

This packet includes proposed policy amendments. Policy numbers reflect final policy enumeration. All policy numbers refer to the new number unless the number is preceded by (old number).

Key			
	Repealed (moved, old location)		New Policy
	Modified		Retained (moved, new location)

New Number	Old Number	Proposed Policy Change	Reason for Change/CPP/Note
Parks, Recreation and Open Space			
Parks and Open Space			
PA-1	PA-1	Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space and greenways throughout the city that provide multiple benefits including preserving natural systems, protecting wildlife habitat and corridors, <u>enhancing scenic character</u> , and providing land for recreation.	Note: Updated to include the scenic character.
PA-2	PA-2	Obtain land throughout the community to meet present and future parks and open space needs, <u>with emphasis on providing park land concurrent with growth of urban neighborhoods, in alignment with the Parks and Open Space System Plan.</u>	Note: Updated to reference keeping pace with growth and the Parks and Open Space System Plan.
PA-3	PA-3	Equitably distribute a variety of parks, community centers and other indoor and outdoor recreation facilities throughout the city, <u>with consideration of underserved areas and those neighborhoods expected to experience the most growth.</u>	Note: Updated to include consideration for underserved areas and areas experiencing growth.

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PA-4		<u>Design parks and facilities to maximize available space and benefits for users, including offering parks with multiple functions and implementation of shared use facilities.</u>	Note: Added to ensure maximization of space is considered in park development.
PA-5		<u>Increase safe, non-motorized access between dwellings and parks, trails and open space through development of additional facilities and mobility improvements.</u>	Note: Added to support access to parks.
PA-6	PA-4	Connect Bellevue's parks and trails to the regional system of nearby state, King County and neighboring city parks, greenways, trails and facilities.	
PA-7	PA-5	Obtain, for preservation, natural areas that are sensitive to urbanization <u>development</u> or represent a valuable natural and aesthetic <u>ecological</u> resource to the community.	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
PA-8	PA-6	Acquire and develop waterfront property to increase public access to Bellevue's lakes.	
PA-9	PA-7	Maximize <u>Where in alignment with parks and open space goals, maximize</u> use of public lands by collaborating with other City projects and programs to incorporate utility, storm drainage, underutilized right-of-way and other public lands into the parks and open space system.	Note: Updated to include alignment with parks and open space goals.
PA-10	PA-8	Develop partnerships with other public agencies, <u>non-profits</u> , and the private sector to provide <u>and fund</u> parks, open space, and cultural and recreation facilities in the city.	Note: Updated to include non-profits and emphasize funding.

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PA-11	PA-9	Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program. <u>using tools such as levies, grants, impact fees, special taxing districts, or other methods.</u>	Note: Updated to include details of financing tools.
PA-12	PA-10	Pursue private dedication of land and funds for park- related purposes through a variety of methods such as purchase , donation, easement, and land use code incentives.	Note: Updated to remove purchase as it does not apply in this context.
PA-13	PA-11	Encourage privately funded recreational <u>land managed facilities that serve or supplement recreation</u> and cultural facilities <u>needs</u> throughout the city, especially in major employment centers.	Note: Updated to clarify that this applies to privately owned and operated facilities.
PA-14	PA-12	Develop pedestrian and bicycle linkages between neighborhoods and major natural areas, recreation facilities, schools and commercial centers.	
PA-15	PA-13	Collaborate with King County, Sound Transit and neighboring jurisdictions in the planning and development of the regional Eastside Rail Corridor trail system. Coordinate with Eastrail Corridor owners to <u>develop, operate and maintain park and open space amenities in the Corridor, in addition to the multiuse trail, in areas where there is an identified need for added park and open space access.</u>	Note: Updated to emphasize the role Eastrail plays in the parks system.
PA-16	PA-14	Encourage the linkage and access of private facilities with those in the public system.	

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	PA-15	Encourage the development of facilities for special purpose recreation.	Note: Removed because special purpose recreation is not a current term and intent is covered in policy PA-17.
PA-17		<u>Assess needs and develop recreational facilities to meet demand for growing recreation and leisure activities, based upon user trends, demographics, and community input.</u>	Note: Added to include emerging facility needs.
PA-18	PA-16	Designate active and passive recreation uses and cultural use of parkland through the master plan approval process. <u>Use a community informed planning process to guide substantial development or redevelopment of a park property.</u>	Note: Updated to emphasize community involvement in the planning process.
PA-19	PA-17	Provide <u>accessible</u> signage and wayfinding tools to direct individuals to park facilities from nearby streets and trails in order to promote and facilitate public use of parks.	Note: Updated to include accessibility as a consideration.
PA-20		<u>Acquire new parks and develop additional public gathering spaces that could accommodate large events distributed across areas of the city near mass transit.</u>	Note: Added to ensure planning for public gathering spaces.
PA-21		<u>Support development of elements of the Grand Connection that provide spaces for gathering and recreation, such as the Meydenbauer Bay waterfront and a lid park over I-405, as well as connections to parks and greenways.</u>	Note: Added to support development of facilities along the Grand Connection beyond active transportation and linkage to parks.
Recreation and Community Services			

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PA-22	PA-18	Provide a variety of services and programs accessible to all throughout the city with special emphasis on servicing those with limited opportunities <u>underserved groups</u> including low-income households, youth, individuals with disabilities and older adults.	Note: Updated to include underserved populations.
PA-23	PA-19	Provide opportunities for individuals to develop a sense of community through services and , <u>programs, events,</u> and volunteer activities, including programs <u>opportunities</u> that encourage intercultural <u>cross-cultural and inter-generational</u> interaction.	Note: Updated to broaden the policy.
PA-24	PA-20	Offer programs that utilize <u>are tailored to</u> the unique resources <u>land and variety of indoor and outdoor</u> facilities within the park <u>city's parks and open space</u> system.	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
PA-25	PA-21	Use parks to celebrate, promote and preserve Bellevue's <u>the full history, cultural arts and local heritage</u> when consistent with the park's <u>of the region through</u> park design and signage , programming, and cultural landscape conservation.	Note: Updated to use more inclusive language and focus on role of parks.
PA-26	PA-22	Develop partnerships with not for <u>non</u> -profit organizations in planning, developing, and utilizing facilities.	Note: Updated to current language.
PA-27	PA-23	Develop partnerships with the public school districts to utilize school sites to provide active recreation and cultural facilities.	Note: Updated to current language.

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PA-28	PA-24	Collaborate with school districts and private and non-profit providers to deliver a coordinated array of recreation, athletic instruction, arts, gathering spaces and community services.	
PA-29	PA-25	Promote partnerships with public and private service providers to meet cultural, recreational, and social needs of the community.	
PA-30	PA-26	Welcome social Explore provision of human services at recreation facilities and community centers when they complement the site's recreational and cultural programming.	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
PA-31	PA-27	Actively solicit community input in the planning and, delivery, and evaluation of services and programs to ensure that they are convenient relevant, equitable, and beneficial accessible.	Note: Updated to include evaluation and use more specific about why to solicit community feedback.
PA-32	PA-28	Monitor Based upon data trends and inclusive outreach, monitor and respond to the community's evolving recreation and community service needs to ensure a diverse mix of relevant and effective facilities and programs that are culturally specific and meet the needs of a diverse population.	Note: Updated to include detail on responding to the community's needs in culturally-specific ways.
Stewardship			
PA-33	PA-29	Design, construct, operate, and maintain parklands and facilities to preserve the ecology of natural systems on parklands.	Note: Updated to remove redundant language.

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PA-34		<u>Seek opportunities to integrate natural drainage practices and green stormwater infrastructure into park design and management to provide community amenities and watershed benefits.</u>	Note: Added to support ecological management practices.
PA-35	PA-30	Protect and retain, in a natural state, significant trees and vegetation in publicly and privately-dedicated greenbelt areas.	
PA-36		<u>Manage park lands to increase ecological health of tree canopy across the city, where appropriate and backed by planning and analysis.</u>	Note: Added to support tree canopy policies.
PA-37		<u>Seek opportunities to restore natural areas within parks and open space.</u>	Note: Added to support restoration opportunities.
PA-38	PA-31	Manage Bellevue's forest resources, including street trees, formal plantings, and self-sustaining natural stands, <u>to enhance their ecological function and to</u> ensure their long term vitality.	Note: Updated to include ecological function.
PA-39	PA-32	Provide environmental stewardship and nature education programs to increase the community's awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Bellevue's natural environment, <u>while also informing the community about climate change threats and ways to prepare and build resilience to these changes.</u>	Note: Updated based on a recommendation in the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (5.1.2).

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PA-40	LU-32	Acquire and maintain a system of parks, open space and other landscaped areas to perpetuate Bellevue's park-like setting and enhance the livability of the city's neighborhoods. <u>Develop, fund, and maintain streetscape and arterial landscaping along transportation corridors that provides valuable aesthetic, environmental, traffic calming and storm water management benefits helping maintain Bellevue's "City in a Park" character.</u>	Note: Moved from Land Use element. Updated to focus on streetscapes.
Maintenance, Renovation and Redevelopment			
PA-41	PA-33	Conserve energy, water, and other natural resources, and practice efficient and environmentally responsible maintenance and operation procedures.	
PA-42	PA-34	Evaluate existing parks and facilities, and renovate, where appropriate, to maximize efficient maintenance and operating practices, improve safety and accessibility for all users, and to reduce, where feasible, the impacts on adjacent properties.	
PA-43		<u>When feasible, install, renovate, or replace facilities using materials, construction, and operation methods that meet or exceed green certification or performance standards and are known to be weather-resistant and longer lasting.</u>	Note: Added to direct the city to lead by example in the construction and renovation of buildings to have minimal negative impacts on the environment.
PA-44	PA-35	Develop parks and facilities in a quality manner to assure attractiveness, full utilization, and long term efficiency.	

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PA-45	PA-36	Establish a funding plan for long term maintenance and operation before constructing park-related facilities.	
PA-46	PA-37	Require a public review process for the conversion to <u>Eliminate and prevent non-recreational use of park</u> <u>uses of</u> lands and facilities.	Note: Updated to prevent uses that are not in alignment with the intended or planned use and to better support resolution of property encroachments that can occur over time.