# Neighborhood Park Development Bridle Trails

Bridle Trails Community Club Meeting NE 24<sup>th</sup> St. Park Plan Update Sept. 20, 2012





# Agenda

**Master Plan Elements** 

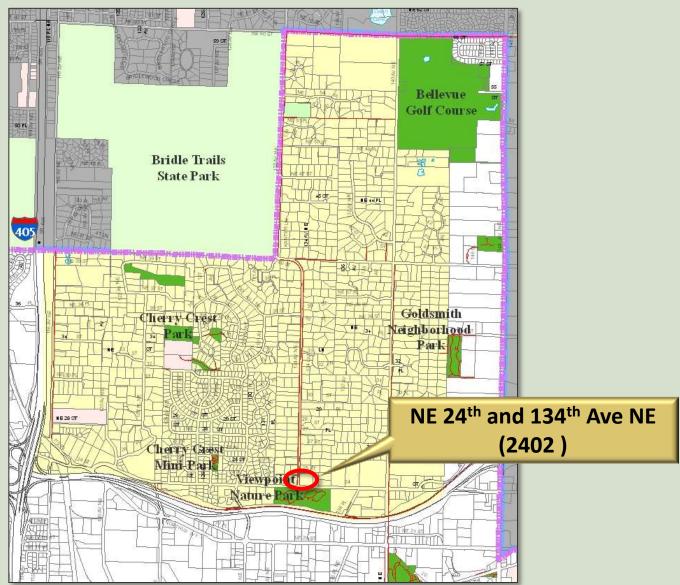
**Parking Options** 

**Next Steps** 

**Q & A** 



## **Bridle Trails Neighborhood**





**TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY-2402** 134th Ave. NE

#### Park Use and Elements Incorporated into Park Plan

- Bridle Trail Gateway Opportunity
- Trails
- Play area/elements for Children
- Lawn area for activities
- Picnic Table/benches
- Open Space Meadow
- Frontage Landscape Improvements
- Flowering Trees/native plantings
- Wetland/Tree Protection-Wildlife Habitat Enhancements
- Attractive Landscaping
- Privacy and Plant Buffering for Park neighbors
- Maintain Visibility into Park from NE 24<sup>th</sup> & NE 25<sup>th</sup> St.
- Parking options



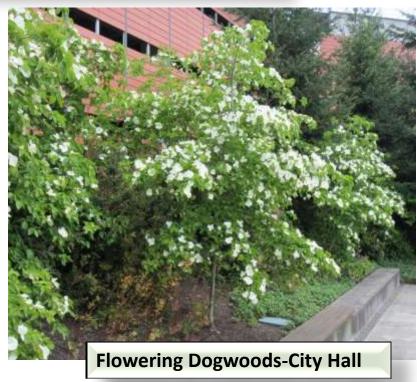




NE 24<sup>th</sup> St

## Frontage Improvements NE 24<sup>th</sup> St.





- Remove and replace existing fence along NE 24th
- Remove invasive species/re-plant using low water use varieties
- Plant flowering trees and landscaping along frontage slope

## Frontage Improvements 134th Ave NE



Park Frontage looking North along 134th





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- Drainage/Stormwater Improvements (utility requirements)
- Pedestrian access improvements at 24<sup>th</sup>/134<sup>th</sup> intersection, pathway/parking improvements, street frontage improvements (Transportation requirements)
- Preserve existing crushed path surfacing if possible
- Plant flowering trees and landscaping along street frontage
- Maintenance Access off of 134<sup>th</sup>, potential option for parking (2-3 spaces)



**Wetland and Wetland Buffer Enhancements** 

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- Remove invasive species
- Bench w/ view of wetland
- Enhance wildlife habitat
- Interpretive opportunity





### **Loop Trail and Open Lawn Space**

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- Open Lawn area for both active and passive uses
- Lawn maintained year around
- Loop trails w/ surfacing (surfacing TBD), transitions through a variety of environments (wetland, native, meadow, forest)



134th Ave NE

**Trees, Shrubs & Native Landscaping** 

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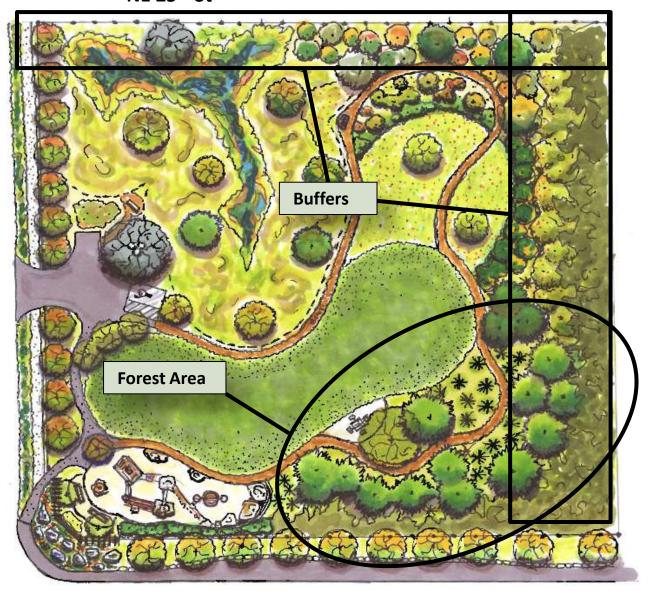
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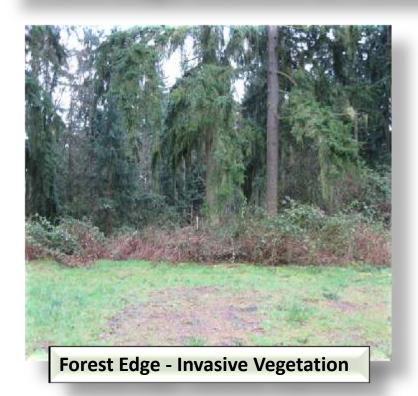
- Meadow Grass (low grow variety 12-18" Ht.)
- Incorporate NW Wildflower Seed Mix
- Minimal Maintenance
- Trail access
- Enhance Wildlife Habitat





## Park Edge Buffers & Forested Area Enhancements

## Park Edge Buffers & Forested-Slope Area Enhancements





**Fern understory** 

- Preserve significant conifers
- Remove invasive plant species
- Plant added conifers in forest area
- Enhance & restore understory
- Work with neighbors to provide park buffers





**Adventure Playscape & Picnic Area** 

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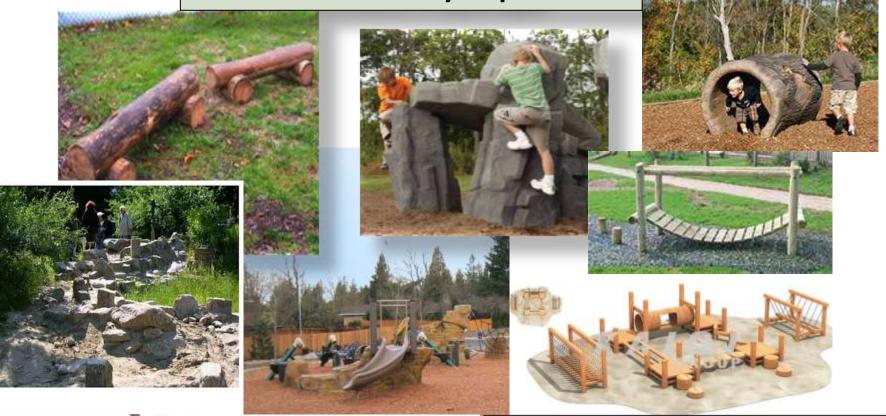
#### **Adventure Playscape**

#### What is an Adventure Playscape?

They are play environments that blend both natural and man-made materials, features, and vegetation with creative landforms to create purposely complex play spaces with high levels of play value.

Natural playscapes will provide children with all the same benefits as typical playgrounds: gross motor activity, risk taking, problem solving, social interaction, etc. but also teach children about the wonders and intricacies of the natural environment and inspire them to use their imaginations in a way that differs from traditional playgrounds.







- Apprx. 2,500-3,000 sqft
- Perimeter site fencing
- Benches incorporated
- Maintain visibility into park from 134<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **Park Amenities**





- Trash Receptacles
- Interpretive Element
- Benches
- Picnic Table
- Bike Rack

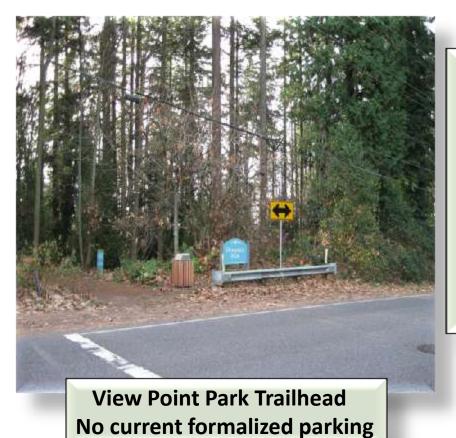


**Bridle Trails Gateway & Connection with Viewpoint Park** 

#### **Bridle Trails Gateway and Connection w/ Viewpoint Park**



- Create and strengthen visual connection between parks
- Enhance SW corner of park property w/ landscaping
- Opportunity for a gateway landmark
- Work w/ BT community on design, budget etc.



- Formalized parking to service both sites 4 spaces (1 ADA)
- Enhancements to trailhead
- Strengthen connection of parks
- Increased visibility into Viewpoint Park site
- Crosswalk Improvements

Viewpoint Park Trailhead Improvements & Parking Options





Viewpoint Park Trailhead & Parking Improvements



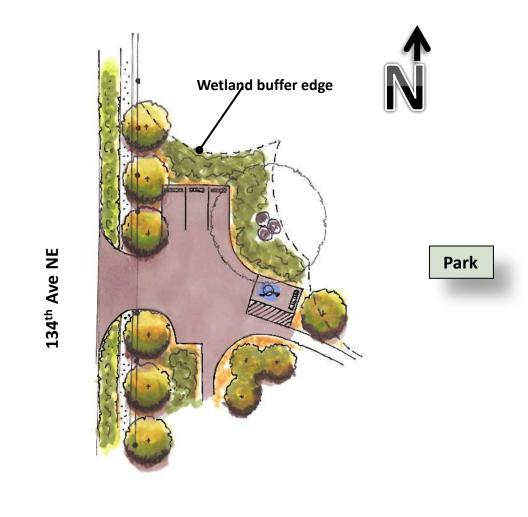
**Parking Alternative** 



**Current 134<sup>th</sup> St. Maintenance Access** 

- Formalized parking 3-4 spaces (1 ADA)
- Maintain visibility into Park site
- Construction outside of wetland buffer

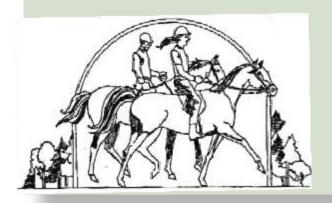
134th St. Access Parking Option



**Parking Option B** 

## **Next Steps:**

 Present recommended park plan to Parks Board on Oct. 9





#### **Opportunities for Feedback & Contact Information**

#### **Bellevue Parks & Community Services**

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#### **Project Website**

http://bellevuewa.gov/bridle\_trails\_levy.htm

