


A New Community Park Eastgate Area Properties Master Plan

**City Council Presentation
January 4, 2010**



Presentation

- ◆ Background
 - ◆ Master Plan Process
 - ◆ Feedback
 - Community
 - Council
 - ◆ Park Master Plan Alternatives (3)
 - ◆ Park Board Recommendations & Rationale
 - ◆ Comments & Questions
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Eastgate Area Properties

Purchased Area

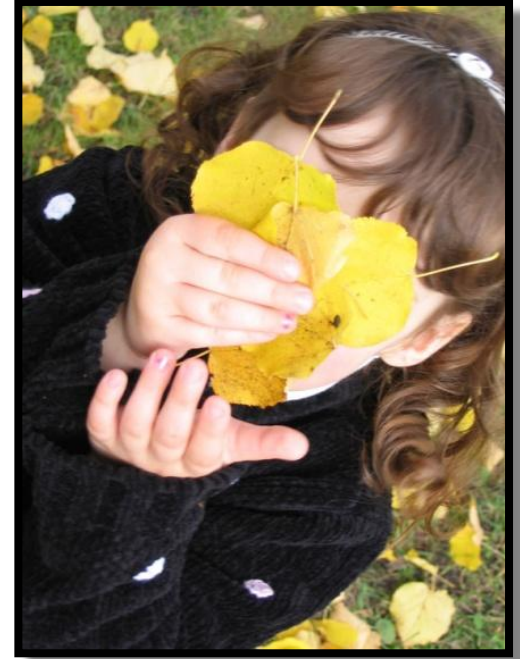
◆ 1983	2.47 ac
◆ 2003	14.55 ac
◆ <u>2004</u>	<u>10.53 ac</u>
Total =	27.55 ac

\$6.3 Million



Why Master Plan?

- ◆ Shared Long-Range Vision
- ◆ Long-Term Development Plan
- ◆ Phased Implementation
- ◆ Planning Level Cost Estimates



Master Plan Input to-date

- ◆ 4 Community Workshops (380)
- ◆ Workshop Exercises (435)
- ◆ Neighborhood Meeting (40)
- ◆ Petition (242)
- ◆ Emails & Phone (400+)
- ◆ 4 Surveys (1,200)
- ◆ Park Board
- ◆ Council

2,700 +



Community Feedback

Most Frequent Requests

- ◆ Little League Tournament Complex
 - ◆ Off-Leash Dog Areas
 - ◆ A World Class Aquatic Facility
 - ◆ Save the Meadow
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Bellevue Sportfields



Citywide Challenges

- ◆ Field Shortage (LL & Soccer)
- ◆ Traffic, noise, lights
- ◆ Site Capacity

Advocates' Issues

- ◆ Poor Quality
- ◆ Economic Benefit
- ◆ No Field Complex
(e.g. Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah)



Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)



Citywide Challenges

- ◆ Dogs OL #1 Complaint to Parks
- ◆ Mature park system limits location
- ◆ OLA Study - ongoing

Advocates' Issues

- ◆ Historical neighborhood use
- ◆ Dog owners not well served
- ◆ Robinswood OLA inadequate



Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)

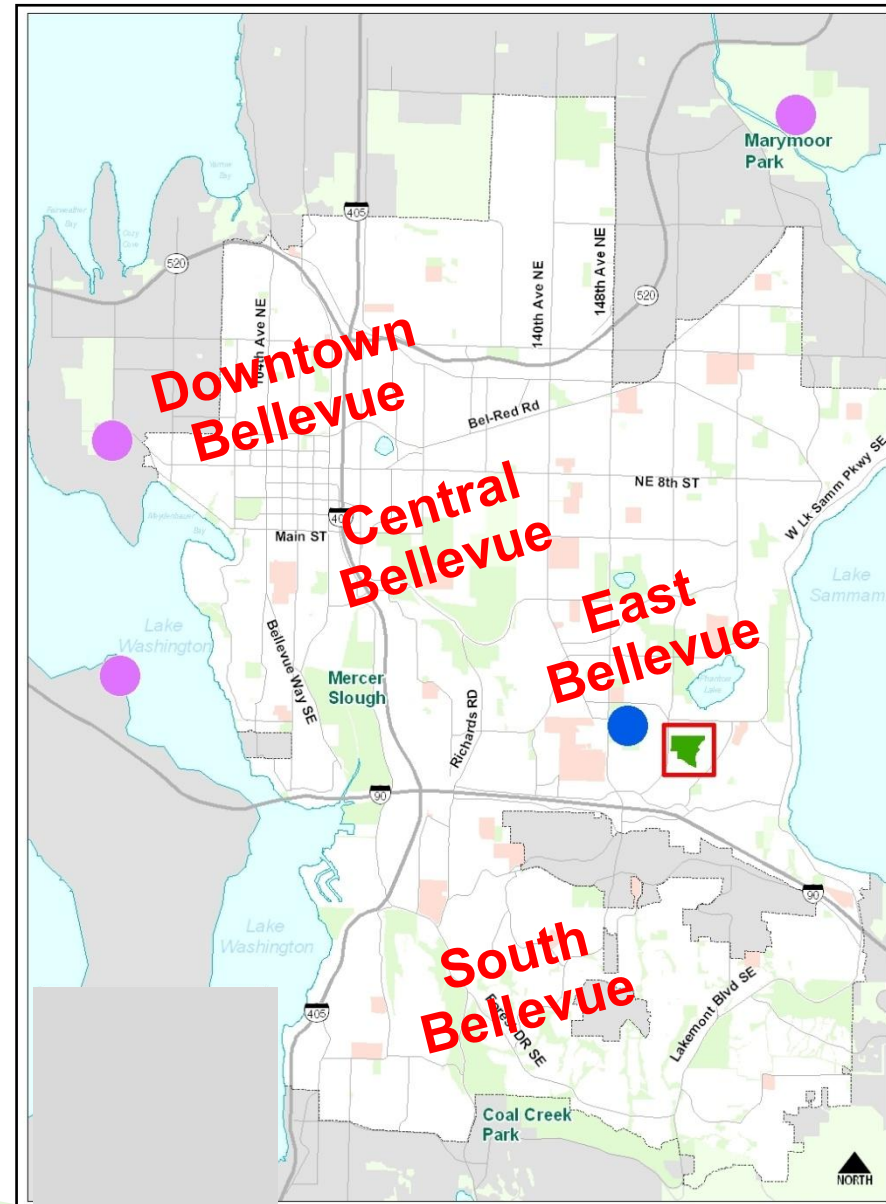
Draft Off-Leash Area Study

- ◆ Geographically dispersed
- ◆ 2-4 Additional OLAs
- ◆ Expand & Improve Robinswood

● Bellevue (Robinswood)

● Nearby

□ Eastgate Properties



Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)

Robinswood Park
(50 Acres)

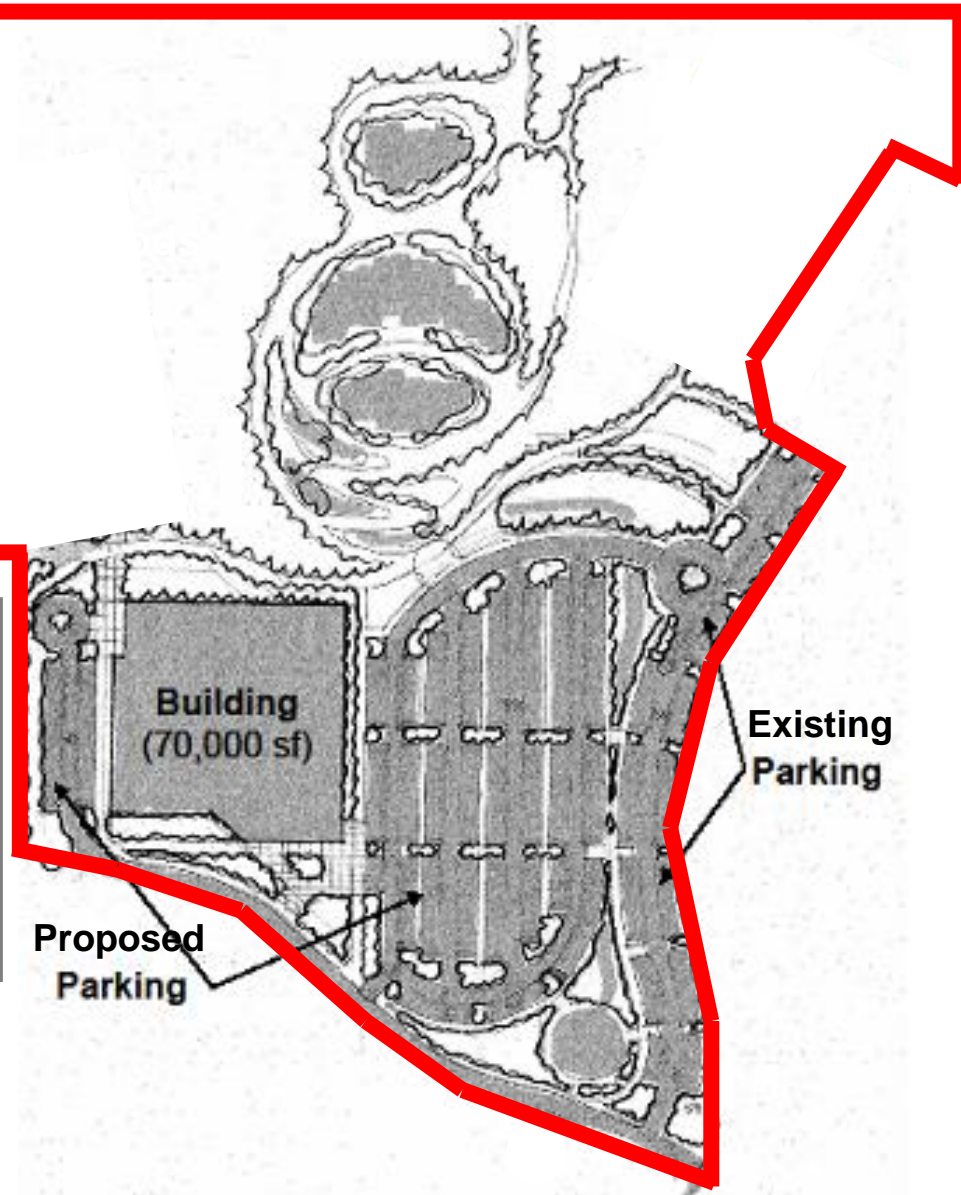
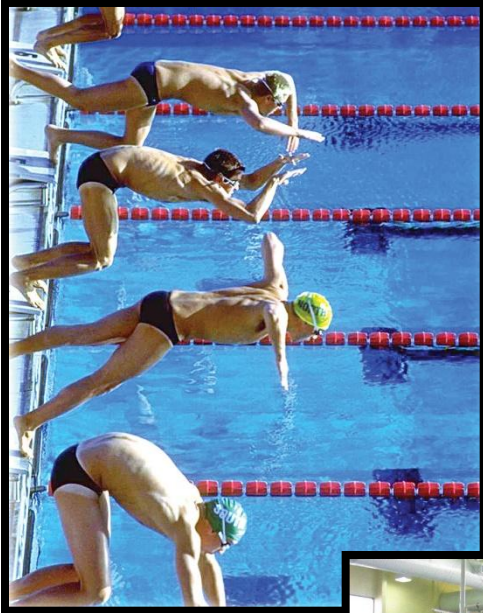
0.5 Acres

1.25 Acres

**Eastgate Area
Properties**
(27.5 acres)

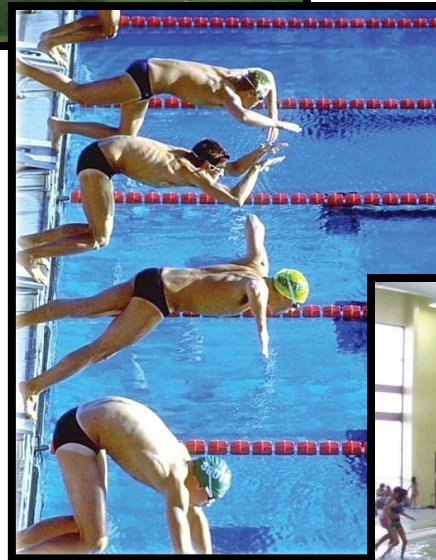


World Class Aquatic Facility



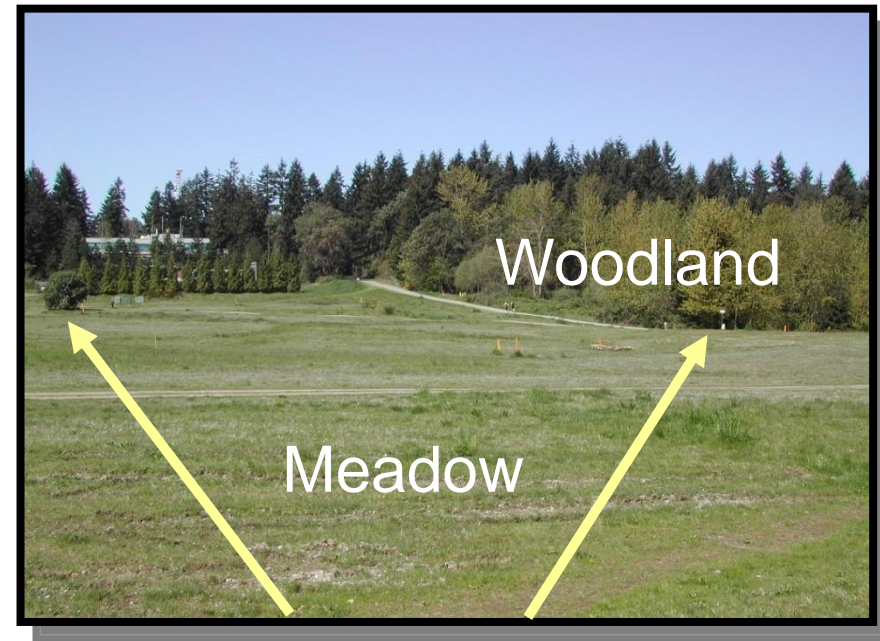
Aquatic Facility Study
(70,000 sf /400 parking)

Indoor Recreation Building Opportunities



- ◆ Aquatic Facility
- ◆ Indoor Sports
- ◆ Public/Private Partnerships

Save the Meadow



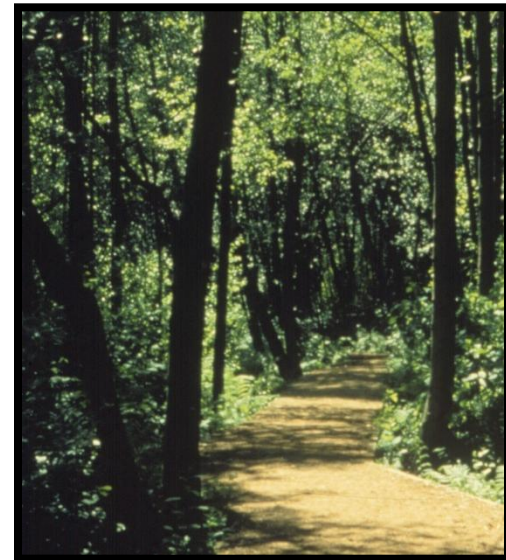
Advocates' Requests

- ◆ Preserve at least 2/3 of the meadow
- ◆ Maximum of 1/3 of the meadow for multi-use recreation
- ◆ Remainder left natural and preserved specifically for neighborhood use


Community Feedback

Areas of Agreement

- ◆ Picnic facilities
- ◆ Children's play areas
- ◆ Enhance trails & connections
- ◆ Limit vehicle access to 160th
- ◆ Utilize existing parking if possible
- ◆ Maintain residential buffers
- ◆ Provide restroom / park furnishings
- ◆ Environmentally responsible



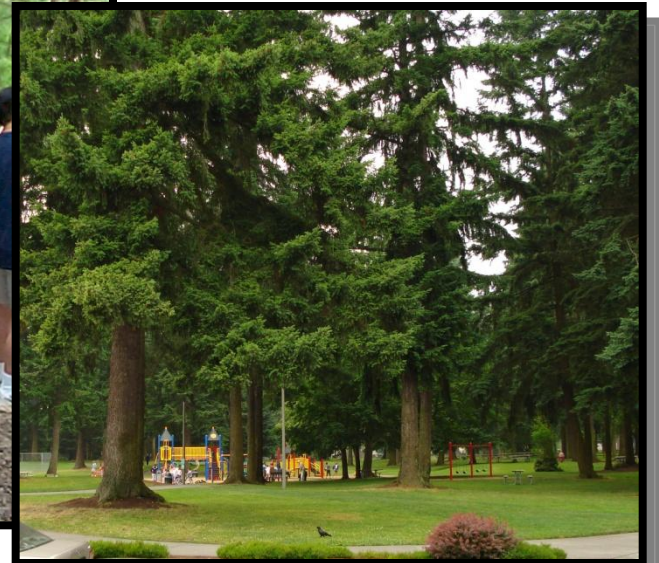
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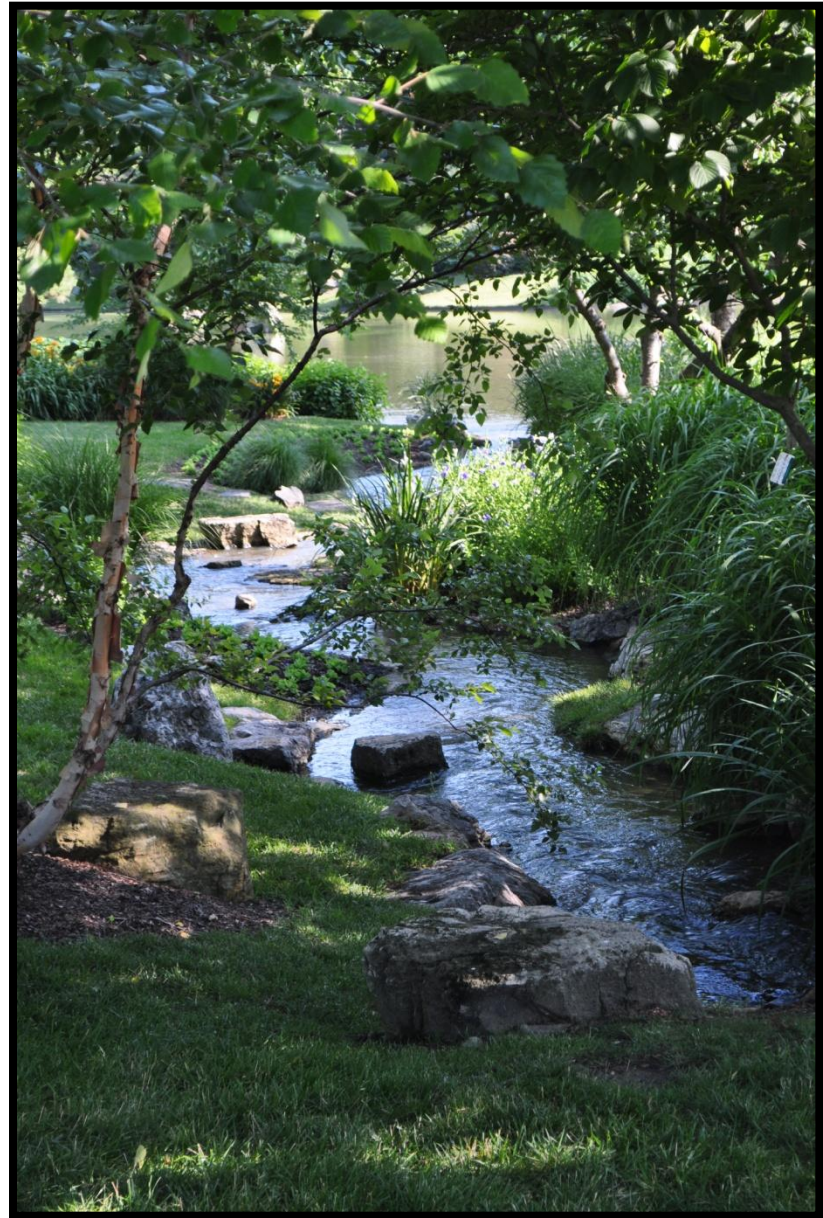
- ◆ Lighted Athletic Fields a priority
 - ◆ Neighborhood Buffers very important
 - ◆ Accessible Picnic Facilities important
 - ◆ Off-Leash Areas
 - Support expansion City-wide
 - Displacement concerns at Eastgate
 - Robinswood acceptable if higher priority uses at Eastgate limit off-leash opportunities
 - ◆ Interest in indoor recreation facility, but lower priority
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Design Response












Alternative A

Adds a Second Lighted Sportfield Area






Park Board Recommendation

- ◆ Master Plan Recommendation
 - Alternative A, Sportfield-Oriented (5-2)
 - Develop minimum 5-acre Off-Leash Area at Robinswood Park
 - Utilize Funding from Eastgate Area Properties for off-leash improvements at Robinswood Park
 - ◆ Support for the Recreation Building (2)
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Rationale for Recommended Master Plan

- ◆ Responds to significant desires expressed by the community
 - ◆ Consistent with original intent of purchase
 - ◆ Consistent with the *Park & Open Space System Plan* goals
 - ◆ Consistent with Council's recreational goals identified earlier
 - ◆ Responds to the need for high quality lighted sportfields
 - ◆ Combined with improvements at Robinswood, responds to the need for more & better off-leash facilities in Bellevue
 - ◆ Is environmentally responsible and respectful of neighbors
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Park Board Recommended Name



Airfield Park

- Airfield Meadow Community Park
- Bellegate Community Park
- Eastgate Meadows Community Park
- Meadowlands Community Park
- Phantom Ridge Community Park
- Phantom Woods Community Park
- Spirit Ponds Community Park
- Spirit Run Community Park

Rationale for Recommended Park Name

- ◆ Identified through a community-based process
 - ◆ Consistent with park naming policies
 - ◆ Recognizes the historic use of the site
 - ◆ Minimizes confusion by avoiding references to existing park names
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Next Steps

Tonight

- ◆ Council's Questions, Comments & Preferences

After Tonight's Meeting

- ◆ Complete Environmental Review
- ◆ City Council Adoption (2nd Q 2010)
- ◆ Design/Permit
- ◆ Construction (phase 1)

