

Neighborhood Enhancement Program Council Study Session July 13, 2020
Attachment B: CURRENT NEP PROJECT STATUS – JULY 13, 2020

Since 2015, **24** NEP projects have been selected by area residents. Several have been completed, with others still in design and construction stages.

EASTGATE/FACTORIA (4)

- **Horizon Heights Streetlights:** This project included the installation of three new streetlights in the Horizon Heights neighborhood. Each location required a new pole and LED streetlight, as well as connection to underground power. Project Manager: Jeremy Chin. *Project completed: Summer 2018.*
- **Lattawood Park Lighting:** This project includes the installation of low-profile lighting along the trail in Lattawood Park to enhance pedestrian access and safety. Approximately ten bollard lights will be placed every 50-60 feet to light the path. Project Manager: Scott MacDonald. *Estimated Project completion: August 2020.*
- **152nd Avenue SE & 52nd Place SE Trail:** This project installed a stairwell to improve the safety of, and access to, an existing trail connection from 152nd Place SE to 152nd Avenue SE. Project Manager: Chris Vandall. *Project completed December 2016.*
- **SE 38th Street Gateway Landscaping:** This project removed blackberry shrubs and other vegetation along the north and south sides of SE 38th Street, between 150th Avenue SE and 154th Avenue SE. New shrubs and trees were planted, irrigation was installed, and existing sidewalks were cleaned along the south side of SE 38th Street. Along the north side of SE 38th Street, trees in poor condition will be removed and replaced with new trees and shrubs, and trees in good condition will be pruned. Project Managers: Tom Kuykendall, Merryrn Hearn. *Project Status: Southside completed January 2018. Estimated completion for north side: Fall 2020.*

COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT (2)

- **Lewis Creek Park Wetland Buffer Enhancement:** This project restored the degraded wetland buffer, east of the Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, and adjacent to the walking trail. The restoration included removing the existing, invasive vegetation and planting new, native plants. Project Manager: Rick Bailey *Project completed: November 2018.*
- **Lakemont Boulevard SE Path:** This project removed existing brush and vegetation along the east side of Lakemont Boulevard SE, between the Lewis Creek Park Trailhead and SE 62nd Street and created a six-foot wide concrete sidewalk for pedestrians. Project Manager: Dave Rendle *Project completed: Summer 2019.*

WEST LAKE SAMMAMISH (2)

- **West Lake Sammamish Flashing Crosswalk:** This project installed a rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFB) crosswalk and additional streetlights on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, south of SE 26th Street, near The Little Store. This project included vegetation trimming to ensure adequate sight distance requirements. Project Manager: Olivia Aikala *Project Completed: February 2018.*

- **Northup Way Left Turn Lane:** This project will extend the left turn lane on Northup Way, at West Lake Sammamish Parkway, by modifying the existing median and lane configuration. Project Status: This project was absorbed into the Transportation Department West Lake Sammamish Project Phase 2.

NORTHEAST BELLEVUE (3)

- **164th Ave NE Landscaping:** This project will improve the appearance of the eastern side of 164th Avenue NE, between NE 8th Street and Northup Way, to support a more pleasant pedestrian experience. This project will provide landscaping in the existing grass ditch, between the street and the pathway, as well as the grassy strip between the pathway and the fence line. Project status: Project is tied to Department of Ecology grant funding. Currently refining scope of the grant and schedule based on permit timing. Project Manager: Kat Phillips *Estimated Project completion: Spring 2022*
- **Ardmore Playground Improvement:** This project included toilet facilities, fencing and playground equipment modifications. The existing post and rail fencing around the playground were replaced with new black vinyl chain link fencing. The open entry to the play area was moved from the north side to the east side of the playground. In addition, a new playground sandbox with "digger" equipment was installed within the existing footprint of the playground area. The existing bouncers were replaced with a teeter totter. The clubhouse was replaced with a new rotating climber. These improvements were added to the scope of a planned project to replace the playground equipment. Project Manager: Lynde Wallick. *Project Completed: Summer 2019.*
- **Ardmore Park Trail:** This project provided a four-foot-wide, multi-use trail through Ardmore Park. The project included two wayfinding trail bollards and a 40-foot-long pedestrian bridge over the stream. The trail begins at the northeast corner of Ardmore Park, north of NE 26th Court and travels southwest until intersecting with the existing trail. This project brought an existing social trail into compliance with the City of Bellevue trail standards, as well as incorporated reforestation and habitat enhancement opportunities for community volunteer participation. Project Manager: Chris Vandall. *Project Completed: Winter 2019.*

BRIDLE TRAILS (3)

In January 2020, this Bridle Trails project was increased from re-striping to full sidewalk:

- *From Re-Striping to NEW Sidewalk!* NE 40th Street from 140th Avenue NE to 14500 block NE: This project will construct a sidewalk with planter strip on the north side of NE 40th Street from 140th Avenue NE to approximately the 14500 block, filling in the missing gap. In conjunction with the sidewalk project, bike lanes will also be implemented along the NE 40th corridor. Other elements to be considered with this project will be speed radar feedback signs, a speed limit evaluation and a marked pedestrian crossing near 142nd Avenue NE. This project is being made possible by utilizing the NEP funds that were voted in by the neighborhood in 2018, along with funds from the Transportation's Neighborhood Sidewalk Program and the Neighborhood Safety

and Connectivity levy. Project manager: TBD. *Estimated Design to begin in 2021. Estimated Project Completion: Spring/Summer 2022. (NEP funding \$75,750 + Transportation department budgets \$1,650,000)*

- **Cherry Crest Elementary Intersection Improvements:** This project enhanced the three-leg intersection at 124th Ave NE and NE 32nd to encourage stop compliance and a safer pedestrian crossing condition. Project included the installation of a new streetlight on southwest corner of 124th Ave NE and NE 32nd Street and included the replacement of existing STOP signs with flashing STOP signs to enhance visibility. Crosswalk paint inside of existing north-south crosswalk still to be added. Project Manager: Max Scheideman. *Estimated Project Completion: Summer 2020.*
- **Cherry Crest Mini Park Improvements:** This project will provide for various park improvements including: General Improvements: Power washing of entire park site, refinish trellis at entry, repaint handrails and concrete wall letter blocks at picnic area, install a bike rack. Playground Area Improvements: Relocation and replacement of water fountain (and addition of pet fountain), replacement of play equipment and digger, replacement of poured-in-place surface at play area, removal of concrete letter blocks at play area and extend knee wall. Court Areas: Power wash courts, replace the basketball backboards and restripe court, replace the tennis court windscreen, restripe the tennis court & add striping for pickleball, refinish tennis court benches. Project Manager: Ernie Podaca. *Estimated Project Completion: Summer 2021*

NORTHWEST BELLEVUE (2)

- **Bellevue Way Landscape Enhancement:** This project will provide for the beautification of the Bellevue Way streetscape on the west side of the boulevard that currently consists of common turf between curb and sidewalk and a mix of aging shrubs in right-of-way back of sidewalk. This project will remove the water inefficient turf, improve the soil and irrigation, and design and implement a landscape of plant combinations that would unify the streetscape of Northwest Bellevue. Opportunities on east side of Bellevue Way such as the Northtowne Park frontage will be researched for upgrades. Project Manager: Tom Kuykendall. *Estimated design phase completion: Spring 2021. Estimated Project completion: Summer 2023.*
- **100th Ave NE and NE 18th St Raised Intersection:** This project will install a raised intersection at 100th Ave NE and NE 18th St to improve visibility of pedestrians crossing the street and encourage motorists to drive at a slower speed. The raised intersection will include high visibility school crosswalks and enhanced street lighting to improve safety at this key connection point for students walking to and from schools located on 98th Ave NE. Project Manager: Daniel Lam. *Estimated project completion: Summer 2021.*

DOWNTOWN/BELRED (2)

- **NE 8th St Pedestrian Enhancements Over Interstate 405:** This project will improve safety for pedestrians crossing the I-405 ramps along NE 8th St by marking crosswalks,

adding rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs) and signaling crossings at select locations. Existing concrete islands will be modified with shortened crosswalk lengths and vegetation. Excess pavement will be removed, and landscaping added to buffer pedestrians and improve the appearance of this important entrance into Downtown and BelRed. *Since the overall project cost exceeds the funding allocation from NEP, other city programs will also support project implementation. Additional funding will be provided from the Enhanced ROW/Urban Boulevards (CIP CD-22) and Downtown Community Development Implementation (CIP CD-37) programs.* Project Manager: Chris Iverson. ***Estimated Project completion: Summer 2023.***

- **Downtown Park SE Corner Stairs:** This project will construct a new stairway at the southeast corner of the park to allow access to the Promenade from the existing crosswalk. Currently park users are walking up the landscaped slope to enter the park, deteriorating the landscape. New stairs will be constructed of concrete and include a metal handrail. Project Manager: Ken Kroeger. ***Estimated project completion: Early 2021.***

LAKE HILLS (6)

- **Bat Houses at Lake Hills Greenbelt:** This project will install a series of bat houses (2-5) along the Lake Hills Greenbelt trail system. Bats provide many benefits including: (1) Bats are a vital part of the ecosystems in which they live. (2) Many are considered “keystone species” because so many other plants and animals depend on them for survival. (3) Bats are predators of night-flying insects such as mosquitos, moths, beetles, and flies. Bat droppings are one of the world’s best fertilizers. Project Manager: Jammie Kingham. ***Estimated project completion: Fall 2020.***
- **Wetland Improvements at Phantom Lake Park:** This project will restore roughly two (2) acres of wetland buffer around Phantom Lake. Restoration will include removing invasive plant vegetation and planting native conifer trees and native shrubs to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. Project Manager: Jammie Kingham. ***Estimated project stages: design/permitting 2020, project completion: 2021.***
- **Flashing Crosswalk at SE 4th Street and 156th Ave SE:** This project will install a new marked crosswalk and a new push-activated flashing crosswalk over 156th Ave SE at SE 4th St. A new concrete bus pad will be added at existing northbound bus stop. Project will require clearing shrubs and reconstructing curb ramp on east side of the street. Project Manager: Ellen Webster. ***Estimated project completion: Fall 2022.***
- **NE 6th Wetlands Improvements (South side of NE 6th St between 148th Ave NE and 150th Pl SE):** This project will improve Kelsey Creek wetland habitat by removing invasive vegetation and replanting with native trees and shrubs. The focus of this project will be to introduce suitable conifer tree species within the existing tree canopy that is currently dominated with short lived, deciduous, pioneer tree species. This increase in

biodiversity will provide functional lift of the existing wetland ecosystem. Project Manager: Rick Bailey. *Estimated project completion: December 2022.*

- **Main Street Median Landscape Refurbishment:** This project will include landscape renovation and beautification to the medians on Main Street between 140th Ave NE and 156th Ave NE. This project will replace the existing landscaping where practical, with plant selection to specifically avoid sight distance problems and enhance neighborhood character. Existing trees will remain in place. Actual areas to be renovated will be determined after investigation of the site and any determination of future impacts to the area. Irrigation will be upgraded to a more efficient system to further water conservation goals. Project Manager: Tom Kuykendall. *Estimated project completion: Late 2021/Early 2022.*
- **Robinswood Park Adult Exercise Equipment**
This project will add five or six pieces of adult exercise equipment similar to those at Wilburton Park Play Area. Project will include curbing and surfacing. Project Manager: Ernie Podaca. *Estimated project completion: August 2020.*