

# VISION

## BELLEVUE 2035—WHERE YOU WANT TO BE

Bellevue embraces the future while respecting our past.

In 2035 Bellevue is a vibrant international center for innovation and commerce with safe, attractive neighborhoods that feature some of America's finest schools. Most of Bellevue's jobs and many of its new housing opportunities are found Downtown with its thriving arts scene, and in new business/residential centers at Bel-Red, Wilburton, and Eastgate, which feature their own unique cultural amenities and urban landscapes. Our neighborhoods epitomize Bellevue's reputation as a "City in a Park" with visually breathtaking vistas, viewpoints, and recreation areas. Despite the city's growth, they remain connected to one another, offering diverse housing choices, gathering spaces, and local and regional commercial services. Bellevue's people – its ultimate strength - define both the city and their neighborhood.

This Comprehensive Plan Vision will be realized by the entire City organization, in concert with the Bellevue community and regional partners. The Comprehensive Plan provides City policy direction on a range of issues, from the City's growth strategy to environmental protection, to provision of utilities, parks, and other services. Further detail is found in the Vision statement for each Element, or chapter, of the Plan. These occur at the beginning of each element and are set forth below in their entirety.

### Citizen Engagement

**Bellevue's actively engaged citizenry shapes the city's future.**

*Bellevue has a strong social fabric, where community groups, businesses and the City organization work together to address our needs. The City makes citizen engagement a high priority, and residents know that their local government listens and responds to them. Bellevue's residents care about the city and work collectively to address mutual needs.*

### Land Use

**Bellevue grows in a manner that enhances the livability of the community, while maintaining the elements that residents cherish.**

*Growth in Bellevue is focused in denser mixed use centers, like Downtown, BelRed and Eastgate, while maintaining the city's extraordinary natural environment and the health and vitality of established residential neighborhoods.*



## Housing

**Bellevue meets the housing needs of its diverse population, strengthening neighborhoods and communities.**

*Bellevue works with its partners to meet with the community's housing needs through a range of housing types and affordabilities. Bellevue employs a wide range of strategies to meet its share of the regional housing need. The city has been an effective participant in the region's work that has largely eliminated homelessness.*

## Capital Facilities

**Bellevue has outstanding community facilities that serve the needs of a growing and changing city.**

*Bellevue has adequate financial resources to build and maintain the parks, streets and other community facilities to address the community's growth and evolving needs. These facilities address multiple objectives, such as creating new open space and enhancing neighborhood character even as they meet basic functional requirements.*

## Utilities

**Bellevue has the public and private utilities that meet the needs of a growing economy.**

*Public and private utilities are building the systems to grow a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. These services are resilient, efficient, and available to the entire community. Utilities are sited, designed and operated in a manner that maintains community character.*

## Transportation

**Moving into, around and through Bellevue is reliable and predictable.**

*Bellevue is extraordinarily well connected to the region, enabling local and regional access for businesses and neighborhoods. Safe and reliable mobility options, including walking, biking, transit and car, take people where they need to go. The City's transportation system integrates leading safety and efficiency technology.*

## Economic Development

**Bellevue is a hub for global business and innovation.**

*Its economic strength is built on the creativity, innovation, and hard work of its people. Bellevue works to attract innovative and entrepreneurial businesses, through ensuring that our neighborhoods, cultural amenities, public schools, digital infrastructure and business climate are among the nation's best.*

## Environment

**Bellevue embraces its stewardship of the environment by protecting and retaining natural systems, and building for a sustainable future.**

*As growth and development occurs, Bellevue is working to build a healthier, greener and more sustainable future for future generations. New buildings are designed to protect and even restore natural systems. The community highly values and celebrates the results, such as reduced energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, increasing tree canopy and more salmon in local creeks.*

## Human Services

**Bellevue is a community that cares.**

*Every member of the community has the opportunity to achieve their potential and enhance their quality of life. A system of human services assists people in times of need and invests in the development of healthy individuals and families.*

## Parks, Open Space and Recreation

**Bellevue is a “City in a Park.”**

*Bellevue has a system of parks, open spaces, cultural facilities, and recreational amenities throughout the city. These provide abundant access to natural beauty and extraordinary experiences to define a lifetime of recreation and learning.*

## Shoreline Management

**Bellevue’s stewardship of its shorelines protects water quality and habitat, enhances recreation and residential enjoyment, and provides for public access and economic benefit.**

*Extraordinary shorelines along Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish are signature features defining Bellevue. City investments and actions by private parties are maintaining and restoring the health of these ecosystems.*

## Urban Design and the Arts

**Bellevue creates extraordinary places for people, and embraces the arts as an integral part of the community.**

*Through keen attention to urban design, Bellevue’s new buildings are contributing to the memorability, livability and character of the City and its neighborhoods. Rich expressions of arts and culture are found throughout the City; they are embraced by residents and “must see” attractions for visitors.*

## Neighborhoods

**Bellevue is a community of diverse and vibrant neighborhoods.**

*Bellevue residents live in a variety of distinctive, safe and attractive neighborhoods that provide amenities and opportunities for a high quality of life. The strong connections among neighbors contribute to these qualities and the ability of neighborhoods to respond to change.*