

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update: Proposed Amendments

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-26This packet includes proposed policy amendments for Neighborhoods, Climate & Environment, and Parks, Recreation & Open Space elements. The “New Number” column reflects proposed policy enumeration. All policy numbers in the notes column refer to the new number unless the number is preceded by (old number). ~~Strikethrough~~ means the text is deleted. Underline means the text is new.

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Neighborhoods			
Neighborhood Core Needs			
NH-1	N-1	Maintain <u>all</u> neighborhoods as safe and , welcoming <u>and accessible</u> environments for everyone <u>all</u> to enjoy.	Note: Updated to include accessibility.
NH-2		Support the creation of a variety of land uses to fulfill <u>each neighborhood's basic needs, including:</u> <u>1. A range of housing types at various affordability levels;</u> <u>2. Access to basic needs such as groceries, pharmacies, and other essential services;</u> <u>3. Natural areas and open spaces; and</u> <u>4. Places to gather.</u>	Note: Added to support middle housing, parks and Neighborhood Centers in all neighborhoods.
NH-3	N-4	Plan and prepare for the response, recovery, and mitigation of potential disasters and hazards. <u>1. Factor climate impacts into neighborhood emergency preparedness and enhance local capacity to respond to climate-related hazards.</u> <u>2. Prioritize high-risk neighborhoods for mitigating climate hazards.</u>	Note: Recommendation from Climate Vulnerability Assessment (5.1.4).
NH-4		<u>Incorporate equitable access to healthy food into all neighborhood areas.</u>	CPP-DP-8. <u>Increase access to healthy food in communities throughout the Urban Growth Area by encouraging the location of healthy food purveyors, such as grocery stores, farmers markets, and community food gardens in proximity to residential uses and transit facilities, especially in those areas with limited access to healthy food.</u>

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Social Connectivity			
NH-5	N-5	Promote <u>inclusive</u> community connections that strengthen the social fabric of neighborhoods, including support for local neighborhood associations, community clubs, community centers, school organizations and non-profits <u>organizations that invest in building</u> foster community <u>cohesion and sense of belonging</u> .	Note: Updated to use more inclusive language.
NH-6		<u>Support citywide initiatives to involve communities of color in identifying and promoting policies and projects to increase equity, inclusion and a sense of belonging within the city.</u>	Note: Recommendation from Centering Communities of Color community dialog.
Adaptability			
NH-7	N-6	Provide <u>multiple</u> venues for two-way communication with residents <u>community members</u> to listen to and respond to emerging neighborhood opportunities and concerns.	Note: Updated to use more inclusive language.
NH-8	N-7	Support the capacity of local neighborhood communities to actively engage and respond to changing internal <u>community needs and conditions at both</u> neighborhood needs and external stresses <u>citywide scales</u> .	Note: Updated to broaden community needs.
NH-9	N-8	Regularly track changes in demographics and neighborhood indicators to improve city responsiveness to changing conditions in <u>and community needs across all</u> neighborhoods.	Note: Updated to include community needs.

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<u>Community Safety</u>			
NH-10	N-2	Ensure police, fire and emergency services provide high levels of public safety that respond to growth and changing community needs.	
NH-11	N-3	Equip residents, businesses, and community service providers through education and training to be active participants in public safety (including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness, crime prevention, first aid, and fire prevention , <u>and climate-related hazards</u>).	Note: Recommendation from Climate Vulnerability Assessment (5.1.4).
NH-12		<u>Increase firearm safety through communications, education, partnerships and law enforcement outreach with the aim to reduce firearm violence.</u>	Note: Added to support gun safety.
NH-13		<u>Involve the community in creating supportive systems for deterring racism and racially-motivated hate crimes.</u>	Note: Recommendation from Centering Communities of Color community dialog.
<u>Inclusive Neighborhood Character Identity</u>			
NH-14	N-9	Preserve <u>Support efforts to enhance the distinct physical amenities and develop distinctive neighborhood elements that bring artistic, cultural, or natural character within Bellevue's qualities to life across Bellevue's diverse neighborhoods.</u>	Note: Updated to include a more specific description of the character to be enhanced in Bellevue neighborhoods.

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NH-15	N-10	Provide programs and support for residents <u>community members</u> to make a difference in local neighborhood improvements.- This includes ways to direct neighborhood enhancement projects, neighborhood identity signage, gateways, park enhancements, neighborhood art, and maintenance of public right-of-ways.	Note: Updated to use more inclusive language.
NH-16	N-11	Enable neighborhood-tailored, <u>equitable</u> solutions to localized issues while ensuring that they meet citywide responsibilities.	Note: Updated to address equity and social justice.
Neighborhood Area Planning			
NH-17	N-12	Periodically assess and update <u>Use the</u> neighborhood area plans and adapt plans <u>planning process to</u> changing conditions <u>implement citywide policies</u> <u>adopted within the comprehensive plan.</u>	Note: Updated to better reflect Neighborhood Area Plans' relationship to the Comprehensive Plan.
NH-18	N-13	Update <u>Periodically update</u> neighborhood area plans consistent with the planning boundaries shown in Map N-1. For any given site, the 2014 subarea plan policies remain in effect until and unless they have been superseded by new planning area boundaries and policies.	Note: Updated time period.
NH-19	N-14	Use the neighborhood area planning process to <u>equitably</u> engage local communities to define neighborhood area specific values and policies.	Note: Updated to address equity and social justice.

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	N-15	Ensure Neighborhood area plans and policies are consistent with the other policies of the Comprehensive Plan.	Note: This is required of all City plans as does not require a policy. The relationship was clarified in N-18.
<u>Climate and Environment</u>			
Environmental Stewardship			
	EN-1	Balance the immediate and long range environmental impacts of policy and regulatory decisions in the context of the city's commitment to provide for public safety, infrastructure, economic development and other obligations.	Note: Removed because how to balance these issues is not included.
CL-1	EN-2	Conduct city operations in a manner that <u>support of the achievement of Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship goals and</u> ensures the sustainable use of natural resources, promotes an environmentally safe workplace for its employees, and minimizes adverse environmental impacts.	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
CL-2	EN-3	Minimize, and where practicable, eliminate the release of substances into the air, water, and soil that may have harmful impacts on people, wildlife, or the environment.	
CL-3	EN-4	Promote and invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy resources as an alternative to non-renewable resources.	

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CL-4	EN-5	Protect air, water, land, and energy resources consistent with Bellevue's role in the regional growth strategy.	
CL-5	EN-8	Provide regional leadership on <u>environmental issues sustainable development, climate resilience, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction</u> that extend beyond Bellevue's boundaries and require regional cooperation.	Note: Updated to use more current and encompassing language. CPP-EN-2. <u>Develop and implement environmental strategies using integrated and interdisciplinary approaches for environmental assessment and planning, in coordination with local jurisdictions, tribes, and countywide planning groups.</u>
CL-6	EN-9	Educate the public about environmental issues and illustrate how individual actions can have a cumulative effect to benefit the environment.	
CL-7	EN-10	Use life cycle cost analysis <u>that includes a social cost of carbon</u> and best management practices in city procurement <u>to achieve, projects, and budgeting process as essential components of</u> effective environmental stewardship and long-term fiscal responsibility.	Note: Updated to include a standard climate accounting framework to measure GHG emissions and include a broader array of city activities.
CL-8	EN-11	Support partnerships between the city and private landowners to steward private lands, streams, habitat and other natural resources for public benefit.	

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CL-9		<u>Consider equitable impacts and historic health and environmental disparities when planning land use and capital projects, using recognized local, state, or federal environmental justice tools.</u>	CPP-EN-25. <u>Prevent, mitigate, and remediate harmful environmental pollutants and hazards, including light, air, noise, soil, and structural hazards, where they have contributed to racialized health or environmental disparities, and increase environmental resiliency in frontline communities.</u>
CL-10		<u>Incorporate environmental education and interpretation into public and private projects, where appropriate.</u>	Note: Added to support environmental education (moved from BelRed Subarea Plan)
Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction			
CL-11		<u>Accelerate the transition to all-electric buildings to improve public health and safety, increase climate resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and protect building owners and tenants from the future costs of removing or retrofitting obsolete fossil fuel infrastructure.</u>	Note: Added to support the transition to more sustainable energy sources.

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CL-12	EN-6	<p>Establish an achievable citywide target and take corrective actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as reducing energy consumption and vehicle emissions, and enhancing land use patterns to reduce vehicle dependency. <u>Adopt and implement policies and programs to achieve a target of reducing citywide greenhouse gas emissions, compared to a 2011 baseline, by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• 50% by 2030,</u> <u>• 75% by 2040, and</u> <u>• 95% by 2050 and net-zero emissions through carbon sequestration and other strategies.</u> <p><u>Evaluate and update these targets over time in consideration of the latest international climate science and best practices.</u></p>	<p>Note: Updated to reflect new goals.</p> <p>CPP-EN-27. <u>Adopt and implement policies and programs to achieve a target of reducing</u> Reduce countywide sources of greenhouse gas emissions, compared to a 2007 baseline, by 25% by 2020, by 50% by 2030, 75% by 2040, and 80% 95%, including net-zero emissions through carbon sequestration and other strategies, by 2050. Assuming 1% annual population growth, these targets translate to per capita emissions of approximately 8.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) by 2020, 5 MTCO₂e by 2030, and 1.5 MTCO₂e by 2050. Evaluate and update these targets over time in consideration of the latest international climate science and statewide targets aiming to limit the most severe impacts of climate change and keep global warming under 1.5 degrees Celsius.</p>
CL-13		<u>Consider climate change impacts when planning for new growth, limiting additional greenhouse gas emissions and supporting emissions reductions from existing uses.</u>	Note: Recommendation from Climate Vulnerability Assessment (5.1.1).
CL-14		<u>Lead by example by reducing greenhouse gas emissions resulting from city operations by amounts equal to or greater than citywide goals.</u>	Note: Added to continue to support the city leading by example.
Urban Forestry			

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CL-15	EN-12	Work toward Achieve a citywide tree canopy target of at least 40% canopy coverage that reflects our “City in a Park” character and maintain an action plan for meeting the target across multiple land use types including right-of-way, public lands, and residential and commercial uses.	Note: Updated to use more direct language. CPP-EN-11. <u>Enhance the urban tree canopy to provide wildlife habitat, support community resilience, mitigate urban heat, manage stormwater, conserve energy, protect and improve mental and physical health, and strengthen economic prosperity. Prioritize places where Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; low-income populations; and other frontline community members live, work, and play.</u> CPP-EN-32. <u>Protect and restore natural resources such as forests, farmland, wetlands, estuaries, and the urban tree canopy, which sequester and store carbon.</u>
CL-16	EN-13	Minimize the loss of tree canopy, <u>biodiversity</u> , and natural areas due to <u>as a result of</u> transportation and infrastructure projects, and mitigate for losses, where impacts are unavoidable.	Note: Updated to include biodiversity and clarify language. CPP-EN-32. (see above)
CL-17		<u>Strive to minimize loss of tree canopy from development and mitigate unavoidable tree removal.</u>	Note: Added to support tree health and tree canopy. CPP-EN-32. (see above)

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CL-18		<u>Protect trees during development to ensure survivability and health of trees on sites undergoing development.</u>	Note: Added to support tree health and tree canopy. CPP-EN-32. (see above)
CL-19	EN-71	<u>Preserve a proportion of the significant trees throughout the city in order to sustain fish help maintain biodiversity and wildlife habitat urban forest health.</u>	Note: Updated to support tree health and tree canopy. CPP-EN-32. (see above)
CL-20		<u>Create optimal soil conditions for street tree plantings as specified in the city's Environmental Best Management Practices and Design Standards Manual to nurture a large tree canopy and build resilience to extreme heat and precipitation events.</u>	Note: Added to support tree health and tree canopy. CPP-EN-11. (see above)
CL-21		<u>Consider the long-term impacts of climate for managing the health of the urban forest.</u>	Note: Added to support tree health and tree canopy.
CL-22		<u>Strive to increase tree canopy in neighborhoods with lower tree canopy or higher urban heat island effect, using an equity lens.</u>	Note: Added to support tree health and tree canopy. CPP-EN-11. (see above)
<u>Climate Resiliency</u>			

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CL-23	EN-7	<u>Evaluate climate vulnerabilities as part of long-range planning efforts and capital projects.</u> Develop and implement climate change adaptation strategies that create a more resilient community by addressing the impacts of climate change to public health and safety, the economy, public and private infrastructure, water resources, and habitat.	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
CL-24		<u>Advocate for increased grid reliability through state and utility regulatory rulemaking and legislation that supports demand response, storage, and other clean technologies that reduce peak load, improve grid flexibility, and support rapid electrification of buildings and vehicles.</u>	Note: Added to support the conversion to electricity for buildings and vehicles.
CL-25		<u>Ensure that stormwater design standards account for future climate change impacts such as extreme precipitation events, and encourage groundwater recharge where feasible, in accordance with Best Available Science.</u>	Note: Added to prepare for impacts of climate change and extreme precipitation on stormwater.
Waste and Materials Management			
CL-26	EN-14	Reduce <u>Achieve zero-waste, reuse community-wide in accordance with the Environmental Stewardship Plan, and recycle materials, and dispose of all wastes in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.</u>	Note: Updated to include a goal and reference the Environmental Stewardship Plan for actions.

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CL-27	EN-15	Prioritize the use of <u>sustainable, healthy</u> products that are recyclable and made from recycled materials, or have other environmental attributes throughout their lifecycle. <u>Support circular economy programs and products.</u>	Note: Updated to include a characterization of products to prioritize and support for circular economy programs.
CL-28	EN-16	Engage in Environmentally Preferable Purchasing practices and support product stewardship <u>extended producer responsibility</u> to reduce waste to landfill and carbon emissions.	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
CL-29	EN-17	Work with residents, businesses, and waste haulers to continue to improve percentage of waste diverted from landfill.	
CL-30	EN-17.1	Reduce <u>Increase the landfill diversion rate of</u> construction and demolition waste through reuse and recycling, from both city and private projects.	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
CL-31		<u>Ensure new commercial and multi-family buildings provide sufficient space for three separate waste streams: landfill-bound waste, recycling, and organics.</u>	Note: Added Environmental Stewardship Plan action W.2.1.
Water Resources			
CL-32	EN-18	Integrate site-specific development standards with urban watershed-scale approaches to managing and protecting the functions of critical areas; <u>to enhance habitat, water quality, and other ecosystem services, including the protection of watersheds and wellhead areas that are sources of drinking water supplies.</u>	CPP-EN-18. <u>Support and incentivize environmental stewardship on private and public lands to protect and enhance habitat, water quality, and other ecosystem services, including the protection of watersheds and wellhead areas that are sources of the region's drinking water supplies.</u>

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CL-33	EN-19	Retain existing open surface water systems in a natural state and restore conditions that have become degraded.	
CL-34	EN-20	Maintain surface water quality, defined as meeting federal and state standards and restore surface water that has become degraded, to the maximum extent practicable.	
CL-35	EN-21	Monitor surface water quality and implement measures to identify and address the sources of contamination.	
CL-36	EN-22	Employ the best management practices and technology, education, and enforcement strategies to minimize non-point source pollution.	
CL-37	EN-23	Retrofit public storm drainage systems and prioritize investments where there is a significant potential for restoring surface water quality important to preserving or enhancing aquatic life.	
CL-38	EN-24	Reduce runoff from streets, parking lots and other impervious surfaces and improve surface water quality by utilizing low impact development techniques in new development and redevelopment.	
CL-39	EN-25	Restore and protect the biological health and diversity of the Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish basins in Bellevue's jurisdiction.	

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CL-40	EN-26	Manage water runoff for new development and redevelopment to meet water quality objectives, consistent with state law.	
CL-41	EN-27	Conserve, <u>monitor, and protect</u> groundwater resources, <u>consistent with state law.</u>	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
CL-42	EN-28	Allow existing farming and agriculture in wetlands and in the 100-year floodplain so long as water quality and buffer functions are not substantially impacted.	
Geo Hazards			
CL-43	EN-29	Allow land alteration <u>and vegetation removal</u> only for approved development proposals.	Note: Updated to include city approvals for vegetation removal in connection with development projects.
CL-44	EN-30	Regulate land use and development to protect natural topographic, geologic, vegetational, and hydrological features.	
CL-45	EN-31	Protect geologically hazardous areas, especially forested steep slopes, recognizing that these areas provide multiple critical areas functions.	
CL-46	EN-32	Maintain updated geologic maps of the city, in conjunction with updates to regional geologic mapping efforts and other significant changes.	
CL-47	EN-33	Incorporate information from <u>Maintain current geotechnical reports and documented information related to</u> landslides and erosion problems into the city's Geographic Information System.	Note: Updated to reflect current practices.

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CL-48	EN-34	Promote soil stability and the use of the natural drainage system by retaining critical areas of existing native vegetation.	
CL-49	EN-35	Prohibit development on unstable land and restrict development on potentially unstable land to ensure public safety and conformity with natural constraints.	
CL-50	EN-36	Require an analysis of soil liquefaction potential where appropriate, in the siting and design of structures and infrastructure.	
CL-51	EN-37	Use geotechnical information and an analysis of critical areas functions and values to evaluate the geologic and environmental risks of potential development on <u>geologically hazardous areas slopes between 15% and 40%</u> , and implement appropriate controls on development.	Note: Updated to be consistent with the Growth Management Act and geologic hazard areas critical areas protection.
CL-52	EN-38	<u>Utilize best available science to ensure development is a safe distance from</u> Require a structure setback from geologically hazardous areas the top and the toe of a steep slope (40%+) to protect public safety.	Note: Updated to be consistent with the Growth Management Act and geologic hazard areas critical areas protection.
CL-53	EN-39	Use specific criteria in decisions to exempt specific small, isolated, or artificially created steep slopes from critical areas designation.	
CL-54	EN-40	Minimize and control soil erosion during and after development through the use of best management practices and other development restrictions.	

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CL-55	EN-41	Provide information to the public about potential geologic hazards, including site development and building techniques and disaster preparedness.	
CL-56	EN-42	Regulate development in coal mine hazard areas by requiring that a project proponent (with review, oversight, and approval by the city): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservatively evaluate risks. • Eliminate the potential for catastrophic effects and keep development out of catastrophic risk areas. • Mitigate any non-catastrophic impacts. • Protect ratepayers from costs associated with development in areas potentially impacted by mining. • Provide disclosure mechanisms to inform property purchasers of past mining activities. 	
CL-57		<u>Consider climate change impacts, such as increased frequency and severity of storms, in planning and adjusting requirements related to geologic hazards and critical areas, in accordance with Best Available Science.</u>	Note: Added to include climate change impacts related to geologic hazards.
Sustainable Low Impact Development and Green Buildings			
CL-58	EN-43	Maintain land use regulations that limit the amount of impervious surface area in new development and redevelopment city-wide.	

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CL-59	EN-44	Provide land use incentives to minimize the amount of impervious surface area below that allowed through prescriptive standards, in new development, redevelopment, and existing development citywide.	
CL-60	EN-45	Implement the city-wide use of low impact development techniques and green building practices.	
CL-61		<u>Encourage shared multi-building or district-scale green stormwater infrastructure solutions in situations where on-site approaches are determined infeasible.</u>	Note: Added policy based on Environmental Stewardship Plan Action N.3.1.
CL-62	EN-46	Make low impact development the preferred and commonly-used approach to site development to minimize impervious surfaces, native vegetation loss, and stormwater runoff.	
CL-63	EN-49	Provide education and incentives to support the implementation of low impact development practices, integrated site planning, and green building, with a focus on early consideration of these in the site development process.	
CL-64	EN-48	Support the use of emerging best practices in the area of green building and site design, <u>including climate resilience measures</u> , through the use of pilot programs and model ordinances.	Note: Updated to include climate resilience based on a recommendation in the Climate Vulnerability Assessment.

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CL-65		<u>Support sustainable and resilient net-zero and net-positive new development by phasing out fossil fuels and promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency, transportation and building electrification, and electric grid integration.</u>	Note: Added to support greenhouse gas reduction targets (see CL-11).
CL-66		<u>Support energy efficiency retrofits and electrification in affordable housing properties, through incentives, financing, assistance, and other strategies.</u>	Note: Added to support greenhouse gas reduction targets (see CL-11).
CL-67		<u>Encourage the use of low-carbon materials and building design principles that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in all parts of the project life cycle.</u>	Note: Added to support greenhouse gas reduction targets (see CE-11).
CL-68		<u>Support opportunities for district energy and incorporate district-level sustainability features in growing areas.</u>	Note: Added to support greenhouse gas reduction targets (see CE-11).
Air Quality			
CL-69	EN-50	Support federal, state, and regional policies intended to <u>combat climate change and protect clean air in Bellevue and the Puget Sound Basin.</u>	Note: Updated to include climate change.
CL-70	EN-51	Work with the private sector to reduce growth in vehicle trips as a key strategy for reducing automobile-related air pollution.	

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CL-71	EN-52	Implement transportation projects that provide significant air quality improvements to areas with existing <u>poor</u> air quality problems , even where the project does not bring all locations up to adopted standards, provided that the project is the best feasible solution and it significantly improves the air quality at each location <u>with poor air quality</u> .	Note: Updated to broaden the applicability of the policy.
CL-72	EN-53	Provide transportation improvements for the purpose of relieving localized <u>substandard</u> air quality problems by shifting traffic <u>from the most polluted areas</u> to less congested facilities nearby, provided this does not encourage cut-through <u>balancing other community needs such as equitable traffic in neighborhoods or noise impacts.</u>	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
CL-73	EN-54	Promote <u>Electrify</u> the use of alternative fuels such as <u>electricity</u> city's light-duty fleet, and compressed natural gas <u>promote the electrification and evaluate the use of such</u> <u>ultra-low or zero-emissions</u> fuels for the city's <u>medium and heavy duty vehicles.</u>	Note: Updated to use more active language.
CL-74	EN-55	Maintain the ban on outdoor burning within the urban area and encourage the composting of leaves and other yard debris and other actions as alternatives to burning.	
CL-75	EN-56	Reduce the amount of air-borne particulates through a street sweeping program, dust abatement on construction sites, and other methods to reduce the sources of dust.	

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Fish and Wildlife Habitat			
CL-76	EN-57	Provide incentives to private property owners to achieve specific habitat improvement goals, including retention and enhancement of native vegetation.	
CL-77	EN-58	Encourage property owners to incorporate suitable indigenous plants in critical areas and buffers, consistent with the site's habitat type and successional stage, and considering species' climate resilience.	Note: Updated to include climate resilience as a consideration.
CL-78	EN-59	Recognize and support the broad benefits and educational value of public access to critical areas and appropriate low-impact uses such as trails.	
CL-79	EN-60	Identify, prioritize and implement public projects to improve habitat.	
	EN-61	Pursue grants to support habitat improvement projects.	Note: Remove because it is unnecessary.
CL-80	EN-62	Preserve and maintain the 100-year floodplain in a natural and undeveloped state, and restore conditions that have become degraded.	
CL-81	EN-63	Preserve <u>Protect, restore and maintain shoreline, wetland and riparian habitats to reduce erosion, provide shade, protect water quality, provide habitat for fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and wetlands in a natural state and restore similar areas that have become degraded and improve the resilience of streams and aquatic species to climate change.</u>	Note: Updated to combine CL-81 and (old number (EN-64) and respond to climate change impacts.

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	EN-64	Manage aquatic habitats, including shoreline and riparian (streamside) habitats, to preserve and enhance their natural functions of providing fish and wildlife habitat and protecting water quality.	Note: Incorporated into CL-81
CL-82	EN-65	Stabilize stream banks and shorelines if necessary by using bioengineering techniques except where hydrology, excessive cost, or other factors make this approach infeasible.	
CL-83	EN-66	Give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous salmonids, recognizing that requirements will vary depending on the aquatic resources involved, including differing stream classification, and that additional efforts may be identified in the regional salmon recovery planning process.	
CL-84	EN-67	Prohibit creating new fish passage barriers and remove existing artificial fish passage barriers in accordance with applicable state law.	
CL-85	EN-68	Require and provide incentives for the opening of piped stream segments during redevelopment where scientific analysis demonstrates that substantial habitat function can be restored, and where the cost of restoration is not disproportionate to the community and environmental benefit.	

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CL-86	EN-69	Preserve and enhance native vegetation in Critical Area buffers and integrate suitable native plants in urban landscape development, <u>considering species' climate resilience.</u>	Note: Updated to include climate resiliency as a consideration.
CL-87	EN-70	Improve wildlife habitat especially in patches and linkages by enhancing vegetation composition and structure, and incorporating indigenous plant species compatible with the site.	
CL-88	EN-72	Encourage residents and professional landscaping firms to utilize the use of native <u>and climate-adaptive</u> plants in residential and commercial landscapes, <u>considering species' climate resilience.</u>	Note: Updated to include climate resiliency as a consideration.
	EN-73	Promote urban backyard wildlife habitat programs, and support "certification" of community and private backyard wildlife habitats.	Note: Removed because this is a specific action that would follow from policy CL-88.
CL-89	EN-74	Develop and support additional habitat enhancement demonstration projects.	
CL-90	EN-75	Protect wildlife corridors to minimize habitat fragmentation, especially along existing linkages and in patches of native habitat. <u>Identify opportunities to expand habitat protection and improve habitat quality and connectivity using conservation area designations, buffers, and open space corridors.</u>	Note: Updated based on a recommendation in the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (5.1.2).
CL-91	EN-77	Utilize studies and management recommendations to protect important wildlife habitat characteristics on land that is not a designated critical area.	

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CL-92	EN-78	Manage fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas to protect overall habitat functions and values (food, water, cover, space), except where a “special status species” requires targeted habitat management.	
CL-93	EN-79	Rely on federal, state, and county agencies to identify “special status” wildlife species, but allow for a process to identify species of local importance to Bellevue.	
CL-94	EN-80	Manage naturally occurring ponds to provide fish and wildlife habitat, promote good water quality, and control invasive aquatic plants.	
CL-95	EN-90	Prioritize efforts to preserve or enhance fish and wildlife habitat through regulations and public investments in critical areas with largely intact functions and in degraded areas where there is a significant potential for restoring functions.	
Critical Areas			
CL-96	EN-81	Use the best scientific information available in an adaptive management approach to preserve or enhance the functions and values of critical areas through regulations, programs, and incentives.	

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CL-97	EN-82	Use prescriptive development regulations for critical areas based on the type of critical area and the functions to be protected; and as an alternative to the prescriptive regulations, allow for a site specific or programmatic critical areas study to provide a science-based approach to development that will achieve an equal or better result for the critical area functions.	
CL-98	EN-83	Recognize critical area function in preparing programs and land use regulations to protect critical areas and to mitigate the lost function due to unavoidable impacts.	
CL-99	EN-76	Develop programs and regulations acknowledging that designated critical areas such as wetlands, shorelines, riparian corridors, floodplains, and <u>geologically hazardous areas</u> steep slopes provide multiple functions including fish and wildlife habitat.	Note: Updated to align with Growth Management Act and specify geologically hazardous areas protection
CL-100		<u>Establish a target of no net loss of ecosystem composition, structure, and function, especially in Priority Habitats and Critical Areas, and strive for net ecological gain to enhance biodiversity and climate resilience.</u>	Note: Added based on a recommendation in the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (5.1.2).
CL-101	EN-84	Use science-based mitigation for unavoidable adverse impacts to critical areas to protect overall critical areas function in the watershed.	

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CL-102	EN-85	Implement monitoring and adaptive management plans for critical areas mitigation projects to ensure that the intended functions are maintained or enhanced over time.	
CL-103	EN-86	Facilitate the transfer of development potential away from critical areas and the clustering of development on the least sensitive portion of a site.	
CL-104	EN-87	Reduce or eliminate regulatory barriers to protecting and enhancing critical areas.	
CL-105	EN-88	Develop partnerships with land conservation organizations to acquire critical areas and buffers to protect and restore critical areas functions.	
CL-106	EN-89	Explore opportunities for public acquisition and management of key critical areas of valuable natural and aesthetic resources, and fish and wildlife habitat sensitive to urbanization through a variety of land acquisition tools such as conservation easements and fee-simple purchase.	
CL-107	EN-91	Allow for building footprint expansion options for existing single family structures in critical areas, protective buffers, and setbacks only in a manner that does not degrade critical area functions.	
CL-108	EN-92	Require mitigation proportional to any adverse environmental impacts from development or redevelopment in the Protection Zone.	

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CL-109		<u>Establish or use current best-practice methodology for assessing economic value of critical area ecosystem services and climate resilience services. Include ecosystem services valuation in planning and infrastructure projects, including to inform mitigation or loss of ecosystem services compensation.</u>	Note: Added to support evaluation of ecosystem services during development.
Noise			
CL-110	EN-93	Ensure that excessive noise does not impair the permitted land use activities in residential, commercial, and industrial land use districts.	
CL-111	EN-94	Protect residential neighborhoods from noise levels that interfere with sleep and repose through development standards and code enforcement.	
CL-112	EN-95	Require a noise analysis for transportation projects in or near residential areas if existing or projected noise levels exceed city-adopted standards, and implement reasonable and effective noise mitigation measures when appropriate.	
CL-113	EN-96	Work with the state to <u>Monitor and mitigate freeway noise and air pollution in collaboration with the state and other partners, while addressing aesthetic concerns prioritizing areas that are the most burdened with noise and air quality impacts.</u>	Note: Mitigation measure in DEIS (8.5).

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CL-114	EN-97	Require new residential development to include transportation noise abatement design and materials where necessary, including the preservation of vegetation, to minimize noise impacts from arterials and freeways.	
CL-115	EN-98	Evaluate the benefits of measures designed to mitigate arterial noise, particularly noise walls, <u>along with including co-benefits of air pollution mitigation, considering impacts on the pedestrian environment and neighborhood character.</u>	Note: Added to consider co-benefits of air pollution mitigation when planning noise mitigation strategies.
CL-116	EN-99	Consider noise impacts when evaluating measures designed to keep traffic volumes and speeds within reasonable limits on collector arterials.	
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 and density 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.

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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.
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 <u>urbanization development</u> or represent a valuable <u>natural and aesthetic/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.	

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PA-9	PA-7	Maximize Where in alignment with parks and open space goals, <u>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, non-profits , 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.
PA-11	PA-9	Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program. using tools such as levies, grants, impact fees, special taxing districts, or other methods.	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 a network throughout the city of privately funded recreational and managed facilities that serve recreation and cultural facilities <u>needs throughout the city, especially in major employment centers, and may supplement or link with facilities and programs in the public system.</u>	Note: Updated to clarify that this applies to privately owned and operated facilities. Combined with (old number) PA-14

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PA-14	PA-12	Develop <u>safe</u> pedestrian and bicycle linkages between neighborhoods and major natural areas, recreation facilities, schools and commercial centers.	Note: Updated to emphasize the safety of the linkages.
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. <u>Coordinate with Eastrail Corridor owners to 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-14	Encourage the linkage and access of private facilities with those in the public system.	Note: Combined with PA-13.
	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-16		<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-17	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.

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PA-18	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-19		<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-20		<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			
PA-21	PA-18	Provide a variety of services and programs accessible to all throughout the city with special emphasis on serving 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-22	PA-19	Provide opportunities for individuals to develop a sense of community through services and <u>programs, events, and volunteer activities</u> , including programs <u>opportunities</u> that encourage intercultural <u>cross-cultural and inter-generational</u> interaction.	Note: Updated to broaden the policy.

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PA-23	PA-20	Offer programs that utilize <u>are tailored to the unique resources, land and variety of indoor and outdoor facilities within the parkcity's parks and open space system.</u>	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
PA-24	PA-21	Use parks to celebrate, promote and preserve Bellevue's the full local history, cultural arts and local heritage when consistent with the park's through park design and, signage, programming, and cultural landscape conservation.	Note: Updated to use more inclusive language and focus on role of parks.
PA-25	PA-22	Develop partnerships with not-for non-profit organizations in planning, developing, and utilizing facilities.	Note: Updated to current language.
PA-26	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.
PA-27	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-28	PA-25	Promote partnerships with public and private service providers to meet cultural, recreational, and social needs of the community.	
PA-29	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.

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PA-30	PA-27	Actively solicit community input in the planning and delivery, and evaluation of services and programs to ensure that they are convenient <u>relevant, equitable, and beneficial</u> accessible .	Note: Updated to include evaluation and use more specific about why to solicit community feedback.
PA-31	PA-28	Monitor <u>Based upon data trends and inclusive outreach, monitor</u> 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 meet the needs of a diverse population, including programs that are culturally specific or promote intercultural exchange.	Note: Updated to include detail on responding to the community's needs in culturally-specific ways.
Stewardship			
PA-32	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.
PA-33		<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-34	PA-30	Protect and retain, in a natural state, significant trees and vegetation in publicly and privately-dedicated greenbelt areas.	
PA-35		<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. (see policies CL-15 to CL-22)

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PA-36		<u>Seek opportunities to restore natural areas within parks and open space.</u>	Note: Added to support restoration opportunities.
PA-37	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 ensure their long term vitality.</u>	Note: Updated to include ecological function.
PA-38	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).
PA-39	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-40	PA-33	Conserve energy, water, and other natural resources, and practice efficient and environmentally responsible maintenance and operation procedures.	

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PA-41	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-42		<u>When feasible, install, renovate, or replace facilities using materials, construction, and operation methods that meet or exceed green building certification or other 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-43	PA-35	Develop parks and facilities in a quality manner to assure attractiveness, full utilization, and long term efficiency.	
PA-44	PA-36	Establish a funding plan for long term maintenance and operation before constructing park-related facilities.	
PA-45	PA-37	Require a public review process for the conversion to <u>Eliminate and prevent non-recreational use of park uses of lands and facilities that impact or are not in alignment with the intended use or plan for them.</u>	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.