

Newport Neighborhood Plan: Proposed Policies

This packet includes proposed policy amendments to the Newport Neighborhood Plan. All text is new, though based on previous policies in the Newport Hills Subarea Plan and the Factoria Subarea Plan which are relevant to the Newport neighborhood area.

Vision Statement

Newport is a connected neighborhood with strong social bonds and a deep relationship with the natural environment.

Proposed Number	Proposed Policy	Prior Policy	Notes
Neighborhood Identity			
S-NP-1	Support Newport's identity as a diverse and connected community, anchored by forested natural areas and connections to streams and Lake Washington.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Mark gateways to the neighborhood, Neighborhood Center and significant locations in a unique way.
S-NP-2	Explore the identification of locations and thresholds that are significant to community and contribute to the neighborhood's visual identity.	S-NH-52	<p>Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Mark gateways to the neighborhood, Neighborhood Center and significant locations in a unique way.</p> <p>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move: Newport is recognized for its small-town feel and natural areas: highlight Newport's pride in its diversity, history, and natural beauty.</p>
S-NP-3	Reflect the continuing contributions of many different cultures to Newport in the design of its built environment.	S-NH-56 S-NH-57	<p>Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Encourage the documentation of historic resources in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move: Newport is recognized for its small-town feel and natural areas: highlight Newport's pride in its diversity, history, and natural beauty.</p>

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S-NP-4	Connect the Neighborhood Center with residential areas through a safe, active and functional pedestrian environment that is integrated with the architecture, landscaping and signage of the surrounding land uses.	S-NH-49 S-NH-51	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Integrate different land uses across the neighborhood so that the area feels cohesive and visually unified.
S-NP-5	Preserve existing visual features such as trees and hilltops, public views of water, and open space in new development when feasible.	S-NH-54	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Maintain and expand the tree canopy and the forested environment including in the natural areas.
S-NP-6	Strive to minimize loss of trees, especially on slopes and hilltops and mitigate unavoidable tree removal.	S-NH-8 and S-NH-44	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Maintain and expand the tree canopy and the forested environment including in the natural areas.
Neighborhood Identity – Neighborhood Center			
S-NP-7	Support a neighborhood-serving commercial district as shown on Map LU-2 (Volume 1) Neighborhood Centers.	S-NH-25	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the Neighborhood Center as a mixed use hub for shopping and community gathering.
S-NP-8	Encourage the orientation of new buildings and open spaces toward the sidewalk to create an engaging street life for pedestrians in the Neighborhood Center.	S-NH-50	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Make the Neighborhood Center a place that encourages walking and social interaction.

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S-NP-9	Encourage the inclusion of small commercial spaces to accommodate new and displaced businesses in new commercial development.	S-NH-26	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Encourage unique businesses in the shopping district that set the neighborhood apart from other shopping districts.
S-NP-10	Support the unique identity of the Neighborhood Center as it evolves through signage, public art and activities.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Mark gateways to the neighborhood, Neighborhood Center and significant locations in a unique way.
S-NP-11	Encourage the construction of housing within the Neighborhood Center.	S-NH-10	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the development of multifamily housing in the Neighborhood Center.
Community Gathering Places			
S-NP-12	Support and partner with organizations like schools, faith communities and social clubs to create accessible, affordable and welcoming indoor gathering places that support community needs and encourage intergenerational connections.		<p>Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the development of community-serving uses such as community centers, daycares, and senior centers and encourage intergenerational connections.</p> <p>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move: The Newport community wants more public places to gather and support intergenerational interaction: cultivate neighborhood places that foster these types of social connections.</p>

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S-NP-13	Encourage the Bellevue School District to include community-serving uses in the redevelopment of its property and support the use of surplus Bellevue School District property as third places.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Encourage the Bellevue School District to include community-serving uses in the redevelopment of its property and support the use of surplus Bellevue School District property as third places.
S-NP-14	Collaborate with Bellevue School District on the joint use of public property to address common community needs.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Encourage the Bellevue School District to include community-serving uses in the redevelopment of its property and support the use of surplus Bellevue School District property as third places.
S-NP-15	Support multi-functional, programmable parks and other outdoor spaces for sports, cultural activities and recreation opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	S-NH-42	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Promote social connection through more public spaces, recreation and social opportunities.

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S-NP-16	Acquire parcels suitable for mini-parks, especially where such parcels can be connected to the trail system.	S-NH-37	<p>Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Promote social connection through more public spaces, recreation and social opportunities.</p> <p>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move: Newport has fantastic access to nature, but fewer parks for organized recreation: cultivate new public neighborhood park opportunities for recreation.</p>
Mobility and Access			
S-NP-17	Develop the transportation network to address the mobility needs of a growing and evolving community.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Ensure that transportation needs are met for residents of new housing through additional automobile, bus and pedestrian improvements.
S-NP-18	Improve the experience of people walking, biking, rolling and taking transit.	S-NH-19	Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move: Arterials are primarily how people move in and out of Newport's neighborhoods: improve the experience of walking, biking, and rolling along these arterials.
S-NP-19	Address cut-through traffic, speeding and other traffic safety concerns through traffic calming measures that adhere to Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles.	S-NH-20	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Ensure that transportation needs are met for residents of new housing through additional automobile, bus and pedestrian improvements.

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S-NP-20	Support the expansion of transit service in the neighborhood, connecting with Downtown Bellevue, light rail service and the region.	S-NH-17 and S-NH-18	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Ensure that transportation needs are met for residents of new housing through additional automobile, bus and pedestrian improvements.
S-NP-21	Link trails across the neighborhood by expanding the public trail network as land and funding become available in collaboration with other public land owners.	S-NH-15	<p>Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Link trails across the neighborhood through infrastructure and wayfinding.</p> <p>Initial DRAFT Urban Design Policy Move: The Newport community values its many different trails that traverse natural areas: strengthen and better connect Newport's system of local and regional trails.</p>
S-NP-22	Collaborate with King County and other managers of local trails to implement signage to help people identify entrances to and connect between trail systems.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Link trails across the neighborhood through infrastructure and wayfinding.
S-NP-23	Support the continued use of easements, such as the Pipeline Trail, for active transportation such as walking and biking.	S-NH-16	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Link trails across the neighborhood through infrastructure and wayfinding.
S-NP-24	Work with Newcastle and King County to connect to trail systems across jurisdictions.	S-NH-24	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Work with Newcastle and King County jurisdictions to connect to trail systems across jurisdictions.

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S-NP-25	Work with school districts to enhance trails that pass through or are adjacent to school district property and connect them to the rest of the trail system.	S-NH-40	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Work with the school district to enhance trails that pass through or are adjacent to school district property.
S-NP-26	Support the expansion of the pedestrian network to keep people safe and connect them with destinations in and around the neighborhood.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the expansion of protected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks and walking paths.
S-NP-27	Expand and connect protected bicycle network facilities to link residents and visitors with the rest of Bellevue and the region.	S-NH-12 and S-NH-14	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Plan for and construct sidewalks and protected bike lanes on arterials.
S-NP-28	Expand on- and off-street facilities to connect people to Eastrail safely from nearby destinations.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support the expansion of protected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks and walking paths.
S-NP-29	Expand access to Lake Washington and its tributary creeks and streams in ways that support their ecological functions and contribute to educational or recreational opportunities for the community.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Provide visual and pedestrian access to Lake Washington and its tributary creeks and streams.
Environment			

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S-NP-30	Work with partners to preserve and enhance the wildlife habitat in Coal Creek Park, Newport Hills Woodlawn Park, Mercer Slough Nature Park and the riparian and green corridors between and adjacent to them.	S-NH-31 S-NH-35	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Preserve and enhance the wildlife habitat in Coal Creek Park, Westlawn Park, Mercer Slough and the riparian and green corridors between them.
S-NP-31	Support efforts to enhance the water quality in the streams and creeks in the neighborhood to support fish and animal life.		Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support and enhance the water quality in the streams and creeks in the neighborhood to support fish and animal life.
S-NP-32	In new developments and public spaces, encourage low impact development techniques, especially in areas with significant impervious surface coverage, to minimize flooding and contamination of Coal Creek and other neighborhood streams.	S-NH-27 S-NH-28 S-NH-32	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Support and enhance the water quality in the streams and creeks in the neighborhood to support fish and animal life.
S-NP-33	Add information signage throughout the public network about the natural areas, the animal habitat, and how people can contribute to the health of the environment.	S-NH-33	Initial DRAFT Policy Move: Include signage and education about the natural area, the animal habitat, and how people can contribute to the vibrancy of the environment.