



NEP NEWSLETTER

Cougar Mountain/Lakemont

Thank you for participating in the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Neighborhood Enhancement Program!

In September and October 2023, 570 ballots (13.5% of Cougar Mountain/Lakemont households) were returned on the 13 proposed enhancement projects to receive Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) funds. Five projects will be funded out of the \$377,000 Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP allocation, which will also encompass associated planning, design, labor, and materials fees..

Please also take a moment to complete the enclosed, prepaid NEP evaluation form, and mail it back to us. Your feedback is critical to ensuring that the Neighborhood Enhancement Program is meeting your needs, as well as informing planning decisions, program improvement, and policy development. You can also complete the evaluation form online via the NEP website (BellevueWA.gov/nep). Kindly return your completed form or submit your comments online by **December 29, 2023**.

As we begin the implementation phase, we encourage you to remain engaged in the process by contacting project managers to provide input, tracking the status of the projects on the NEP website, and enjoying the built work!

Please Return Enclosed Evaluation Form or submit comments online at BellevueWA.gov/nep by Dec. 29!
Funded Project List and Final Results Inside

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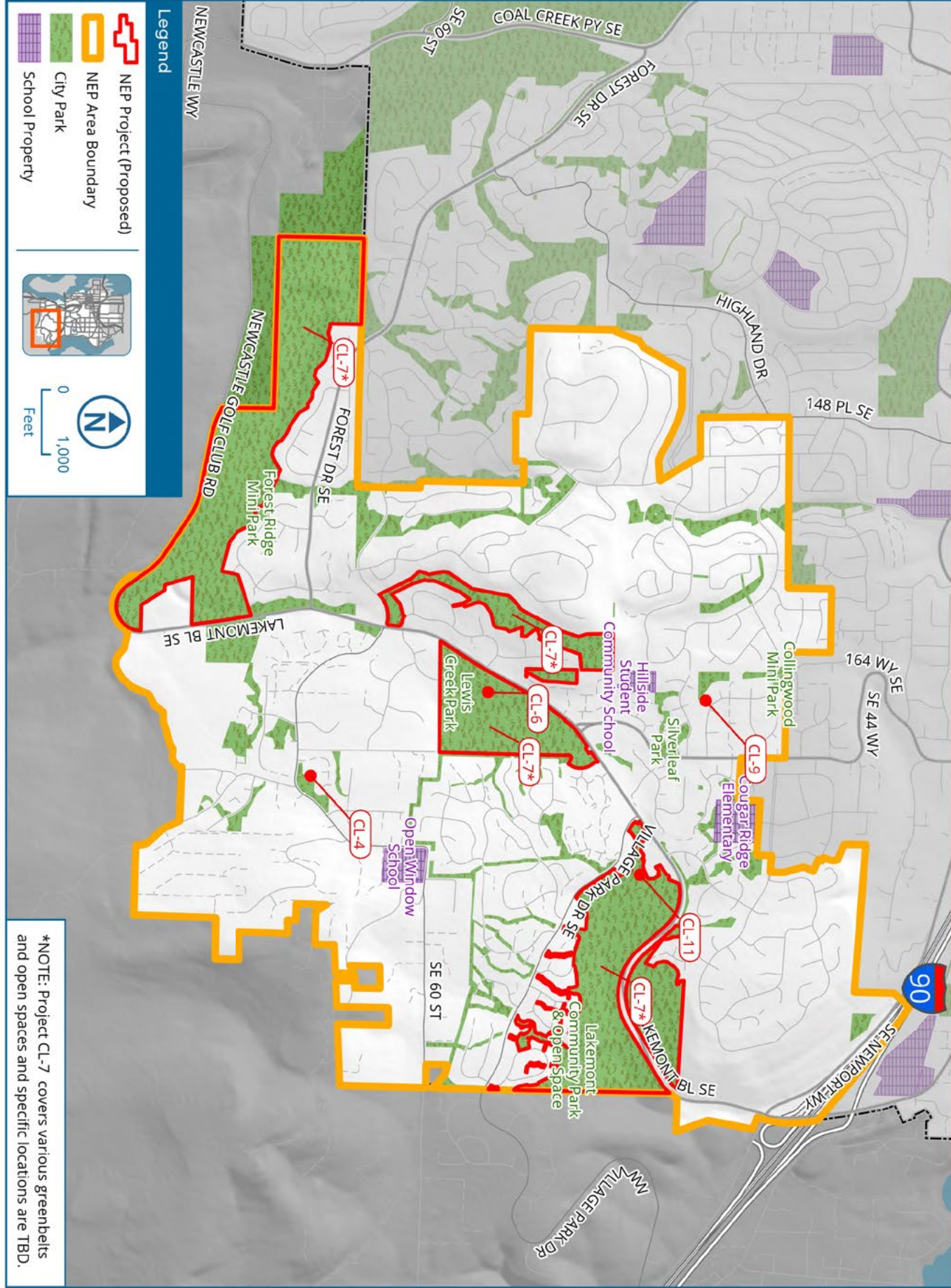
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Neighborhood Enhancement Program Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP Funded Project Locations



*NOTE: Project CL-7 covers various greenbelts and open spaces and specific locations are TBD.

Funded projects to be implemented by Neighborhood Enhancement Program over the next three to five years.

CL-7: Vegetation Removal & Tree Planting \$275,000 642 points

Location: Various city managed greenbelts within the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont neighborhood including, but not limited to, Lakemont Community Park & Open Space, Coal Creek Natural Area, Lakemont Highlands Park & Open Space, and Lewis Creek Park.

This project will involve the removal of non-native vegetation from city managed greenbelts within the within the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont neighborhood. The scope of work will involve the removal of non-native vegetation including blackberry, ivy, and holly. The scope of work will also include the planting of native trees and shrubs with an emphasis on creating additional tree canopy where opportunity exists. The new plantings will be watered and maintained by city staff until they are established and self-sustainable.

Project Manager: Rick Bailey (425-452-6031); rbailey@bellevuewa.gov

CL-11: Pedestrian Bridge Upgrades \$20,000 464 points

Location: Lakemont Park

This project will add anti-slip material to existing pedestrian bridge planks..

Project Manager: Ernie Podaca (425-451-2932); epodaca@bellevuewa.gov

CL-9: Silverleaf Trail Enhancements \$15,000 200 points

Location: Silverleaf Trail (Collingswood Open space) Trailhead by address 16107 161st Ave SE

This project will install the following upgrades to existing trail transition that is muddy and impassable in the fall and winter - Techno Earth grass grids with drainage in wet trail area as it enters the grass trailhead that connects to 161st Ave SE in Collingswood and renovation of lawn area for improved drainage.

Project Manager: Chris Vandall (425-452-7679); cvandall@bellevuewa.gov

CL-6: Basketball Court Fence Addition \$25,000 194 points

Location: Lewis Creek Park

This project will install a 10-foot-high fence along 3 sides of the park's basketball court.

Project Manager: Ernie Podaca (425-451-2932); epodaca@bellevuewa.gov

CL-4: Winfield Open Space Trailhead Landscape Improvements \$10,000 72 points

Location: 16544 SE Cougar Mountain Way (165th Pl SE dead end)

This project will involve the landscape enhancement of a trailhead into Winfield Open Space located at the end of 165th Pl SE. The scope of work will involve the removal of turf grass, soil preparation, installation of native plant material, and mulching. The new plantings will be watered and maintained by city staff until established and self-sustainable.

Project Manager: Rick Bailey (425-451-6031); rbailey@bellevuewa.gov

Overall Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Project List and Final Vote Results:

Ballot #	Project	Cost	Points
CL-7	Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Area Invasive Vegetation Removal & Tree Planting	\$275,000	642
CL-11	Pedestrian Bridge Upgrade - Lakemont Park	\$20,000	464
*CL-9	Silverleaf Trail Enhancements	\$15,000	200
*CL-6	Basketball Court Fence Addition - Lewis Creek Park	\$25,000	194
*CL-4	Winfield Open Space Trailhead Landscape Improvements	\$10,000	72
CL-13	Lakemont Blvd Trail Connection to Coal Creek Natural Area	\$235,000	462
CL-3	SE 46th St and 164th Ave SE Flashing Beacon and Crossings	\$350,000	278
CL-2	Coal Creek Trail Connection from 155th Pl SE	\$235,000	277
CL-5	SE 46th St and 167th Ave SE Flashing Beacon and Dynamic No U-turn signs	\$275,000	265
CL-10	New Play Equipment - Collingwood Mini Park	\$225,000	168
CL -1	Village Park Dr to Brighton Neighborhood Flashing Beacon Crossing	\$250,000	143
CL-8	SE 45th Ct Cul-de-sac island Improvements	\$100,000	82
CL - 12	SE 60th St/170th Ave SE Flashing Beacon Crosswalk	\$250,000	68

*Five of 13 proposed projects will be funded. The first two chosen projects can be funded. There are not enough funds to include the third, fourth, fifth or sixth selected projects, however, it was determined that the seventh, eighth and twelfth selected projects will be funded in order to utilize the maximum amount of NEP funding available to the neighborhood area.

Questions/Concerns?

Contact the following individuals regarding the following topics:

Neighborhood Enhancement Program

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