



Parks CIP Project Status Report

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Ongoing and Recently Completed Projects: 2022 Parks & Open Space Levy

Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors and Trails

Trail Projects

The city continues to expand and enhance the trail network, connecting open spaces and providing recreational access to the many natural areas and greenways throughout Bellevue.

Coal Creek trail network at the Coal Creek Ridgeline Trail: construction to replace three bridges at Lower Coal Creek is underway and a new trail extension to connect into the Forest Ridge neighborhood is currently in design.

Forest Drive Trailhead: Design and permitting is underway for accessible trailhead improvements, in coordination with the closure and upgrade of Red Cedar Trailhead by King County Wastewater. These trailheads will re-open with improved accessibility, parking, wayfinding, and an accessible trail at Red Cedar Trailhead.

Mercer Slough Farmstead Boardwalk: Conceptual design is completed for a new boardwalk to connect farmstead-goers to the blueberry fields and provide a trailhead entrance on the western side of Mercer Slough.

168th Ave NE Open Space: The city is working to acquire the necessary easements to develop a greenbelt and trail network in an area that lacks walkable access to parks.

Eastrail: Bellevue Parks & Community Services continues to collaborate with King County Parks on this regional trail running north-south through the city and is constructing, planning, or supporting improved connections to the trail.

Community Parks

Bellevue Airfield Park Planning and Design

City Council adopted the updated Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan in September 2024, which includes a new aquatic facility, eight pickleball courts, a basketball court, a multi-use flex field, a children's playground with multiple play zones, a splash pad, accessible picnic facilities in the wooded northwest area of the site, improved trail connections, and terraced lawns. The department is pursuing State approval for progressive design-build alternative delivery for design and construction of the park and preliminary design of the aquatics center. Once approved, design and permitting will occur in 2026-28 followed by construction in 2029-30.



Neighborhood Park Development

Ashwood Park Master Plan Update

City Council adopted the Ashwood Park Master Plan in December 2025. The plan includes a large open lawn area, terraced seating, a play area, an off-leash dog area, and a parking lot located off NE 12th Street. Contracts are being finalized and design will begin in early 2026.

Eastgate Neighborhood Park Acquisition and Master Plan

City Council reviewed the preferred concept plan for the new park in November 2025 and adopted the name Eastgate Commons in early January 2026. The plan for this corner site features a play area for multiple ages, a flexible lawn space, a covered shelter, and picnic tables. Design is now underway.

Recreation and Community Facilities

Aquatic Center Design

The City Council-recommended aquatic facility concept for Bellevue Airfield Park is approximately 130,000 square feet and includes a 50-meter pool, deep-water tank, pools dedicated to therapy, lessons and programs, leisure amenities, and dry-side community and support spaces. The department is pursuing approval for progressive design-build alternative delivery for preliminary design of the aquatics center. The department is actively exploring financial strategies for the aquatic center development including regional partnerships and philanthropic donations.

Waterfront Restoration and Development

Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2 Planning and Design

City Council directed staff to proceed with construction documentation and permitting to develop phase 2 of the park in Summer 2025. Park features will include the Meydenbauer Bay Park Gateway Plaza at Main and 100th Ave SE, additional parking, and an interim shoreline promenade expansion. Design and permitting are expected to take approximately 3-4 years before construction can begin.

Clyde Beach Park Boathouse Demolition

The city is moving ahead with permitting for demolition of the boathouse, launch pier, and piles at Clyde Beach Park. These facilities have been closed to the public due to their deteriorated state, which was confirmed in a recent structural condition assessment. Removal of the failing structures will improve views from the park across Meydenbauer Bay and make it possible to create a more natural shoreline at this park in the future. Permitting is expected to take 12-24 months, followed by bidding and demolition. The existing swimming pier will remain.

Chism Beach Park Shoreline Renovation

Schematic design has been completed for future renovation of the Chism Beach Park waterfront. This project will include ecological restoration of the shoreline to reduce erosion and support salmonid habitat, renovation of the public beach area for improved accessibility, and upgraded lifeguard and storage facilities, among other amenities. The project will be phased over time based on available budget.



Lake Sammamish Property Stabilization

Work is ongoing to prepare the City's acquired properties along Lake Sammamish for future planning and public access. Demolition of six existing structures on four sites is scheduled to begin Summer 2026.

Emerging Sports and Off-Leash Areas

Pop-Up Off-Leash Program

Parks & Community Services initiated a temporary pop-up program to test accessible and safe off-leash sites for pets and their owners in 2023. Off-leash areas have been built at Crossroads Community Park, Wilburton Hill Community Park, and Wildwood Park. Improvements, such as benches and water, are currently being added to these permanent sites and new locations for pop-up off-leash areas will continue to be tested and evaluated in 2026.

Cricket Improvements at Robinswood Community Park

Construction is underway to replace the synthetic turf athletic fields at Robinswood Community Park. The project includes new energy-efficient sports lighting and inclusion of a cricket pitch in addition to markings for soccer and lacrosse. New light poles are installed, and turf installation is scheduled to begin the first week of February. Construction is expected to wrap up in Spring 2026.

Non-Levy-Funded CIP Projects

Kelsey Creek Park Restroom Relocation

The restroom serving one of Bellevue's most visited parks was built in the early 1970s and is located in a floodplain that experiences seasonal flooding. This project will reconstruct the restrooms in a more ecologically appropriate location to serve daily visitors, summer camps, tour groups, and annual farm events. Design and permitting are underway, with construction anticipated in Winter 2026–27.

Park Operations Facility

To better serve the Bellevue community and continue to provide well-maintained parks, facilities, and natural areas, a new parks operations facility is being planned adjacent to the Bellevue Golf Course. The facility will gather parks operations staff currently spread around the city in one location for better collaboration and efficiency. Design is 30% complete and the project has been submitted for land use permits. Permitting is expected to begin later this year and construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.

Robinswood Park Playground

Design is nearly complete to update the Robinswood Park playground, including replacing aging equipment and fragmented play areas with an integrated play space. This project will increase accessibility and feature new amenities and activities to serve multiple ages including swings and play spaces for children aged two to five and five to 12. Design and permitting are anticipated to be completed in 2026 with construction completed in 2027.