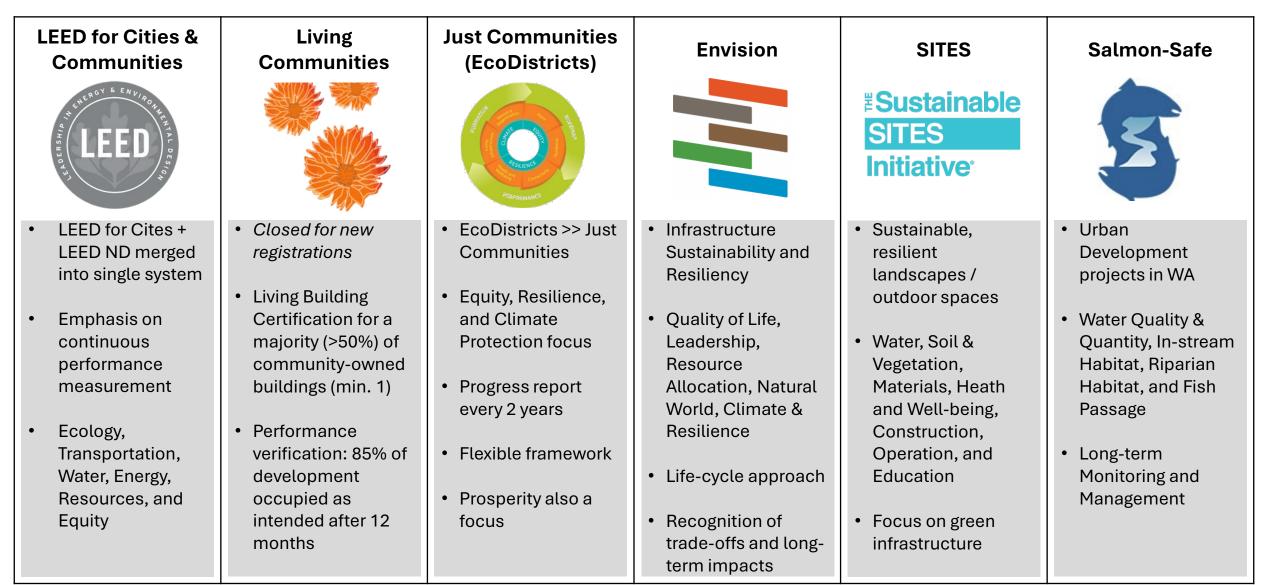


Work to-date

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Sustainability priorities & opportunities		
Begin sustainability integration (UDGs & LUCA)	Draft green building / site development tiers	Finalize green building / site development tiers
		Sustainable District Strategy



Sustainable District Frameworks





LEED for Communities

Integrative Process	Energy & GHG
Collaboration, green building policies	Efficiency, renewables, electrical grid
Natural Systems	Materials & Resources
Parks, wildlife, light pollution, resilience	Embodied carbon, waste management
Transportation & Land Use	Quality of Life
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Next Steps

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		Sustainable District Strategy	



QUESTIONS ?

