A New Community Park

Eastgate Area Properties Master Plan

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City of Bellevue WASHINGTON

Community Meeting #4

July 23, 2009

Presentation

- Background
- Master Plan Process
- Park Development Preferences
  - Master Plan Alternatives
  - Park System Needs & Opportunities
  - Community, Park Board and Council Feedback
- Park Alternatives (3)
- Comment Cards and Questions

Eastgate Area Properties

Purchased	Area
1983	2.47 ac
2003	14.55 ac
2004	10.53 ac
Total =	27.55 ac

$ 6.3 Million

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Why purchased?

- Community Park
- Unique Property Opportunities
  - Last large property capable of supporting a range of park facilities *including Sport fields*
  - Convenient Access (1-90 / 160th)
  - Buffer neighborhood
  - Complementary Land Uses

Why Master Plan?

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

Master Plan – Moving Forward

After Tonight's Meeting:

- Park Board recommendation (Sept./Oct.)
- City Council review (Nov.)
- Environmental Review
- City Council Adoption (1st qtr. 2010)
- Design/Permit
- Construction (phase 1)

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Master Plan Input to date

- 3 Community Workshops (340)
- Workshop Exercises (126)
- Neighborhood Meeting (40)
- Petition (242)
- Emails & Phone (500+)
- 3 Surveys (521)

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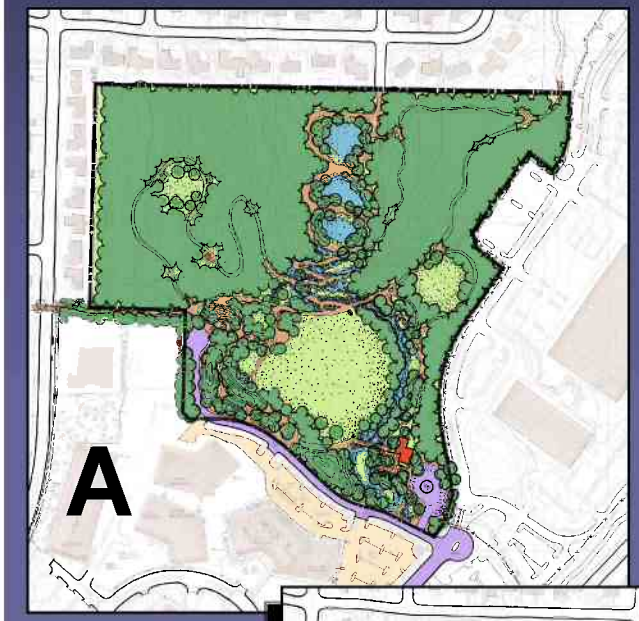
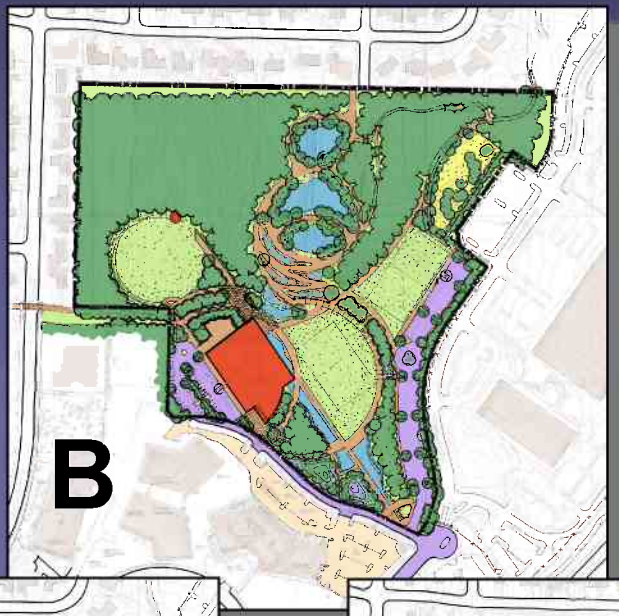
Initial Preferences

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

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

Design Alternatives (Workshop #2)





Response to Five Alternatives

- Single Purpose Alternatives (C & E)
  - polarized views (love/hate)
- Multiple Use Options (B & D)
  - generated fewest objections
- Avoid Active Uses in Natural Areas
- Divergence and Support
  - Sportfields (LL Complex)
  - Off-Leash Dog Area
  - Aquatic / Indoor Recreation Facility
  - Meadow Preservation

Areas of Community Agreement . . .

- Picnic facilities
- Children's play areas
- Enhance trails & connections
- Limit vehicle access to 160th
- Utilize existing parking if possible
- Maintain residential buffers
- Provide restroom / park furnishings
- Environmentally responsible

A Systems Approach

- Community Park . . . *city wide service area*
- System Needs and Potential Uses
  - Sportfields
  - Off-Leash Dog Areas
  - Indoor Recreation Facility
  - Meadow Preservation and Environmental Stewardship

Bellevue Sportfields

Citywide Challenges

- Field Shortage
  (LL & Soccer)
- Traffic, noise, lights
- Site Capacity

Advocates' Issues

- Poor Quality
- Economic Benefit
- No Field Complex

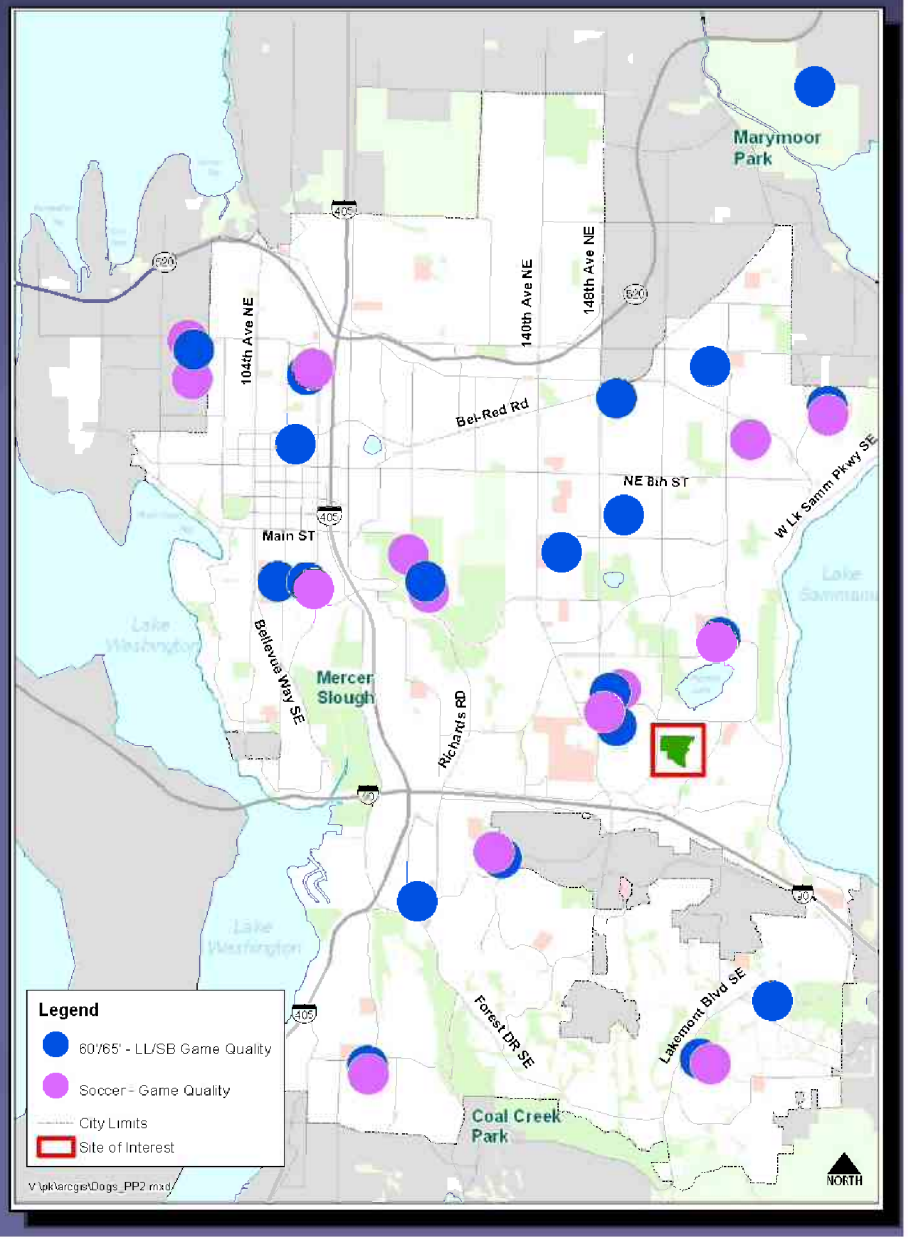
(e.g. Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah)

Bellevue Sportfields

Development Practice

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

- Little League
- Soccer



Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)

Citywide Challenges

- Dogs welcome on-leash in parks
- Dogs OL #1 violation in parks
- Mature park system limits location
- OLA Study - Ongoing

Advocates' Issues

- Historical neighborhood use
- Dog owners not well served
- Robinswood OLA inadequate

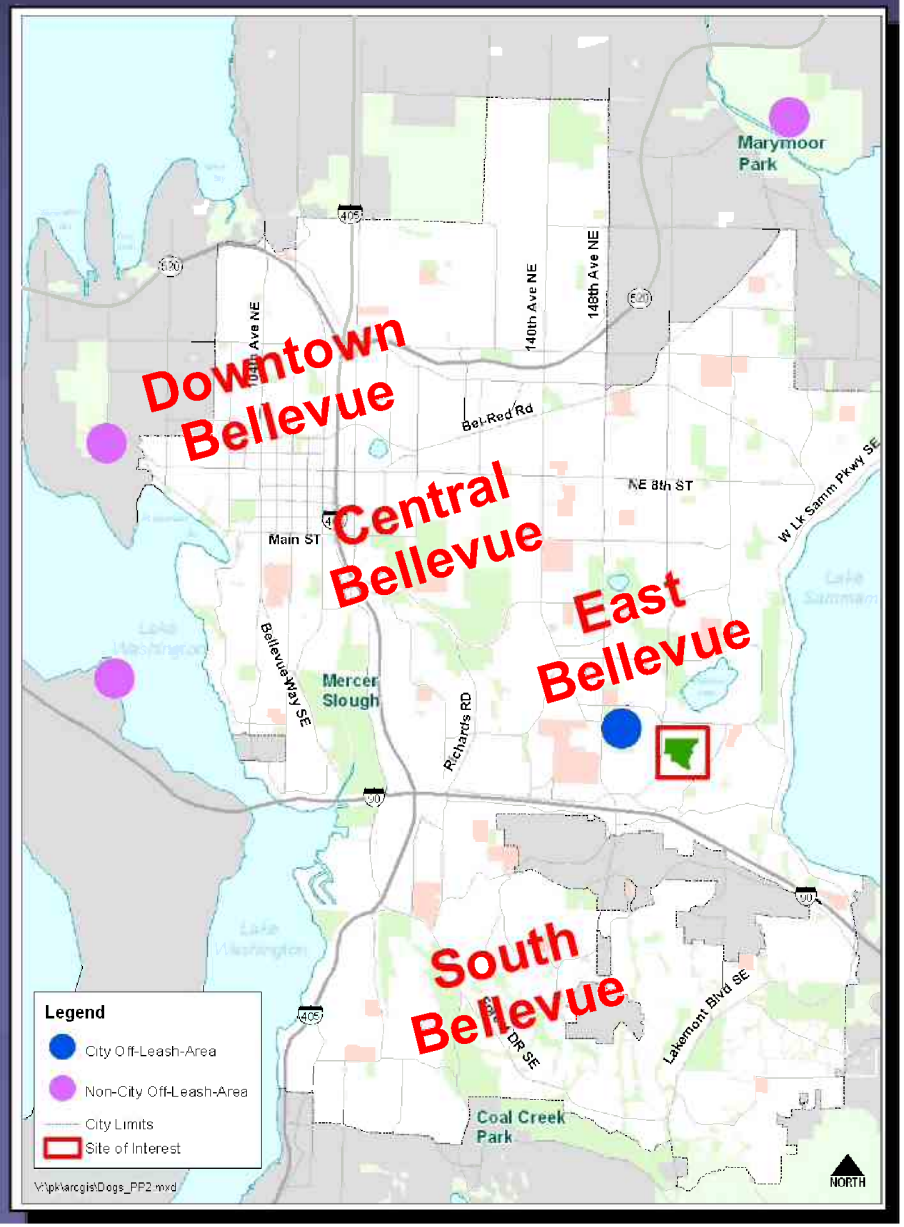
Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)

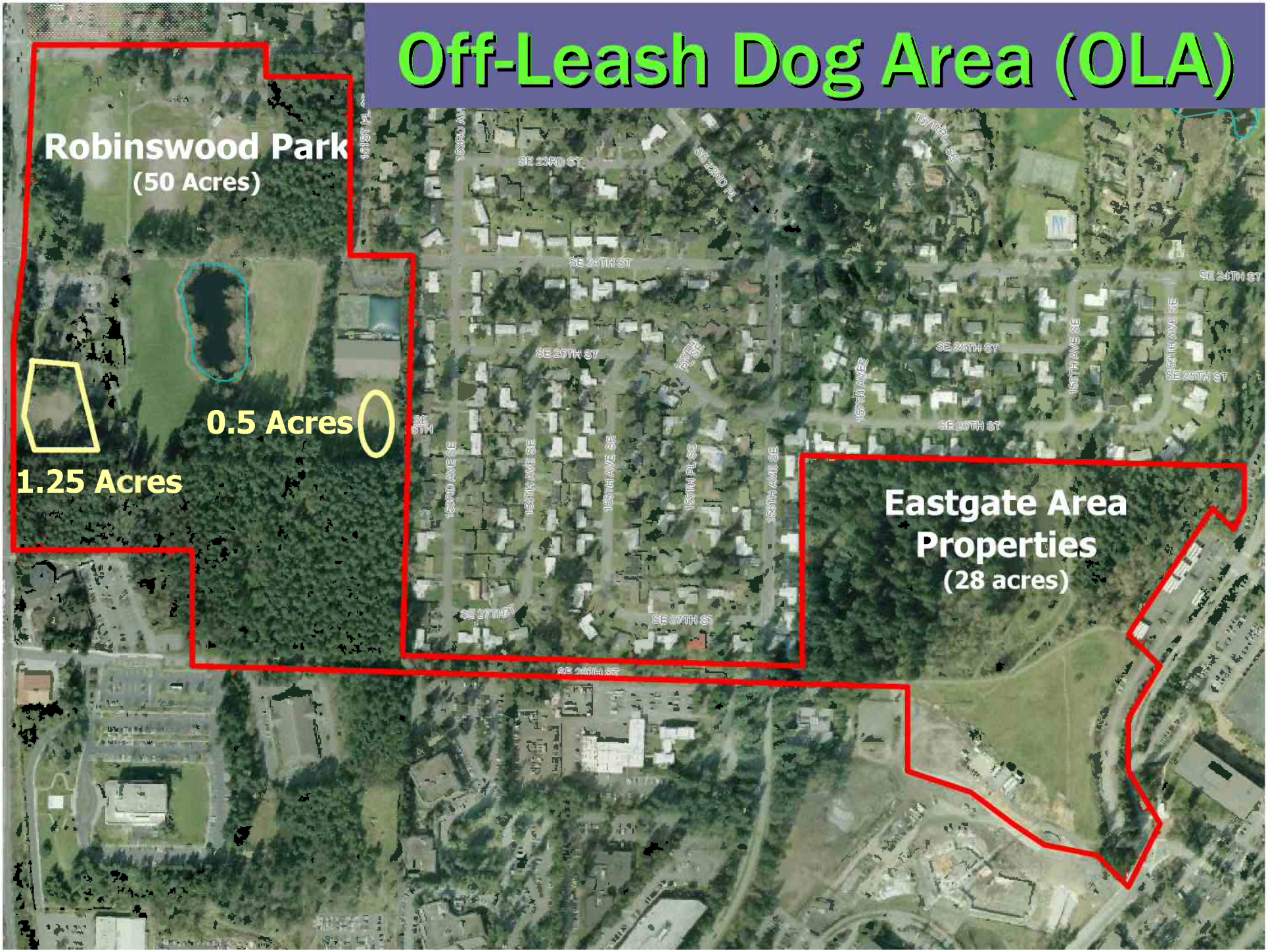
Draft Off-leash Area Study

- Geographically dispersed
- 2-4 Additional OLAs
- Expand and Improve Robinwood
- Site & Design criteria

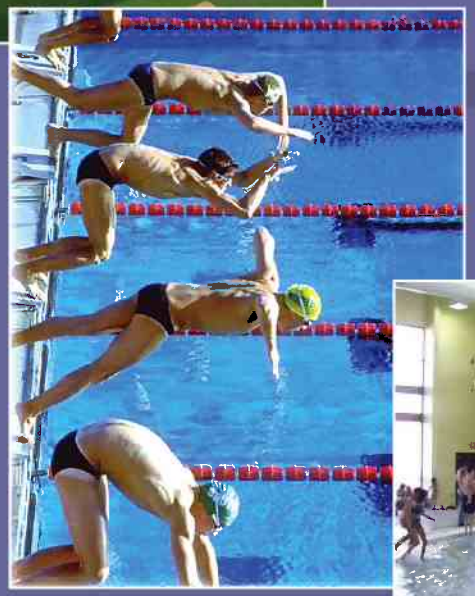
Bellevue (Robinswood)

Nearby




Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)
Robinswood Park
(50 Acres)
0.5 Acres
1.25 Acres
Eastgate Area
Properties
(28 acres)
SE 24TH ST
SE 25TH ST
SE 26TH ST
SE 27TH ST
SE 28TH ST

Indoor Recreation Building Opportunities



- Aquatic Facility
- Indoor Sports
- Public/Private Partnerships

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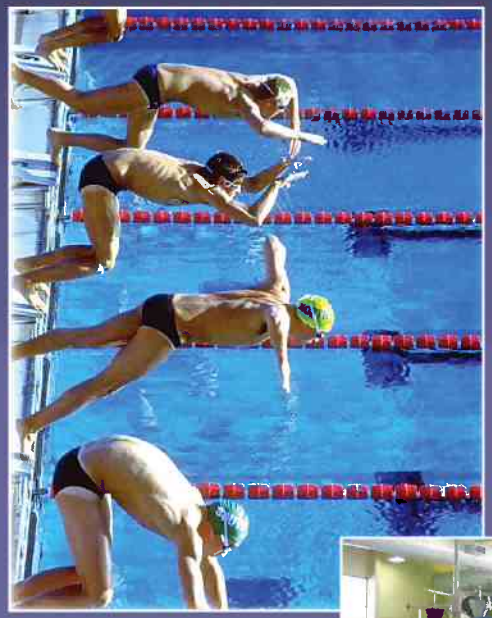
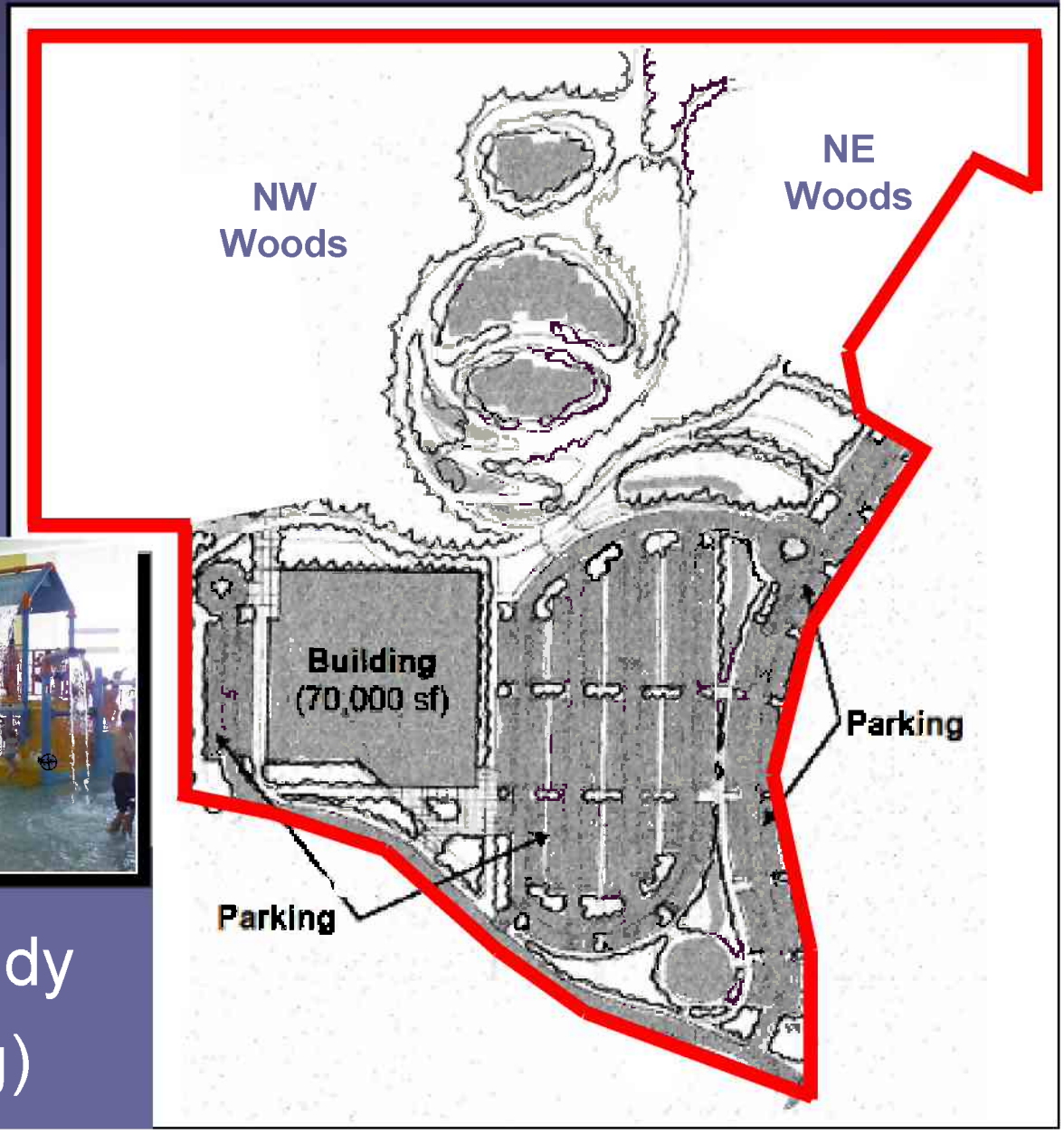
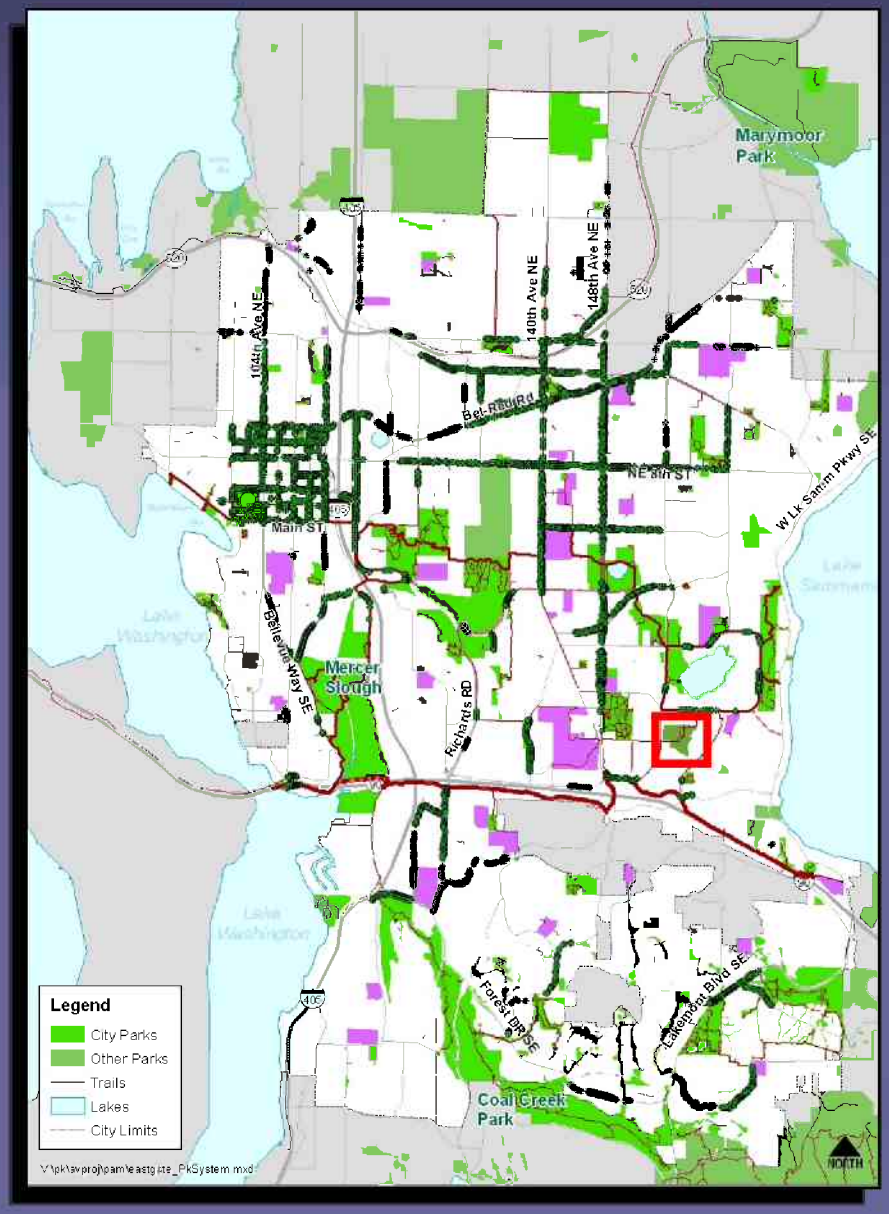




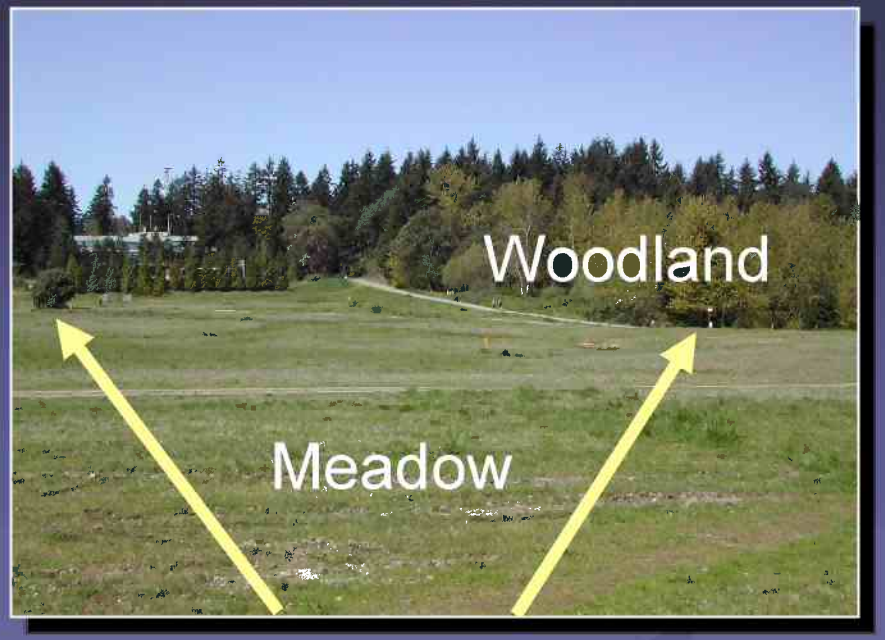
- Aquatic Facility Study
  (70 sf / 400 parking)

Environmental Stewardship & Preservation



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

Preservation



Advocates' Issues

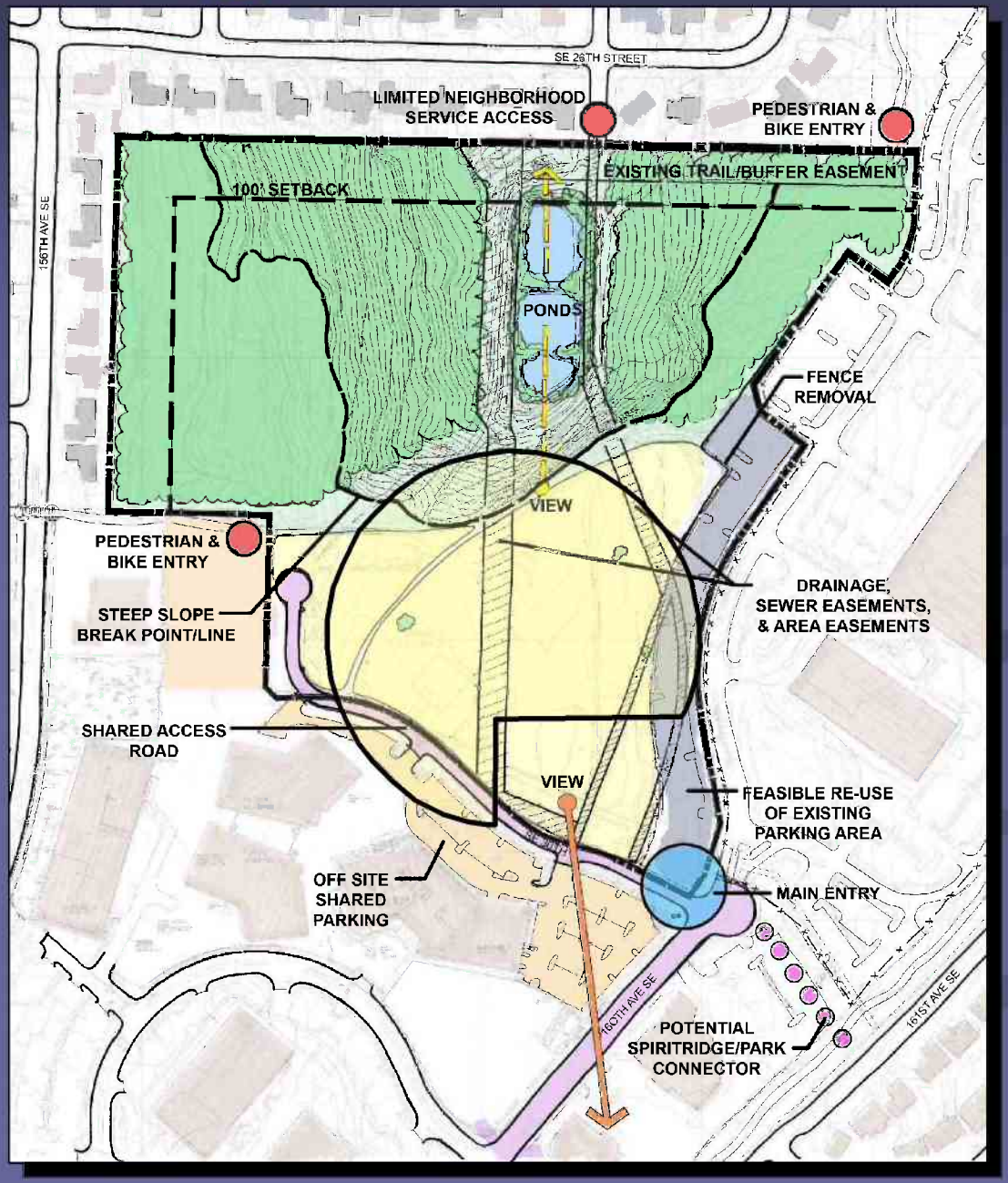
- 10 acres minimum as meadow
- 4.5 acres maximum for multi-use recreation
- 13 acres left naturally wooded and preserved specifically for the neighborhood use.

Design Alternatives (Workshop #3)

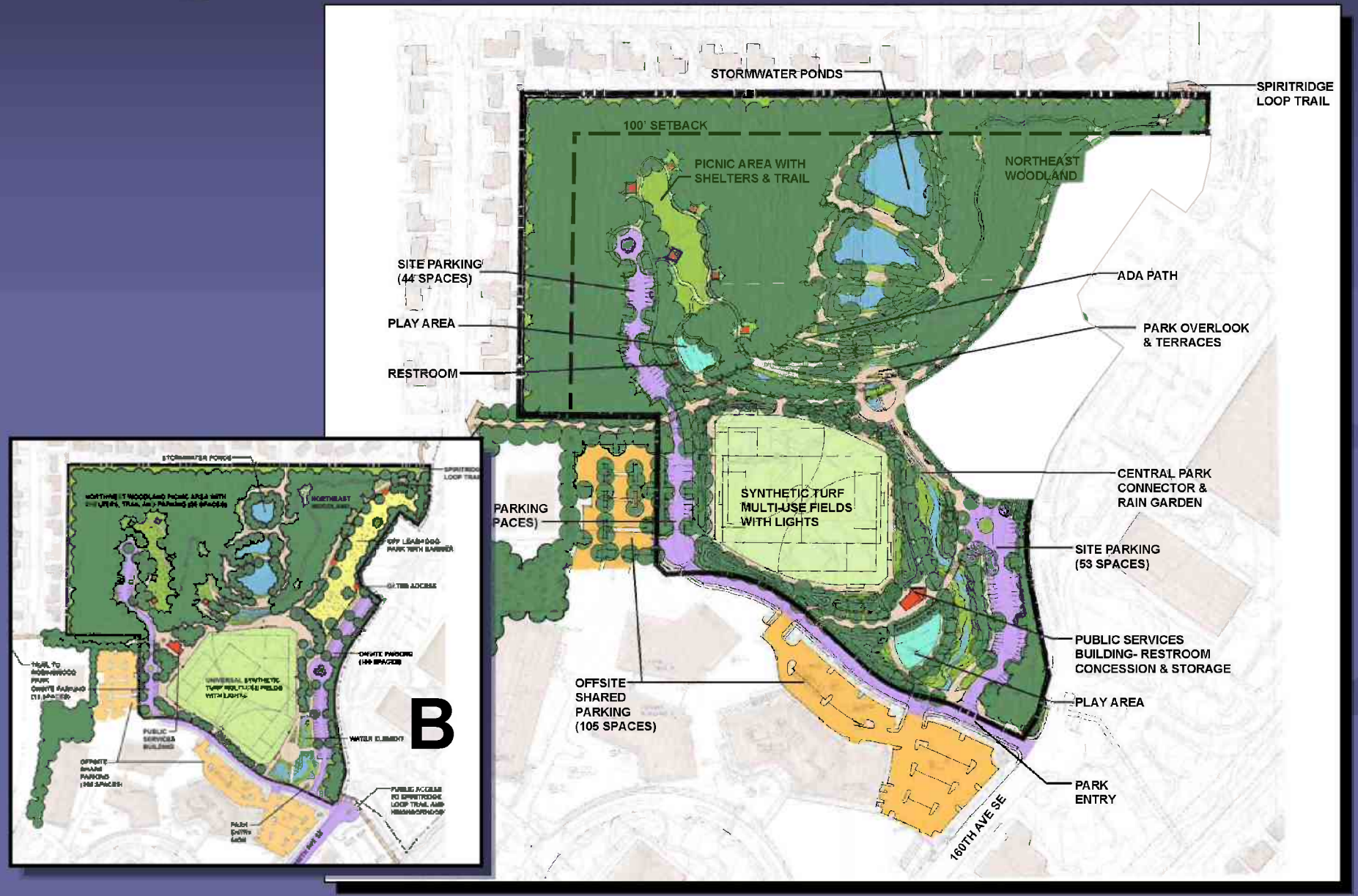
Response to Three Alternatives

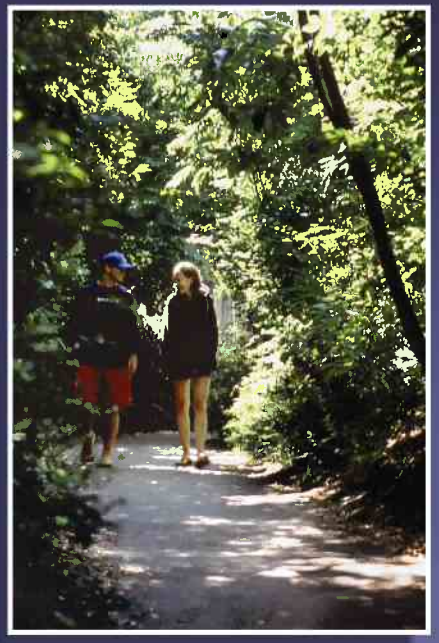
- Workshop and Survey
  - Alternative B most preferred (78%) w/modifications
  - Alternative A least preferred (76%)
- Park Board
  - Supported Alternative B with building
  - No major aquatic facility
  - Review off-Leash study
- Council
  - Athletic fields highest priority
  - Support off-leash, no consensus on location
  - Review impact of off-leash on Eastgate

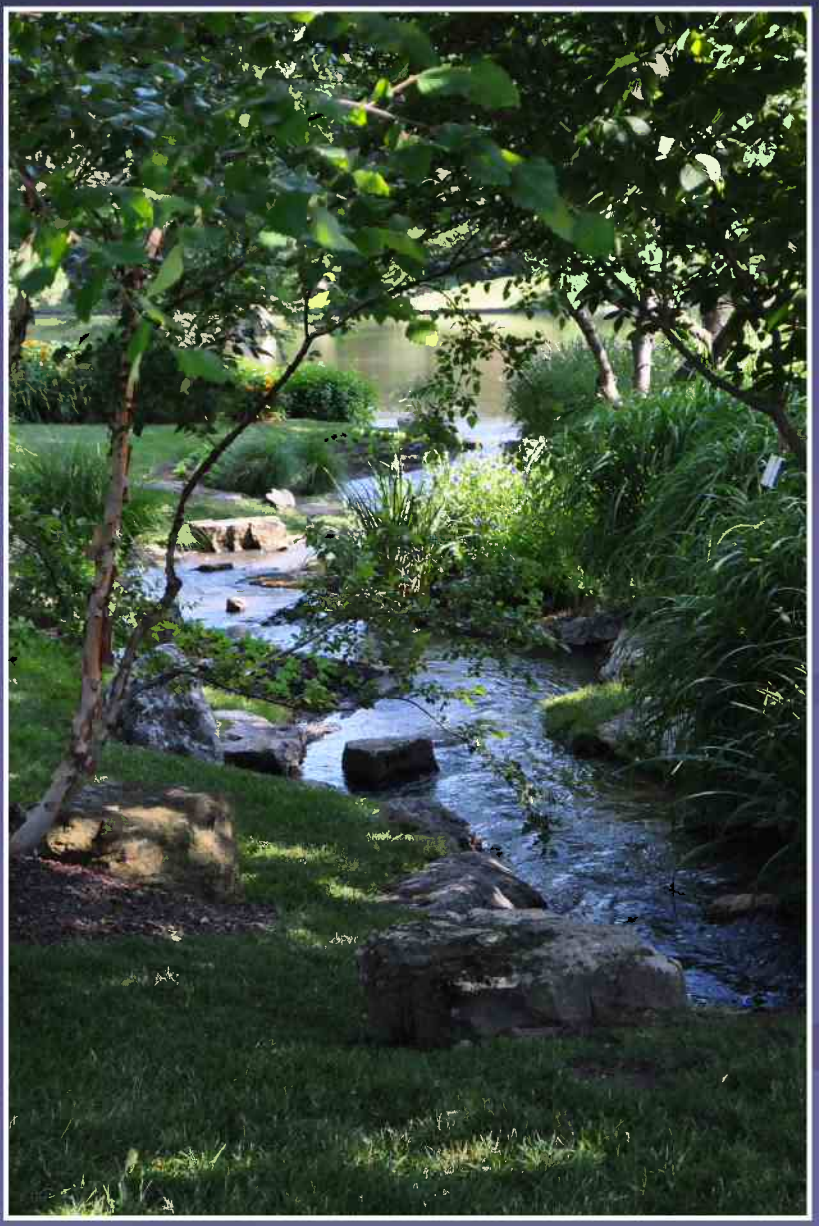
Framework Plan

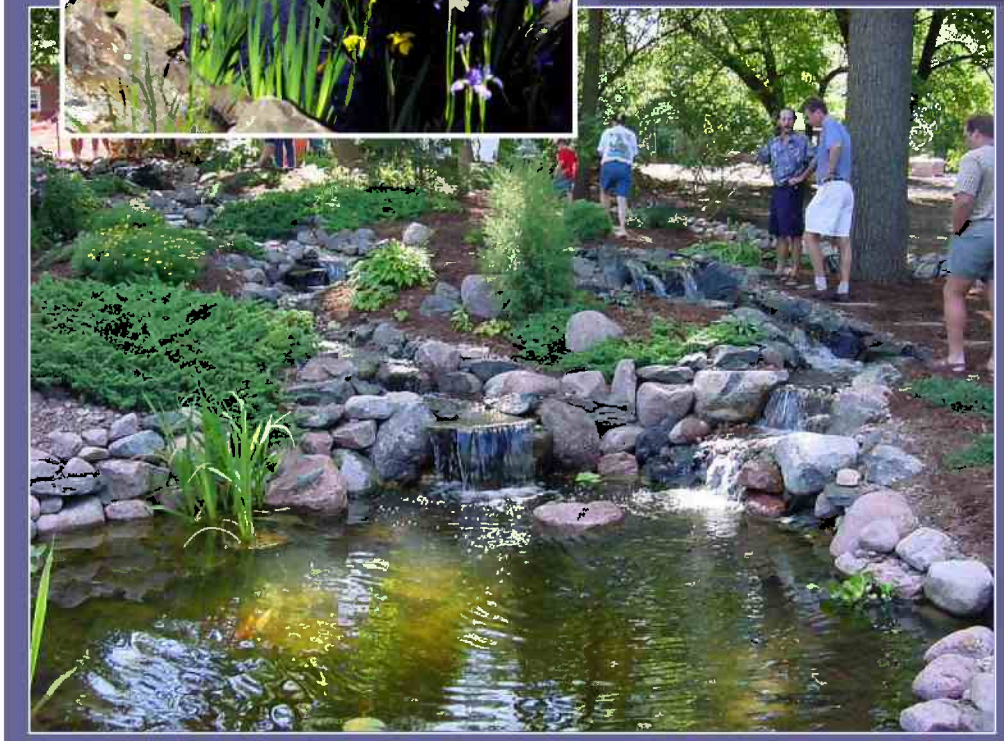


Design Response (Meeting #4)









Alternative A

Alternative B

STORMWATER PONDS

100' SETBACK

PICNIC AREA WITH SHELTERS & TRAIL

NORTHEAST WOODLAND

ADA PATH

SITE PARKING (44 SPACES)

ACCESS POINT

PLAY AREA

PARK OVERLOOK & TERRACES

RESTROOM

OFF LEASH DOG PARK (DELINEATED BY FENCING, PLANTED BERMS, & WALKWAYS)

TRAIL TO ROBINSWOOD PARK

CENTRAL PARK CONNECTOR & RAIN GARDEN

SITE PARKING (26 SPACES)

SYNTHETIC TURF MULTI-USE FIELDS WITH LIGHTS

ACCESS POINT

SITE PARKING (53 SPACES)

PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING- RESTROOM CONCESSION & STORAGE

OFFSITE SHARED PARKING (105 SPACES)

PLAY AREA

PARK ENTRY

160TH AVE SE

Alternative C

STORMWATER PONDS

100' SETBACK

PICNIC AREA WITH SHELTERS & TRAIL

NORTHEAST WOODLAND

ADA PATH

SITE PARKING (44 SPACES)

PLAY AREA

RESTROOM

PARK OVERLOOK & TERRACES

RECREATION BUILDING

TRAIL TO ROBINSWOOD PARK

SITE PARKING (26 SPACES)

*Off-Leash Area at Robinswood expanded & enhanced

SYNTHETIC TURF MULTI-USE FIELDS WITH LIGHTS

CENTRAL PARK CONNECTOR & RAIN GARDEN

SITE PARKING (107 SPACES)

PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING- RESTROOM CONCESSION & STORAGE

OFFSITE SHARED PARKING (105 SPACES)

PLAY AREA

PARK ENTRY

160TH AVE SE

Next Steps

- Community Feedback on (3) Options
  - Comment Cards
  - Web Survey
  - Emails
- Park Board Recommendation (9/8 & 10/13 if necessary)
- Environmental Determination
- City Council Meeting and Master Plan Adoption