

City of Bellevue - Budget One 2013-2019 CIP Plan Proposal

Section 1: Proposal Descriptors

Proposal Title: P-AD-88 Neighborhood Park
Development: Bridle Trails and Lake
Sammamish (Levy)

Proposal Number: 100.67NA
Proposal Type: Existing Service
Project Status Recommended

Outcome: Quality Neighborhoods

Attachments: Yes

Primary Dept: Parks & Community Services

Parent/Dependent Proposals:

Primary Staff Glenn Kost

Previous Proposal # (s): 100.67NN

Contact:

Section 2: Executive Summary

This proposal seeks funds property negotiations, planning, design and park development in the Bridle Trails neighborhood and along Lake Sammamish. Each project will include a citizen process to develop long-range park master plans followed by park development. This project is funded by the 2008 voter-approved Parks Levy (Attachment 1).

Section 3: Requested Resources

CIP #: See Below

CIP Expenditure	Projected Spending Thru 2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
P-AD-88	712,000	300,000	1,800,000	100,000	1,800,000	300,000	0	0
Total Costs/yr	712,000	300,000	1,800,000	100,000	1,800,000	300,000	0	0
2013-2019 Total:	\$4,840,000							
CIP M&O:		0	0	60,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Supporting Revenue								
P-AD-88		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue / Yr		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 4: Budget Proposal Description

This proposal seeks \$4.3 million in Parks Levy funds to complete two neighborhood park planning and development projects. Each project includes a neighborhood involvement process to develop a long-range vision for the park. Following Park Board support and City Council adoption of the park plans, the sites will be developed in accordance with the approved plans and neighborhood priorities.

Bridle Trails Neighborhood Parks: The City worked with representatives of the Bridle Trails community in 2010-2011 to identify and prioritize neighborhood park needs in the Bridle Trails neighborhood. Recommendations were approved by the Park Board and City Council, which led to the acquisition of the NE 24th Street property as a neighborhood park, and to entering into negotiations with the Washington State Parks Department to acquire rights to the five-acre Acheson Property, identified as the neighborhood's top park priority. Staff is now working with the neighborhood to develop a long-range plan for the 24th Street property, and is continuing discussions with State Parks. Funding would allow for the development of both properties in accordance with approved plans.

Lake Sammamish Park: The City currently owns Lake Sammamish waterfront property that is presently undeveloped for public use. This park would establish Bellevue's only public waterfront access to Lake

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Sammamish. Citizen outreach has yet to begin for this project; therefore, no project goals have been established. Funds for this proposal would be used to plan, design and construct park improvements.

Staffing to implement these projects is contained in proposal #100-46NA, with funding over four years beginning in 2013. Upon project completion, \$120,000 in annual M&O funds will be required to manage all sites.

Section 5: Responsiveness to Request For Results

A. Factors/Purchasing strategies addressed by this proposal - for the PRIMARY outcome:

A. Factors/Purchasing strategies addressed by this proposal - for the PRIMARY Outcome: Sense of Community and Facilities and Amenities. Quality neighborhoods provide a diverse range of public and private open spaces and facilities that allow people to gather and interact in meaningful ways. The Bridle Trails and Lake Sammamish neighborhoods have been identified in the adopted 2010 Parks & Open Space System Plan as needing these spaces, and this proposal would help satisfy that deficiency. We have worked closely with the neighborhood to identify the most important spaces to create neighborhood park amenities, and this proposal would allow us to follow through on those commitments. Maintaining a wooded, open feeling is an important feature for the Bridle Trails neighborhood that helps to enhance the neighborhood character and create a sense of place. Planning and implementing these neighborhood-recommended park improvements would support this goal.

The most popular outdoor recreation activities in Washington are walking/hiking, team/individual sports, nature activities, picnicking and playground recreation (Washington State Recreation and Conservation Survey). A survey completed for Bellevue's 2010 Parks & Open Space Plan Update yielded similar results, with Bellevue's top priorities for developing park and recreational facilities being nature trails, waterfront access, picnic, playground and sport fields/courts. These projects would satisfy several of these identified priorities.

A 2009 survey by the Gilmore Group asked Bellevue households with children about their frequency of park use by facility type. Survey respondents indicated their two most frequently-visited park facilities were those that contained a playground and waterfront parks. This proposal also supports a key indicator that people valued neighborhoods that supported families, especially those with children.

B. Factors/Purchasing strategies addressed by this proposal - for the OTHER outcome(s):

Innovative, Vibrant & Caring Community: Providing and maintaining a variety of safe and accessible parks and open spaces for people of all ages is an important determinant of whether a community is considered livable. Providing accessible outdoor spaces for people to gather, interact and recreate helps to create positive experiences for those that live or visit the community. According to a September 2009 survey of Bellevue residents, 97% of respondents indicated that parks and recreation opportunities enhance Bellevue's quality of life. Funding this proposal will contribute directly to these aspirations, and will allow for improvements in two underserved neighborhoods. The resulting improvements will enhance Bellevue's "City in a Park" image and philosophy that residents have indicated directly influences their quality of living.

C. Partnerships and Collaboration proposed:

D. Activities in this proposal that support the work of other proposals, or save costs that would otherwise have to be expended:

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Section 1: Proposal Descriptors

<p>Proposal Title: NIS-2 Neighborhood Partnerships - NIS Phase II</p> <p>Outcome: Quality Neighborhoods</p> <p>Attachments: No</p> <p>Parent/Dependent Proposals: 115.08PA</p> <p>Previous Proposal # (s): 115.08D2</p>	<p>Proposal Number: 115.20DA</p> <p>Proposal Type: Existing Service</p> <p>Project Status: Recommended</p> <p>Primary Dept: Planning & Community Dev</p> <p>Primary Staff: Cheryl Kuhn</p> <p>Contact:</p>
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Section 2: Executive Summary

The Neighborhood Partnerships Program provides funding that enables the City to encourage and stimulate civic involvement and private investment in neighborhoods. Funds are allocated through small matching grants (up to \$5,000) to neighborhoods and community groups for:

- Small capital improvements that improve the quality, appearance and overall livability of neighborhoods (e.g., community landscaping, neighborhood entry treatments, community mailbox shelters);
- Neighborhood maintenance projects that keep neighborhoods healthy, attractive and well maintained (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, re-planting projects);
- Community building projects that strengthen connections – particularly with Bellevue’s diverse residents (e.g., neighborhood-based service projects, volunteer projects, neighborhood-initiated outreach to seniors and culturally diverse families, neighborhood organizing or revitalization of existing neighborhood associations).

The City’s primary role is catalyst, supporting activities that build sense of community and encourage shared responsibility for the quality and livability of Bellevue neighborhoods.

Section 3: Requested Resources

CIP #: See Below								
CIP	Projected Spending							
Expenditure	Thru 2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NIS-2	730,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Costs/yr	730,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
2013-2019 Total:	\$700,000							
CIP M&O:		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supporting Revenue								
NIS-2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue / Yr		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 4: Budget Proposal Description

The Neighborhood Partnerships Program promotes the direct, hands-on participation of neighbors in planning and implementing community improvements. The program provides marketing, technical advice and mentoring – along with matching grants up to \$5,000 – for neighborhoods undertaking improvement projects.

Three types of projects are eligible for funding, though most fall into the category of physical improvements to neighborhoods: entry signs, landscaping, community mailbox stand replacement, etc. Other eligible projects can include:

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neighborhood clean-up, spruce-up events (community garage sales, trash collection, right-of-way clean-up, etc.); and neighborhood connection-building activities (organizing and re-energizing neighborhood organizations, publishing neighborhood directories, etc.)

The matching grant format establishes the principle of shared responsibility for the quality and vitality of neighborhoods. Along with city staff support and advice, the grants are a powerful incentive for residents who have good ideas for neighborhood improvement, but hesitate to translate ideas into actions. Neighborhood Partnerships leverage community resources, but also spawn new and creative approaches to neighborhood improvement. Equally important, Partnership projects build neighborhood connectedness and sense of community; when people work together on projects of common interest, they build valuable relationships.

Funding and scalability – This proposal would continue to fund Neighborhood Partnerships at the current level of \$100,000 per year in the CIP (reduced in 2011-12, at staff’s recommendation, from the previous level of \$260,000/year). Further reduction would limit the program’s potential for engaging residents as partners in community-building. Scaling back to \$75k or \$50k/year is possible but not at all practical in view of the small program cost and high yield of the program. All funding is used in the form of matching grants to leverage community resources, stimulate community involvement, and partner with neighborhoods striving to implement local improvements and community building projects. Program staffing and operational expenses are provided in the Neighborhood Outreach operating budget.

Section 5: Responsiveness to Request For Results

A. Factors/Purchasing strategies addressed by this proposal - for the PRIMARY outcome:

PRIMARY OUTCOME: QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS

Sense of Community – Conducted at the grassroots level, these neighborhood projects and events help neighborhoods develop cohesive relationships, sense of community, and neighborhood identity. Match projects bring residents together to work toward the common good; they inspire cooperation and strengthen the capacity of neighborhoods to set and meet their own goals.

“Community activities” shouldn’t be undervalued. “These are the very activities that bind us together as a community and reinforce a shared sense of place and who we are. . . . The money that we budget to put on these events . . . is just as important a public service as are the traditional city and county services. . . .”

-- Jerry Newfarmer, president of Management Partners, in Public Management magazine

Public Health and Safety – Partnerships grants are the community’s source of assistance for major clean-up efforts. Match-funded clean-up or “Fitness” projects include a community education component – with user-friendly materials on maintaining a safe and clean neighborhood environment. Clean-up projects involve residents in a hands-on experience of taking ownership and caring for their community.

B. Factors/Purchasing strategies addressed by this proposal - for the OTHER outcome(s):

SECONDARY OUTCOME: INNOVATIVE, VIBRANT AND CARING COMMUNITY

Education, empowerment and involvement – Neighborhood Partnerships bring residents into closer communication with the City, and provide the City with opportunities for public education (e.g., how to find resources for home and community improvement and maintenance). The program brings residents together in a collaborative working relationship; program staff guide residents as they develop and implement their own ideas for building community improvement and strengthening community ties.

Opportunities for Interaction, Involved Citizens -- Neighborhood Partnerships bring people together

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for collaborative projects, strengthening individual and community ties. These partnerships in which people discover their common interests, and work side by side to pursue those interests, result in a stronger community – a more cohesive and self-sufficient community. Residents also contribute to the common good of society by working together, and with such community groups as Jubilee Services, to help elderly and disabled residents with home maintenance. By working together, residents come to understand and accept people of different socio-economic, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Built Environment -- Neighborhood Partnerships projects contribute to the beauty and utility of the built environment as neighbors come together, identify opportunities for improvement, and join hands to complete community improvements.

CITYWIDE PURCHASING STRATEGIES

By engaging the neighborhoods, community groups and neighborhood businesses in partnerships to improve the community for everyone, the city is providing the best value in meeting community needs. Through these creative partnerships, the city is catalyzing citizen participation, promoting fiscal and environmental stewardship, and enhancing Bellevue's image as a beautiful place.

C. Partnerships and Collaboration proposed:

Partnerships and collaboration – among neighborhoods, community groups and the City – are the essence of this proposal, as described in the above narrative.

D. Activities in this proposal that support the work of other proposals, or save costs that would otherwise have to be expended:

Neighborhood Partnerships harness the energy of the community and leverage the resources of partners to produce positive outcomes beyond the City's ability to fund unilaterally. The City's investment in neighborhood improvements is automatically doubled by the community's matching investment. A further return on the City's investment occurs as neighborhoods take pride in their successful projects and are motivated to maintain and build upon community improvements.