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SUBJECT: Information for February 2 Steering Committee meeting on environmental sustainability

Suggested readings on Environmental Sustainability

Environmental Sustainability is one of the Bel-Red Corridor Project planning principles adopted by the City Council. Sustainability relates to the relationship between natural environment and the built environment, and to the human interactions with each. The Bel-Red sustainability principle reads as follows:

Sustainability. The vision for Bel-Red should identify opportunities to manage the area's natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Building and redevelopment should be sensitive to issues of natural resource protection, energy and resource conservation, and transportation choices. In addition to the community benefits in enhanced quality of life, a more sustainable approach to development is increasingly helping to differentiate desired economic centers in the marketplace.

In preparation for the February 2 discussion, the following materials are provided in your packet for your review. We have also referenced some maps that can be found in the Supplemental Notebook.

Packet Materials

- Excerpts from the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan that discuss components of sustainability.
- Herrera Environmental Consultants information on stream inventory and the factors to consider in evaluating stream suitability for rehabilitation
- Critical Areas Update : Wetlands (Frequently asked questions about draft Code updates)
- Critical Areas Update : Streams (Frequently asked questions about draft Code updates)
- LEED Overview (The US Green Building Council has established standards for achieving sustainability and a rating system for new buildings and remodels)
- LEED Neighborhood Development (The US Green Building Council is adopting standards for sustainable neighborhood development)

Supplemental Notebook Materials

Additional Maps:

- Pedestrian System: Sidewalks and Trails
- Critical Areas