

2022 Parks & Open Space System Plan Update: Summary of Substantive Additions and Edits

The Parks & Open Space System Plan (System Plan) is updated every six years to assess the park system, collect community input, and plan for the future. Updates are made to the System Plan based on feedback from the community, analysis of level of service measures and community data, parks trends nationally, and other current planning policy adopted by the City. While the overall plan remains highly consistent with the previous 2016 edition, the following provides detail on Capital Project Objectives proposed to be added, removed, or edited. For reference, the full recommended Capital Project List and Map are included with this summary, which may also be found in the draft System Plan. Proposed substantive edits and additions to the general narrative are also summarized.

Objectives Proposed to Add

Obj. #	Objective Name	Rationale
OST-9	Incorporate Underused Spaces into System	The Parks & Community Services Board added to maximize access opportunities through underused spaces, such as street ends
OST-10	Open Space Acquisition	Interest from the community to pursue limited opportunities that remain in the city to conserve open space
OST-11	Open Space and Natural Resources Stewardship	Interest from the community to steward natural areas for the future, as an important city resource
PRK-13	Continue Phased Development of Eastgate/South Bellevue CC	While planned development is complete, public input revealed interest in adding facilities and access in the future
AREC-9	Cricket Grounds Expansion	Community feedback indicated support for additional cricket facilities
AREC-10	Pickleball Facilities Expansion	Community feedback indicated support for additional pickleball facilities
URB-15; URB-16	Wilburton: Park System Acquisition & Development and Open Space & Natural Systems Enhancement	Vision for increased density in Wilburton highlights the need for additional parkland in the neighborhood
H20-10	Lake Bellevue Access	As BelRed and Wilburton grow, Lake Bellevue is a long-term access opportunity
H20-11	Additional Non-Motorized Boat Launch and Storage	Community input pointed to an increased need for additional boat launch and storage opportunities
PTNR-4	Partner with Conservation Organizations to Advance Open Space Protection	Non-profit organizations, such as land trusts, can help advance open space land protection and restoration goals

Objectives Proposed for Significant Edits

Obj. #	Objective Name	Rationale
PRK-18	Pursue Acquisitions to Expand Community Parks	Acquisition adjacent to all community parks is of interest
AREC-11	Off-leash Dog Areas: Expand Robinswood, complete Newport Hills, and add additional sites	The Parks & Community Services Board added more specificity to this objective in response to public feedback requesting additional facilities.
AREC-16	Add New Aquatic Facility	Added under Active Recreation as it was previously only listed under Partnerships
PTNR-2	Partner with Public Agencies	The Parks & Community Services Board listed additional partners to this objective so that it is more inclusive

Objectives Proposed for Removal

Obj. #	Objective Name	Rationale
	Native Growth Area Stewardship	Propose removal in favor of more broad natural areas stewardship recommendation
	Continue Phased Development: Lewis Creek Park	The primary development of Lewis Creek Park, as planned, is complete
	Continue Phased Development: Surrey Downs Park	The primary development of Surrey Downs Park, as planned, is complete
	Improve School Sportfields and other facilities	Better integrated in other partnership objectives as School District is providing improvements
	Connect Enatai Beach Park to Mercer Slough Nature Park	Parks & Community Services Board elected to remove this project as it's not likely to occur in the foreseeable future and the cost would be high

Additional General Edits

- Added narrative for recently completed policy and initiatives related to the parks and open space system, including the Environmental Stewardship Plan and Diversity Advantage Initiative.
- Updated narrative to better represent needs related to equity and inclusion, such as equitable access and designing parks to serve a diverse population. Additionally, a project prioritization criterion was added to include Equity Factors.
- Updated neighborhood demographic, housing, and other characteristic information to enhance narrative related to level of service.
- Enhanced narrative related to local trails and connections based on community input.

- Highlighted emerging sports, ways to promote interaction and use for all in parks, and methods to enhance facilities, including cover, lighting, and shared use based on community input.
- Updated narrative to reflect a wider range of potential partners.
- Enhanced narrative related to opportunities along the Eastrail, including additional local connections and historic interpretation.
- Added reference to future operations and maintenance facility.

Recommended Capital Project List and Map

Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors and Trails

OST-1	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
OST-2	Lake to Lake Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
OST-3	South Bellevue / Coal Creek Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
OST-4	Marymoor to Cougar Mtn Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
OST-5	Bel-Red Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
OST-6	Richards Valley Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
OST-7	Eastrail Corridor Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
OST-8*	Connect / Extend Trails: Enhance Connectivity and Walkability
OST-9*	Incorporate Underused Spaces into System
OST-10*	Open Space Acquisition
OST-11*	Open Space and Natural Resources Stewardship
OST-12*	Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative

Park Facilities

PRK-1	Add Neighborhood Park: Crossroads
PRK-2	Add Neighborhood Park: Eastgate
PRK-3	Add Neighborhood Park: Factoria
PRK-4	Add Neighborhood Park: Newport
PRK-5	Add Neighborhood Park: Wilburton
PRK-6	Improve Undeveloped Sites: Bridle Trails
PRK-7	Improve Undeveloped Sites: Newport
PRK-8	Improve Undeveloped Sites: Northwest Bellevue
PRK-9	Improve Undeveloped Sites: Wilburton
PRK-10	Continue Phased Development: Bellevue Airfield Park
PRK-11	Continue Phased Development: Bellevue Botanical Garden
PRK-12	Continue Phased Development: Crossroads Park
PRK-13	Continue Phased Development: Eastgate/South Bellevue CC
PRK-14	Continue Phased Development: Kelsey Creek Park
PRK-15	Continue Phased Development: Mercer Slough Nature Park
PRK-16	Continue Phased Development: Robinswood Park
PRK-17	Continue Phased Development: Wilburton Hill Park
PRK-18*	Pursue Acquisitions to Expand Community Parks

Active Recreation Facilities

AREC-1	North Bellevue Community Center Additions
AREC-2*	Provide Facilities for Diverse Cultures, Ages, and Abilities
AREC-3	Community Center Serving Northwest, Downtown and West Bellevue
AREC-4*	Sportfields: Synthetic Field Surfaces
AREC-5	Sportfields: Two Lighted Ballfields at Marymoor Park
AREC-6	Sportfields: Lighted Fields at Bellevue Airfield Park
AREC-7*	Sportfields: Lighted Fields at Selected Community Sites
AREC-8	Sportfields: Ballfield at Wilburton Hill Park
AREC-9*	Sportfields: Cricket Grounds
AREC-10*	Sport Courts: Pickleball Facilities Expansion
AREC-11*	Off-leash Dog Areas: Expand Robinswood, complete Newport Hills, and add additional sites
AREC-12*	Public Golf-Related Facility Improvements

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AREC-13	Robinswood Tennis Center Improvements
AREC-14	Bellevue Aquatic Center Improvements
AREC-15*	Add shelters and facilities to large group picnic areas
AREC-16*	Add New Aquatic Facility

Urban Park Systems

URB-1	Downtown: Add Neighborhood Park in NW Quadrant
URB-2	Downtown: Downtown Park
URB-3	Downtown: Add Neighborhood Park in SE Quadrant
URB-4	Downtown: Ashwood Park
URB-5	Downtown: Main Street Linear Buffer Greenway
URB-6	Downtown: Add Community Center
URB-7*	Downtown: Urban Trail System
URB-8	Downtown & Wilburton: Grand Connection from Meydenbauer Bay to Eastrail Corridor
URB-9*	Bel-Red: Open space and Off-Street Trail Development
URB-10*	Bel-Red: Multi-purpose Trail Development
URB-11*	Bel-Red: Park System Acquisition and Development
URB-12*	Eastgate I-90 Corridor: Open space and Off-Street Trail Development
URB-13*	Eastgate I-90 Corridor: Multi-purpose Trail Development
URB-14*	Eastgate I-90 Corridor: Park System Acquisition and Development
URB-15*	Wilburton: Park System Acquisition and Development
URB-16*	Wilburton: Open Space and Natural Systems Enhancement

Waterfront Access

H2O-1	Meydenbauer Bay Park
H2O-2	Meydenbauer Bay Park to Downtown Park Connection
H2O-3	Complete Enatai Beach Park Phased Development
H2O-4	SE 40th Boat Launch Addition
H2O-5	Lake Sammamish Waterfront
H2O-6	Chism Beach Redevelopment
H2O-7	Clyde Beach Redevelopment
H2O-8	Sweyolocken Boat Launch Redevelopment
H2O-9*	Additions to Existing Waterfront Parks
H2O-10	Lake Bellevue Access
H2O-11*	Additional Non-Motorized Boat Launch and Storage

Partnership Opportunities

PTNR-1*	Partner with Other City Departments to Create Parks
PTNR-2*	Partner with Public Agencies to Create, Fund, or Manage Parks and Trails
PTNR-3*	Partner with For-Profit and Non-Profit Organizations to Create Parks
PTNR-4*	Partner with Conservation Organizations to Advance Open Space Protection
PTNR-5*	Historic Building Preservation
PTNR-6*	Cross-Cultural Facility

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Capital Project Objectives

