



# Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

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# Agenda

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1. Background
2. Changes Addressed
3. Next Steps





# Action

**Recommend** updates to policies in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space element of the Comprehensive Plan



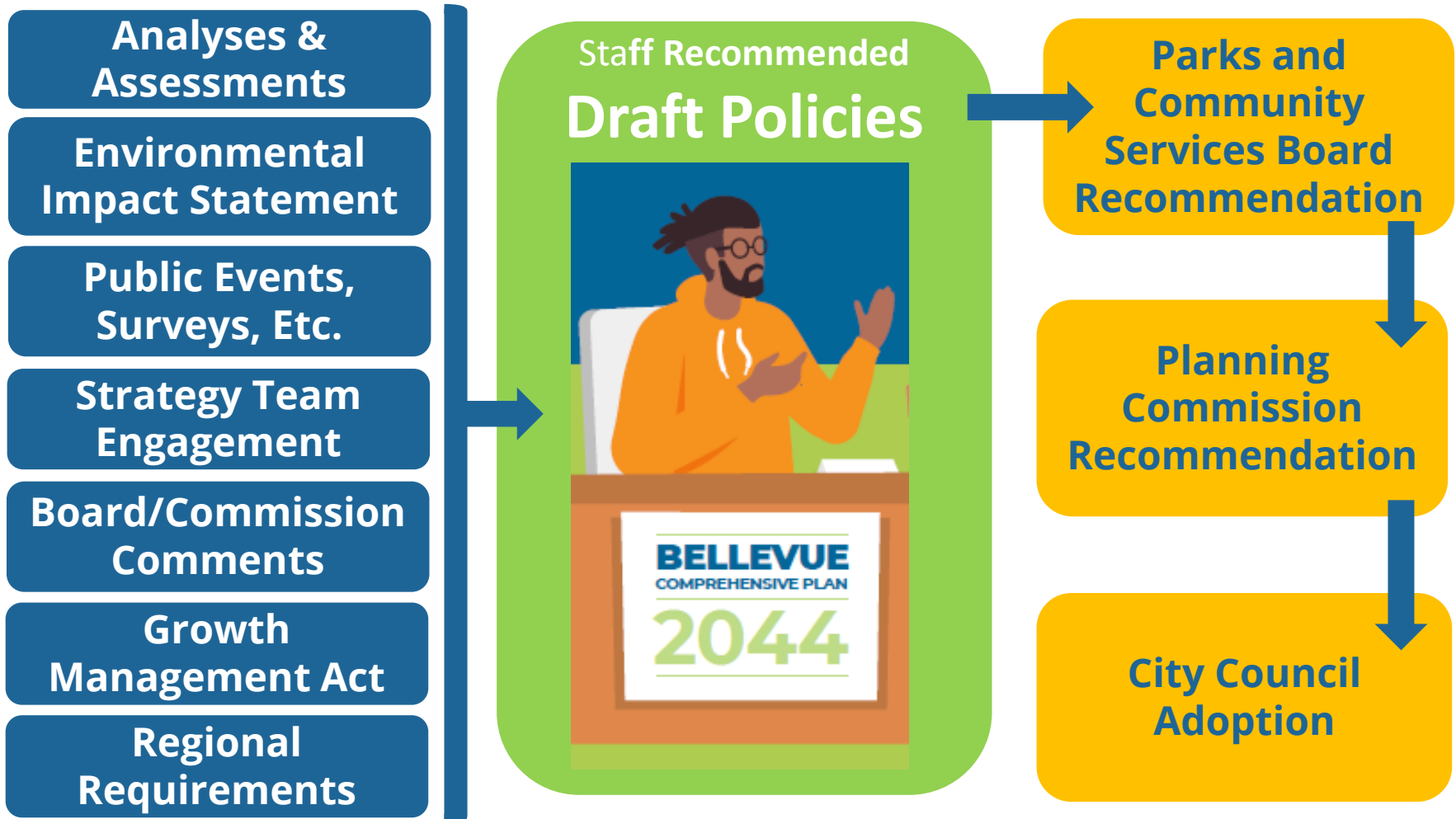
# Background

* Q2 2022	Update the Vision
Q3 2022	
* Q4 2022	Lay the Foundation
Q1 2023	
Q2 2023	Discuss Options
Q3 2023	
* Q4 2023	Refine Map & Policies
* Q1 2024	
Q2 2024	Recommend & Adopt
Q3 2024	

- **February 28, 2022** – Council launched Periodic Update
- **April 20, 2022** – Board introduced to scope of update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space element
- **November 8, 2022** – Board reviewed major changes
- **January 9** – Board will review specific changes to the policies in the element
- **February 13** – Board will make a recommendation to Planning Commission on the policy changes in the element

\* Parks & Community Services Board Meeting

# Background



# Community Engagement

[EngagingBellevue.com/Bellevue-2044](https://EngagingBellevue.com/Bellevue-2044)

- Open for feedback until 2/16

## Events

- Open House 1/20
- Community Conversation 2/8
- Engage with youth through 3 area middle and high schools



# Community Engagement

- Policy moves that resonate
  - Focus on sustainability, stormwater management and ecological health
  - Walking and biking access to parks
  - Equity and universal access to parks
  - Gathering space in parks
- Ideas missing?
  - Need more parkland
  - Ensure number of parks rises with population
  - Tree canopy, use of native plants
  - Safety in parks
- Consider while deliberating
  - Access of all park users in all parts of the city, including seniors, families, children, those with mobility issues
  - Access to recreation programming for all ages
  - Balancing the need for infrastructure for cars and keeping as much of the parkland green as possible.

# Changes Addressed

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- PCS Board suggested changes to policies at Jan 24 meeting
- Staff addressed suggested changes



# Changes Addressed: 1

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Emphasize density as one driver of urban parks and open space acquisition in PA-2.

Policy Number	Change
PA-2	<b>Recommendation:</b> Obtain land throughout the community to meet present and future parks and open space needs, with emphasis on providing park land concurrent with growth <u>and density</u> of urban neighborhoods, in alignment with the Parks and Open Space System Plan.



# Changes Addressed: 2

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Include the development of existing waterfront property, not just newly acquired property in PA-8.

Policy Number	Change
PA-8	<b>Recommendation:</b> Acquire and develop waterfront property to increase public access to Bellevue's lakes.

# Changes Addressed: 3

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Combine PA-16 & PA-13, but don't lose the concept of linking public and private recreation & facilities.

Policy Number	Change
PA-X	<b>Recommendation:</b> Encourage a network throughout the city of privately funded and managed facilities that serve recreation and cultural needs and may supplement or link with facilities and programs in the public system.

# Changes Addressed: 4

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Use the word "safe" when referring to bicycle and pedestrian facilities (as in PA-5) if there are no unforeseen implications in doing so.

Policy Number	Change
PA-14	<b>Recommendation:</b> Develop <u>safe</u> pedestrian and bicycle linkages between neighborhoods and major natural areas, recreation facilities, schools and commercial centers.

# Changes Addressed: 5

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Clarify PA-22 so it is consistent with department planning documents

Policy Number	Change
PA-22	<b>Recommendation:</b> Provide a variety of services and programs accessible to all throughout the city with special emphasis on underserved groups including low-income households, youth, individuals with disabilities and older adults.

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# Changes Addressed: 6

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In PA-24, do not remove "resources" from the policy.

Policy Number	Change
PA-24	<b>Recommendation:</b> Offer programs that are tailored to the unique <u>resources</u> , land and facilities within the city's parks and open space system.

# Changes Addressed: 7

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Ensure that PA-25 addresses local history.

Policy Number	Change
PA-25	<b>Recommendation:</b> Use parks to celebrate and preserve the full <u>local</u> history, <del>of the region</del> through park design, signage, programming, and cultural landscape conservation.

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# Changes Addressed: 8

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Meeting the needs of a diverse population is important. Streamline language and make sure that PA-32 retains reference to culturally-specific needs as well as intercultural needs.

Policy Number	Change
PA-32	<b>Recommendation:</b> Based upon data trends and inclusive outreach, monitor and respond to the community's evolving recreation and community service needs to ensure a mix of relevant and effective facilities <u>that meet the needs of a diverse population, and including programs that are culturally specific or promote intercultural exchange.</u>

# Changes Addressed: 9

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Clarify the reference to green certification or performance standards in PA-43.

Policy Number	Change
PA-43	<b>Recommendation:</b> When feasible, install, renovate, or replace facilities using materials, construction, and operation methods that meet or exceed green <u>building</u> certification or <u>other</u> performance standards and are known to be weather-resistant and longer lasting.

# Changes Addressed: 10

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Clarify to address concern that "non-park" is too limiting in PA-46 .

Policy Number	Change
PA-46	<b>Recommendation:</b> Eliminate and prevent <del>non-recreational use of park</del> <u>uses of park</u> lands and facilities <u>that impact or are not in alignment with the intended use or plan for them.</u>



# Next Step

Recommend policy changes to Planning Commission





# Sample Motion

Move that the Parks & Community Services Board recommend the amendments to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space element policies, as presented in the attachment to the memo, to the Planning Commission as part of the periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan.

