

# GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

## BELLEVUE

### What is a neighborhood area plan?

A neighborhood area plan is a statement of how a neighborhood wants to define and shape its unique character and future. It is an official element of the city's Comprehensive Plan and, depending on needs, could include goals, policies, strategies and specific action recommendations.

<p><b>A neighborhood area plan <u>does</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on neighborhood priorities and strategies</li> <li>▪ Maintain consistency with the city's values and vision, as described by the City Council vision, Comprehensive Plan and other policy and regulatory documents.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A neighborhood area plan <u>does not</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Propose direction that conflicts with citywide policy guidance or expressed priorities</li> <li>▪ Propose direction that will result in a citywide or regional planning impact</li> <li>▪ Limit the ability of private property owners to exercise reasonable use of their property</li> </ul>
<p><b>As examples, a neighborhood area plan <u>could</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Propose an area-specific strategy to train and support residents in restoring and managing the neighborhood's forested areas</li> <li>▪ Support or not support detached ADUs in the neighborhood</li> <li>▪ Identify other neighborhood actions that could support affordable housing</li> <li>▪ Advocate for neighborhood-specific measures that could support neighborhood character as residential infill development occurs</li> <li>▪ Advocate for neighborhood-specific actions to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety in the neighborhood</li> </ul>	<p><b>As examples, a neighborhood area plan <u>could not</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Change the citywide growth strategy established in the Comprehensive Plan</li> <li>▪ Limit the ability of property owners to request changes to their land use designation through the city's annual comprehensive plan amendment process</li> <li>▪ Designate, amend or de-designate regionally designated centers or facilities</li> <li>▪ Change the function of the city's designated arterials</li> <li>▪ Establish specific development standards</li> <li>▪ Establish that other neighborhoods must take specific actions</li> </ul>