



## CITY OF BELLEVUE NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (NEP)

### What is NEP?

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP), founded in 1988, is a city-funded, capital improvements program that empowers residents to propose and select moderate enhancement projects for their neighborhoods. In August 2015, City Council dedicated \$5M to relaunching NEP after a prolonged hiatus following the recession.

### What are NEP projects?

The program funds small-scale projects that improve the quality of life and enhance the character of the neighborhood area. Past projects included art elements, crosswalk improvements, farm stands, trail connections, street lighting, picnic shelters, play structures and streetscape improvements. The program encourages residents to reimagine, reinvent and redefine community spaces; reinforce connections between people and shared spaces; and celebrate the physical, cultural and social identities of a place. The improvement projects proposed by residents must meet a set of criteria. The criteria states that NEP projects must benefit the general public; must be physically possible and located on public property; must not exceed the Neighborhood Area budget; must be consistent with City plans and departmental policies; must be designed and constructed within three to five years; and must be maintainable by the City.

### What is the NEP schedule?

NEP defines 14 Neighborhood Areas that coincide with the Neighborhood Areas identified in the 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 the 14 Neighborhood Areas over the course of seven years (2015-2022), at a rate of two Neighborhood Areas per year. Each rotation year will be split in half to provide separate planning processes for both the (a) and (b) Neighborhood Areas.

### NEP NEIGHBORHOOD AREA BUDGETS & ROTATION SCHEDULE

#	NEIGHBORHOOD	HOUSEHOLDS	% OF TOTAL	ALLOCATION	ROTATION YEAR
1	EASTGATE/FACTORIA	3,778	7%	\$293,000	2015/16 (a)
2	COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT	3,944	7%	\$306,000	2016 (b)
3	WEST LAKE SAMMAMISH	2,316	4%	\$179,000	2017 (a)
4	NORTHEAST BELLEVUE	3,963	7%	\$307,000	2017 (b)
5	BRIDLE TRAILS	4,770	9%	\$370,000	2018 (a)
6	NORTHWEST BELLEVUE	4,057	7%	\$315,000	2018 (b)
7	DOWNTOWN/BELRED	6,327	11%	\$491,000	2019 (a)
8	LAKE HILLS	6,552	12%	\$508,000	2019 (b)
9	CROSSROADS	5,655	10%	\$439,000	2020 (a)
10	WILBURTON	1,719	3%	\$133,000	2020 (b)
11	WEST BELLEVUE	3,787	7%	\$294,000	2021 (a)
12	WOODRIDGE	2,074	4%	\$161,000	2021 (b)
13	NEWPORT	3,645	7%	\$282,000	2022 (a)
14	SOMERSET	2,798	5%	\$217,000	2022 (b)

\*Allocated Funding amounts listed above include printing, mailing and other administrative costs.

### How does NEP work?

Phase 1: You and your neighbors submit ideas for projects in your Neighborhood Area using Project Idea Cards.

Phase 2: The City collects the Project Idea Cards and evaluates each using the NEP screening criteria. The project ideas that meet all of the criteria will undergo a cost estimation exercise to determine if they can be executed within the budget allocation. Those that do not are forwarded to the appropriate City department for further consideration and funding.

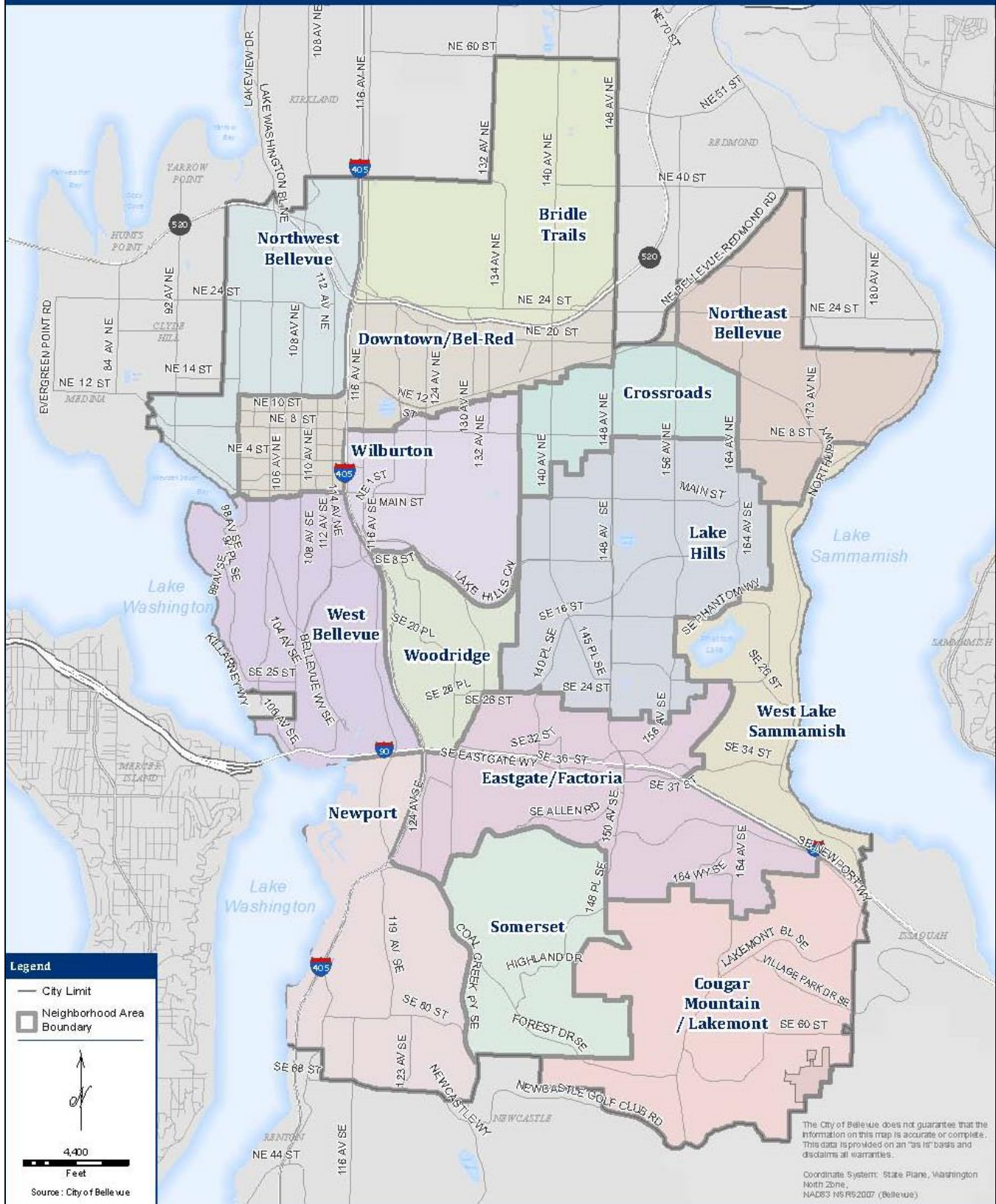
Phase 3: The City hosts a Public Open House for you and your neighbors to review the projects ideas that meet all of the criteria and prove cost effective.

Phase 4: You and your neighbors then receive a ballot in the mail with the project ideas that meet the criteria and prove cost effective. You and your neighbors are asked to rate your top three choices, and then mail the ballot back to the City. The City tabulates the weighted responses and announces the top scoring projects that will receive funding.

Phase 5: You, your neighbors and the City begin designing and constructing your NEP projects!

# NEP Areas

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VISIT THE NEP WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.BELLEVUEWA.GOV/NEP.HTM](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/NEP.htm)

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