

# 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

## Strategic Target Area Presentations

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# Information

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Staff is seeking feedback on investments associated with the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget for the Vibrant Economy and High Quality Built & Natural Environment Strategic Target Areas.



# Agenda

1. Calendar
2. Vibrant Economy
3. High Quality Built & Natural Environment



# Calendar





# Strategic Target Areas

**October 8**



Safe & Efficient  
Transportation System

**October 15**



High-Quality Built &  
Natural Environment

**October 22**



High-Performance  
Government



Community Safety  
& Health



Vibrant  
Economy



Thriving People &  
Communities

# Vibrant Economy

**2025-2026 Budget**

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Staff will share information regarding investments in the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget that support the Vibrant Economy Strategic Target Area.





# Vibrant Economy

“Bellevue is a city where innovation thrives.”

## Follow Along

- 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Book
  - Operating: Section 4R
  - Capital: Section 5K
- CIP Project Explorer

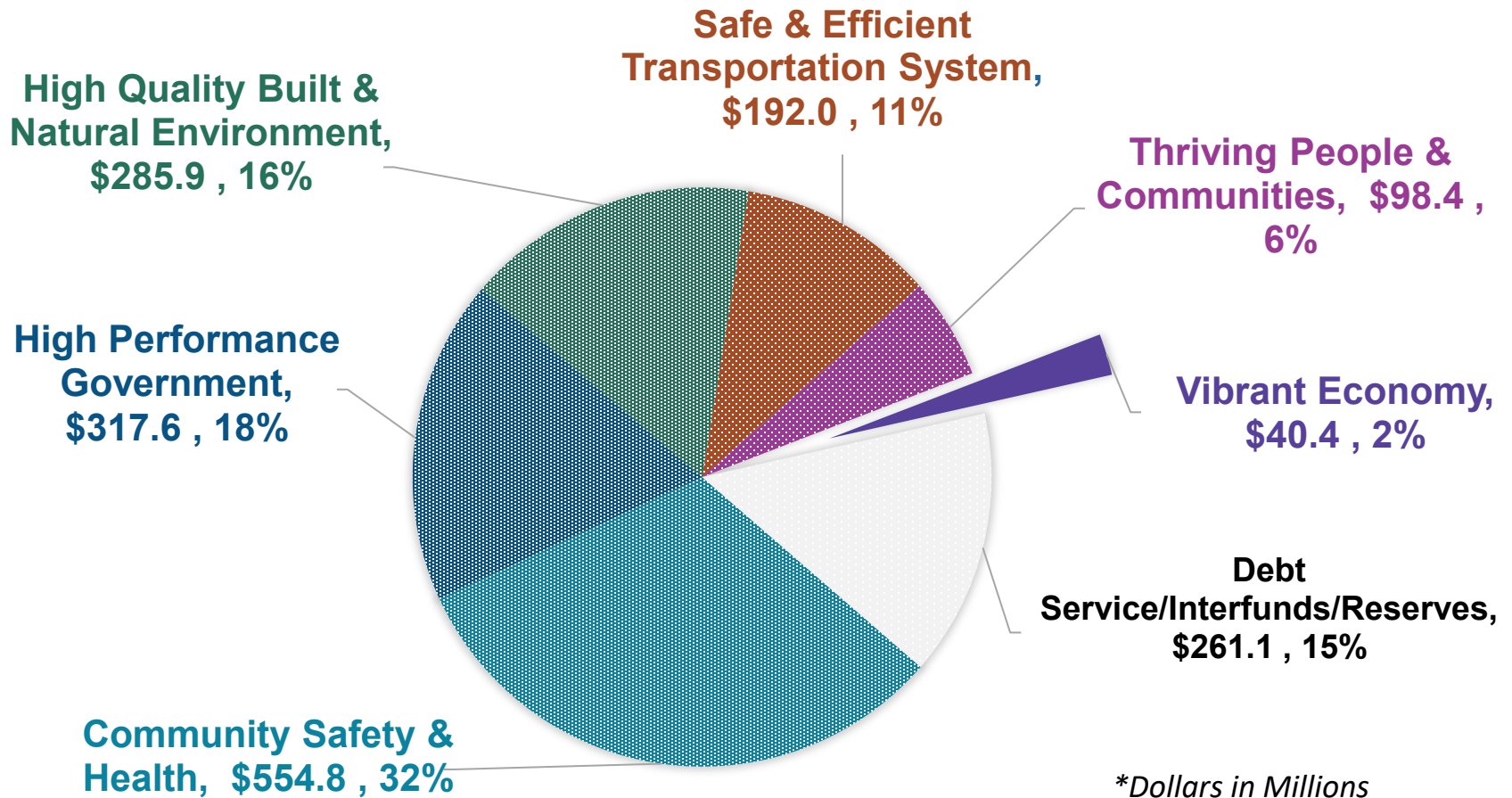


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# Resources by STA



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# Diverse & Thriving Economy





# Building on 2023-2024

- Startup 425 Accelerator
- Workforce development
- Retail Study completion & implementation
- Cultural Facility Grants
- Tourism Promotion Advisory Board
- Partnered with Visit Bellevue
  - Bellevue Lake Cruises,
  - Savor Food Tours
  - Belle the Bobcat/Japan Marketing



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# Tourism

- Bellevue-Redmond Tourism Promotion Area
- Partnership with Visit Bellevue
  - Expansion of Bellhop
  - Culinary events
  - Continued focus on Japanese Market
  - New Airport Shuttle





# Creative Economy & Public Art

- Funding for Arts Grants and art acquisition
- Continuation of Cultural Facility Grants
- New artwork in Crossroads Park in 2025



Crossroads art design by Anna Mlasowsky





# Support for Businesses

- Economic Development Plan Update
- District management organizations in BelRed, Factoria, and Wilburton
- Advance redevelopment at the 130th BelRed Station to implement the Arts District Plan, affordable housing and small business support





# Permitting Support

- New program to support small businesses and public space activation
- Aimed at streamlining the permitting process
- Multi-departmental coordination to better serve the public



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# High Quality Built & Natural Environment

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# High Quality Built & Natural Environment

“Bellevue is a livable city with world-class places to live, work, play and learn.”

## Follow Along

- 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Book
  - Operating: Section 4T
  - Capital: Section 5M
- CIP Project Explorer

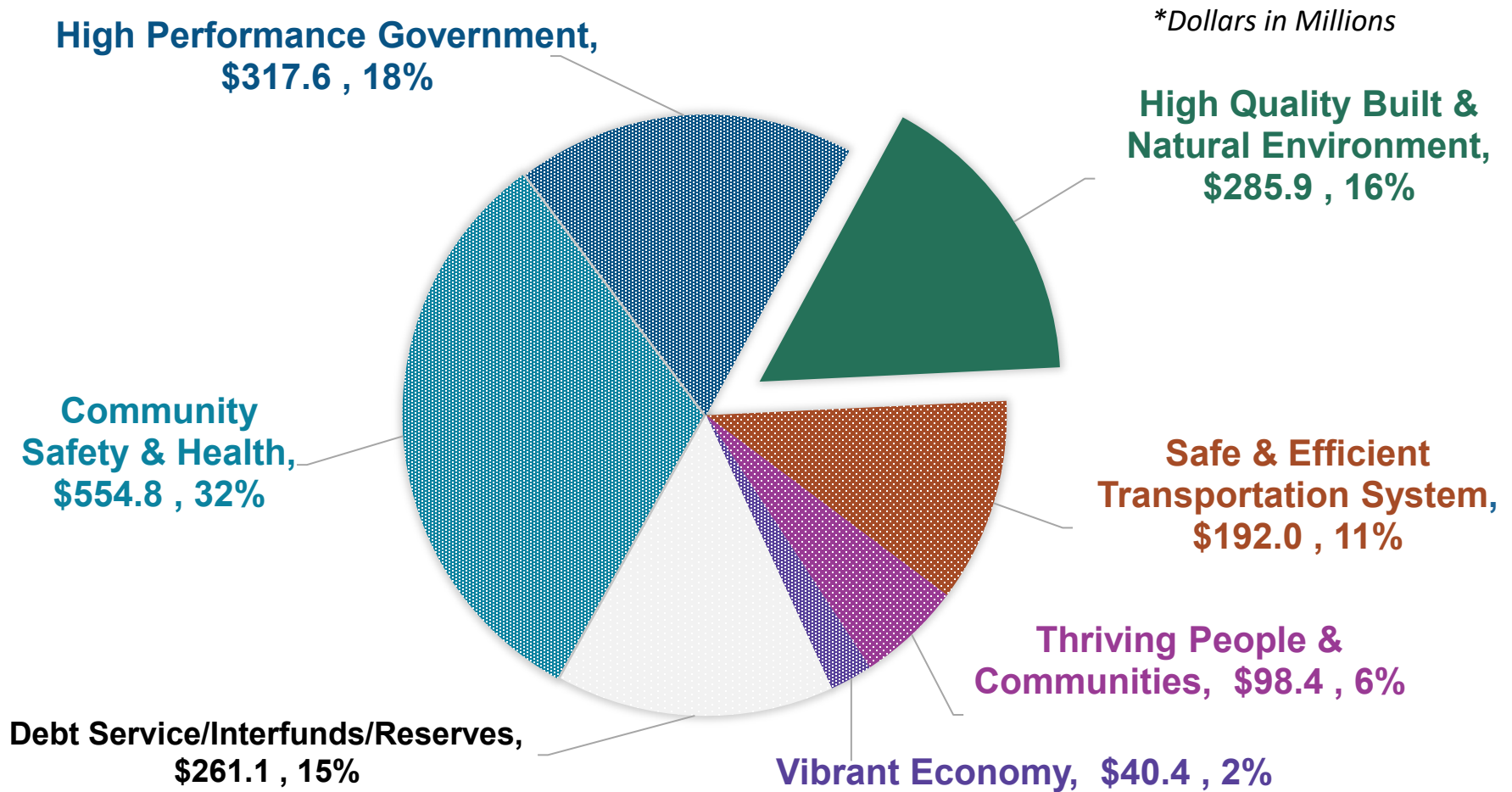


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# Resources by STA



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# Planning for Growth





# Building on 2023-2024

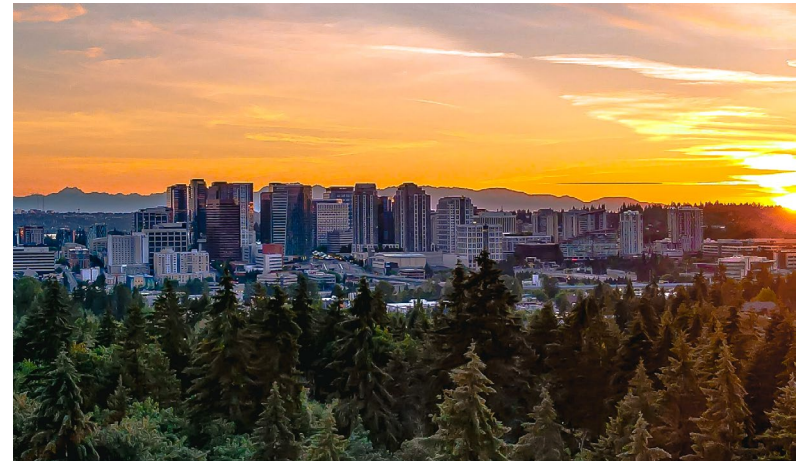
- Bellevue 2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update
- BelRed CPA
- Wilburton Vision CPA
- Affordable Housing Strategy implementation
- ESI Plan Implementation
- Mini City Hall Grand Opening





# Planning for the Future

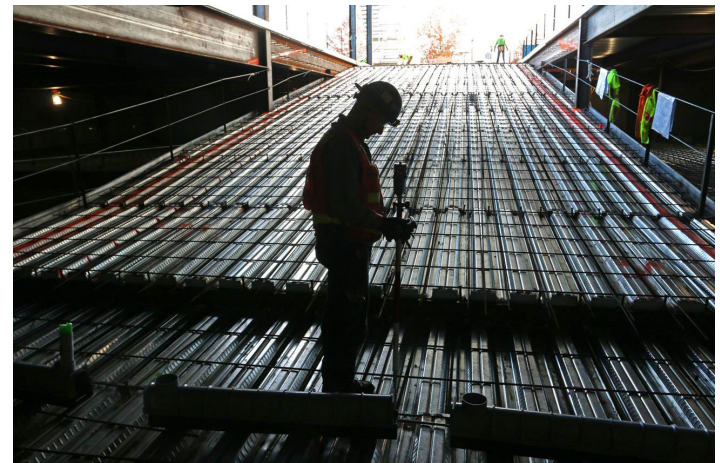
- Wilburton Land Use Code Amendments
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation: middle housing code, FAR Phase II, legislative rezones
- BelRed Look Forward Code Amendments
- Regional Planning around centers





# Streamlining Permitting

- Senate Bill 5290
- Reasonable permit fees
- Contingent positions
- On-call permitting assistance
- Code and policy FTE



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# Community Spaces







# Grand Connection

- Further design of Grand Connection I-405 Crossing
- Advance work for Metro and Lincoln Center redevelopments
- Placemaking activation





# Building on 2023-2024

- 24 acres of land acquired across four Neighborhood Areas to expand parks, trails and open space
- Bridle Trails Valley Creek Park opened
- Bellevue Airfield Park master plan update approved
- Planted over 8,000 trees throughout Bellevue's park system
- Restored park maintenance level of service standards






# Park and Open Space Levy Implementation



### Proposition 1 City of Bellevue Parks & Natural Areas Levy November 4, 2008 Voter Initiative



**Background**  
With the city's existing parks levy on being asked to consider a new funding system, the measure would replace expiring bonds. Following significant Council approval the measure for 10 years.

**The Parks & Natural Areas Levy**  
This measure includes funding to maintain and improve the City of Bellevue Parks & Open Space System. The measure would accomplish the following:

- Protect water quality in Bellevue's parks and natural areas through the preservation of riparian areas.
- Enhance existing parks such as the Seward Park, Greenway Commons, and the Botanical Gardens.
- Invest in sports fields, trails, and other recreational facilities.
- Maintain improvements consistent with the City's standards.

Specific project funding details are available on the City of Bellevue website.

**Acquisition Opportunity**  
Dedicate resources to obtain land for the City of Bellevue Parks & Open Space System to increase park space, protect water quality, and create opportunities for recreation.

**Eastgate Area Community**  
This 27-acre undeveloped site will be a community-based plan to preserve recreational amenities.

**Neighborhood Park Development**  
Smaller scale parks will be developed with play equipment, open space, and trails along Lake Sammamish and the waterfront.

**Downtown Park (SSM)**  
Complete additional phase of the park including completion of the circle and reflecting pond.

### Proposition 1: City of Bellevue Levy for Parks & Open Space November 8, 2022 Ballot Proposition

**Background**  
A new funding measure will go before voters to increase investments in Bellevue's parks and open space system. After considering public input and an updated Parks & Open Space System Plan, Bellevue City Council approved the measure for the November 8 ballot.

**The Parks & Open Space Levy**  
The ballot proposition includes funding to enhance and maintain Bellevue's parks and open space system. If approved, the package would accomplish the following:


- Preserve open space, greenways and wildlife corridors;
- Develop trails, community parks and neighborhood parks;
- Invest in emerging sports opportunities, off-leash areas and recreation;
- Plan major community facilities like aquatics and a cross-cultural center;
- Restore and develop waterfront parks and protect water quality in Bellevue's lakes and streams;
- Acquire and develop parks and open space in the Bel-Red and Wilburton areas; and
- Maintain improvements consistent with Bellevue Parks' standards.

**More Information**  
If you have questions about the City of Bellevue Levy for Parks & Open Space, visit [bellevuewa.gov/2022Levy](https://bellevuewa.gov/2022Levy), email [jlumbad@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jlumbad@bellevuewa.gov), or call 425-452-2934.





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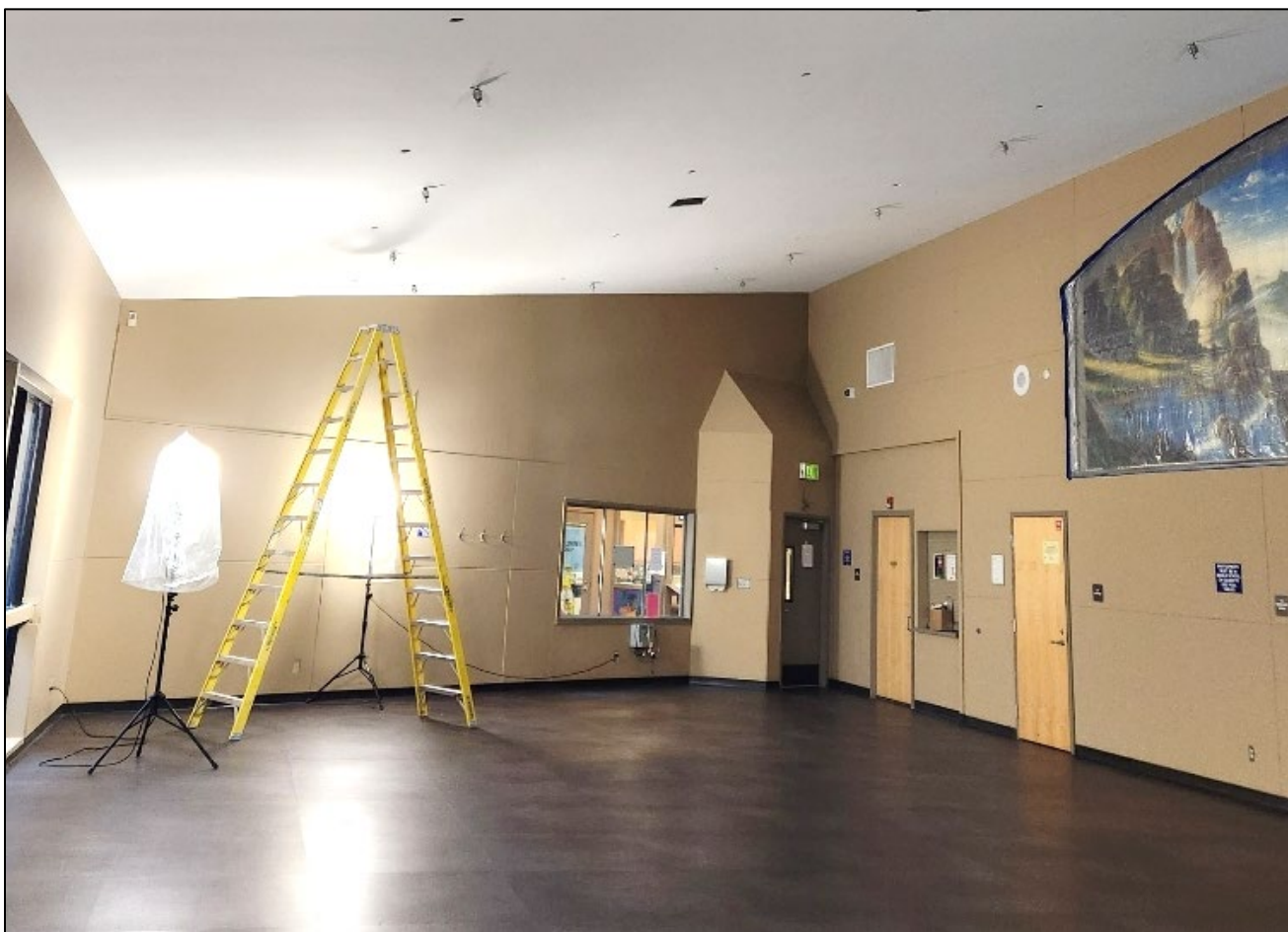
  
Bellevue Parks & Community Services







# Maintenance and Operations Support





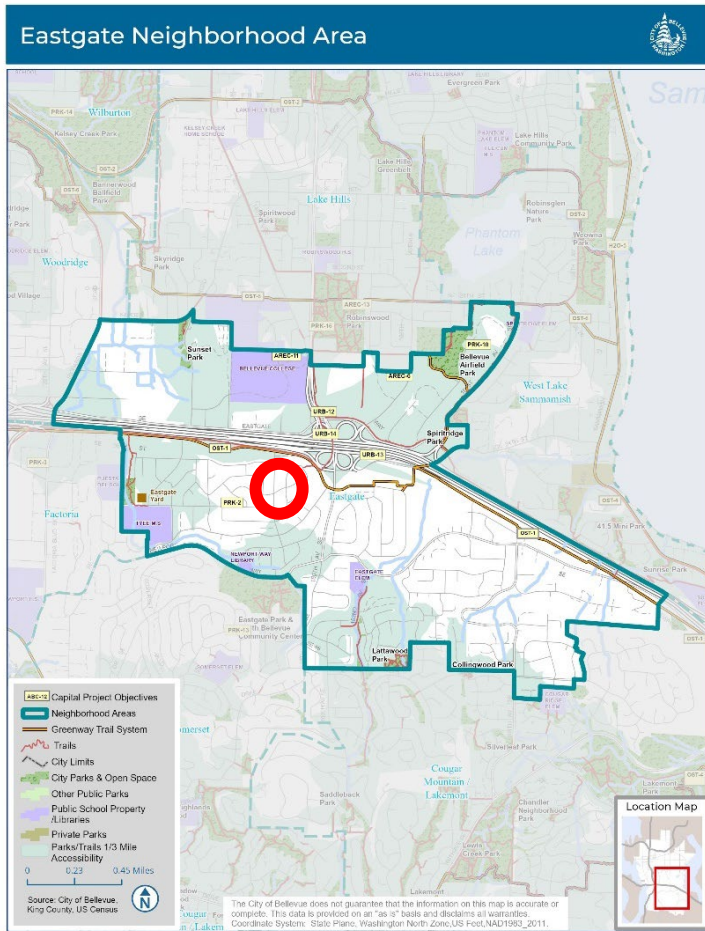


# Trail System Expansion





# New Neighborhood Parks



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# Off Leash Area Additions

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Chào Mừng

**“Pop-up” Dog Off-Leash Area: Please share your feedback by taking this short survey at: [BellevueWA.gov/dogs](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs)**

**Khu vực thả dây dắt chó “Đừng Thanh Chấn Nhanh”:** Vui lòng chia sẻ phản hồi của quý vị bằng cách tham gia cuộc khảo sát ngắn này trên trang web của chúng tôi tại địa chỉ [BellevueWA.gov/dogs](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs)

**“快閃式”不拴繩遛狗區:** 請訪問我們的網站 [BellevueWA.gov/dogs](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs) 參與簡短調查, 分享您的反饋意見。

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**“팝업”반려견 목줄 미착용 구역:** 웹사이트 [BellevueWA.gov/dogs](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs) 에서 간단한 설문조사에 참여하여 의견을 공유해 주세요.

**Área “emergente” para perros sin correa: proporcione sus comentarios en esta breve encuesta en nuestro sitio web, [BellevueWA.gov/dogs](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs)**

**«Всплывающая» площадка для выгула собак: Пожалуйста, поделитесь своим мнением, приняв участие в коротком опросе на нашем сайте [BellevueWA.gov/dogs](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs)**

**For More Information Visit:** [Bellevue Parks & Community Services](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs)

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**Para obtener más información, visite:** [Ciudad de Bellevue](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/dogs)

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Bellevue Parks & Community Services is excited to launch a new “Pop-up” Dog Off-Leash Pilot Program in response to growing demand for accessible, safe spaces for pets and their owners to get exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Fenced off-leash facilities will “Pop-Up” in parks and other city-owned properties to provide off-leash dog facilities on a temporary basis. Bellevue Parks & Community Services (Dịch Vụ Công Cộng & Cộng Viên Bellevue) rất vui mừng được triển khai Chương Trình Thả Dây Dẫn Chó Đầy Chai “Đừng Thanh Chấn Nhanh” một cách thử nghiệm ở các công viên công cộng và các địa điểm khác để cung cấp các cơ sở thả dây dắt chó tạm thời. Các địa điểm thả dây dắt chó sẽ được triển khai “Đừng Thanh Chấn Nhanh” trong các công viên và các địa điểm khác để cung cấp các cơ sở thả dây dắt chó tạm thời.

Bellevue Parks & Community Services (公園社區服務部) 很高兴推出全新的“快閃式”不拴繩遛狗试点计划, 以回应广大市民对安全、无障碍空间日益增长的需求。公园和其他城市拥有的场所将提供临时性的不拴繩遛狗设施。

Bellevue Parks & Community Services (公園及社區服務) 很高兴宣布新的“臨時”免繫繩遛狗區, 以回應市民對安全、無障礙空間日益增長的需求。公園和其他城市擁有的場所將提供臨時性的免繫繩遛狗設施。

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Bellevue Parks & Community Services (Parques y Servicios Comunitarios de Bellevue) nos complace lanzar un nuevo programa piloto “emergente” para perros sin correa, en respuesta a la creciente demanda de espacios accesibles y seguros para mascotas y dueños, para que puedan hacer ejercicio y disfrutar del área libre.

Las instalaciones temporales para perros sin correa “emergente” en los parques y otras propiedades de la ciudad para que existan espacios temporales para perros sin correa.

Parcs & Communauté Services (Parcs et services communautaires) Bellevue est ravi d'annoncer le lancement d'un nouveau programme pilote “émergent” pour chiens sans laisse. Ce programme répond à la demande croissante d'espaces accessibles et sûrs pour les propriétaires et leurs chiens, afin qu'ils puissent faire de l'exercice et profiter de l'espace libre.

Stokovennye mesta dlya vyigulya sobak budut “vosplyvayut” v parkah i drugih gosudarstvennykh prostanstvakh, chtoby obespechit dostupnyye mesta dlya vyigulya sobak.

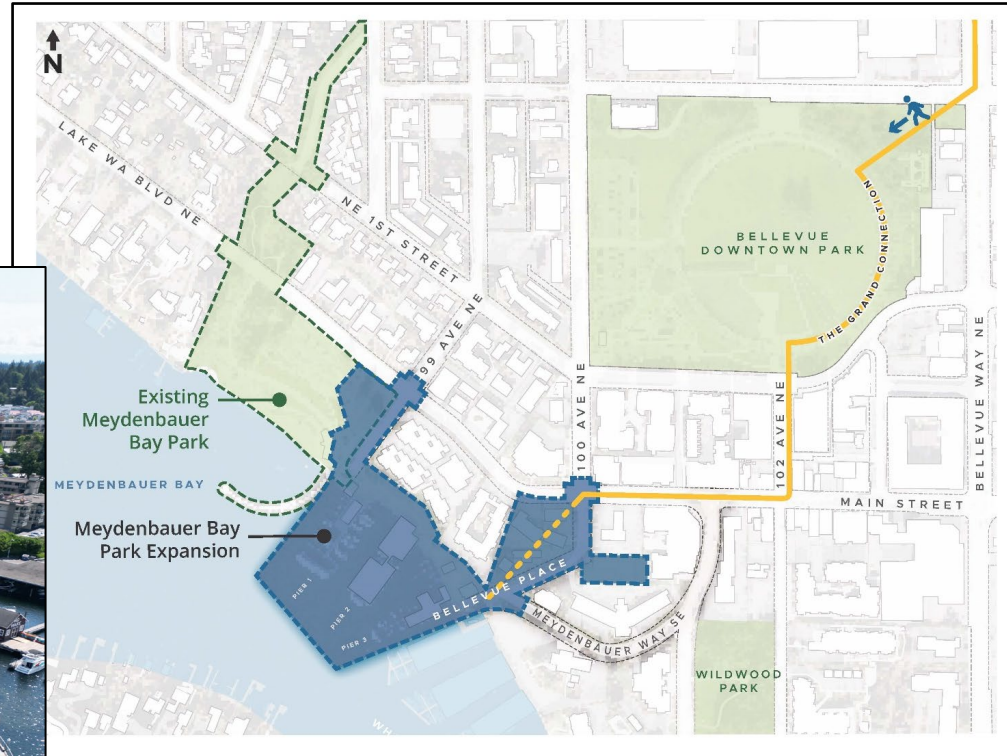


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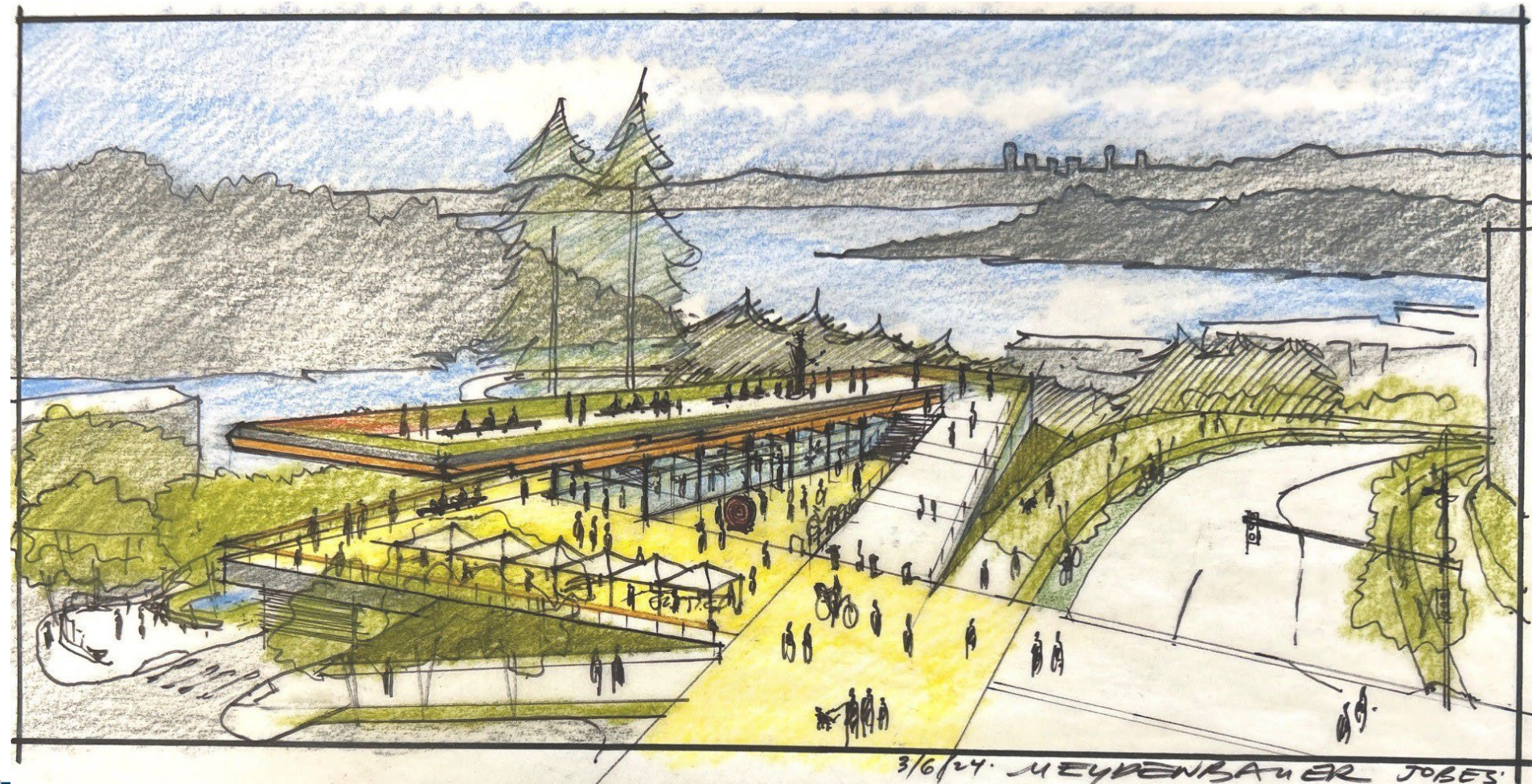
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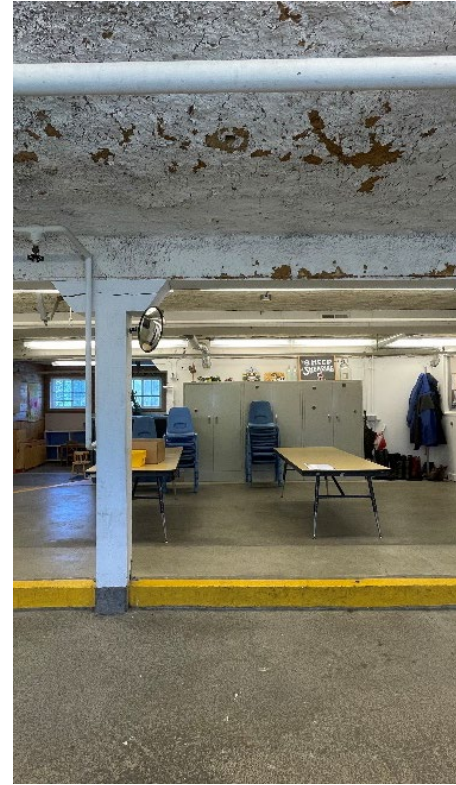
# Aquatics Facility Design

- Recreation splash family Pool
- Warmwater/Therapy
- Competition Pool
- Spectator Seating
- Deep Water/Dive Pool
- Fitness Facilities
- Class/Meeting/Event Space





# Accessibility Barrier Removal



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# Livable City for All







# Vibrant Spaces & Neighborhoods

- Great Neighborhoods
- Neighborhood Enhancement Program
- Keep Bellevue Beautiful
- Adopt-a-Street





# Environmental Stewardship

- Update the ESI plan
- Maintain staff and resources, continue partnerships
- Energy Smart Eastside
- Clean Buildings Incentive Program
- Wilburton Sustainable District





# Affordable Housing

- Update 2017 Affordable Housing Strategy 2026-33
- Housing reserve fund
- Establish Office of Housing
  - Accelerate implementation
  - Focus on unit production
  - Pursue partnerships
  - Dedicated staff team



City of Bellevue  
Affordable Housing Strategy

Approved by City Council  
June 5, 2017







# Next Right Work

**Next Right Work** reduce fees for affordable housing projects

**AHS Action C-5.** Reduce costs of building affordable housing (e.g. code amendments, **lower fees**, reduced parking, city-funded street improvements)

**Housing Needs Assessment.** Program addresses noted need for 0-80% AMI housing



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# Fee Reduction Program

## Eligible projects:

- 100% affordable housing projects at or below 80% AMI
- Permanent supportive housing projects
- Emergency housing projects
- Homeless services uses
- Must be affordable for life of project

## Amount of reduction:

- 100% of review and inspection fees
- Does not include pass-through fees
- Cap on pre-development services fee reduction



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