2027-2028 Sustainability Investment Summary

Enacting the vision of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan

Stewardship is one of the City of Bellevue's core values—a commitment that extends beyond how we operate today to how we invest in the Bellevue of tomorrow. Building on the City Council adopted 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan, the 2027–2028 budget turns this commitment into action, balancing the delivery of core services with strategic investments that advance a sustainable, resilient and thriving community. These investments reflect Bellevue's commitment to leading by example, building the infrastructure needed to grow sustainably, empowering residents and businesses to reduce their emissions and protecting the natural systems that sustain our community and quality of life.

The City of Bellevue is advancing its sustainability commitments through investments in the following areas, which will support progress toward the Sustainable Bellevue Plan 2030 climate and environmental goals.

Leading by Example

Reducing emissions and improving sustainability in city operations.

Supporting Community Decarbonization

Enabling residents, businesses and community partners to reduce emissions through incentives, partnerships, education and technical assistance.

Accelerating Sustainable Transportation

Investing in mobility infrastructure and programs to prepare the city for future growth and enhance livability and safety.

Foundational Investments

Preserving our natural environment and infrastructure and building climate resilience.

Carbon Neutral and Climate Resilient

- CLIMATE CHANGE
- ENERGY & BUILDINGS
- MOBILITY & LAND USE
- MATERIALS & WASTE
- NATURAL SYSTEMS

COMMUNITY STRATEGIES

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS STRATEGIES

Sustainability Goals

The Sustainable Bellevue Plan is the city's roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare for climate change and keep Bellevue a healthy, livable "city in a park" for decades to come. Adopted in November 2025, the plan lays out 41 strategies to guide Bellevue toward carbon neutrality by 2050.

Energy & Buildings

- Transition to 100% renewable energy
- Reduce overall energy usage

Mobility & Land Use

- Reduce number of vehicle trips
- Encourage sustainable commutes
- Locate jobs and housing near transit
- Transition to 100% electric vehicles

Natural Systems

- Realize "City in a Park" vision
- Promote healthy streams
- Conserve water

Climate Change

- Reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions to net zero
- Create a climate-resilient community

Municipal Operations

- Lead by example

Materials & Waste Management

- Achieve zero waste

2021-2026 Key Accomplishments

Delivering results:

- Secured $6 million in grant funding since 2021 for decarbonization programs
- Launched Energy Smart Eastside, with 400+ heat pumps installed in Bellevue and 1000+ on the Eastside overall
- Clean Buildings Incentive Program benchmarked 220+ buildings
- Collaborated with partners to advance regional transit, including the opening of the 2 Line and future bus rapid transit service – RapidRide K Line and Stride
- Expanded first/last mile mobility options with Bellhop and shared e-bike/e-scooter
- Launched PedalForward Eastside, to provide e-bike rebates to 200+ households, to support active transportation options
- Increased the number of employers participating in the commute trip reduction program to 85, up by 70% since 2022
- Provided over 3,000 free trees through the annual Tree Giveaway
- Added 39 acres of open space while leveraging $23 million of city funds through grant awards

Planning for the future and engaging the community:

- Updated the Comprehensive Plan to include a new Climate & Environment element and ambitious transit-oriented development goals for 35,000 new households and 70,000 new jobs in Bellevue's growth areas
- Developed the Mobility Implementation Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, EV Roadmap, and Grid Capacity Study
- Completed the Tree Preservation Code update and Climate Vulnerability Assessment
- Launched the Climate Leaders program and Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Grant to accelerate community action through community partnerships
- Invested $44.2 million to advance design work for the Grand Connection Crossing

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2027–2028 Investments: Community Sustainability

Supporting Community Decarbonization

Enabling residents, businesses and community partners to reduce emissions through incentives, partnerships education and technical assistance.

2027-2028 Operating Budget highlights:

$1 million in Energy Smart Eastside

$200,000 in Clean Buildings Programs

$5 million in Building decarbonization financing

$700,000 in waste reduction

$200,000 in EV charging assistance and incentives

$3.3 million in micromobility and curb management

$2.5 million in Transportation Demand Management

Accelerating Sustainable Transportation

Investing in mobility and essential infrastructure to prepare the city for future growth and enhance livability and safety.

2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program budget highlights:*

$30 million in neighborhood mobility and safety

$155 million for pedestrian and bike infrastructure

$5 million in smart mobility

$265 million for Grand Connection Crossing final design and construction

$18 million in Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail

To achieve the city's long-term carbon neutrality goal, these investments will support progress toward the following 2030 outcomes:

6,000
existing single-family homes to convert to highly efficient electric heat pumps

19 million
square feet of commercial building efficiency upgrades

9,000
additional commuters utilizing active transportation and transit as their primary modes of traveling to work and play destinations throughout the city

35,000
more zero-emissions vehicles on the road instead of gas-powered ones

12,000
fewer tons of waste sent to landfill by residents and businesses

**Transportation CIP totals include Preliminary Budget investments and exclude potential Transportation Benefit District investments.*

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Leading by Example

Reducing emissions and improving sustainability in city operations.

Energy and fuel used in buildings and fleet vehicles are the two largest sources of GHG emissions in municipal operations. 2027-2028 Sustainability Investments in municipal operations support energy efficiency, fleet electrification and backup power to improve climate resiliency.

2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program highlights:

$48 million advances 15-20% energy use reduction across eight municipal buildings—plus energy-efficiency and backup-power upgrades at fire stations.

$332 million in green building upgrades and new energy-efficient facilities that support renewable energy and fleet electrification.

$20 million installs EV charging stations and backup power at three major sites supporting new electric vehicles in the fleet.

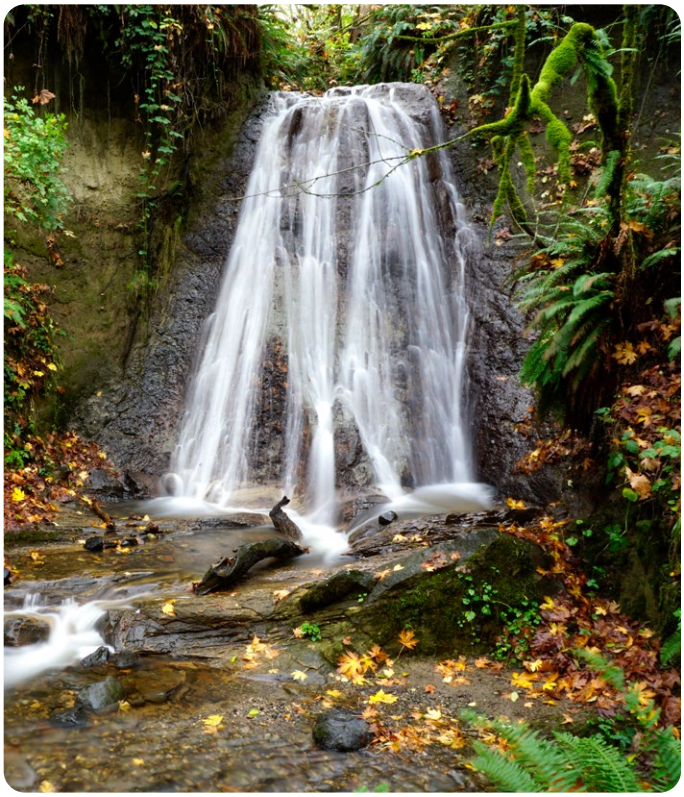
Foundational Investments

Preserving our natural environment and infrastructure and building climate resilience.

The ongoing investments in environmental stewardship demonstrate the city's commitment to sustainability. Preserving and enhancing our streams, parks, forest, and natural environment help make Bellevue a "city in a park."

2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program highlights:

$101 million for park and open spaces
$31 million for healthy streams
$6.6 million for trails and natural systems



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