



Neighborhood  
**ENHANCEMENT**  
PROGRAM

**LAKE HILLS**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**



# NEP Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Zoom Basics**
- **What is NEP? How does NEP work?**
- **Lake Hills Neighborhood Map**
- **Lake Hills NEP Schedule**
- **How can Lake Hills residents participate?**
- **Neighborhood News**
- **Bellevue Essentials**
- **Adopt-A-Street Program**
- **Move into Breakout rooms**

# Zoom

Stay on mute to eliminate background noise until you have something to say to the group

Need to leave the meeting?  
Click "Leave"



Keep your video on unless you're having connectivity issues

Join and move between breakout rooms



# What is NEP? Info Video



<https://youtu.be/Nu8KWCjWd5k>



## **NEP is...**

- **Council-directed, City-Funded, Capital Improvements Program**
- **Provides RESIDENTS the opportunity to PROPOSE and SELECT enhancement projects for their individual neighborhood area**
- **\$7 Million BUDGET distributed among 14 designated NEP neighborhood areas**
- **Area funds allocated based on the number of households in each Neighborhood Area**
- **Rotates through 14 Neighborhood areas over seven-year period – TWO AREAS per year (2023-2029)**
- **Program supported by multiple City departments – Community Development, Parks, Transportation, Utilities**
- **Currently 29 NEP projects in planning/progress around the city in twelve neighborhood areas**



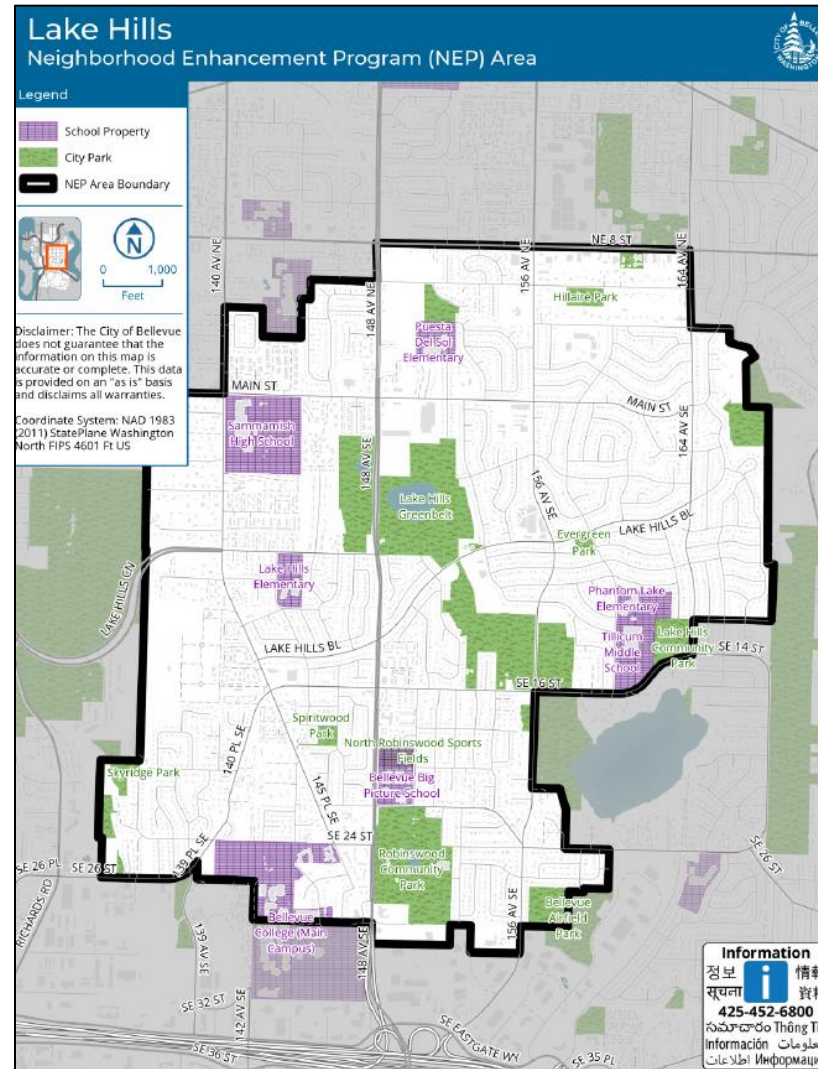
# NEP Process

- *City allocates \$\$ to Neighborhood Area*
- *Residents submit ideas for spending \$\$*
- *City staff review ideas & generate projects*
- *Residents select projects to receive \$\$*
- *City implements projects in 3-4 years*

**\*\$622,000 AVAILABLE FUNDS  
FOR LAKE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**

*\*Allocated amount includes administrative costs: postage, printing, etc.*

# Lake Hills Neighborhood Area Map



7,300 households. Includes 68% single family homes, 32% multi-family (apartments, condos, affordable housing units)



# Lake Hills NEP Schedule

**KICKOFF MEETING – March 18, 2026 - ZOOM**

**IDEA SUBMISSION – March 18 – April 22, 2026**

**PROJECT SCOPING – May- June 2026**

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – September 17 - In Person –  
Location TBD**

**RESIDENT VOTING – Sept – Oct 2026**

**PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT NEWSLETTER – Nov 2026**

**RESIDENT EVALUATIONS – December 2026**



# Next Step...Submit Your Ideas

Look for the **PROJECT IDEA CARD** in your mail or  
Submit online at [www.bellevuewa.gov/nep](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep)



## Project Idea Request Form

\$622,000 has been allocated to Lake Hills. Tell us what your neighborhood needs!

Please submit your project ideas for Lake Hills by April 22, 2026. City staff will review your request, and may contact you to discuss it. **If you have operational concerns regarding police patrol, street maintenance, drainage, parking or code enforcement, please submit your issue to the mobile MyBellevue App or online at BellevueWA.gov/mybellevue to receive a more timely response.** If you are unsure, please call 425-452-6836.



Project location (please be as specific as possible, listing addresses and/or cross streets)

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Project description (please provide as much detail as possible)

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Contact information (this information is required to process your request, as staff will contact you to obtain further details; please print clearly)


Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Condo name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City Use Only

CAR# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

\* Project ideas may also be submitted online at [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep)

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# **MYBELLEVUE App – Reporting All In One Place**

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# Opportunity Areas



**SAFETY**



**RECREATION**



**BICYCLE  
ACCESS**



**PEDESTRIAN  
ACCESS**



**GATHERING  
SPACE**



**COMMUNITY  
IDENTITY**



# Key Actions for Lake Hills Residents

**SUBMIT** Project Ideas – through April 22

(*No Limit* to the number of submissions)

**ENCOURAGE** Neighbors to participate

**ATTEND** Sept 17 Projects Open House

**VOTE** For top three projects in Sept/Oct(\**Limited to one ballot* per household address)

*How voting is tabulated – 3 points top choice, 2 points second and 1 point for third.*

**SUBMIT** Program Evaluations



# Program Promotion



**Neighborhood Enhancement Program**

## NEP Lake Hills Kickoff Meeting

How would you spend \$622,000 in your Lake Hills neighborhood?

Join your neighbors and City of Bellevue staff to kick off the **Neighborhood Enhancement Program**, a city-funded, capital improvements program that allows you to propose and select moderate enhancement projects for your own neighborhood.

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC Meeting (Zoom)**  
Wednesday | March 18 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Come learn about the program, share your ideas with City project managers and connect with your neighbors!

RSVP to [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) to receive Zoom Link.  
For more information, visit [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep) or contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4186

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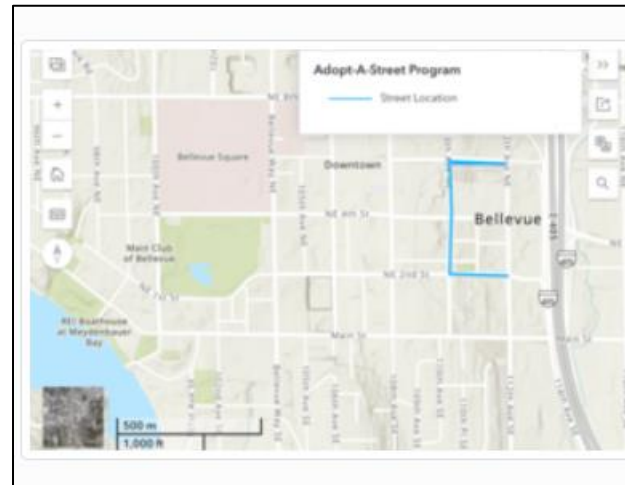
# Bellevue Essentials – Civic Engagement Academy



- 10-week introduction to Civic Engagement
- Applications start in April, Info meetings in May and June.
- Application deadline will be in July

[bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials](http://bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials)

# Adopt-a-Street Program



## Adopt-A-Street Map

The Adopt-A-Street map shows which streets or sections of streets have been adopted.

[Explore the Adopt-A-Street map](#)

[www.bellevuewa.gov/adopt-a-street](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/adopt-a-street)



# Great Neighborhoods- Area Planning



- Coming to Lake Hills late 2026
- Planning process is done collaboratively with community members who live, work and play in the area
- Plans contain goals and policies consistent with City's values and vision
- Plans are a guide for decision-making for where the community wants to be in the next 10 to 20 years



# KEEP IN MIND: OTHER AREA PROJECTS TO BE AWARE OF

## **Kelsey Creek Culvert Replacement Project on Lake Hills Blvd** Coming – Spring 2026

**Bob York, Project Manager, Utilities Dept**  
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[Kelsey Creek Culvert at Lake Hills Project | City of Bellevue](#)



## KEEP IN MIND: OTHER AREA PROJECTS TO BE AWARE OF

### Lake Hills Community Park – Playgrounds Update

**Scott Tolliver**, Project Manager, Parks Dept

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- Both playgrounds are expected to be replaced.
- Anticipated construction: Fall 2026 through Spring 2027



# Previous NEP Projects

## 2019 Selected Lake Hills:

### **Bat Houses at Lake Hills Greenbelt:**

This project installed a series of bat houses along the Lake Hills Greenbelt trail system. Bats provide many benefits including: (1) Bats are a vital part of the ecosystems in which they live. (2) Many are considered “keystone species” because so many other plants and animals depend on them for survival. (3) Bats are predators of night-flying insects such as mosquitoes, moths, beetles, and flies. Bat droppings are one of the world’s best fertilizers. Project completed: Spring 2023.

### **Wetland Improvements at Phantom Lake Park:**

This project restored roughly two (2) acres of wetland buffer around Phantom Lake. Restoration included removing invasive plant vegetation and planting native conifer trees and native shrubs to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. Project completed: Fall 2022.

### **Flashing Crosswalk at SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 156<sup>th</sup> Ave SE**

This project installed a new marked crosswalk and a new push-activated flashing crosswalk over 156th Ave SE at SE 4th St. A new concrete bus pad was added at the existing northbound bus stop. Project required clearing shrubs and reconstructing curb ramp on east side of the street. Project completed; Summer 2022.



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## 2019 Selected Lake Hills:

### **NE 6<sup>th</sup> Wetlands Improvements (South side of NE 6th St between 148th Ave NE and 150th PI NE)**

This project improved Kelsey Creek wetland habitat by removing invasive vegetation and replanting with native trees and shrubs. The focus of this project was to introduce suitable conifer tree species within the existing tree canopy that is currently dominated with short lived, deciduous, pioneer tree species. This increase in biodiversity will provide a functional lift for the existing wetland ecosystem. Project completed: December 2022.

### **Main Street Median Landscape Refurbishment**

This project included landscape renovation and beautification to the medians on Main Street between 140th Ave NE and 156th Ave NE. This project replaced the existing landscaping where practical, with plant selection to specifically avoid sight distance problems and enhance neighborhood character. Existing trees remained in place. Actual areas renovated were determined after investigation of the site and any determination of future impacts to the area. Irrigation was upgraded to a more efficient system to further water conservation goals. Project completed: Summer 2024.

### **Robinswood Park Adult Exercise Equipment**

This project added six pieces of adult exercise equipment like those at Wilburton Hill Park Play Area. Project included curbing and surfacing. Project completed: March 2021.



## **Now What?**

**Meet your city project managers**

**Move to breakout rooms**

**“Self-select” rooms or request to be moved into a specific room**



## Breakout Rooms

1. **Parks:** Trails and Streetscape
2. **Parks:** Operations & Maintenance
3. **Parks:** Planning & Development
4. **Trans:** Traffic Engineering
5. **Trans:** Traffic Calming



# Stay Informed

[WWW.BELLEVUEWA.GOV/NEP](http://WWW.BELLEVUEWA.GOV/NEP)

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**Lake Hills Neighborhood Liaison:**

**Sarina Miller**

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# PROJECT CRITERIA

## AFFORDABILITY

PROJECT COSTS MUST NOT EXCEED THE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AREA

## CONSISTENCY

PROJECTS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH CITY PLANS AND POLICIES

## FEASIBILITY

PROJECTS MUST BE PRACTICAL AND ACHIEVABLE FOR THE CITY

## IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECTS MUST BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 4 YEARS OF SELECTION

## MAINTAINABILITY

PROJECTS MUST NOT REQUIRE MAINTENANCE THAT IS BURDOMESONE TO THE CITY

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

PROJECTS MUST BE LOCATED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, EASEMENTS, OR PROPERTY DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC USE, AND MUST BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC