



***Bellevue Parks &
Community Services***

Parks & Open Space System Plan Update

Parks & Community Services Board

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Parks & Community Services Mission

We build a healthy community through an integrated system of exceptional parks, open space, recreation, cultural arts and human services.



Transformational Outcomes



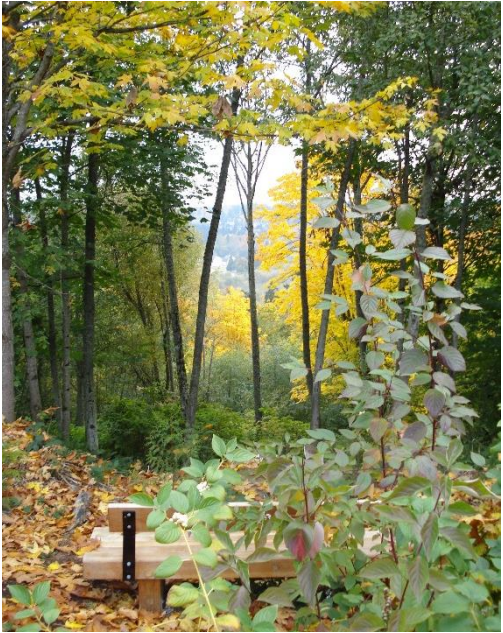
Outreach Methods

- Statistically Valid Resident Surveys
- Open Web Survey
- Public Hearing / Public Meetings
- NextDoor Neighborhood Email Distribution Groups
- Presentations
- Newsletters, Social Media, Web Pages, Newspapers, Flyers
- Photography and Poetry Contest



Core Public Questions

- How do you use the parks and open space system today?
- What would you like to see more of in the future?





Focus Areas

- Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors and Trails
- Park Facilities
- Active Recreation Facilities
- Urban Parks Systems
- Waterfront Access
- Partnership Opportunities
- Historic, Cultural and Art Resources





Public Hearing

Approach to Updating Elements of the Plan

Plan Element	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demographic Profile and Future Population Trends• Natural Resource Characteristics• System Inventory and Use Statistics• Projects Completed since 2010• Financing Capital Projects• Maintenance, Renovation & Security	Update with current information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goals and Objectives	Align with Park Board's 2015 Comp Plan Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Participation Process• Level of Service Analysis	Park Board focus for September/October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital Project Recommendations	Park Board focus for October/November



Web Survey Results – Top Tier Visits per Year

	6+ per yr	2+ per yr
Trail through forests, wetlands or other natural areas	70%	87%
Open area for unstructured play or picnicking such as fields or plazas	52%	75%
Community beach, waterfront park or boat launch	43%	76%
Playground	43%	56%
Park with display gardens	37%	72%



Web Survey Results - over the next ten years, should City investments be focused more on...

Acquiring new parkland and natural areas	56%
Developing and improving currently-owned parks	44%



Web Survey Results - Top Tier

Highest priority for city development of parks and recreational facilities

Trail through forests, wetlands or other natural areas	80%
Community beach, waterfront park or boat launch	45%
Open area for unstructured play or picnicking such as fields or plazas	41%



Summary of topics submitted by email and through NextDoor

- Maintain park security - feeling of safety
- More drinking fountains, trash cans and restrooms with year-round access
- Covered play areas
- Off-leash dog areas
- Continue development of interconnected trail systems
- Aquatic center





**Thoughts
Reactions
Questions
Opinions**



Next Month

- Receive additional public outreach results
- Discuss updates to Capital Project Recommendations list

