



City of Bellevue

Parks & Community Services 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program Budget

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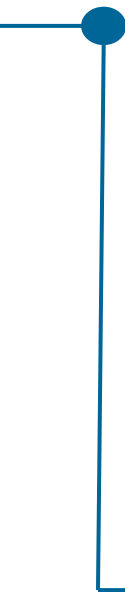
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Parks & Community Services Board
June 17, 2026

Agenda

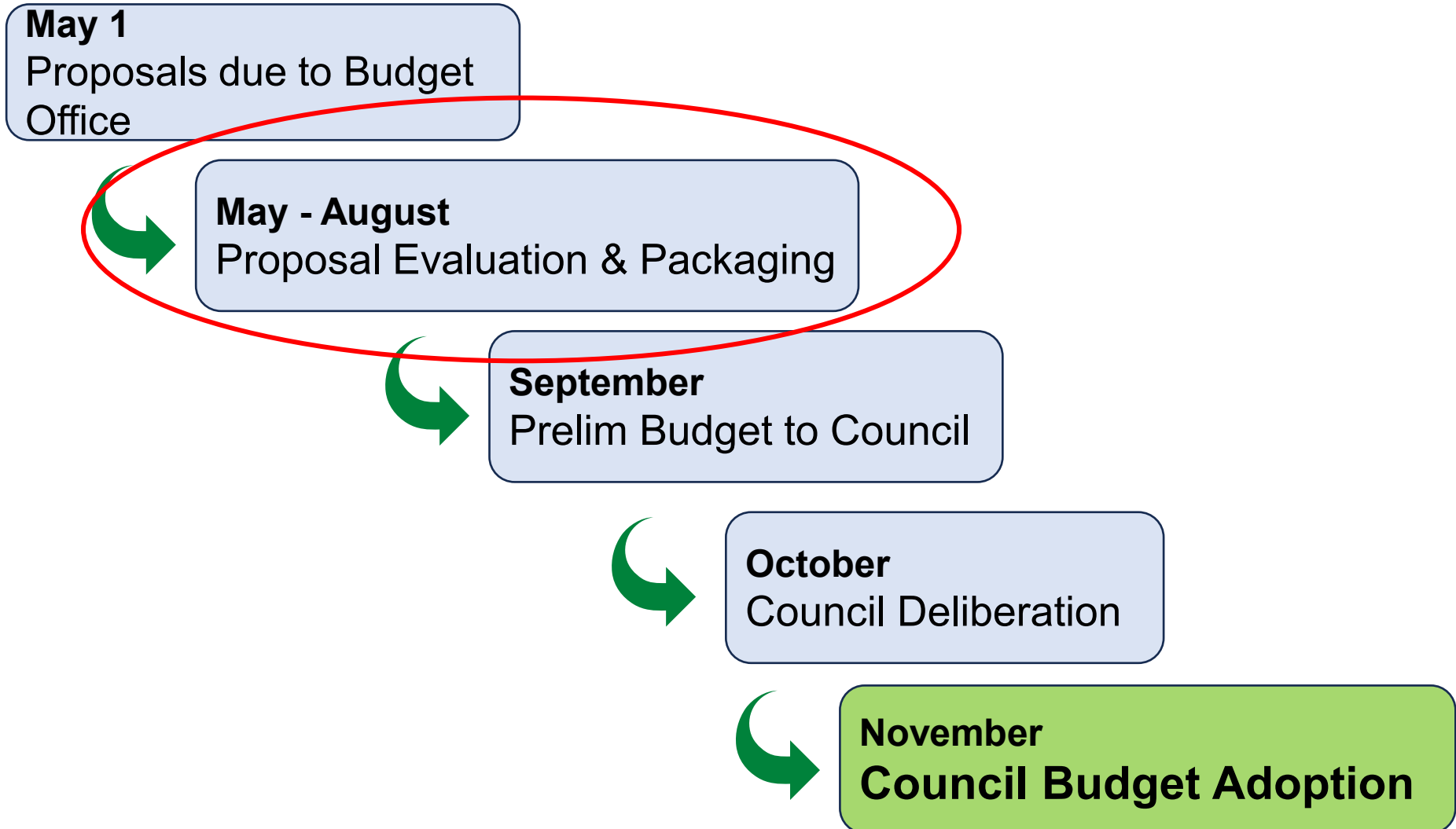


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 - Funding Sources
- Board Discussion



2027-28 Budget Process

Budget Process Timeline



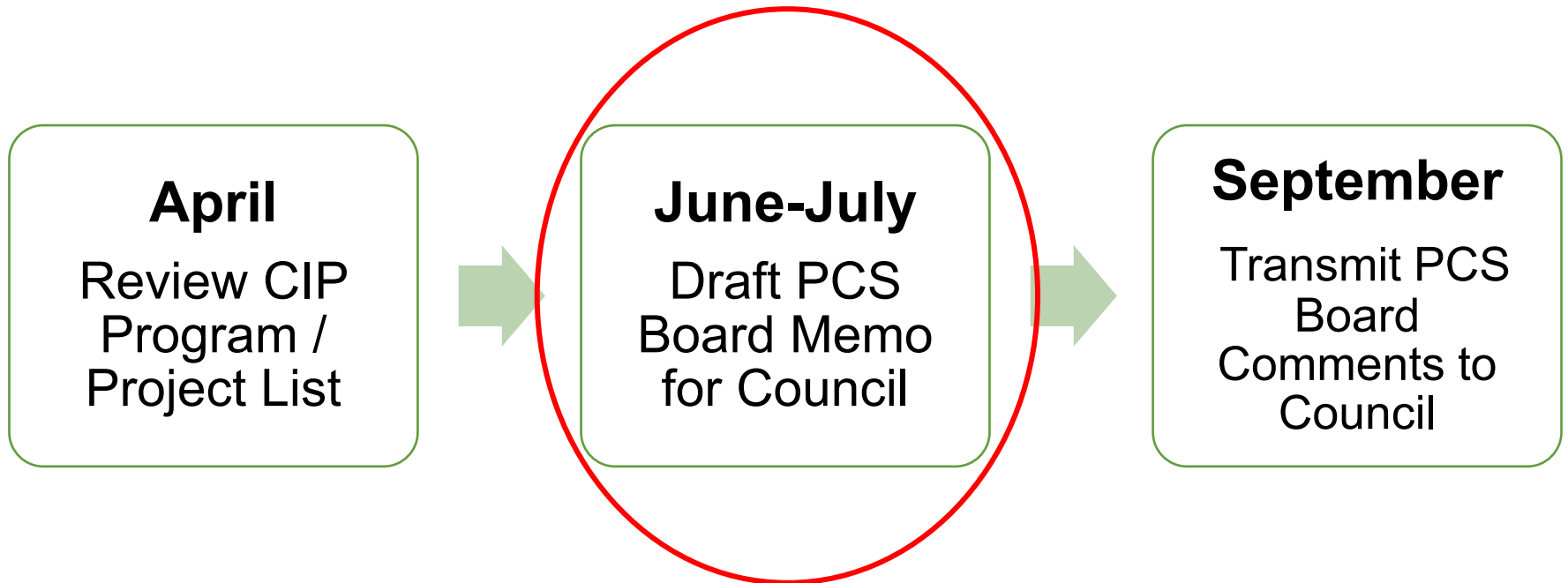
2027-2032 CIP Budget Structure

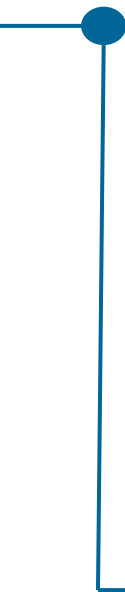
- 6-year CIP Spending Plan (2027-2032)
- New this year: CIP Projects categorized into four Programs within a Parks Portfolio
- New this year: Long Range Planning Reserve for property acquisition
- No new CIP funding expected for projects

PCS Board Role

- Typical Budget Role – Advisory to Council on Parks Capital Needs
- Review Parks CIP Strategy
- Develop a PCS Board communication to Council

PCS Board Role





Policy and Planning Framework

City Council Strategic Target Areas



HIGH
PERFORMANCE
GOVERNMENT



VIBRANT
ECONOMY



SAFE & EFFICIENT
TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEM



HIGH QUALITY
BUILT & NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT

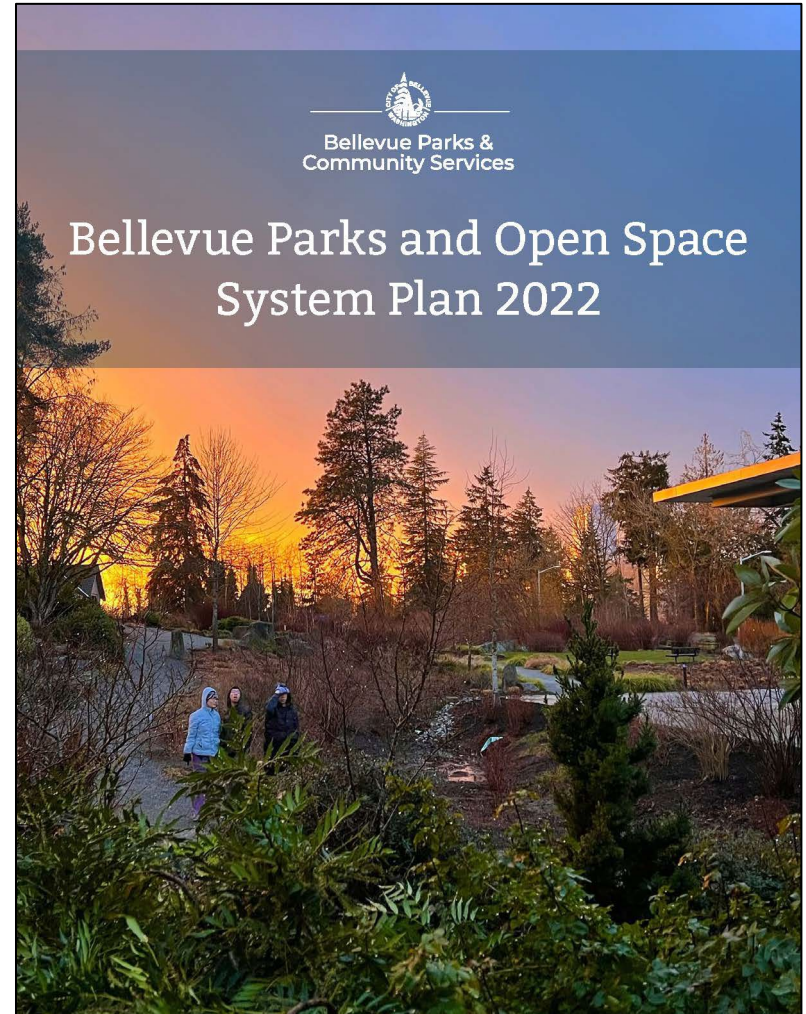
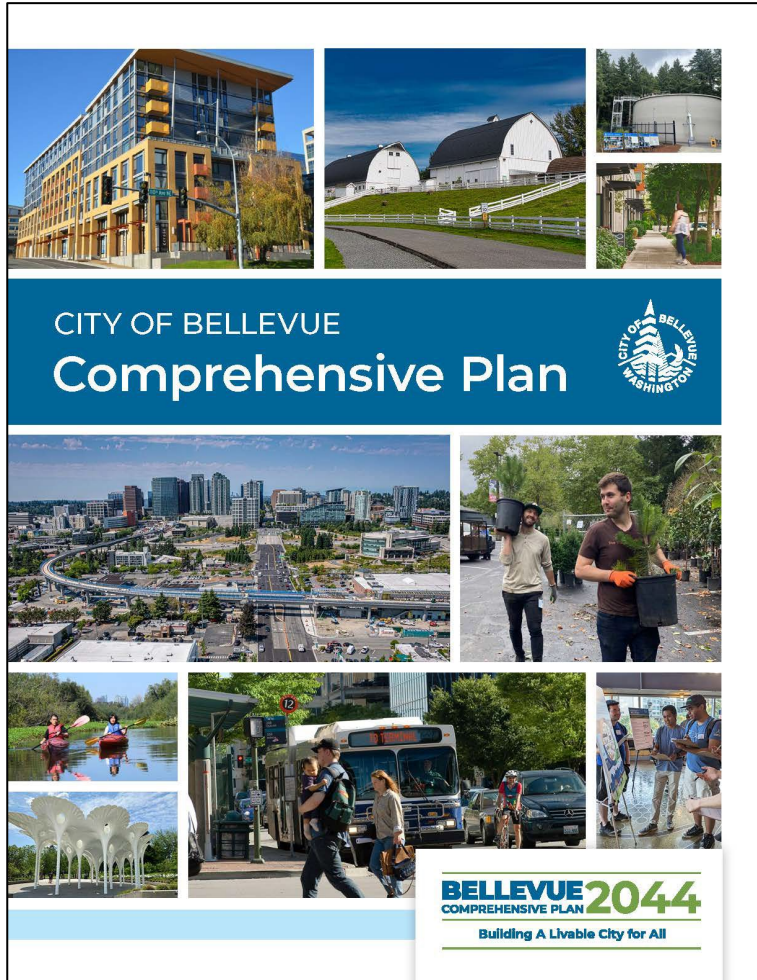


COMMUNITY
SAFETY & HEALTH



THRIVING PEOPLE
& COMMUNITIES

Long-Range Planning



Parks & Open Space System Plan

Facility Use

Use in the
past 12
months
(Survey data)

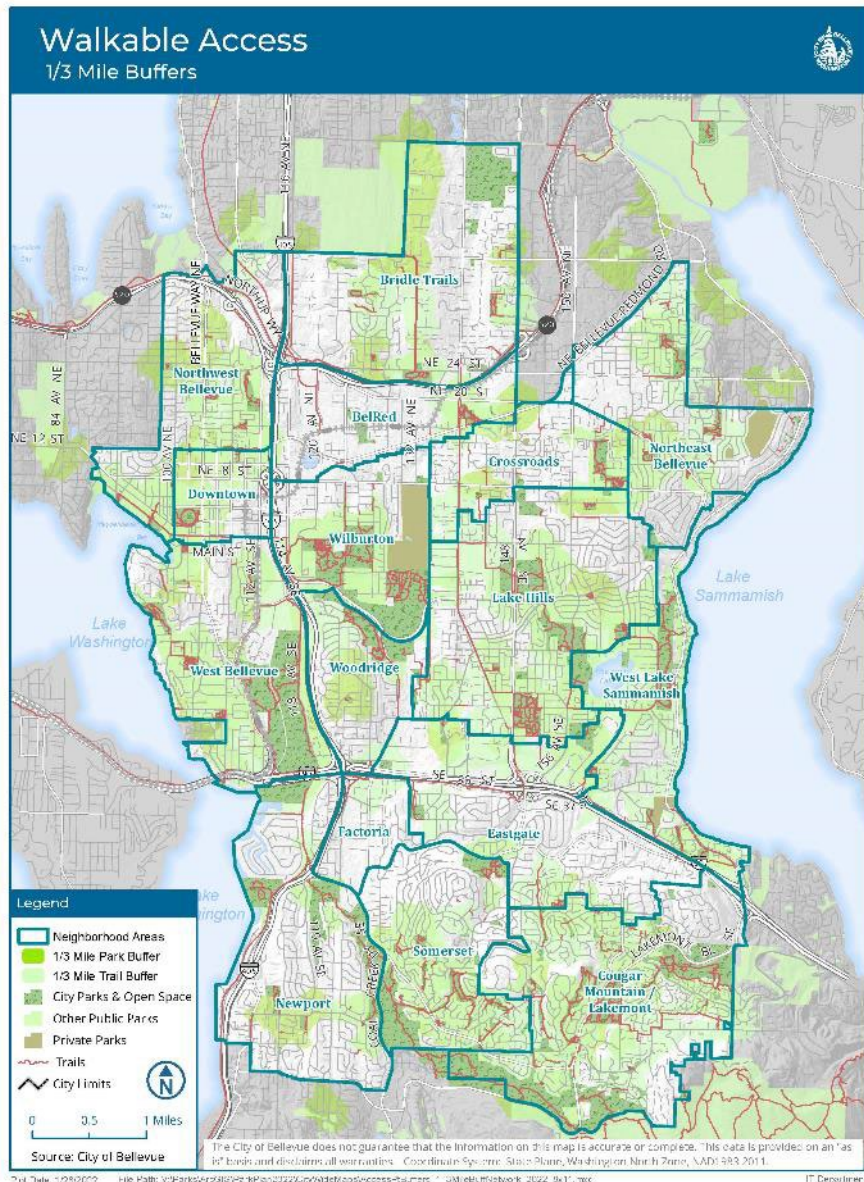
Type of Facility	Anyone in Household
Trail through natural areas	80%
Paved or gravel trails	80%
Community beach, waterfront park, or boat launch	68%
Parks with display gardens	62%
Open areas for unstructured play	61%
Outdoor sports fields or courts	43%
Playgrounds	43%
Community / visitor centers	30%
Indoor sports facilities / fitness centers	23%
Designated off-leash dog areas	22%
Swimming pools	13%
Other	2%

Ranked from survey data

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- | Focus Area | Percentage |
|--|------------|
| Completely focus on Developing and Improving Currently Owned Parks | 9% |
| Mostly focus on Developing and Improving Currently Owned Parks | 20% |
| Focus on Both Equally | 47% |
| Mostly Focus on Parkland and Natural Areas | 15% |
| Completely Focus on Acquiring New Parkland and Natural Areas | 10% |
- All Respondents



Parks & Open Space System Plan

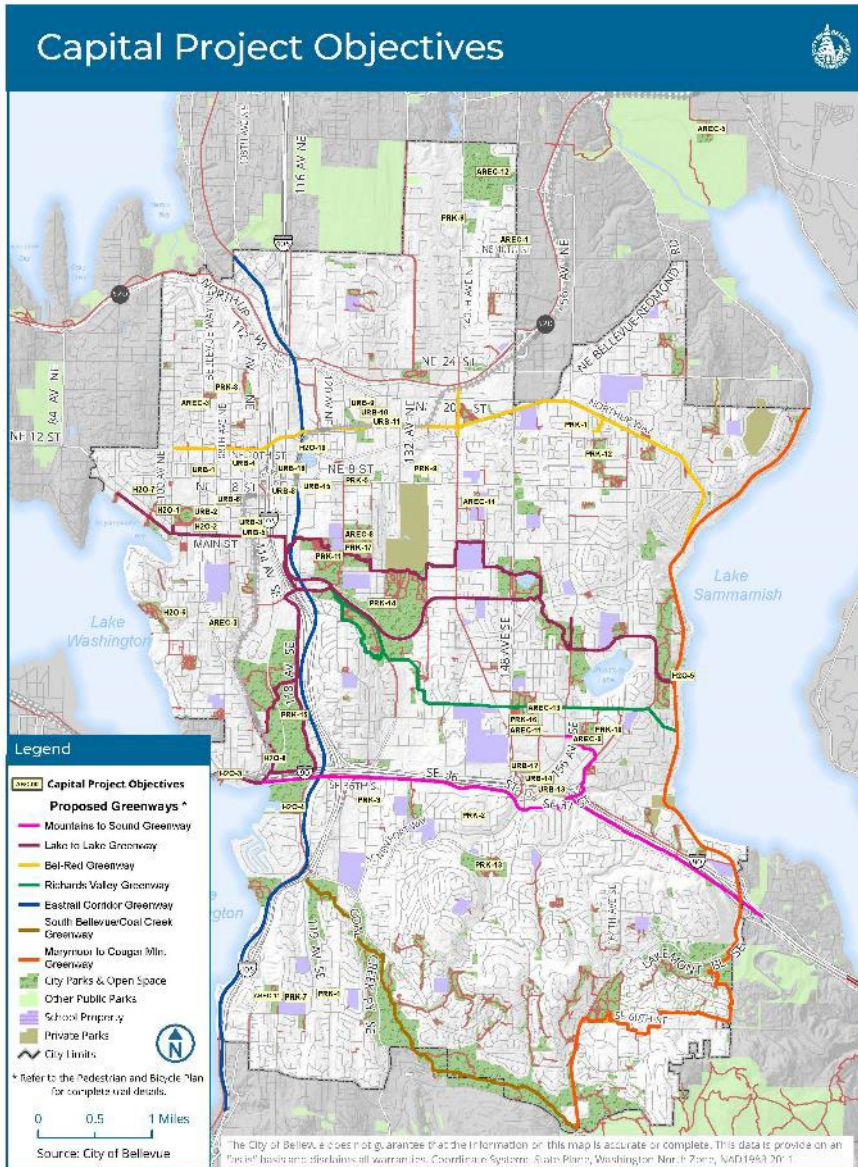


Level of Service

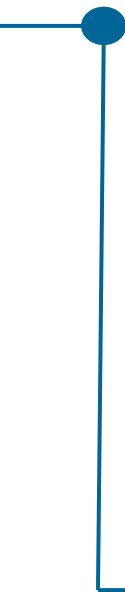
- Individual participation
- Public satisfaction
- Walkable access

Parks & Open Space System Plan

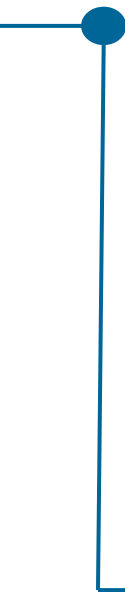
Capital Project Objectives



- Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors, & Trails
- Park Facilities
- Active Recreation Facilities
- Urban Park Systems
- Waterfront Access
- Partnership Opportunities
- Historic, Cultural, & Art Resources

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Questions?



2026 Capital Projects Update

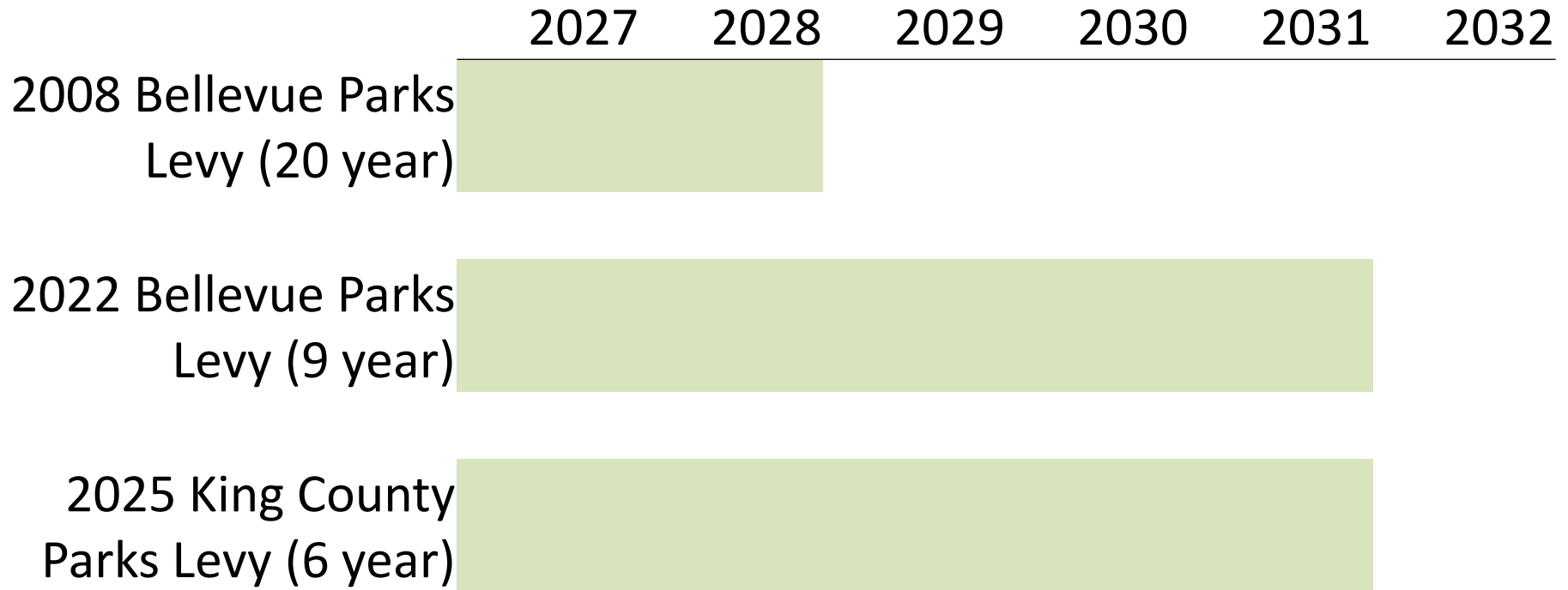
Parks CIP Funding

Annual Funding Sources

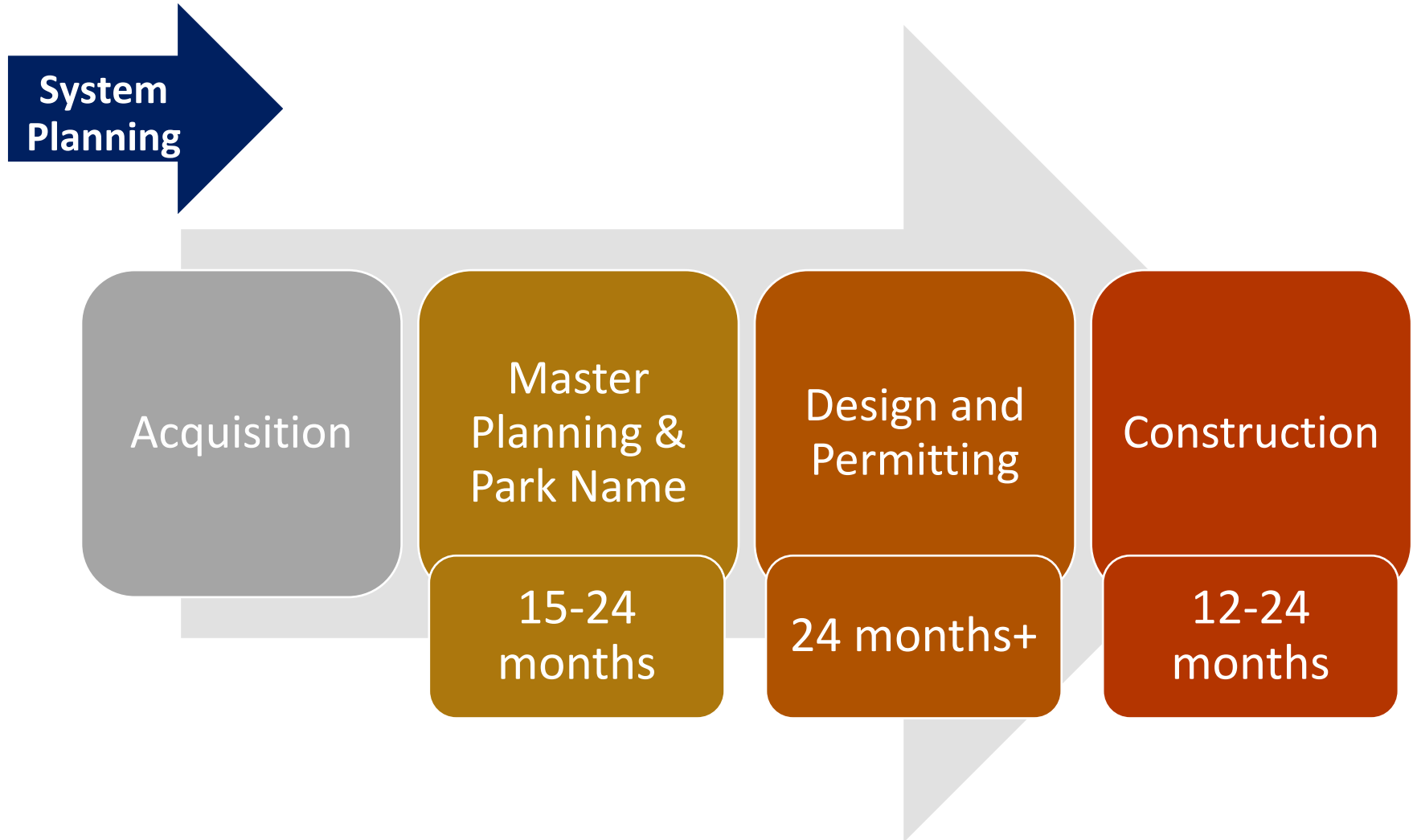
- 2022 Parks & Open Space Levy 
- 2008 Parks & Natural Areas Levy
- 2026 King County Parks Levy
- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)
- Project Specific Leveraging – grants, partnerships, donations & developer fees



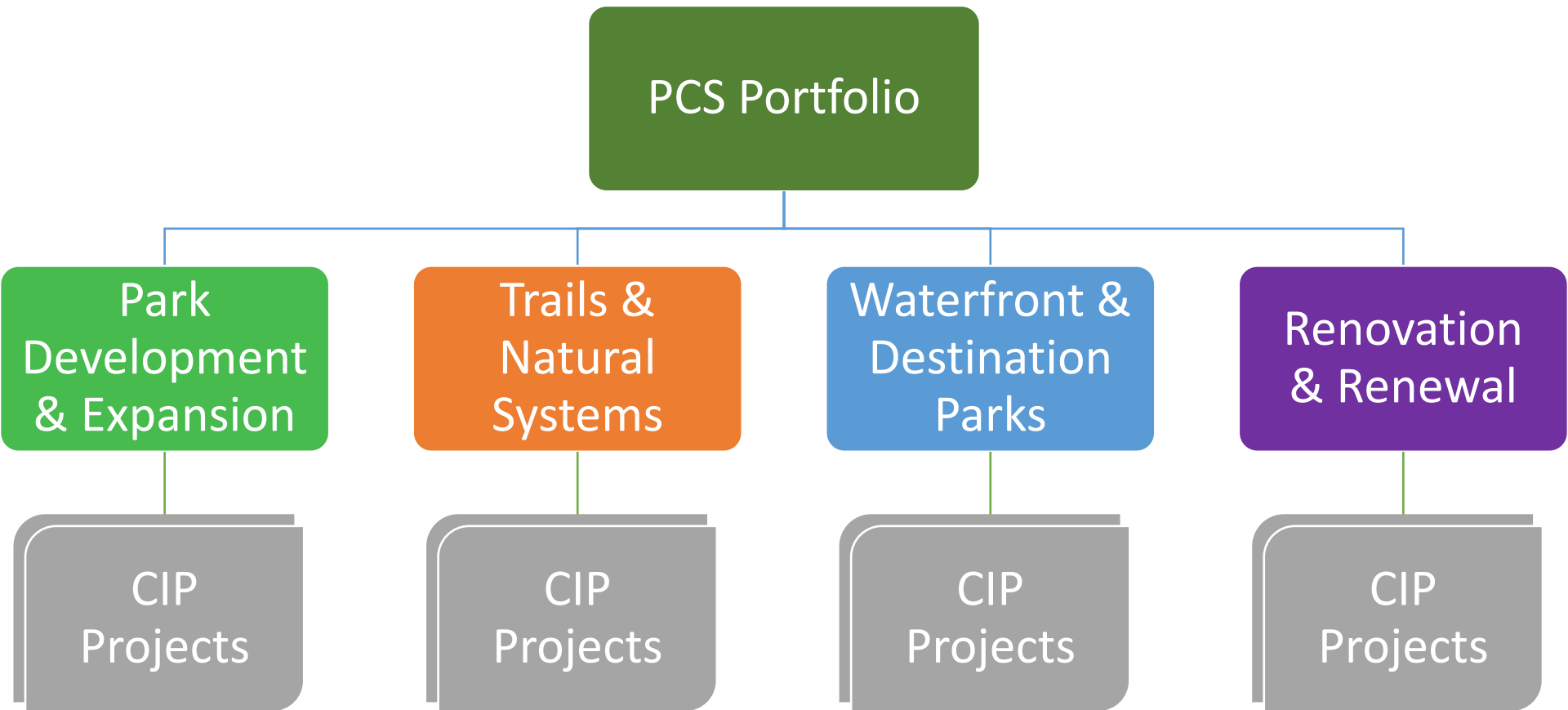
Parks CIP Levy Funding



Park Development Process



Parks CIP Organization



Park Development & Expansion

Program Purpose

- Expand and enhance the park system by building new parks and facilities and by making major enhancements to existing parks that add or change primary program elements.

Program Impact

- Parks and Open Space System Plan emphasizes acquisition and development of parks to meet future demand and geographic equity.

Portfolio Snapshot

- 6 CIP projects in planning, design, and construction.
- 3 CIP projects are pending.

Park Development & Expansion

Active Projects

Bel-Red West Tributary Park Master Plan

Ashwood Park Development

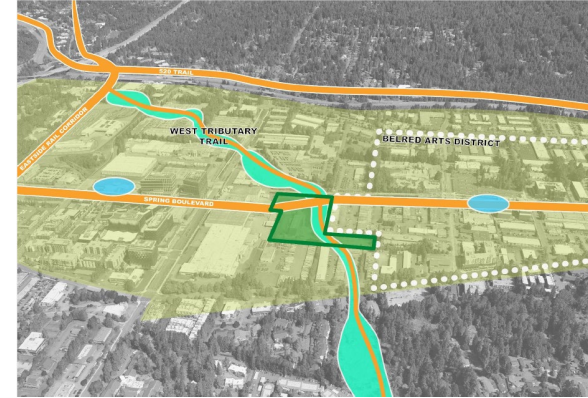
Eastgate Neighborhood Park

Off Leash Dog Area Additions & Pop-ups

Japanese American Legacy Project
(Future Isan Park)

Park Operations Facility

Future Park Projects in Factoria,
Wilburton, and at 2nd Street Downtown



Trails & Natural Systems

Program Purpose

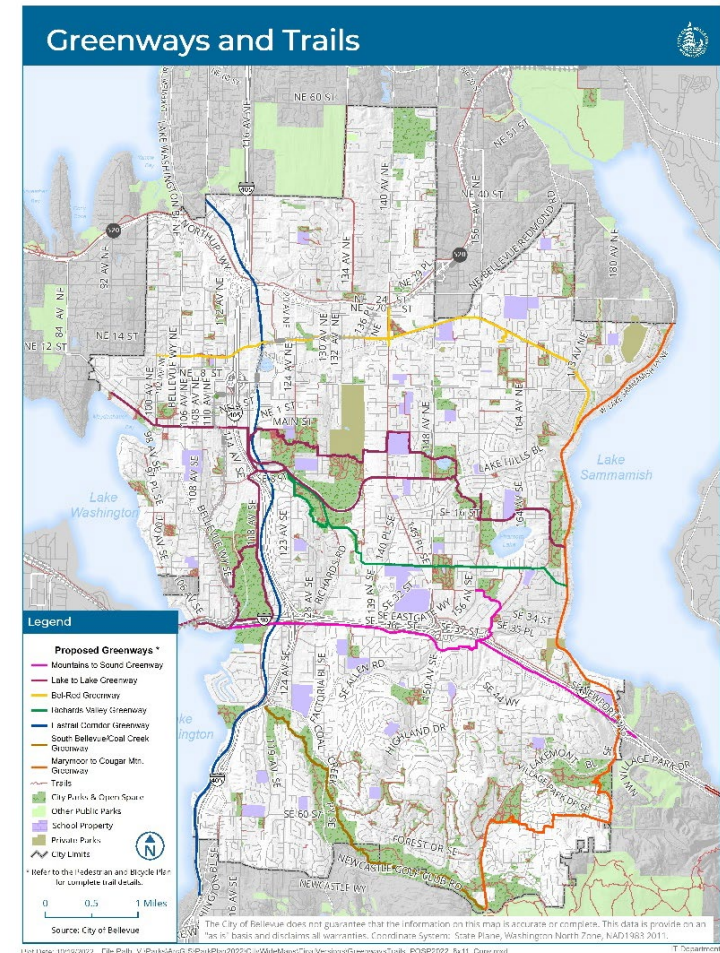
- Expanding and enhancing the city's 90 miles of trails across the city.
- Improving access, mobility, and environmental resilience

Program Impact

- Enhancing resident access and supporting active transportation

Portfolio Snapshot

- 6 active projects



Trails & Natural Systems



Active Projects

Focused on closing gaps,
increasing walkable access,
broadening access to more users,
and connecting to Eastrail.

- Forest Drive Trailhead
- 168th Open Space Trails
- Lakemont Ridge Trail Access
- Eastrail Access in Woodridge
- Mercer Slough Farmstand Boardwalk and Trailheads
- Coal Creek Trails
- Bel-Red Park: West Tributary Trail

Waterfront & Destination Parks

Program Purpose

- Develop new or improve existing waterfront parks.
- Enhance the city's signature parks.

Program Impact

- Enhancements at waterfront and destination parks are highly visible and valued by the community.

Portfolio Snapshot

- 5 active CIP projects in planning, design, and construction.
- 2 CIP projects are pending.

Waterfront & Destination Parks

Active Projects

Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2

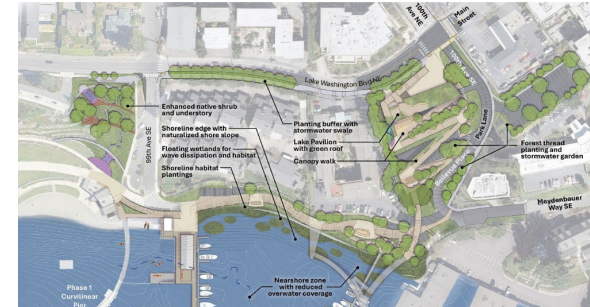
Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park

Park Shoreline Restoration

Bellevue Airfield Park Development

Bellevue Aquatics Center Design

Future Projects at Bellevue Botanical
Gardens and Kelsey Creek Farm



Renovation & Renewal

Program Purpose

- Improve existing parks and facilities.
- Deliver non-routine or larger projects than can be accomplished with regular maintenance and do not significantly alter a site's program or purpose.

Program Impact

- A large, aging park system requires ongoing renovation and refurbishment to meet community needs and expectations.

Portfolio Snapshot

- 25+ active jobs in planning, design, and construction

Renovation & Renewal

Active Projects

Norwood Park Playground

North Bellevue CC Playground

Bellevue Golf Course Deck Repairs

Crossroads Comm. Center Kitchen/Teen Rm.

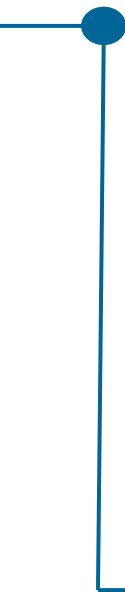
Highlands Comm. Center Kitchen

Crossroads Golf Pro Shop Barrier Removal

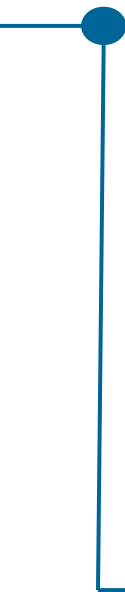
ADA Facility Study

Future Projects at Phantom and Larsen
Lake Docks and many more sites.





Questions?



Board Recommendation and Discussion

Prior Discussion

2025-26 CIP Recommendations to Council

- Commitments to levy supported projects
- Foundational support for acquisition and renovation
- Focus on increasing access to parks, trails, and recreation...
 - For underserved areas
 - For all ages and abilities
 - For urban residents
 - To water
 - To emerging sports

Prior Discussion

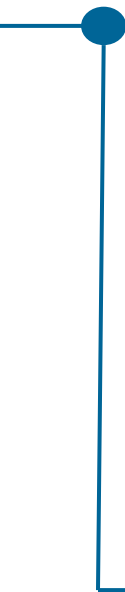
Themes from April PCSB Discussion

- Equitable access and barrier removal.
- Land acquisition challenges in dense commercial or urban settings
- Importance of partnerships
- Importance of trail connections and continuing to build out the network.
- Maintaining and enhancing flexibility in urban park design.

Board Discussion

For 2027-28 CIP Communication to Council:

- What themes does the board recommend emphasizing to support budget proposals?
- What messages does the Board recommend to support project commitments set forth in existing levies?

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Thank You!