



MEMORANDUM

Phone: 452-5258

Date: April 8, 2008

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Glenn Kost, Planning, Design & Project Management Manager

Subject: Bel-Red Parks Projects
Board action requested: Approve attached letter to Planning Commission

At your April 8 Park Board meeting, I will briefly review the “Parks, Open Space, Trails & Streams” plan and project list that was introduced at your February meeting. At that meeting, the Board was pleased with the material presented. Tonight, we will ask that the Board officially endorse the plan and project list, and approve the attached letter to the Planning Commission endorsing these components of the Bel-Red Corridor Plan.

No changes have occurred to the plan since your February meeting. We have modified the riparian corridor descriptions to clarify that a 100’ wide buffer is intended to provide 100’ on both sides of the stream (a total of a 200’ corridor). Likewise, a 50’ buffer means 50’ on both sides of the stream, for a total of a 100’ wide corridor. We have also added a description of the major multi-use pathway along NE 15th/16th that had been omitted from the project list, though included in the plan.

Attachments:

1. Draft letter to Planning Commission
2. Bel-Red Parks, Open Space, Trails & Streams Plan
3. Bel-Red Parks, Open Space, Trails & Streams Project List



MEMORANDUM

Phone: 452-6882
Date: April 8, 2008
To: Planning Commission
From: Merle Keeney, Parks & Community Services Board Chair
Subject: Bel-Red Parks, Open Space, Trails & Streams Plan and Project List

At our meetings of February 12 and April 8, the Parks & Community Services Board reviewed the conceptual plan and project list for the Parks, Open Space, Trails and Streams components of the Bel-Red Corridor Plan. The documents presented are consistent with the General Policy Direction endorsed by the Board last December, and closely follow the relevant sections of the draft Bel-Red Subarea Plan endorsed by the Board on February 12.

Therefore, at our April 8 meeting, the Parks & Community Services Board endorsed the attached conceptual plan and project list. We continue to believe that, if fully implemented according to the policies and plans that we have reviewed to-date, it will provide an outstanding park and open space system for the Bel-Red Subarea, with the potential to become a model for environmental sustainability in our community.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this exciting project, and we look forward to our continued involvement through the implementation process.

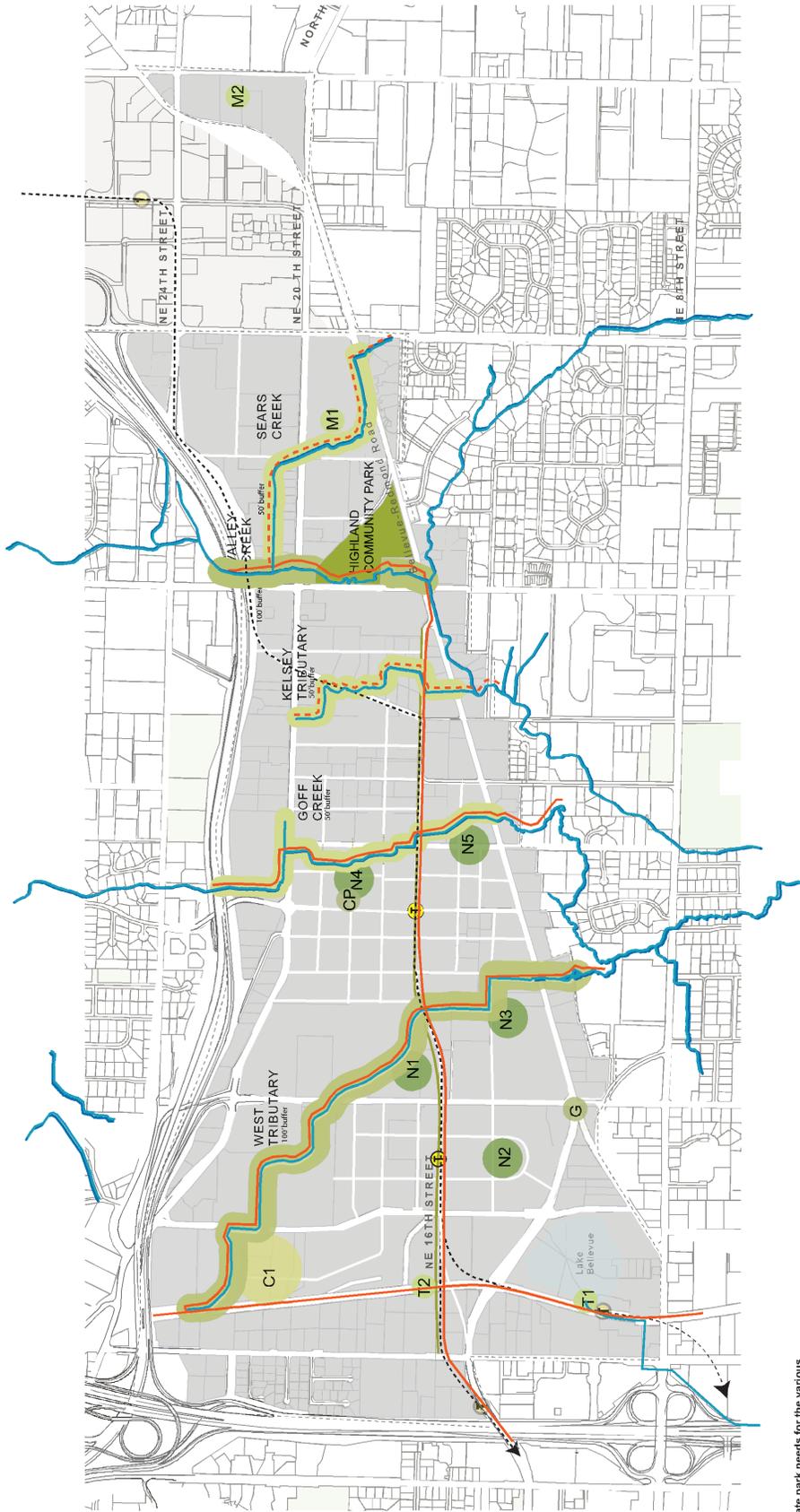
Sincerely,

Merle Keeney, Chair

Attachments:

1. Bel-Red Parks, Open Space, Trails & Streams Plan
2. Bel-Red Parks, Open Space, Trails & Streams Project List

BEL-RED SUBAREA Parks, Open Space, Trails & Streams



Park areas are shown to conceptually illustrate park needs for the various Bel-Red nodes. Actual park may vary from the locations shown on the illustration. The major recreational facility is not shown on the map.

- riparian greenway opportunity area
- riparian waterway
- paved multi-purpose trail
- - - soft surface trail
- C community park
- M mini park
- N neighborhood park
- CP civic plaza
- G gateway park
- T trailhead

Bel-Red Corridor Project
Parks, Open Space, Trails and Streams Component

Map ID	Park	Acres
N-1	Neighborhood Park – Along West Trib, adjacent to NE 16 th Parkway. Integrates major trail systems and regional detention, with neighborhood park facilities. – 3 acres Neighborhood Park / 1 acre remnant Transportation acquisition	4
N-2	Neighborhood Park – Located between 120 th Ave NE and 124 Ave. NE and south of NE 15/16 Street. Provides neighborhood park and sports facilities to serve residential and commercial mixed use development	4
N-3	Neighborhood Park – Along West Trib, adjacent to Bel-Red Road. Integrates major trail and neighborhood park facilities. – 3 acres Neighborhood Park / 1 acre riparian	4
N-4 / CP	Neighborhood Park/Civic Plaza – Along Goff Creek, north of NE 16, between 130 th Ave NE and 132 Ave NE. Integrates approximate 1 acre urban plaza along pedestrian oriented retail street with adjacent 3 acre neighborhood park and trail facilities along 1 acre riparian corridor.	5
N-5	Neighborhood Park – Along Goff Creek, between Bel-Red Road and NE 16 th . NE. Integrates trail system along riparian corridor with neighborhood park facilities. – 3 acres Neighborhood Park / 1 acre riparian	4
G	Gateway Park – Near the intersection of 124 th Ave NE and Bel-Red Road. Integrates mini park facilities and potential art component near major road intersection to serve as gateway to the Bel-Red Corridor.	1
T-1	Trail Head - located adjacent to BNSF at Lake Bellevue. Integrates a trailhead with mini park facilities at BNSF regional trail and Lake Bellevue.	1
T-2	Trail Head – located at the BNSF regional trail corridor and the NE 15 th /16 th Parkway. Integrates a trailhead with mini park facilities at the crossing of the two major multi purpose trails.	1
M-1	Mini Park – Along Sears Creek west of 148 th , between Bel-Red Road and NE 16 th . Integrates trial system and riparian corridor with mini park facilities.	1
M-2	Mini Park – Centrally located between Bel-Red Road, 156 th Ave. NE, and NE 20 th . Incorporates mini park facilities to serve node.	1
C-1	Community Park – Along West Trib. adjacent to 120 th Ave. NE. Incorporates trailhead and trail system along West Trib. and BNSF with community park facilities. -10 acre acquisition through purchase for community park facilities. - 7 acre open space dedication by adjacent owner.	17
N/A	Community Park – Existing Highland Park located at 140 th Ave NE and Bel-Red Road.	11.2
N/A	Major Indoor Recreation Facility – 150,000 sf - Components could include sports, health and fitness facilities and major aquatic center, together with companion outdoor sports facilities. Location not shown on map.	10

Streams and Trails	Size/ Length
West Trib Riparian Corridor - Restore 200' average width native plant riparian corridor on both sides (+/- 100' each side) of the West Tributary from the BNSF right of way to Bel-Red Road with a paved ped-bike path (10ft) on one side of the stream. Improve fish passage, and rehabilitate in-stream habitat.	6350 lf stream 27 acre riparian corridor
Goff Creek Riparian Corridor - Develop a 100' average width (+/- 50' each side of creek) native plant and social amenity riparian corridor integrating natural drainage practices, 8' paved/boardwalk trail, art and place-making features as part of redevelopment north of NE 16th. Realign and daylight Goff Creek with additional floodplain storm water capacity. Restore fish passage.	4200 lf 1.5 acre
Kelsey Creek Trib Riparian Corridor - Restore a 100' average width (+/- 50' width each side of creek) native plant and social amenity riparian corridor. Integrate natural drainage practices, soft surface pathway, art and place-making features in corridor. Restore fish passage.	2000 lf 12 acre
Valley Creek Riparian Corridor - Restore a 200' average width (+/- 100' each side of creek) native plant riparian corridor between Highland Community Park and Hwy 520. Includes paved multi-use trail/boardwalk on one side.	500 lf 3 acre
Sears Creek Riparian Corridor - Restore a 100' average width (+/- 50' width each side of creek) native plant riparian corridor along Sears Creek. Rehabilitate salmon habitat, channel capacity, restore riparian functions and provide soft surface pedestrian pathway. Daylight piped area of stream.	1300 lf 8.5 acre
NE 15th/16th Parkway Multi-use trail Integrates 12' wide paved multi-purpose trail with significant greenway along major transportation corridor.	7,900 lf