



City of Bellevue

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study Update

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Direction

Staff seeks direction on:

- Preferred Concept Plan
- Preferred site
- Partnership opportunity

AGENDA



Background



2020 Council Direction



Preferred Concept Plan



Preferred Site Location



Partnership and Financing



Recommended Next Steps

Background



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- 1968 - Forward Thrust Bond – 16 Pools Built
- 2017 - Renewed regional interest, including the formation of SplashForward
- 2019 - Council – Initiates COB Aquatic Feasibility Study Update
- 2020 - Council – Aquatic Feasibility Study Update
 - “Go BIG or Go Home”
 - 3 Program Options
 - 4 Sites





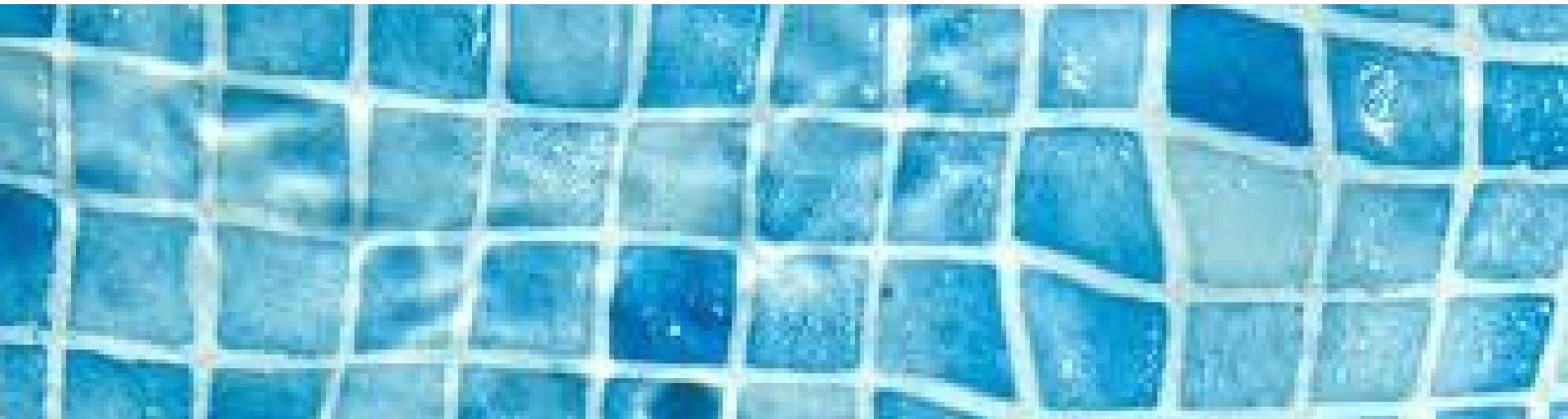
2020 Council Direction

Council Direction – August 3, 2020

- Develop an Aquatic Facility Preferred Concept Plan;
- Continue identifying public/private partnerships opportunities;
- Identify a preferred site; and
- Financial strategies



Preferred Concept Plan

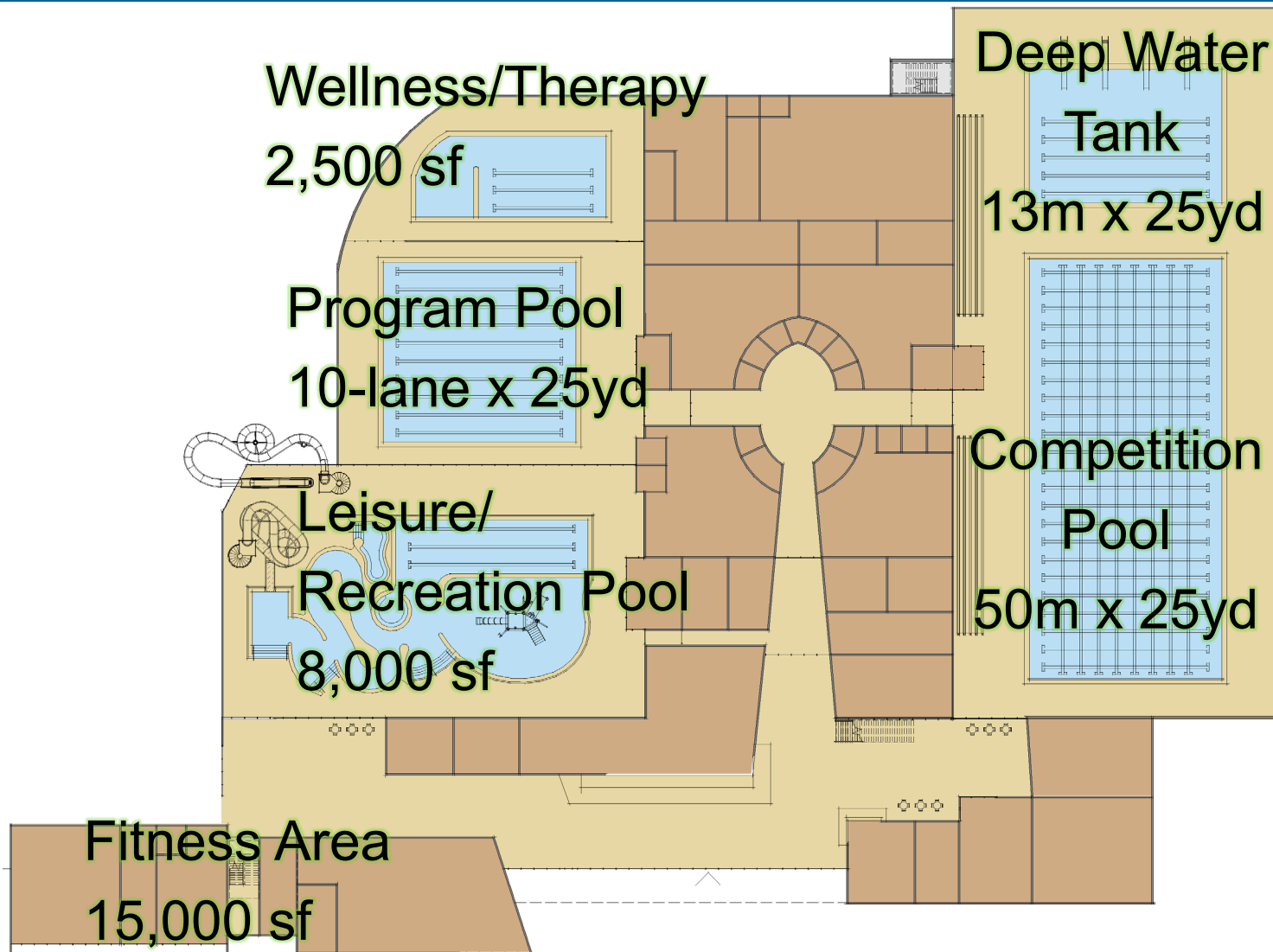


Preferred Concept Plan

- Broad based community access and equity
- Programs for *ALL* ages and abilities
- Family friendly and culturally aware
- Flexible space to support community needs
- Environmentally sustainable



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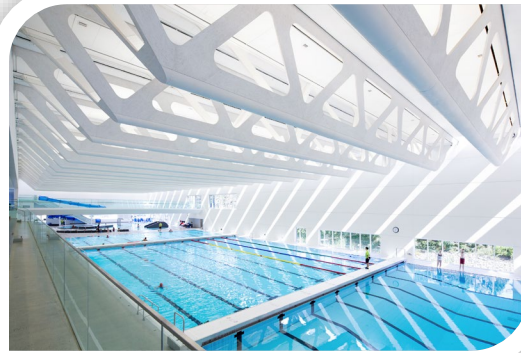
Preferred Concept Plan

Size: approx. 130,000 sf

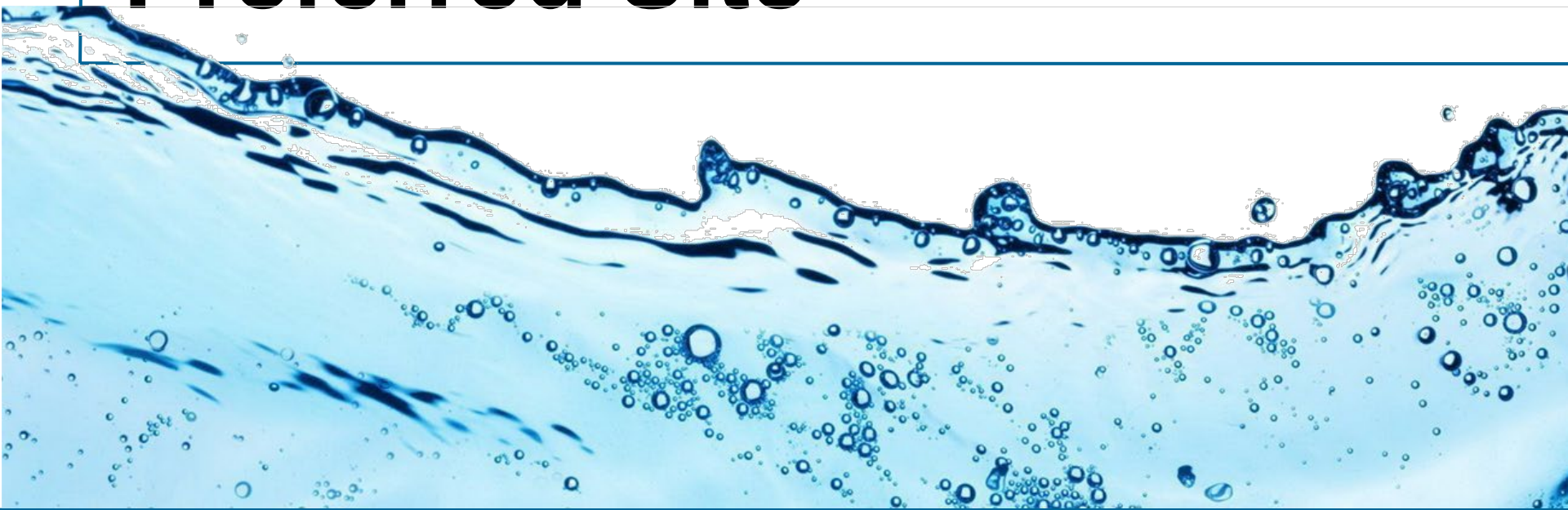
Estimated Project Cost: \$125M (2021)

Annual Operating Subsidy: \$500K to \$1M

Cost Recovery: 82% - 91%



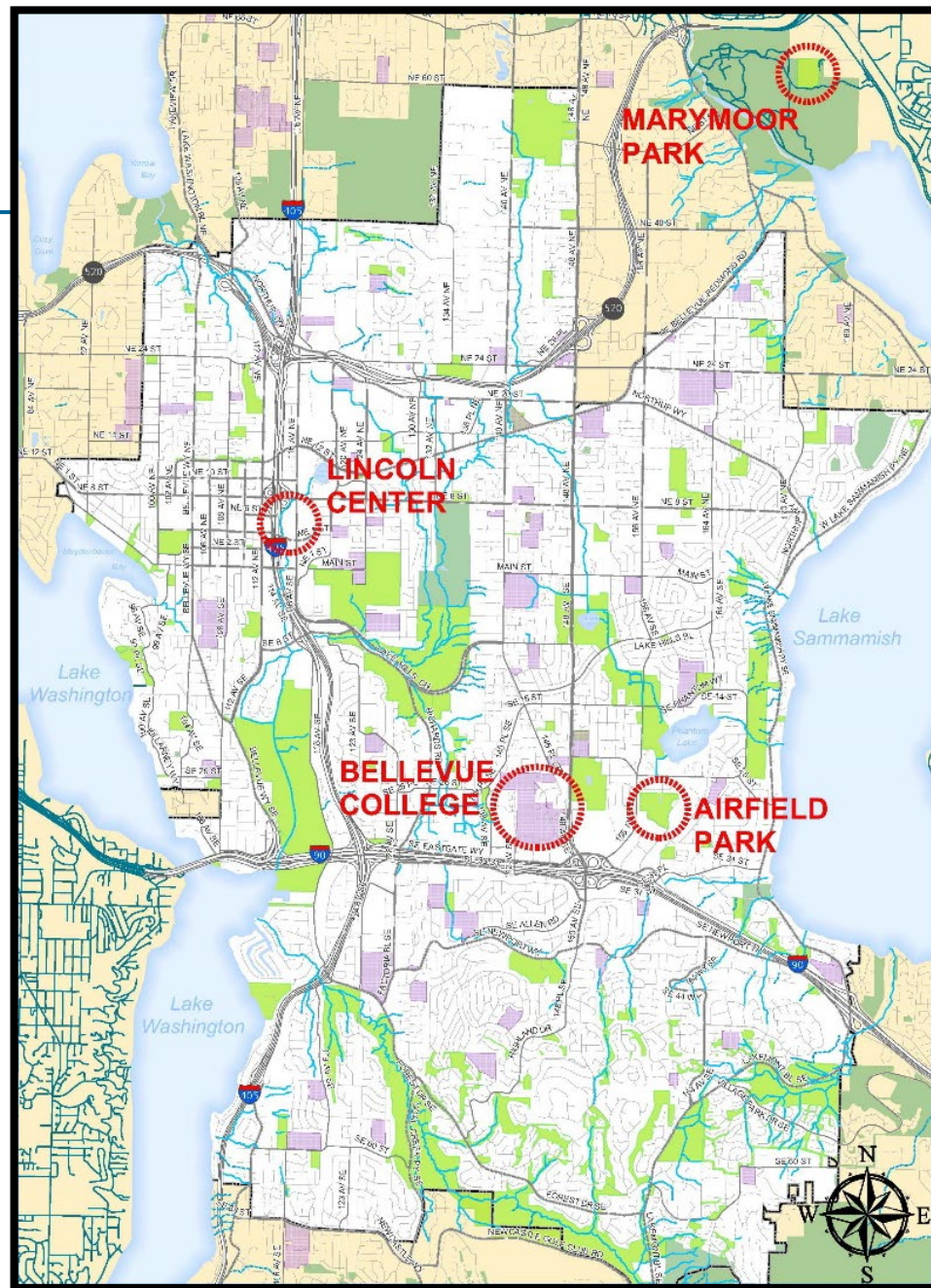
Preferred Site



Site Evaluation

Sites:

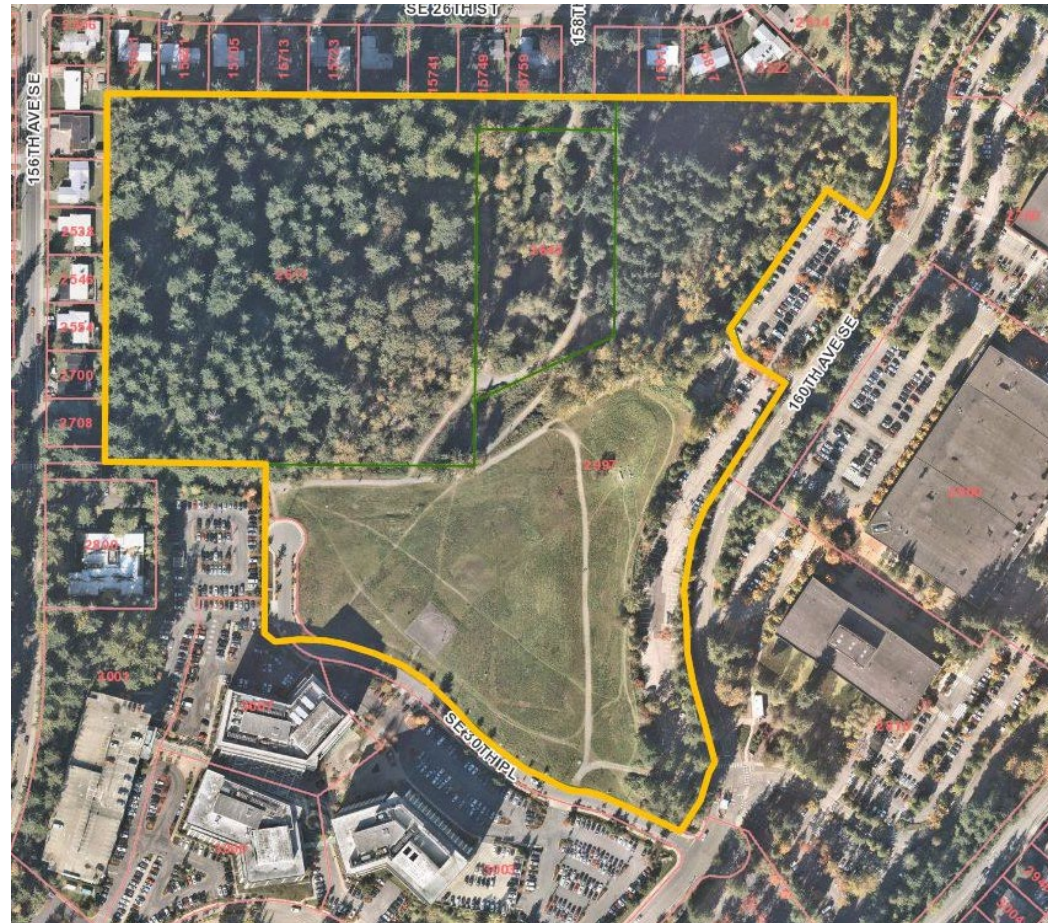
- Lincoln Center
- Marymoor Park
- Airfield Park
- Bellevue College Campus



Preferred Site

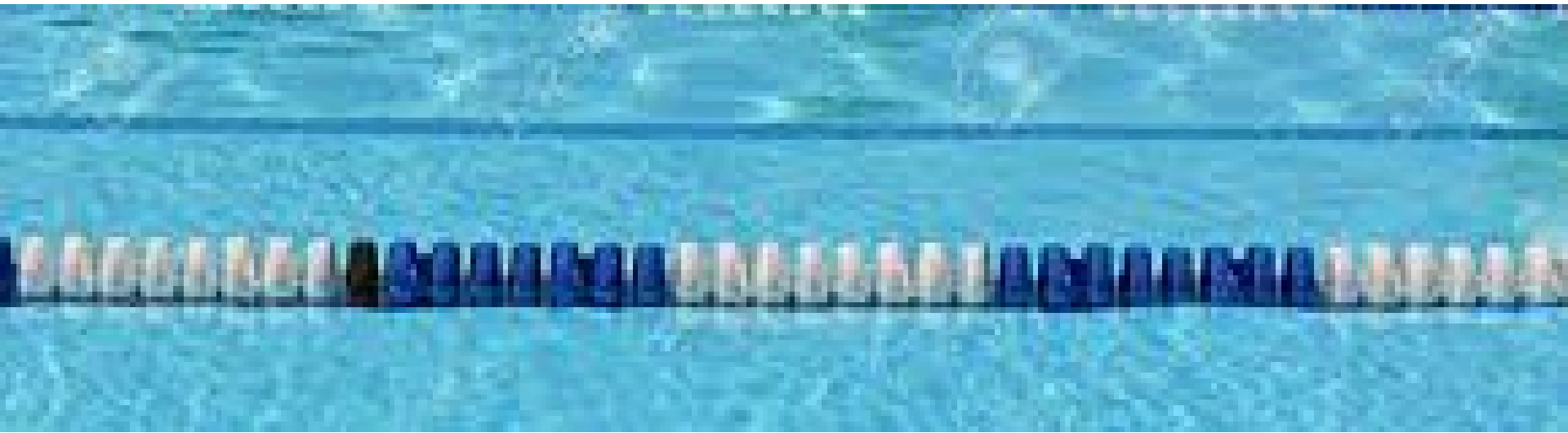
Bellevue Airfield Park

- 27.5 acres
- City owned
- Centrally located
- Easily accessible to I-90 and 405
- Parking agreements with adjacent properties
- Complement other park development/amenities
- Least costly alternative





Partnerships and Financing



Potential Partnerships

- Bellevue School District
- Healthcare/Wellness Industry
- Corporate Sponsorships
- King County
- Kirkland and Redmond
- Aquatics Advocacy Groups



Potential Financing Options

Several different funding sources will likely be needed, including:

- Property Tax Levies
- Metropolitan Park District
- Park Impact Fees
- Public Facilities District
- Lodging Tax
- Federal, State and Local Grants
- Partnerships and Fundraising
- Councilmanic Bonding



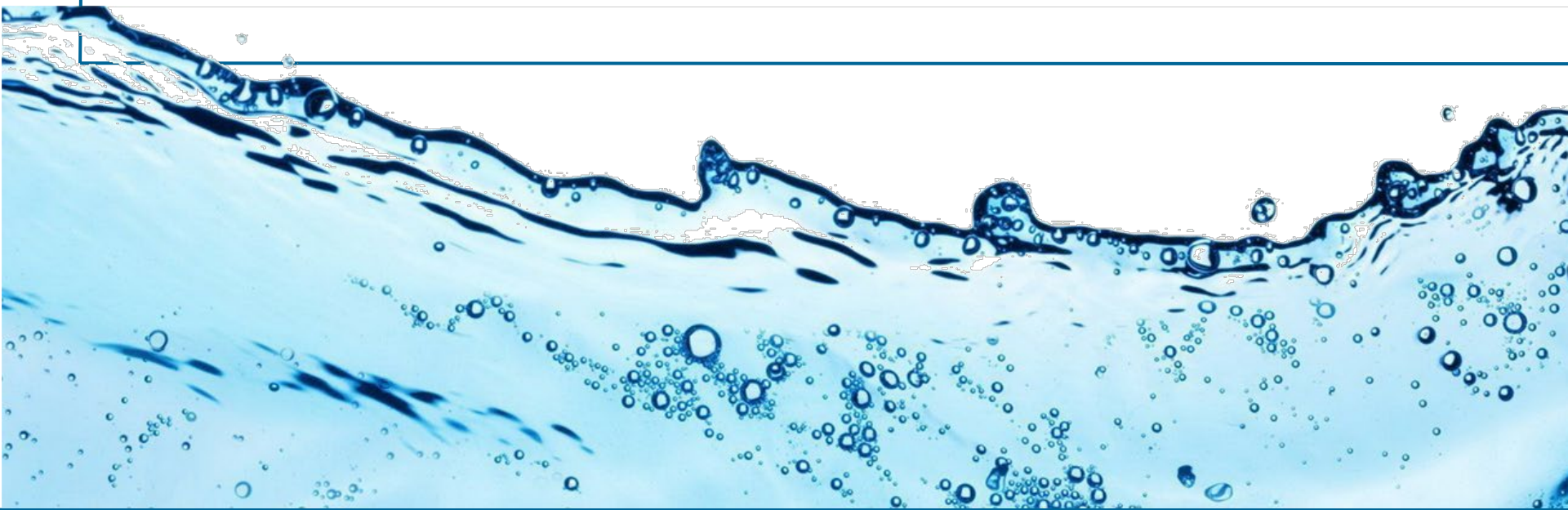
Recommended Partnership

Develop a Memorandum of Understanding

- Research and Assistance
- Grant Support
- Partnership Development
- Fundraising Campaign
 - Feasibility Potential
 - Marketing & Fundraising Plan



Recommended Next Steps



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- Develop a partnership agreement with SplashForward (MOU) to support fundraising
- Initiate a master plan update at Bellevue Airfield Park
- Architectural, engineering, and environmental services to support the master plan update.





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