



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the East Bellevue Community Council

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SUBJECT: **Neighborhood Enhancement Program coming to Lake Hills Neighborhood Area**

In April, the City of Bellevue's Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) will launch in the Lake Hills Neighborhood Area. NEP, founded in 1988, is a city-funded, capital improvements program that allows Bellevue residents the opportunity to propose and select moderate enhancement projects for their neighborhoods. In August 2015, Bellevue's City Council dedicated \$5 million to relaunching NEP after a prolonged hiatus following the recession.

NEP defines 14 Neighborhood Areas that coincide with the Neighborhood Areas identified in the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Update. The \$5 million allocated to NEP is distributed among the 14 Neighborhood Areas based on the number of households in each area. NEP rotates through two Neighborhood Areas per year.

NEP is a council supported, resident driven program. Residents submit project ideas and then choose the projects that will be funded through a one-vote per household process.

Examples of previous projects that NEP dollars have funded include enhanced crosswalks, park improvements, community gathering areas, landscape improvements, walking paths and trails, and traffic calming installations.

In 2019, NEP brings allocated funds of \$508,000 to the Lake Hills Neighborhood. Total fund amount includes printing, mailing and administrative costs.

2019 Lake Hills NEP Time line;

- Kick Off Meeting - April 16 (Sammamish High School Library)
- Resident Project Idea submission – April 16 – May 31
- City Staff Project Scoping – June – August
- Resident Public Open House – September 12 (*Location TBD*)
- Resident Voting – September 12 – October 23
- Project Announcement Newsletter – November
- Resident Evaluations – November – December

**Kickoff Meeting**

Tuesday, April 16 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Sammamish High School Library  
100 140<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue

Complete program details can be found at [www.bellevuewa.gov/nep](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep)

**INFORMATION ONLY. NO ACTION REQUESTED OF THE EAST BELLEVUE  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. NEP Information Sheet
- B. Lakes Hills NEP Area Map
- C. April 16, 2019 Lake Hills NEP Kick Off Meeting Invite
- D. Current NEP Project list