

2022 Parks & Open Space System Plan Update

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

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Bellevue Parks &
Community Services



City of Bellevue

Agenda

- Draft plan review (20 min)
- Discussion and next steps (10 min)



About this Draft

- Edits and additions are based upon public and staff input and changes in the city
- Formatting is yet to come
 - Charts, images, and final maps
 - Non-substantive text refinement
 - Order of contents may change slightly
- Next step is to recommend the plan forward to City Council review

Bellevue, A City in A Park

Section	Notes
Community Profile	Updated with the most recent statistics
Natural Resources	Updated narrative
Park system and current use	Updated narrative and system statistics
Recent capital projects	Added projects completed since the last update in 2016

Policy Framework

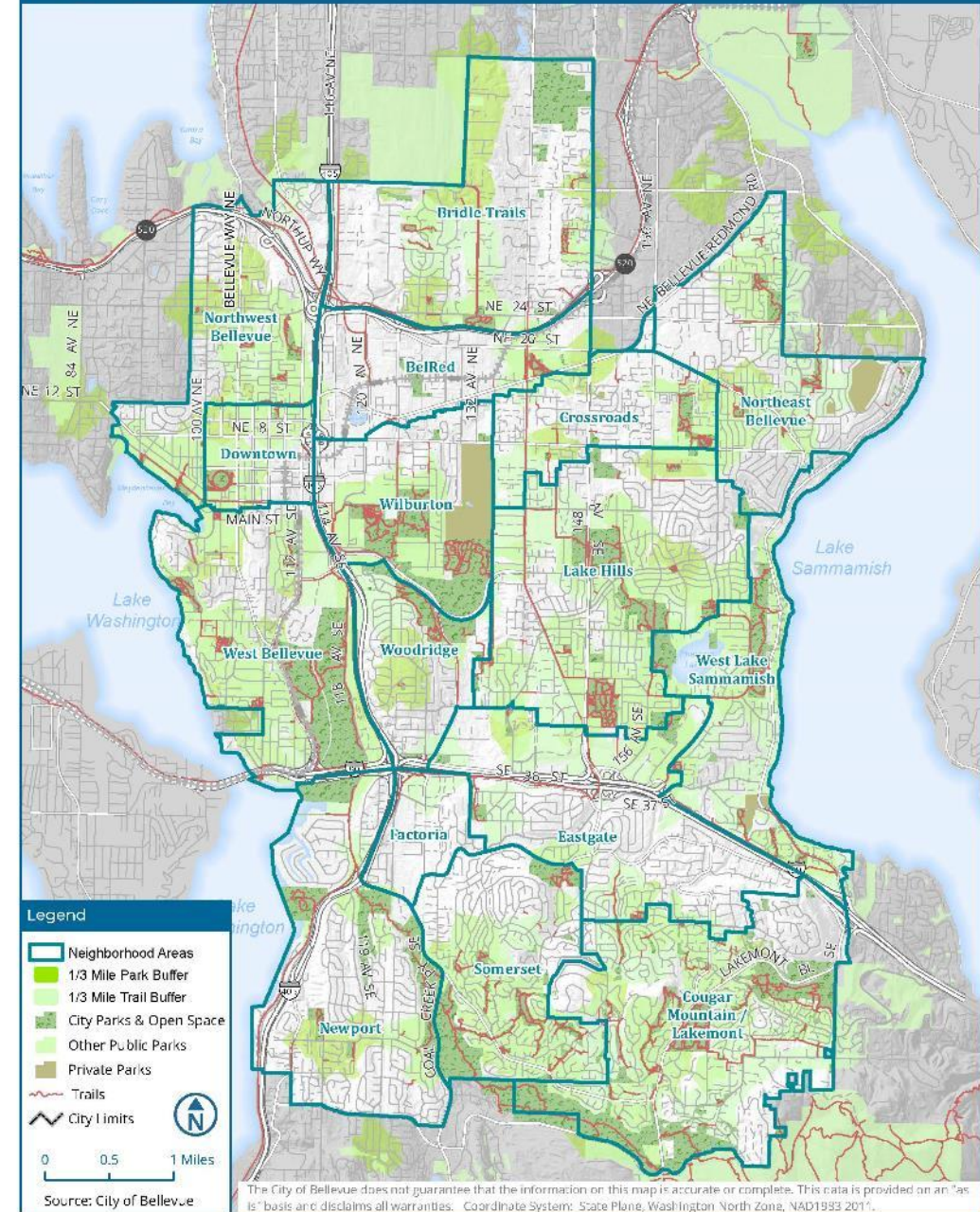
Section	Notes
Comprehensive Plan vision and Parks & Open Space System elements	Described from 2015 Comprehensive Plan Minor additions to system elements
Related Policy	Added Environmental Stewardship Plan & Diversity Advantage Initiative narrative
System plan goals	Updated to align with equity and inclusion goals
Department philosophy	How potential actions are evaluated Added innovation language
Decision and design factors	Tools to achieve system goals Updated to align with equity and inclusion goals
Natural resources and conservation policy	Minimal changes

Planning for the Future

- Public participation - summary
- Population and growth trends - updated
- Level of Service
 - Updated with survey data and neighborhood information
- Recreation facility guidelines – removed



Walkable Access 1/3 Mile Buffers



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**

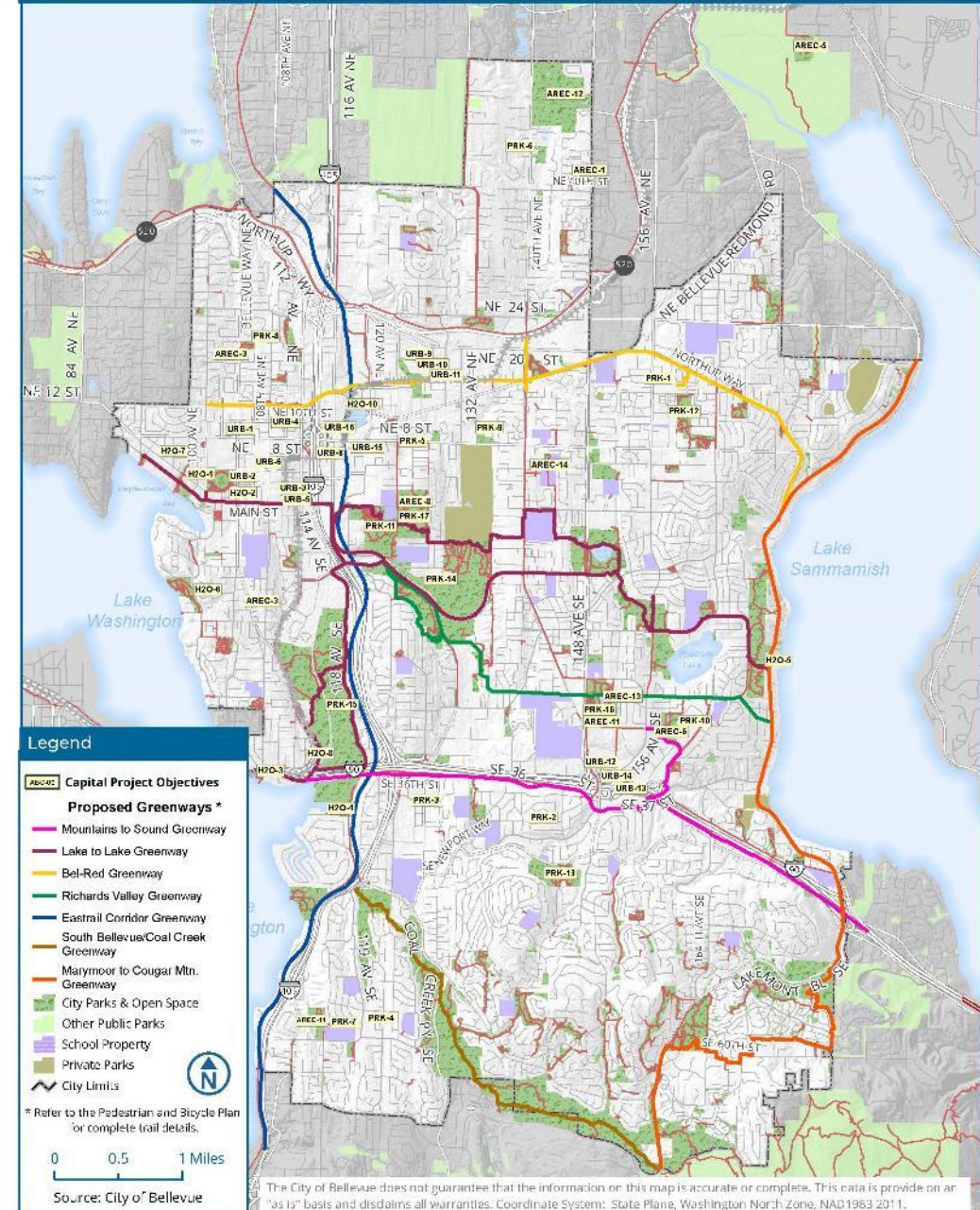


Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors and Trails

- Enhanced local trails and connection narrative
- Added open space acquisition and stewardship objectives
 - Removed specific objective for NGPA
- Added objective related to underused spaces
 - *Incorporate underused spaces, such as street ends, as opportunities to create new, add to, or connect open spaces, park facilities, and trails*



Capital Project Objectives



Park Facilities

- Updated parks planned for development
- Separated acquisition objective



Active Recreation Facilities

- Objectives included or enhanced related to emerging sports
- Added sport courts
- Updated off-leash objective to reflect current needs
 - *Off-leash dog areas*
 - *Expand Robinswood Park facilities*
 - *Complete Newport Hills Woodlawn Park facility*
 - *Add off-leash area serving Downtown*
 - *Add additional facilities in under-served areas*
- Added objective for new aquatic facility
- Updated to align with equity and inclusion goals



Urban Parks Systems

- Updated neighborhood status and needs
- Added Wilburton objective



Waterfront Access

- Added objective to increase non-motorized boat access
 - *Additional established locations for non-motorized boat launch and storage*
- Removed objective to connect Enatai Beach Park and Mercer Slough
- Added objective for future Lake Bellevue access
- Updated status of waterfront park development



Partnership Opportunities

- Updated to reflect current partners
- Added objective to work with conservation organizations related to open space goals
- Updated Cross Cultural facility objective
- Added corporate citizenship language
 - *Partner with for-profit and non-profit organizations to create parks where advantageous to achieve capital project goals, such as new aquatic facility*



Historic, Cultural, and Art Resources

- Capital Project Objectives built into other focus areas, namely partnerships.
- Historic and cultural resources – updated narrative, mainly Eastrail
- Visual and performing arts – updated relevant projects
- Project Prioritization
 - Equity factors criteria added



Maintenance, Renovation, & Security

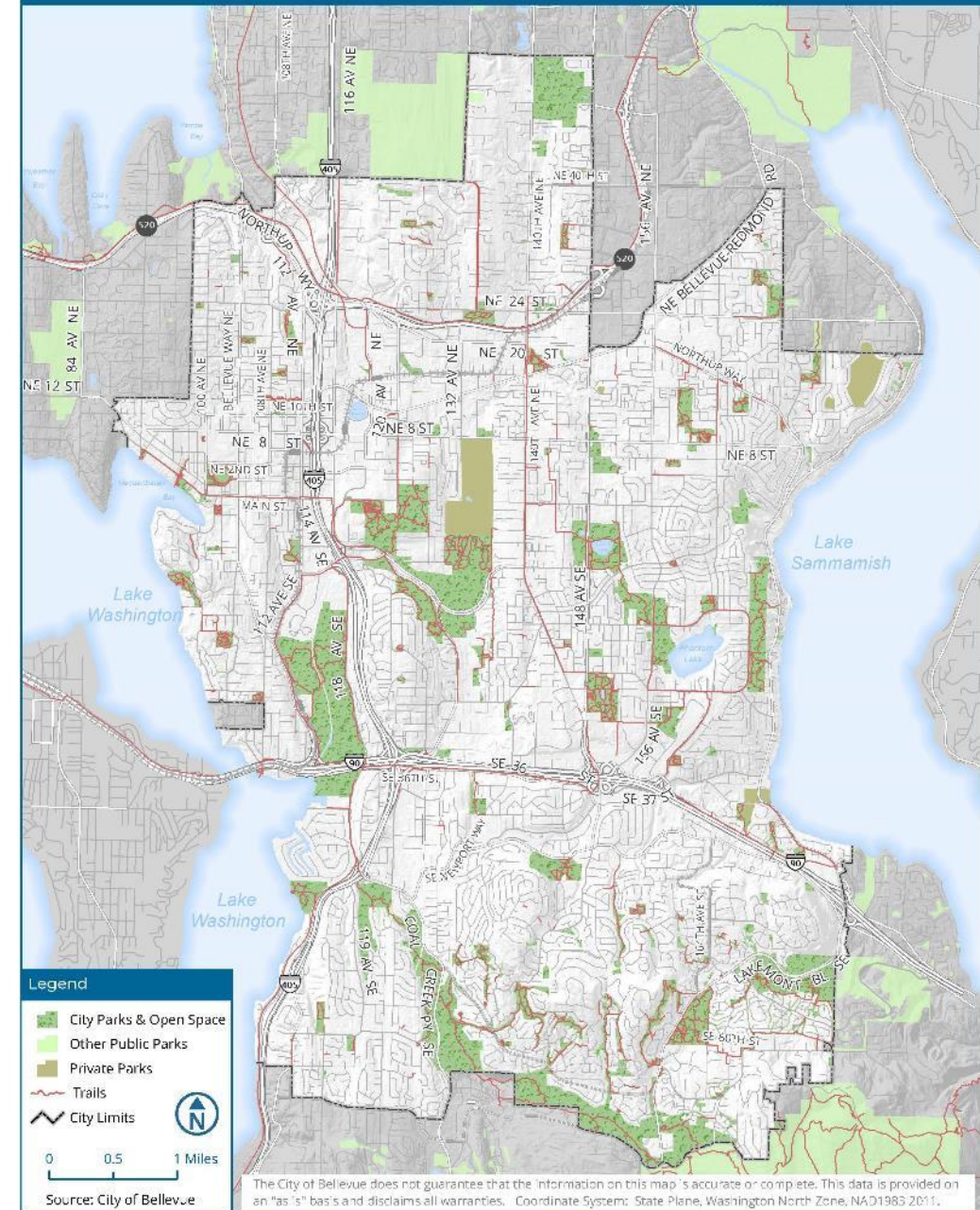
- **Management and maintenance – describes goals and resources**
 - **Added reference to planned operations and maintenance facility**
- **Renovation Plan – updated language to reflect latest plan**
- **Safety & security related to the parks system – updated to current practices**
- **Department role in City emergency preparedness**

Financing

- **Funding strategy – proposed to implement this plan**
- **Summary of funding sources – toolbox of options**
 - **Updated narrative to reflect status of current sources, such as levy and grants**
- **Levy funds remain for:**
 - **Park & Open Space Acquisition (Levy, REET)**
 - **Bellevue Airfield Park Development**
 - **Lake Sammamish**

Conclusion & Appendices

- Appendices to be added:
 - Inventory and mapping
 - Capital Investment Program 2021-27



Project Timeline



Next steps

- **Consider recommending forward to City Council**
- **Staff add images, finalize maps, refine and update text**
- **Will remain open for public review**
- **Council review and adoption**

Sample Motion

Move that the Parks and Community Services Board recommend to the City Council approval of the 2022 update to the Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan.





Thank you!

