

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: November 2, 2021

TO: Chair Hummer and Members of the East Bellevue Community Council

FROM: Ryan Walker, Planner
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Parks & Open Space System Plan Update 2022
For information and discussion

Parks & Community Services is updating one of its long-range policy planning documents, the Parks & Open Space System Plan (Parks Plan). The Parks Plan provides policy and guidance on the acquisition, development, and management of parks and open space citywide. It holds the big ideas. The current Parks Plan was adopted in 2016 and is on a six-year schedule for renewal. The Parks Plan is prepared by the Parks and Community Services Department and recommended to Bellevue City Council for adoption by the Parks and Community Services Board.

The input of the East Bellevue Community Council will be helpful in determining what changes staff need to make to the plan to keep it future-focused and relevant considering the changing needs of the community today. Feedback is critical in ensuring that that policy aligns across the City and that we hear from a diversity of voices throughout the process. Input is also received from park users that live, work, and play in the City, as well as from other stakeholder groups. Community feedback, in combination with community profile trends, level-of-service goals (namely walkable access), and other factors, inform the development of capital project objectives within the Parks Plan. These objectives are then used in development of the department's Capital Investment Program.

At the next East Bellevue Community Council meeting I will briefly introduce the Parks Plan and offer an opportunity for discussion. In addition to questions of your own, please consider the following:

- Personally, how do you use the park, trail, and open space system today? What type of recreation facilities and features would you like to see more of in the future?
- In general terms, how can the Parks & Open Space System Plan support the work and goals of the East Bellevue Community Council and the area it serves?

To further participate and spur ideas please take a five-minute survey open to all Bellevue park users. The survey, along with other opportunities to engage, can be found at <https://www.engagingbellevue.com/parks-and-open-spaces>. You are welcome to share this link with other Bellevue park users. The 2016 plan is linked from this website or can be downloaded at www.bellevuewa.gov/park-plan.htm. To submit feedback to me directly or pose any questions, please write to rwalker@bellevuewa.gov or call (425) 452-4280.