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TO: Members of the Parks and Community Services Board

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SUBJECT: Environmental Stewardship Initiative (the "ESI") Briefing
(Information only)

Tonight's presentation is intended to provide a broad overview of the City's Environmental Stewardship Initiative to the Parks and Community Services Board. It is for informational purposes only.

Background:

The ESI was initiated by the City Manager's Office in 2007. It serves as a cross departmental umbrella to maximize coordination and impact from existing programs and to capitalize on new opportunities. It is a mechanism for focusing attention and resources on the environmental goals of the City's comprehensive plan and ensuring that the City's highly valued environmental assets are effectively stewarded.

ESI Mission:

To exercise *focused leadership with a "One City" approach* to implement continuous change, learning and innovation in practices that drive the organization and City of Bellevue toward achieving the "Environmental Stewardship Initiative Vision".

ESI Vision (from the city's Comprehensive Plan):

To integrate the natural and developed environments to create a *sustainable urban habitat* with clean air and water, habitat for fish and wildlife, and comfortable and secure places for people to live and work.

ESI Organizational Structure:

The ESI is managed by the Assistant to the City Manager, with the support of a cross-organizational Steering Committee that meets quarterly. The Parks and Community Services Department has a representative on that body. As needed, "disappearing" task forces are created to work on specific projects or issues.

Outcomes of ESI collaborations with Parks and Community Services:

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds used to upgrade recreational facility lighting infrastructure
- American Forest Urban Ecological Analysis
- Procurement of increased funding for Urban Forestry program
- Increase of recycling containers at City park facilities

