

*Bellevue Parks &
Community Services*

**A New Community Park
Eastgate Area Properties
Master Plan**

**City Council Presentation
March 9, 2009**



Agenda

- ◆ Background & History
- ◆ Master Plan Process
- ◆ Park Development Preferences
 - Master Plan Alternatives
 - System Needs & Opportunities
 - Community Response
- ◆ Current Alternatives
- ◆ Comments & Questions

Issues

- ◆ Hierarchy of recreational use
 - Sportsfields
 - Recreational building
 - Off-leash facility
 - Preserve meadow
- ◆ If sportsfields are included
 - How many?
 - Single or multiple sport?
 - Lighted?
- ◆ Picnic area development in woods
 - Vehicle access?
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Eastgate Area Properties (27.5 acres)

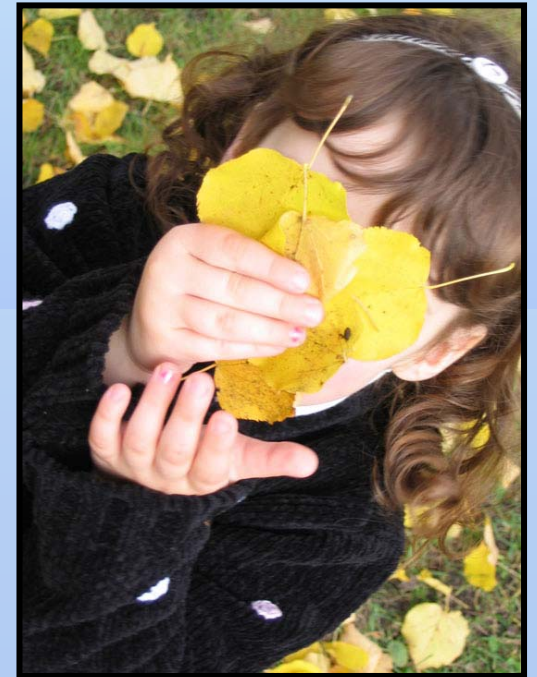
Property Qualities

- ◆ Last large property capable of supporting a range of park facilities
- ◆ Convenient access (1-90/160th)
- ◆ Significant natural areas/ neighborhood buffer
- ◆ Complementary adjacent land uses



Why Master Plan?

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



After Tonight

- ◆ Prepare recommended park master plan
- ◆ Community meeting #4
- ◆ Revise Plan as necessary
- ◆ Park Board recommendation
- ◆ Council adopts Master Plan
- ◆ Design/Permit
- ◆ Phase 1 construction



Community Input to date

- ◆ 3 Community workshops (340)
- ◆ Workshop card exercises (126)
- ◆ Neighborhood meeting (40)
- ◆ Petition (242)
- ◆ E-mails & phone (250)
- ◆ 3 Web surveys (385)

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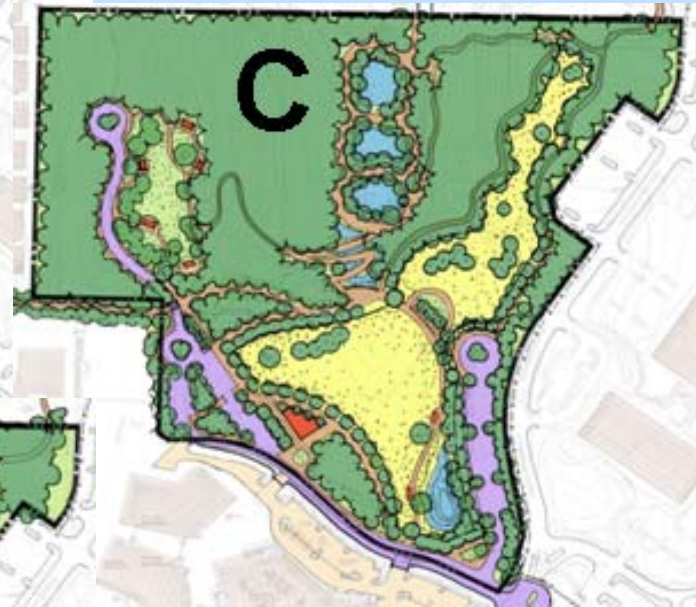
Initial Preferences

Through 1st Workshop, on-line survey and e-mails:

- ◆ Walking on Trails
- ◆ Athletic Fields
- ◆ Off-Leash Dog Area
- ◆ Aquatic Facility
- ◆ Playground & Picnicking
- ◆ Observe Nature & Wildlife
- ◆ Leave it alone / Save the meadow

Design Alternatives

(Workshop #2)



Response to Five Alternatives

- ◆ Single Purpose Alternatives (C & E) had most polarized views (love/hate)
- ◆ Multiple Use Options (B & D) generated fewest objections
- ◆ Avoid Active Uses in Natural Areas
- ◆ General support for indoor recreation building

Areas of Agreement

- ◆ Picnic facilities
- ◆ Children's play area(s)
- ◆ Enhance trails & connections
- ◆ Limit vehicle access to 160th
- ◆ Utilize existing parking if possible
- ◆ Maintain residential buffers
- ◆ Environmentally responsible



Design Alternatives

(Workshop #3)



Potential Uses

- ◆ Sportfields
 - multi-sport vs single sport
 - quantity
 - lighting
- ◆ Off-Leash Dog Facility
- ◆ Indoor Recreation Building
- ◆ Preservation (woods & meadow)

Bellevue Sportsfields



Citywide Challenges

- ◆ Field shortage (little league & soccer)
- ◆ Traffic, noise & lights
- ◆ Site capacity

Advocates' Issues

- ◆ Poor quality fields
- ◆ No complex
(Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah)
- ◆ Economic benefit



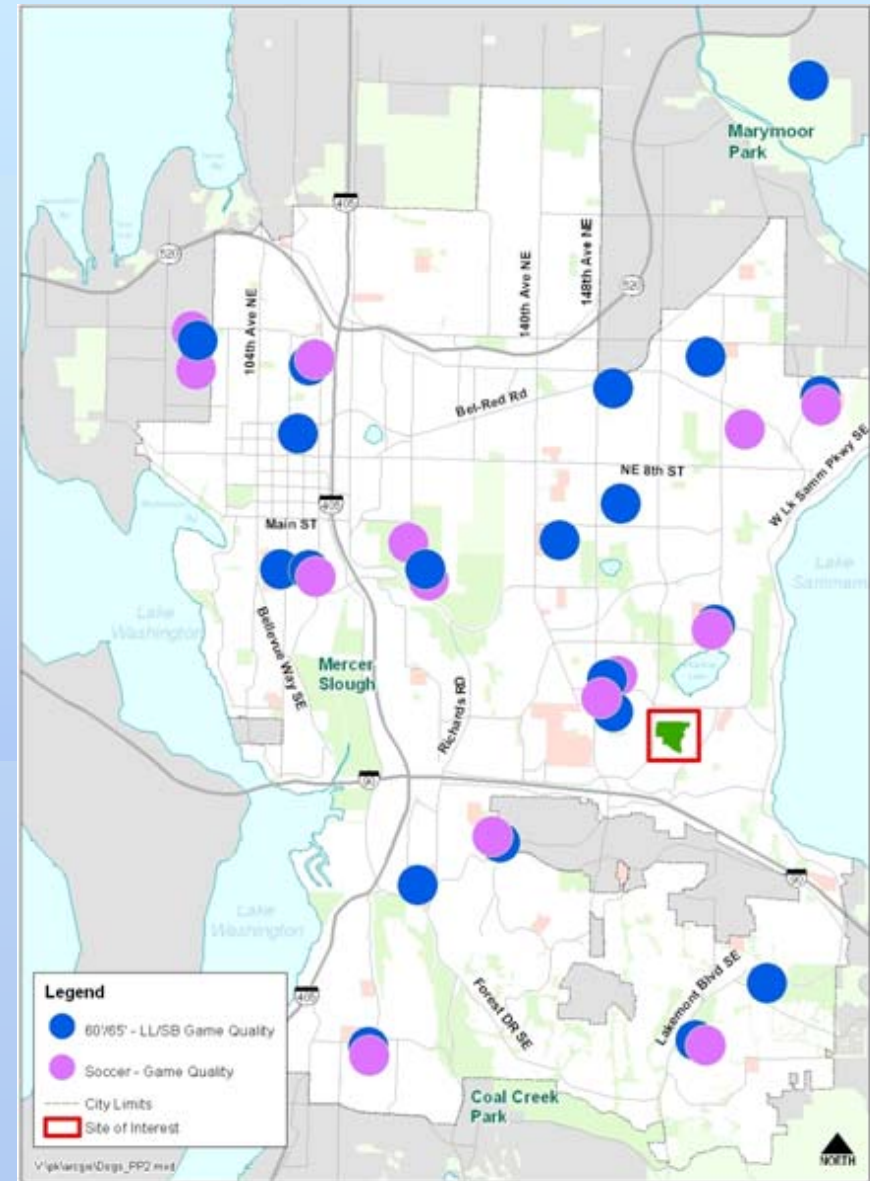
Bellevue Sportsfields

Development Practice

- ◆ Geographically dispersed
- ◆ Maximize resources
 - School partnership
 - Multi-use
 - Synthetic surface
 - Lights

Service Level Needs

- Little League
- Soccer



Bellevue Sportsfields

Recent Sportsfield Investments

- ◆ 2003 – Multi-Use, Highland Middle School
- ◆ 2005 – Multi-Use, Lewis Creek Community Park
- ◆ 2007 – Soccer Type, Robinswood Community Park
- ◆ 2007 – Softball, Bellevue High School

Future (Levy Funds)

- ◆ 2010 (est.) – Soccer, Newport Hills Park
- ◆ 2010 (est.) – Soccer, Wilburton Community Park
- ◆ 2013 (est.) – Multi-Use, Surrey Downs Community Park

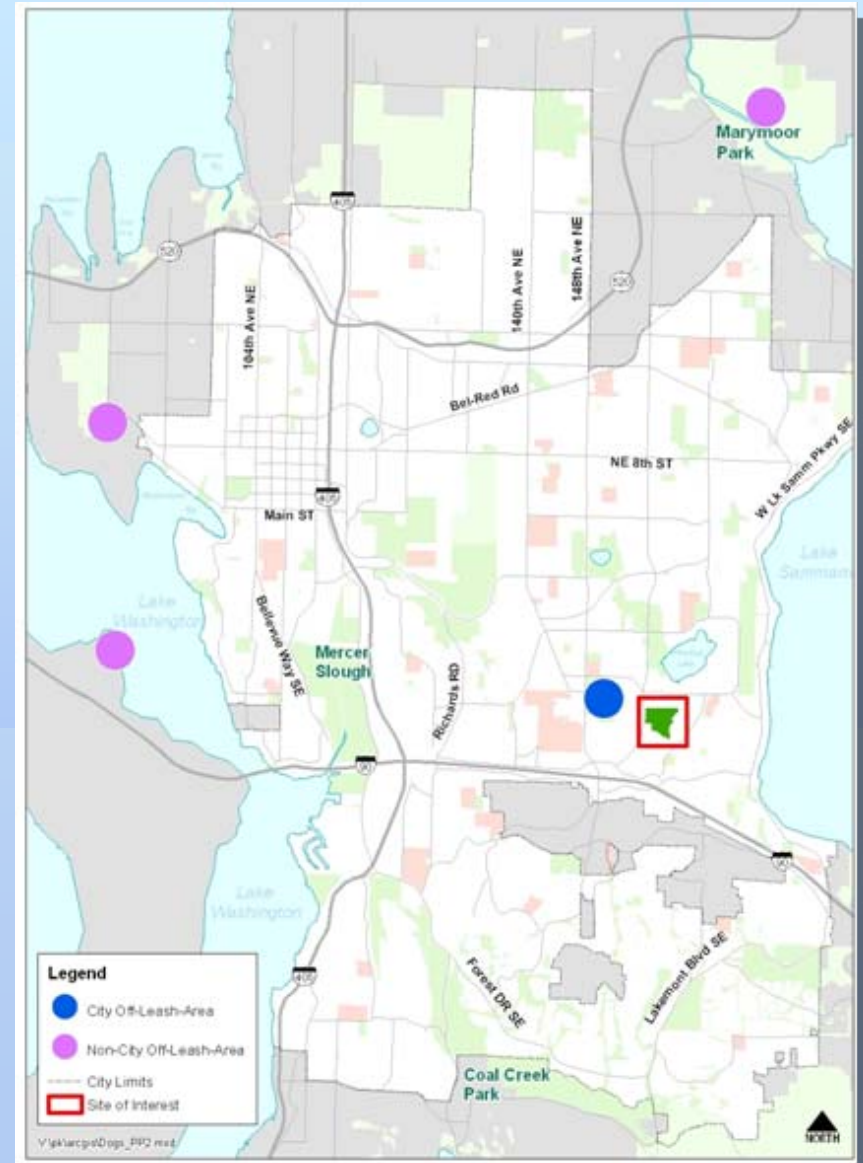
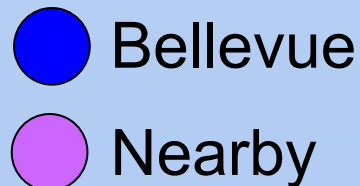
Off-Leash Dog Area

Advocates' Issues

- ◆ Historical neighborhood use
- ◆ Dog owners not well served
- ◆ Robinswood not adequate

Current Conditions

- ◆ Dogs welcome on-leash
- ◆ #1 Complaint to Parks
- ◆ 1 off-leash facility in Bellevue; 3 nearby

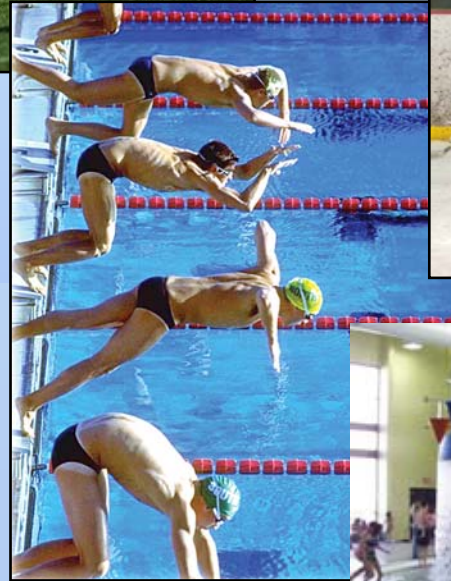


Ongoing Off-Leash Study

- ◆ Recommendations to Park Board 3/10/09
 - Improvements at Robinswood
 - 2-4 Additional small facilities



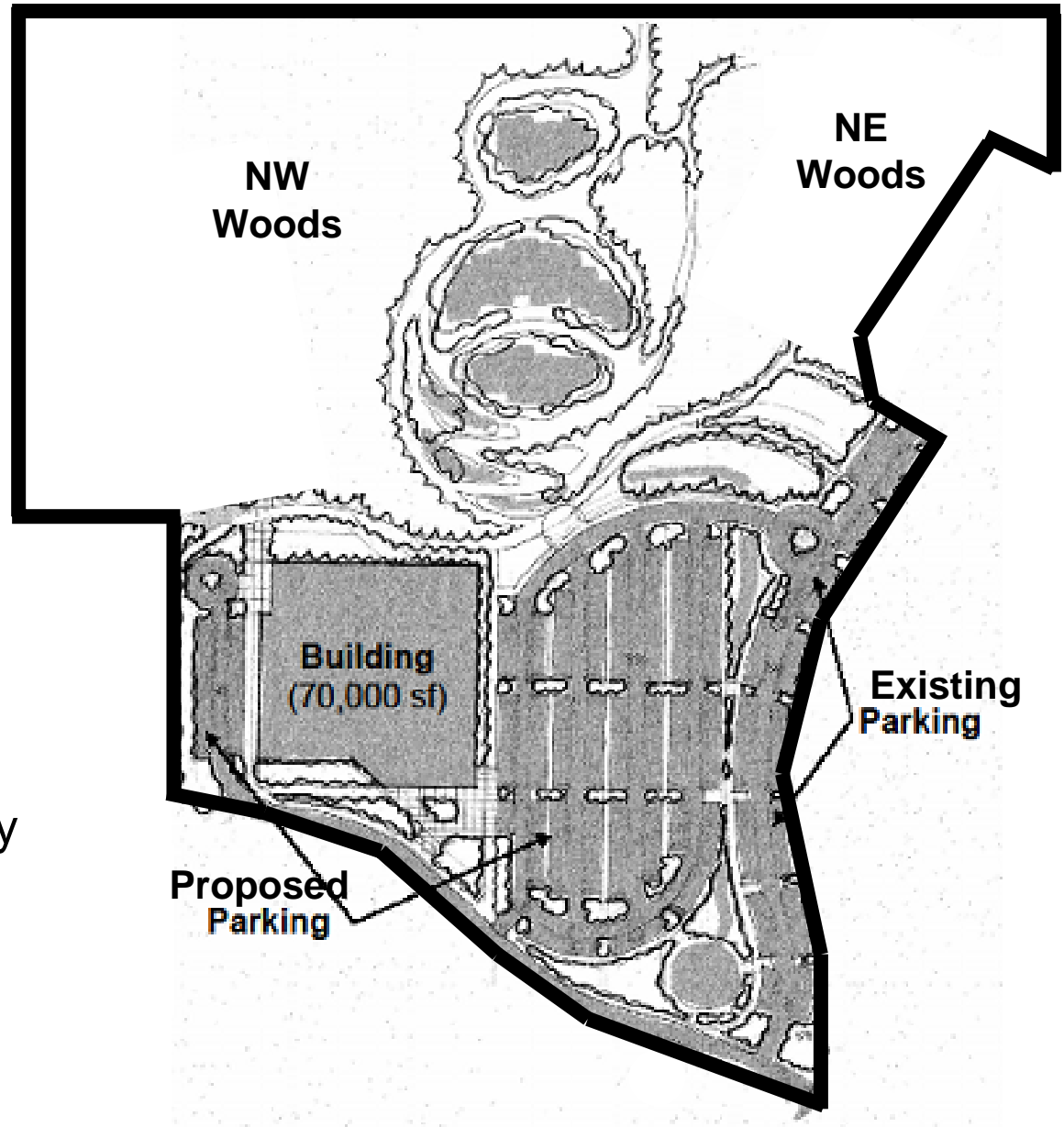
Indoor Recreation Building Opportunities



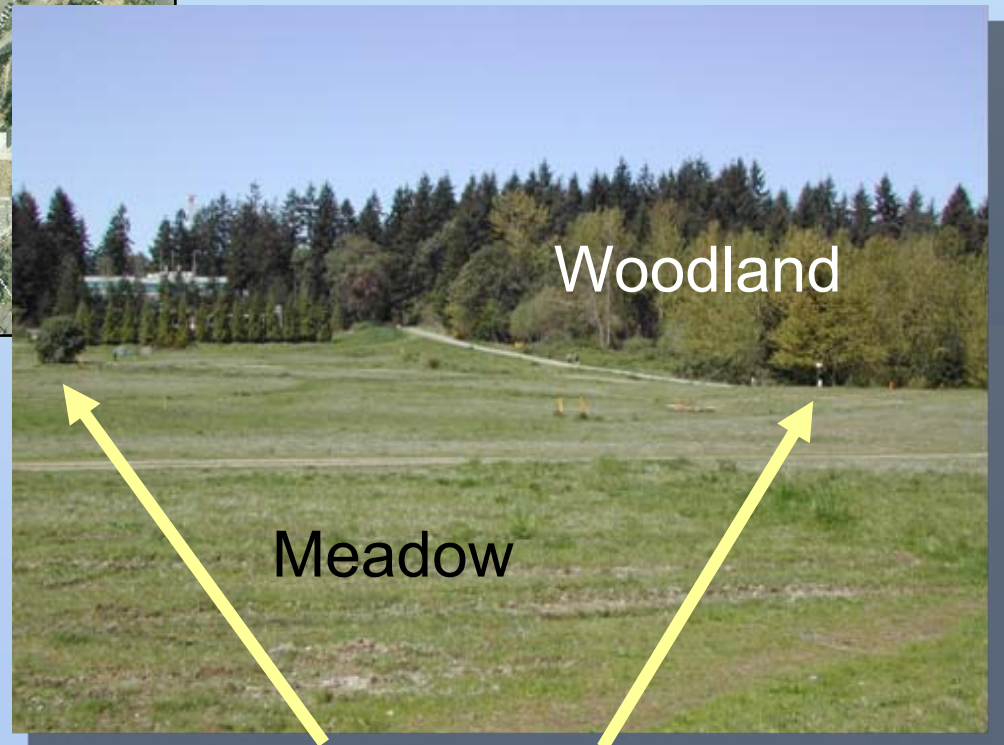
- ◆ Aquatic Facility
- ◆ Indoor Sports (soccer, baseball, hockey, basketball)
- ◆ Public/Private partnerships

Major Indoor Aquatic Center

Mid-Range alternative
from draft Aquatic
Center Feasibility Study



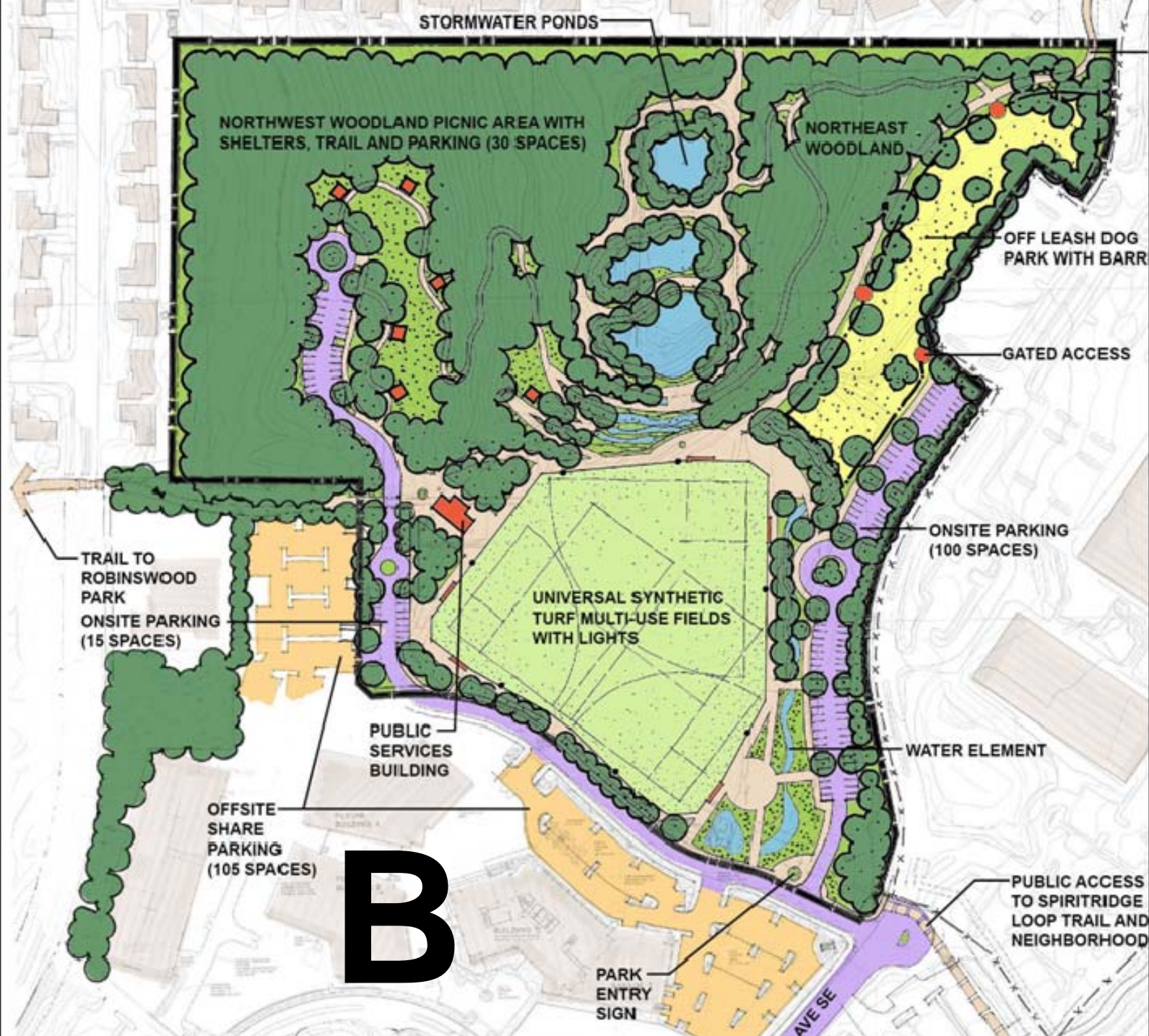
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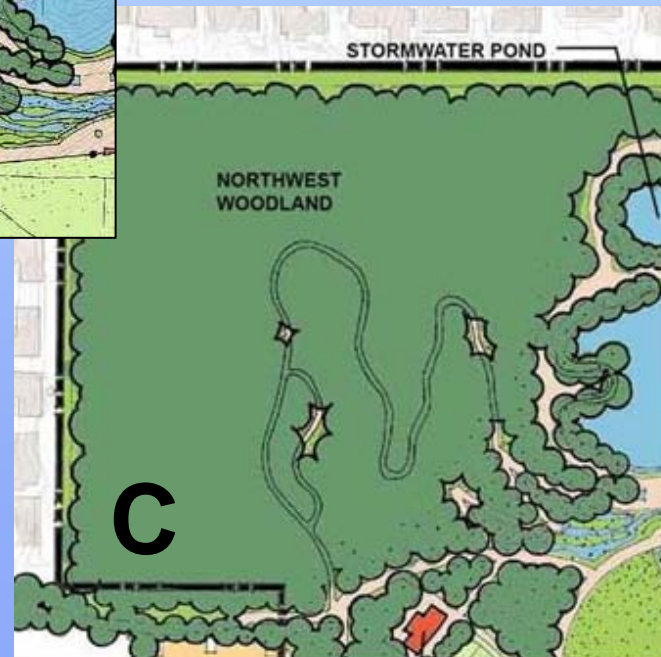
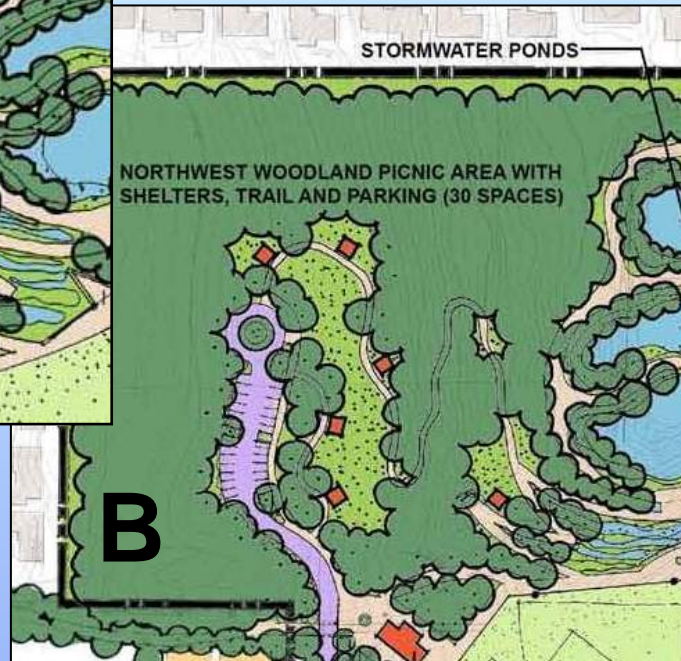
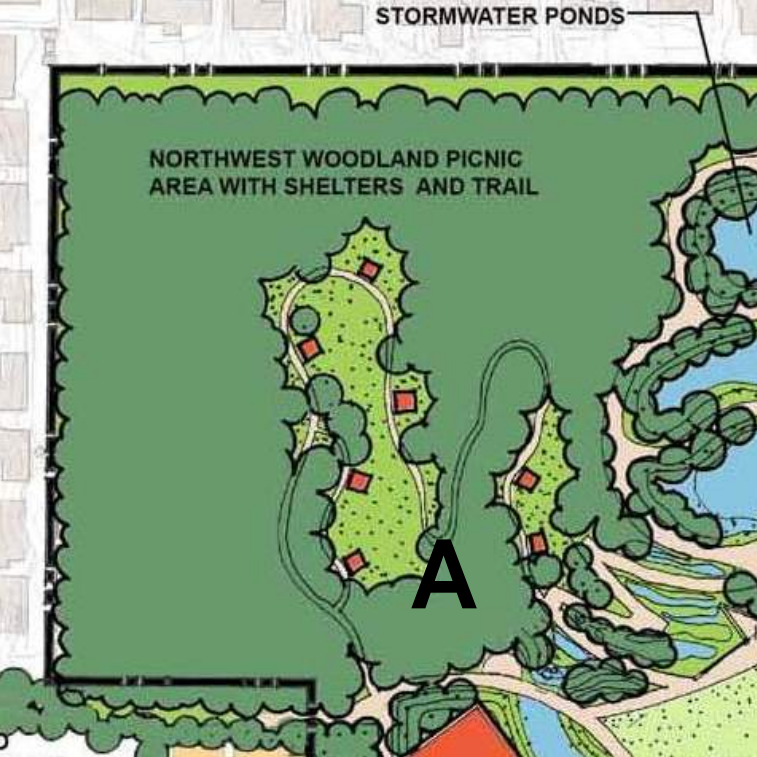
- ◆ 37% of Bellevue is under tree canopy (9% lost in last 10 years)
- ◆ 1/4 of this is in Bellevue's Park & Open Space System
- ◆ 80% (2000/2500 ac) of Bellevue's Park & Open Space is natural



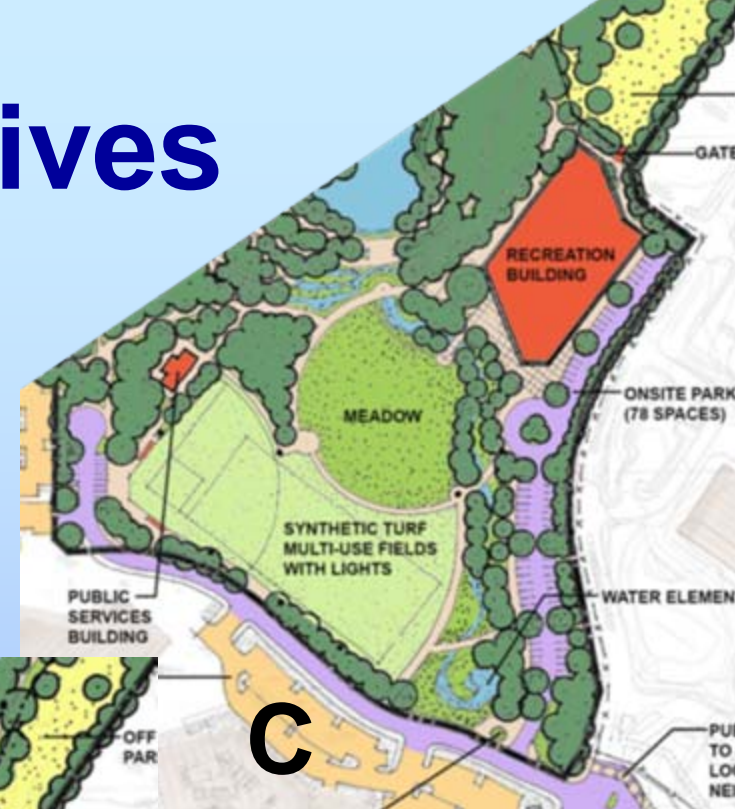




NW Picnic Area Alternatives



Open Area Alternatives



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