EASTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

A partnership between City of Bellevue, King County, King County Public Health, Congregations for the Homeless and Imagine Housing.

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Purpose

Should the City enter into a non-binding Letter of Agreement with King County to further evaluate siting a men's shelter and supportive permanent housing facility in Bellevue?

Bellevue Policy Basis

- 2016-17 Council Vision Priorities

  "Establish an eastside permanent winter homeless shelter to be ready for the winters of 2018-2019"

- 2015 Updated Comprehensive Plan Policies

- 2015 Interest Statement on Homelessness

- 2014 Bellevue Diversity Advantage action plan

Facts and Figures

- 1,200 homeless persons served in Eastside shelters last year
  - 78 men in year-round & 571 men in winter shelter
- 245 people sleeping outside in 2016 Eastside One Night Count of unsheltered individuals
- 252 children enrolled in Bellevue School District's homeless student program
- Bellevue Police and Park Rangers report:
  - Average of 10 unpermitted encampments in open space or rights-of-way
  - 50 vehicles being used for housing in 2016, up from 30 last year

Bellevue Homelessness Response

- Community Driven

  Congregations for the Homeless, Hopelink, Friends of Youth, Lifewire, Sofia's Way, Imagine Housing

- *All Home King County* coordination

- Collaboration with Neighboring Cities

- Eastside Winter Shelter in Bellevue
  - 2008-11: Crossroads Community Center — Crossroads
  - 2011-13: St. Peter's United Methodist — NE Bellevue
  - 2013-15: International Paper (ST) — BelRed

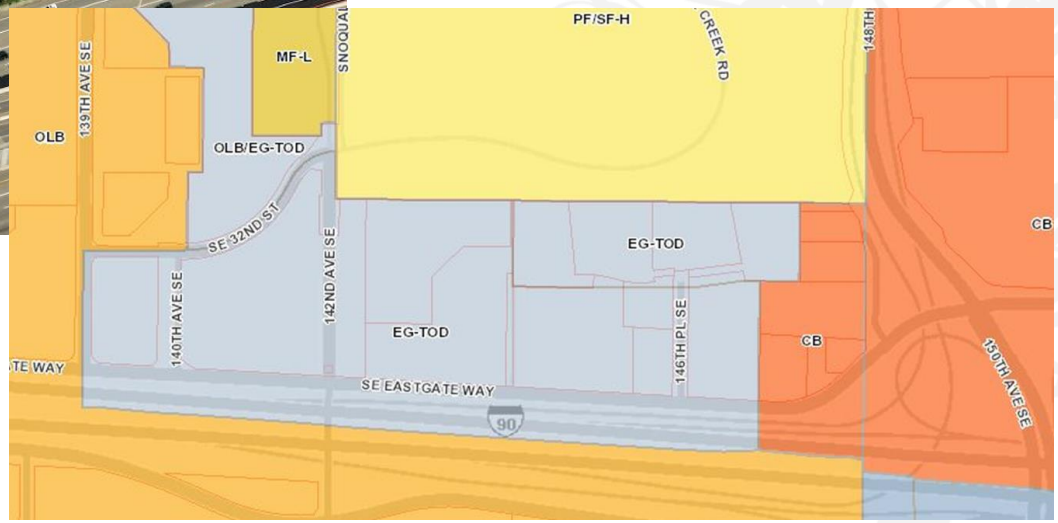
Men's Shelter: Program

- Emergency Shelter with approx. 100 beds
- Drop-in Day Center & Cafeteria
- Complementary associated services
  - Medical and health services
  - Case management
  - Employment support
- Service-enriched permanent housing

Men's Shelter: Best Practices

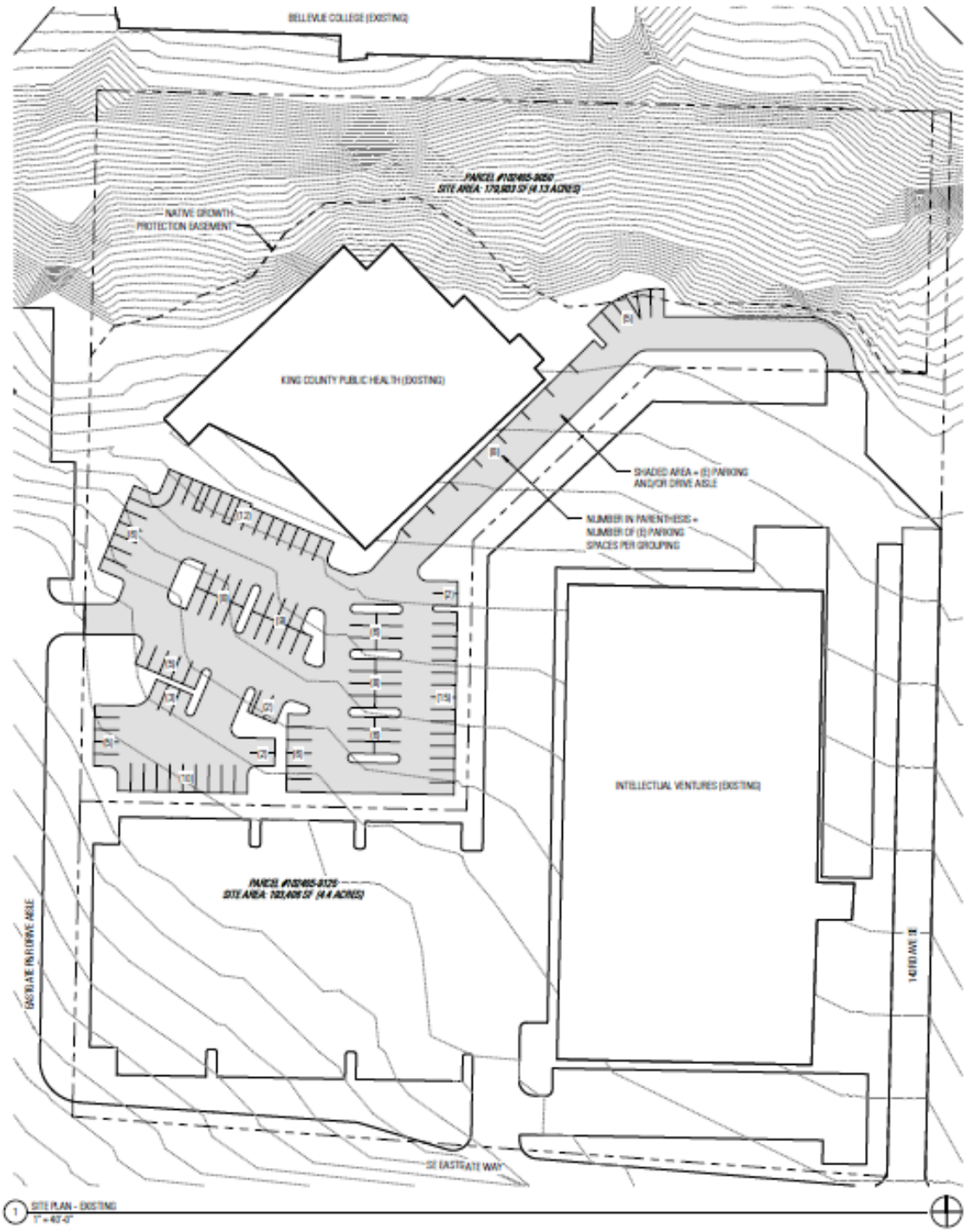
- Nativity House - Tacoma

Eastgate Public Health Center Site



Public Health Site

- Two building pad options on the property
- Both challenging, but feasible



Funding Strategy

• ARCH	2015/2017
• King County Housing Finance	2017
• State Capital Budget	2016
• State Commerce Grant	2016/2018
• State Housing Fund	2017
• Tax Credits	2018
• Private Capital Campaign	2017

Letter of Agreement

- Recognizes mutual interests in developing a partnership to accommodate a shelter, supportive services and permanent housing
- Not a final decision, but intent to work together
- City, County and development team to negotiate agreement for use of property
- City to process code amendments consistent with adopted Eastgate Comprehensive Plan
- City, ARCH, County and development partner to cooperate on funding and program strategy
- City to lead community outreach efforts

Community Outreach Strategy

- Interested Parties List
- CFH Community Stakeholder Group
- Information and events for surrounding community
- http://www.bellevuewa.gov/eastside-mens-shelter.htm

Next Steps

- Move forward with Letter of Agreement
  Council direction requested tonight
- Community engagement
- Grant applications by Congregations for the Homeless
- Further site design, study and evaluation

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