

# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

**Date:** November 14, 2023

**To:** Parks & Community Services Board

**From:** Curtis Kukal, AWB® – Park Ranger, Parks & Community Services Department

**Subject:** Weowna Park Old-Growth Enhancements  
For information only - no Board action requested

Since 2021, the Natural Resource Division of Bellevue Parks & Community Services has engaged Bellevue Naturalist volunteers, Well K.E.P.T. (Kids Environmental Project Training) teen interns, department staff, contract services, and W.C.C. (Washington Conservation Corps) crewmembers to enhance irreplaceable old-growth forest resources at Weowna Park. At the November 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Park Ranger & Environmental Programs Coordinator Curtis Kukal will present information on this ongoing initiative.

Bellevue Naturalist volunteers have been central to this forest enhancement work. To date, 50 Bellevue Naturalists have given 346 hours at two restoration areas in Weowna Park. Their work has focused on manually treating several species of noxious weeds in the park, with additional herbicide application support from FTE staff and WCC crews. As of fall 2023, we have completed restoration treatments on approximately 7.3 acres of Weowna Park in areas with substantial old-growth trees.

Ranger Kukal will contextualize this project within the *Bellevue Natural Resource Stewardship Plan*, provide background information on old-growth forest resources within Weowna Park, explain restoration treatment techniques associated with this project, and show short videos of wildlife utilizing the recently restored areas.