



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

March 2009

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

The draft feasibility report was presented to the City Council at their March 23 study session. The Council members supported the idea of a new aquatic center that would better serve the area aquatic needs, including competitive swimmers. While they seemed to support a major facility similar to alternative D in the report, they agreed that this was a regional issue, and Bellevue would not be able to fund such a facility on its own. The Council asked staff to further define program needs, site considerations and potential City involvement, and to seek alternative funding sources, including both capital and operating partners.

Ashwood Park Plaza Construction

Substantial completion of the plaza has occurred and punch list items are complete with the exception of O&M manuals, contract closeout will begin shortly.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate master planning to begin in early '09.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update

The project is complete and the Master Plan Update was adopted by Council on 1-5-09.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design

Schematic design is ongoing. The Staff presented a report to the Park Board in March on the facility's location southeast of the Community Center.

Crossroads Park Water Play

On January 5, City Council approved the purchase and installation of two custom-built picnic shelters. The remaining construction contract is scheduled for Council in April, with completion expected in June 2009. Repairs to the rubber safety surface is expected to occur this spring.

Eastgate Area Park Property (Ex-Boeing Property) – Shared access road and parking

Road construction, methane system modifications and construction staging restoration are nearly complete, though we have not yet accepted the work from the contractors. The restrictive covenant has been updated. Work continues on auditing SW's construction contract documents to establish the final City cost and payment for the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, estimated at \$2.5million. A substantial partial payment for the road has been made. We continue to evaluate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement.

Eastgate Area Park Property (Ex-Boeing Property) Master Plan

The results of the public involvement process and the three design alternatives were presented at the January 13 Park Board meeting. The Park Board generally favored active development that included athletic fields and a recreation building, and provided feedback on the other program elements. A similar presentation was made at the March 16 City Council study session, and the Council generally agreed with the Park Board's views that lighted athletic fields was the highest priority element. The design team will prepare a final plan recommendation, which will be presented at a final community meeting later this spring, followed by a Park Board recommendation and final Council action.

Grant applications

Staff continues to await final State budget action to determine whether the applications for funding assistance for the Cich Property on Meydenbauer Bay (\$1 million) and the Carrigan Property on Lake Sammamish (\$950,000) will be successful. On March 24, planning and Youth Theatre staffs presented our request for \$250K from King County to offset design and construction costs for the theater. We expect to know the results of both later this spring.

Levy Projects

The project sequencing plan was presented to the Park Board in March. Combining \$40.5 million in levy proceeds with existing City CIP resources yields a total capital program of \$73 million, \$53 million for park development projects and \$20 million for park acquisition over the next 20 years. The status of the development projects is as follows:

- Synthetic Sportsfields at Newport Hills and Wilburton Hill Parks:** Consultant agreements with DA Hogan & Assoc.(Newport Hills) and Bruce Dees & Assoc.(Wilburton Hill) were approved by Council on March 16, and design/permit work is underway.
- Lewis Creek Park Improvements:** We are preparing an RFP to secure a consultant to prepare design work necessary for the picnic area and trail improvements.
- BYT Construction:** No activity. See BYT design above.
- Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** We are reviewing the qualifications of a bridge engineering to complete design plans for the suspension bridge.
 - **Wetland-Sun Terraced Garden:** We are reviewing qualified designers to complete design work on this garden.
 - **Visitor Center & Parking Lot:** we are reviewing qualifications from architectural graphics firms to prepare marketing graphics for the proposed visitor center to support the Garden Society's upcoming capital campaign.
 - **Maintenance Area development:** We are preparing a survey of the site and working with Resources Management staff to develop project scoping and cost estimates for this work.
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park:** Staff has met with representatives of the neighborhood association to determine the steps needed to identify a site and prepare plans for park improvements in this area.
- Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.

- Surrey Downs Park Development:** No activity. See Surrey Downs Master Plan.
- Eastgate Properties Park Development:** No activity. See Eastgate Area Master Plan.
- Downtown Park Development:** No activity.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

Design/engineering is complete for a sun/rain cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area. A neighborhood open house was held January 31st and the project was well received by those in attendance. Installation is expected in late spring 09.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

We have received our official Certificate of Occupancy. Additionally, the MSEEC was selected to receive the King County Green Globe award for environmental design, with a ceremony scheduled in April. The results of our request for LEED certification is expected this spring.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

Technical work continues on an EIS, with a draft expected to be issued in early June. A site visit/tour was held with the Steering Committee on March 14, with a follow up meeting held March 19.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** Approved 2005 funding is on hold pending the coordination with the School District's rebuild of the school site, which is expected to begin this spring.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** See paragraph above.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Project will go to Council for contractor bid award in April. Construction is anticipated to be complete in Summer 2009.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary: Sports wall design/construction 2009.**
- **Crossroads Pea Patch:** Natural Resources will manage the project, with assistance from planning staff. Gardens should be ready for planting May 1.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

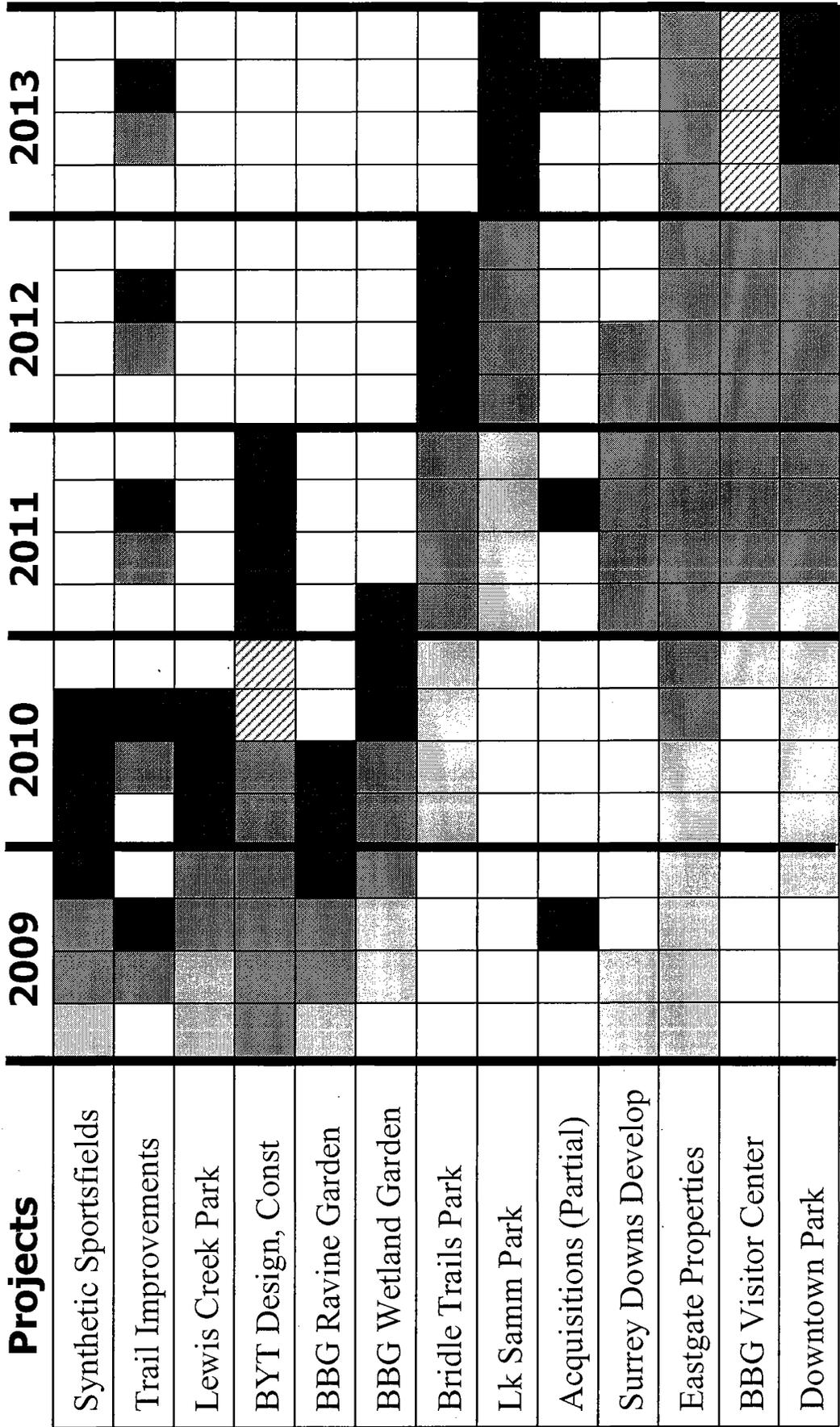
Off-Leash Dog Area Study

The staff continues work on as off-leash area study. Preliminary results were presented at the Park Board meeting in November, with a follow-up report & recommendation expected in April.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The park portion of the plan was adopted by council on March 16. Staff continues work on a process to work with the Surrey Downs community and Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue to resolve the building issue, which we hope to begin this spring.

Preliminary Project Schedule – The 1st Five Years



Planning/Consultant Selection
 Design/Permitting/Bid
 Construction
 Depends on private fundraising

3/4/09