

A New Community Park

Eastgate Area Properties Master Plan

THE
PORTICO
GROUP



Public Meeting and Workshop #3
November 18, 2008

Eastgate Area Properties Master Plan

Presentation tonight:

1. Project Background and Process
2. What we've heard from the Community
 - Park Development Preferences
 - Potential Activities, Uses & Facilities
3. Park & Open Space System
 - Service Level, Needs & Opportunities
4. Park Alternatives (3)
5. Group Exercise

Eastgate Area Properties

Purchased Area

■ 1983 2.47 ac

■ 2003 14.55 ac

■ 2004 10.53 ac

Total = 27.55 ac

\$ 6.3 Million



Why purchased?

Community Park

- Service Area / definition

Unique Property Opportunities

- Last large property capable of supporting a range of park facilities *including Sport fields*
- Access (1-90 / 160th)
- Buffer neighborhood
- Complementary Surrounding uses
 - Share Office infrastructure



Why Master Plan?

1. Shared Long-Range Vision
 - Community Input
 - Optimize limited City wide resources
 - Inform a balanced, maintained, safe & integrated Park System
 - Protect & Preserve environmentally sensitive natural areas
2. Long-Term Development Plan
3. Phased Implementation
4. Planning Level Cost Estimates



Master Plan Process & Timeline

Community Planning Process

Site Analysis / Alternatives / Preferred Option

Park Board

Study Session(s) / Recommendation

City Council

Study Session(s) / **Adopt MP**

Workshop #3

April 2008 —————> November 18, 2008 —————> **March 2009**

Environmental/Technical Analysis

Program Planning/Master Plan Alternatives

SEPA

Develop Master Plan Report



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Next Steps:

1. Community input + Needs + Site opportunities
2. Park Board (January 13, 2008)
3. City Council (January / February)
4. Draft preferred park master plan alternative
5. Community Meeting #4 (February)
6. Park Board (March)
7. City Council Adopts Master Plan
8. Design / Permit
9. Construction (Phase 1)



Community Input ... to-date

- Community Workshop #1 (100+)
- Community Workshop #2 (150+)
- Neighborhood Meeting (40)
- Petition (242)
- Emails (200+)
- Survey #1 (195)
- Survey #2 (88)

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Initial Preferences

Through 1st Workshop, on-line survey and emails:

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

Design Alternatives (Workshop #2)

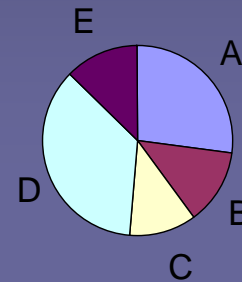
The Range of Requested ... Alternatives A thru E



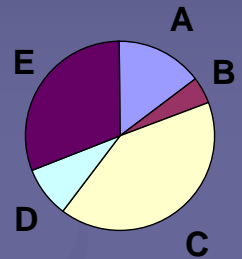
Alternative Preferences

- VS**
- Workshop # 2
 - D and A most preferred
 - C and E least preferred
 - Emails and On-line Surveys
 - C and E most preferred
 - C, E (and A) Least preferred

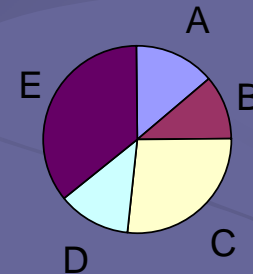
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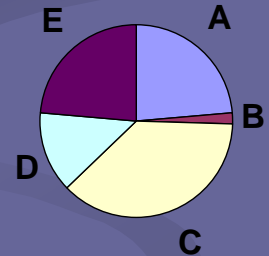
Least Preferred



Most Preferred



Least Preferred

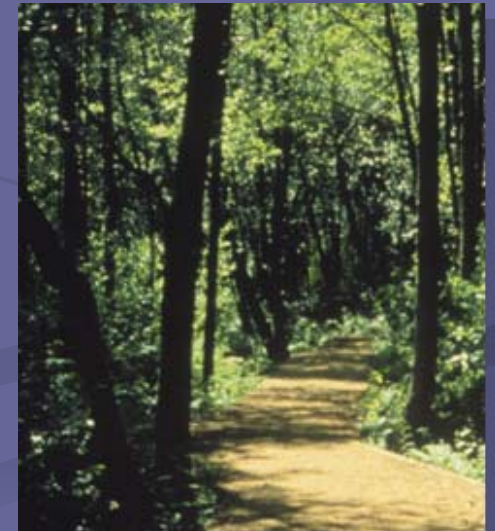


Fewest Objections (mtgs, emails & surveys)

- B, D and A

Areas of Community Agreement . . .

- Picnic facilities
- Children's play area(s)
- Maintain/enhance trails & connections
- Limit vehicle access to 160th
- Utilize existing parking if possible
- Maintain residential buffers
- Provide restroom(s)/site furnishings
- Environmentally responsible
(protect and enhance: woods,
water quantity/quality, landfill BMP)
- Orientation & interpretive signage



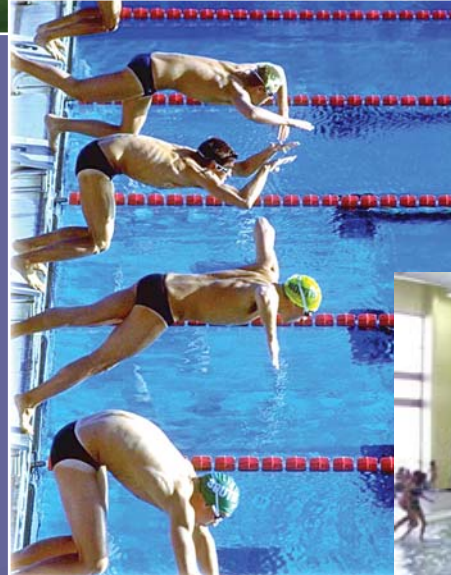
Unresolved

- Sport fields – type / quantity / lights?
- Off-Leash Dog Facility?
- Indoor Recreation Building?
- Preserve a meadow?

A Systems Approach

- Community Park . . . *city wide service area*
- System Needs and Opportunities
 - Indoor Recreation Building
 - Off-Leash Dog Areas
 - Sports Fields
 - Environmental Stewardship and Preservation

Indoor Recreation Building Opportunities



- Aquatic Facility
- Indoor Sports
- Public/Private Partnerships

Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)

● Bellevue (Robinswood)

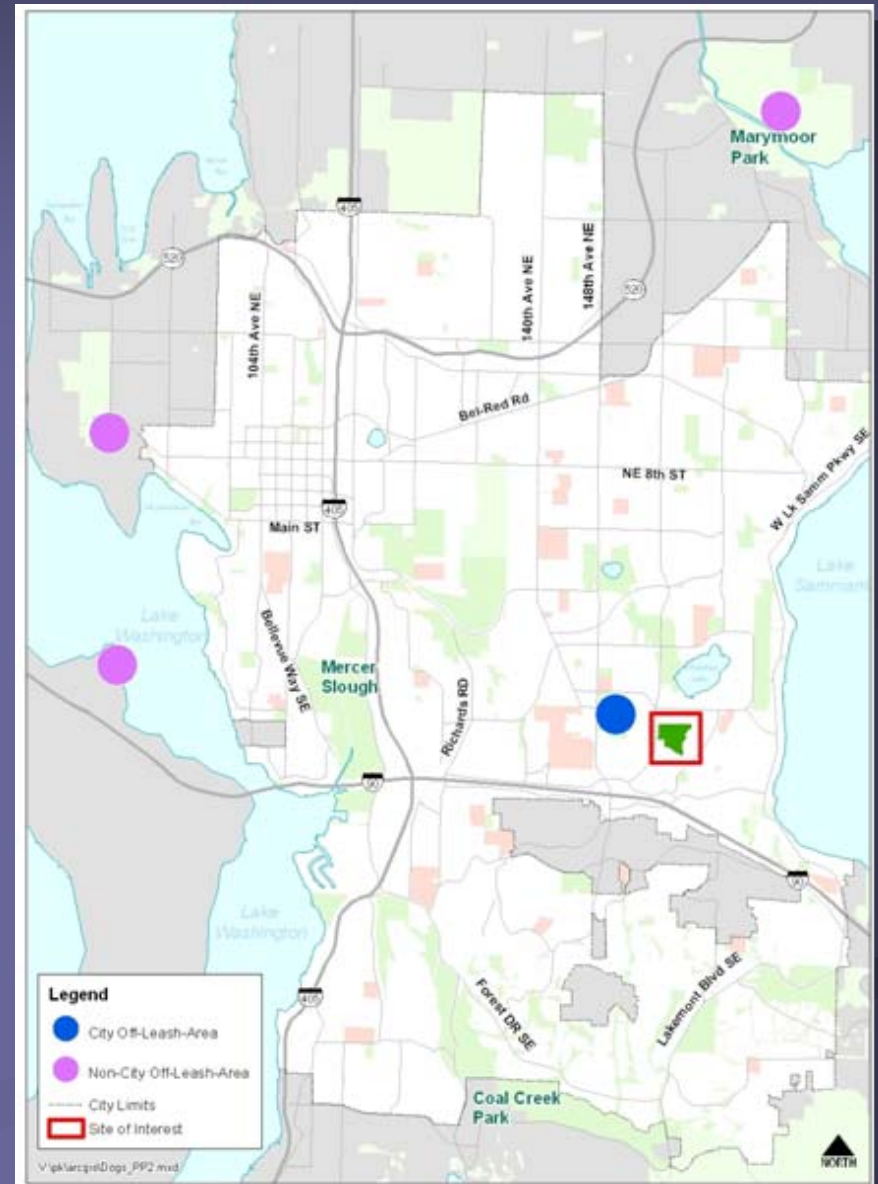
● Nearby

Current Conditions

- Dogs welcome On-leash
- #1 Complaint to Parks

Issues

- Dogs not well served
(Seattle, Portland)
- Historical neighborhood use



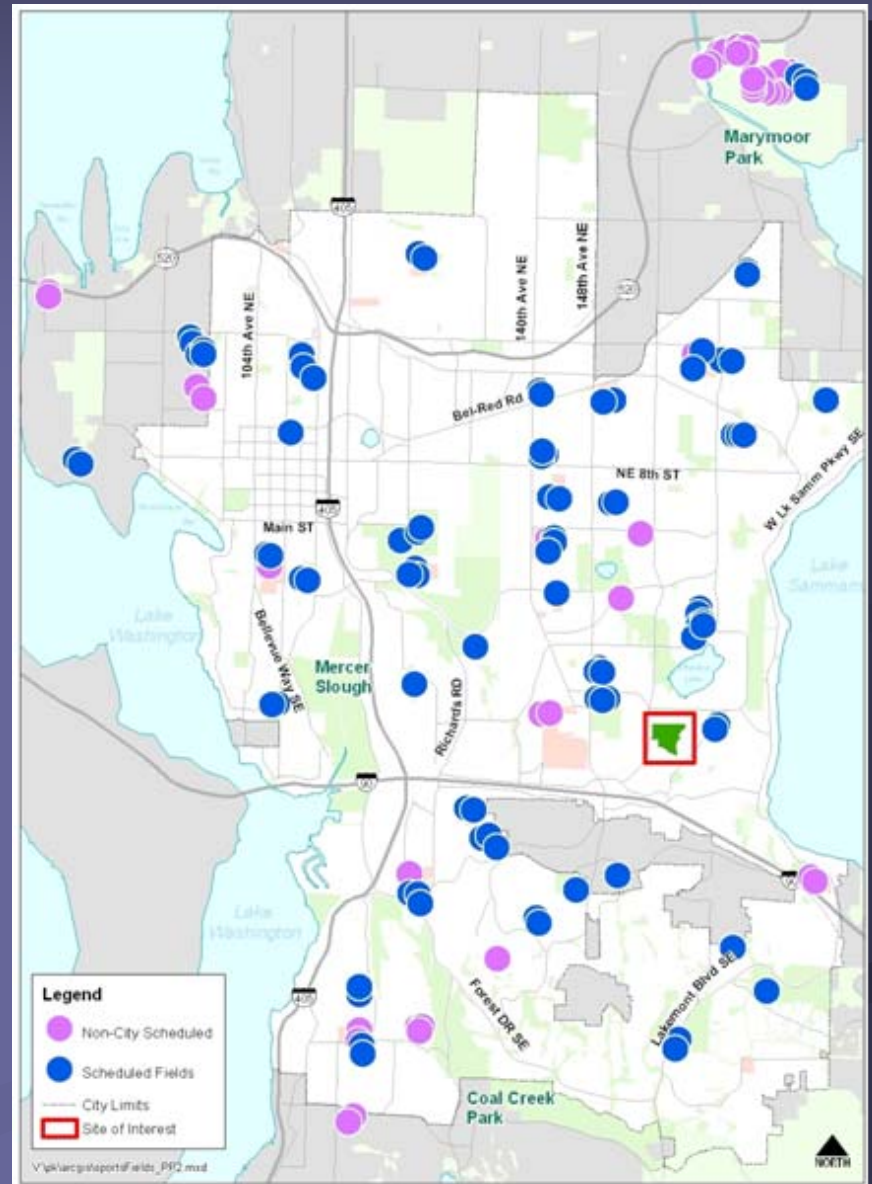
Bellevue Sport Fields

Field Type

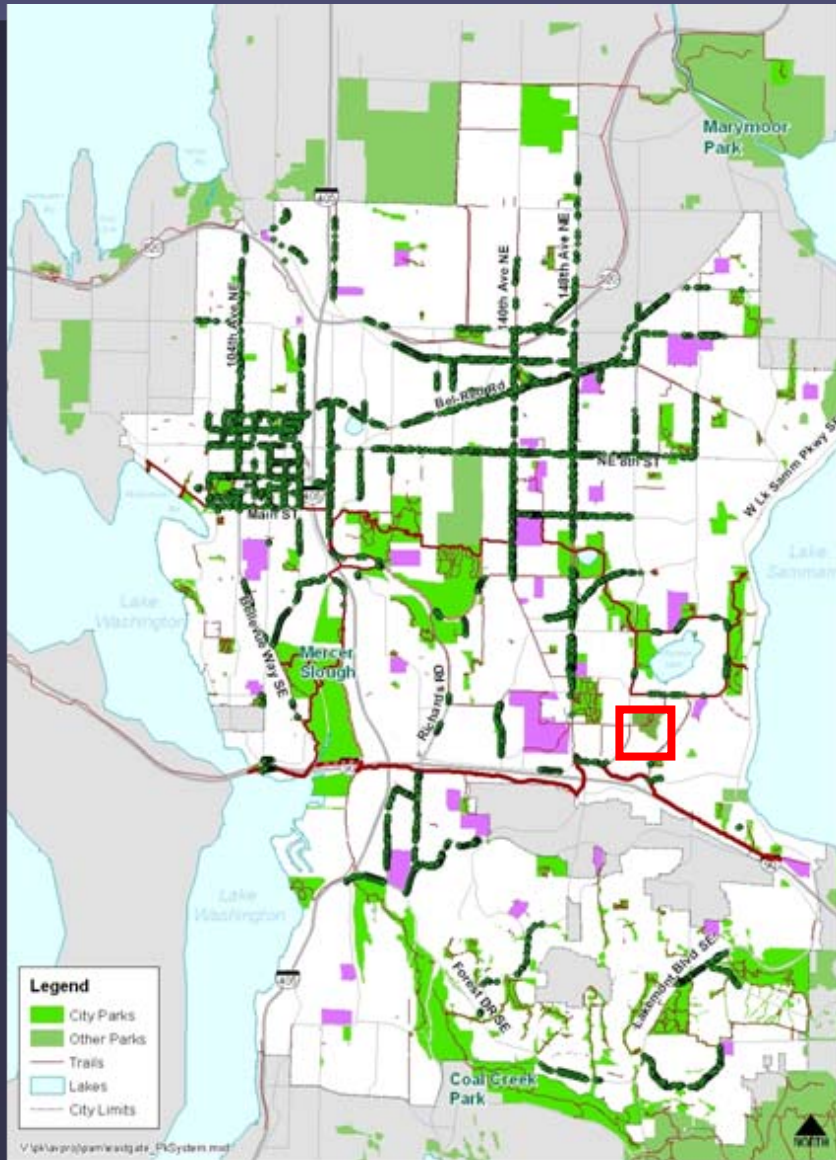
- Soccer
- BB/Softball
- Multi-Use

Issues

- Poor Quality
- Inconvenience
- No Field Complex
(Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah)

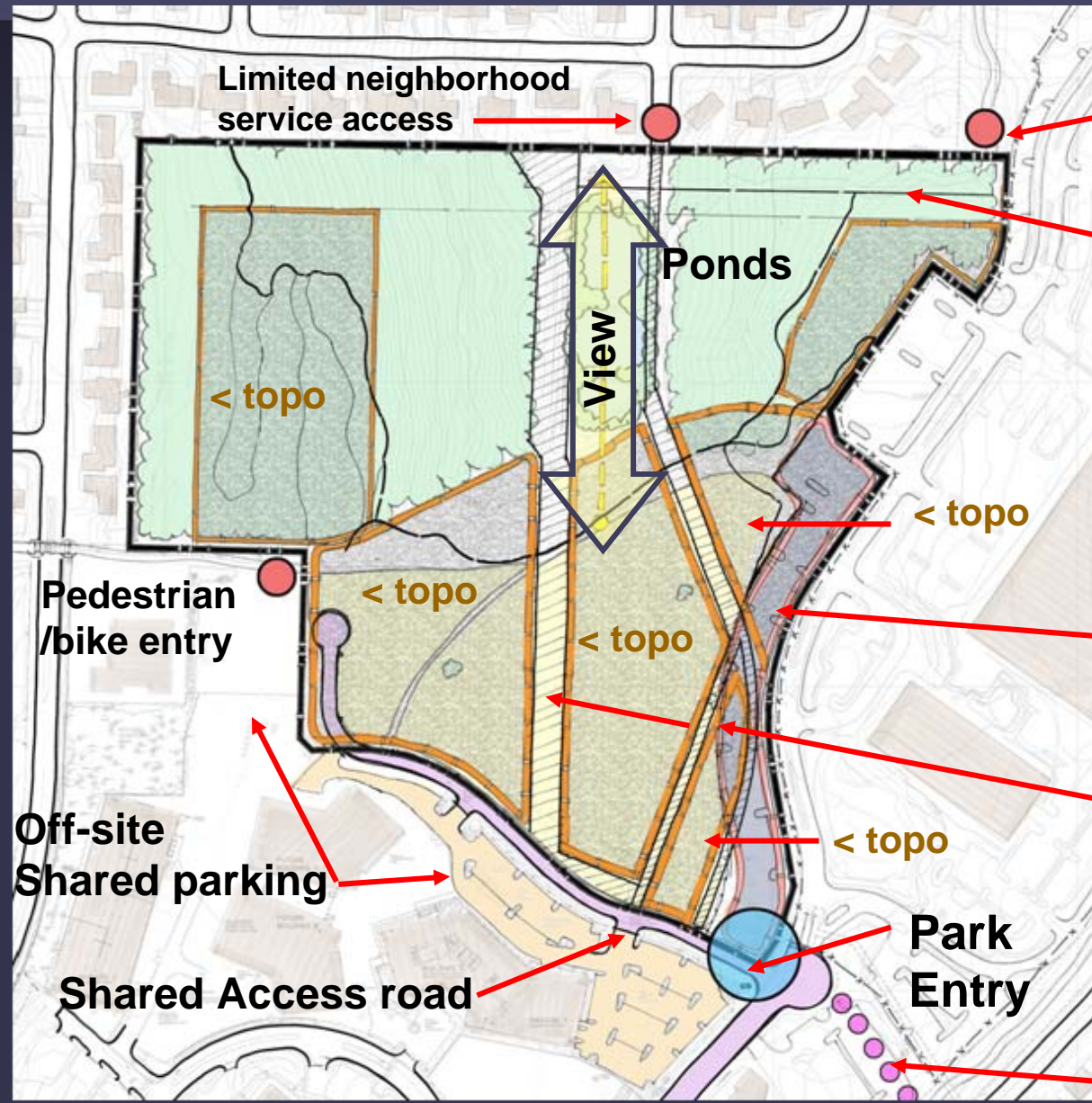


Environmental Stewardship & Preservation



- 37% of Bellevue is under tree canopy (9% lost in last 10 years).
- ¼ of this is in Bellevue's Park & Open Space System.
- 80% (2000/2500 ac) of Bellevue's Park & Open Space is natural.

Framework Plan



Pedestrian/bike entry

Existing trail/buffer easement

Pedestrian /bike entry

Off-site Shared parking

Feasible reuse of existing parking

Utility Easements

Park Entry

Spiritridge Connector



Alternate A







Alternate C