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OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

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File No. 09-134019-XO

Project Name/Address: Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan - 2010
City-Wide

Planner: Sally Nichols

Phone Number: (425) 452-2727

Minimum Comment Period: 14 days

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Vicinity Map
- Plans
- Other:

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call the Permit Center (425-452-6864) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Our TTY number is 425-452-4636.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: City of Bellevue

Proponent: Parks & Community Services Department

Contact Person: Camron Parker, Senior Planner

(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)

Address: Parks & Community Services
City of Bellevue
450 110th Ave. NE
P.O. Box 90012
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Phone: (452) 452-2032

Proposal Title: *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan - 2010*

Proposal Location: N/A – City-wide Plan Update

PLEASE ATTACH AN 8 'W' X 11" VICINITY MAP THAT ACCURATELY LOCATES THE PROPOSAL SITE.
N/A – City-wide Plan Update

Give an accurate, brief description of the proposal's scope and nature:

1. General description:

This project involves updating the City of Bellevue's *Parks & Open Space System Plan*. This planning exercise is conducted approximately every six years. The Plan contains the long-term vision for expansion and maintenance of the City's parks and open space system. All future park development projects should be consistent with the recommendations of the plan. However, the plan itself does not trigger or instigate specific development projects. As such, most of the project specific questions in this checklist will have a "Not Applicable" response.

Future individual park development projects will involve both non-project and project level SEPA determination and project level adherence to all Federal, State and City permitting and regulations. Site specific environmental impact analysis will be provided in those SEPA checklists.

2. Acreage of site:

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished:

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed:

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished:

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed:

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards):

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

8. Proposed land use:

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

9. Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials:

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

10. Other

N/A – City-wide Plan Update.

Estimated date of completion of the proposal or timing of phasing:

The *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan* serves to inform future park acquisition, development, and redevelopment. The plan is updated approximately every six years and includes a rolling 20-year vision for acquisition and capital development projects.

Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes, this edition of the *Parks & Open Space System Plan* provides recommendations for future park and open space acquisition, development, and redevelopment for the years 2010 to 2030.

List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

- Preliminary SEPA application for the *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan - 2010*
- Environmental Checklist for the *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System – 2010*
- *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan*, September 2003
- *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan*, September 2003 - DNS issued May 8, 2003 (LM 03-107984)
- *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan*, September 1993
- *Open Space, Parks & Recreation Plan*, Final EIS (FEIS), October 9, 1987
- *Open Space, Parks & Recreation Plan*, Draft EIS (DEIS), June 15, 1987
- *Open Space, Parks & Recreation Plan*, Draft Summary, August 1986

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.

Yes – Any park related applications currently pending are consistent with the 2003 approved *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan*. Projects included in the update are consistent with the previous plan.

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

1. Parks & Community Services Board recommendation to City Council (expected before March 2010).
2. City Council adoption of the updated *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan* (expected before May 2010).
3. All Project and Non-project (such as individual park master plans) actions recommended in this plan will be individually subject to relevant permit requirements.

Please provide one or more of the following exhibits, if applicable to your proposal.

(Please check appropriate box(es) for exhibits submitted with your proposal):

Land Use Reclassification (rezone) Map of existing and proposed zoning

Preliminary Plat or Planned Unit Development
Preliminary plat map

Clearing & Grading Permit
Plan of existing and proposed grading
Development plans

Building Permit (or Design Review)
Site plan
Clearing & grading plan

Shoreline Management Permit
Site plan

An outline draft of the 2010 *Parks & Open Space System Plan* is attached along with a reference copy of the 2003 *Parks & Open Space System Plan*.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. **General description of the site:** Flat Rolling Hilly Steep slopes Mountains Other
N/A – City-wide Plan Update. The City's parks and open space system will include properties throughout the City. Site specific topography and soils will vary depending on location within City.
- b. **What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- c. **What general types of soil are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- e. **Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- f. **Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**
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2. AIR

- a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:**
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3. WATER

a. Surface

- (1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

A variety of surface waters are contained within the park system, including Lakes Washington, Sammamish, Phantom and Larsen Lakes, Mercer Slough, and various streams and wetlands. The Parks & Open Space System Plan includes recommendations for additional acquisition of land adjacent to surface water bodies for the purpose of preservation, restoration and public recreational access.

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- (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If Yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- (3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- (6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

b. Ground

- (1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- (2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.) Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

c. Water Runoff (Including storm water)

- (1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- (2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:**
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4. Plants

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

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In general, preference is given to the use of native plants throughout the parks system, except for specific areas such as the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. Parks & Community Services maintains a Forest Management Plan. Wetland and riparian corridor enhancement projects throughout the system typically use native plant materials and enhance the wildlife habitat.

5. Animals

a. Check or circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: squirrels (Douglas & flying), raccoons, possum, coyote, muskrat river otter, mink, longtail weasels, re fox, cougar, mountain beaver
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

A variety of threatened or endangered species are present throughout the city of Bellevue and the parks and open space system.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

The city of Bellevue is located within the Pacific Flyway, one of the four principal north-south migration routes for birds in North America. The Pacific Flyway encompasses the entire Puget Sound basin. Also smaller migration routes from uplands to stream or lake water sources.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

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In general, a major goal of the Parks and Open Space System Plan involved **preservation and restoration of wildlife and wildlife habitat**. Expanding public ownership around critical areas, such as Mercer Slough and Coal Creek Natural Areas, place large, contiguous pieces of prime habitat area in public stewardship as a lasting environmental benefit.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy need? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of the proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

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7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

(1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

(2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

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b. Noise

(1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

(2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example, traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

(3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

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8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. **What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- b. **Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- c. **Describe any structures on the site.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- d. **Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- h. **Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**
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- i. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal are compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**
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In general, the recommendations within the Parks & Open Space System Plan are subject to and supportive of the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policies.

9. Housing

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**
N/A

10. Aesthetics

- a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**
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11. Light and Glare

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any:**
Future individual park development projects will involve both non-project and project level SEPA determination and project level adherence to all Federal, State and City permitting and regulations. Site specific environmental impact analysis and mitigation measures will be provided in those SEPA documents.

12. Recreation

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**
A primary objective of the Parks & Open Space System Plan is to increase recreational opportunities throughout the city of Bellevue.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. **Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update
- b. **Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.**
N/A – City-wide Plan Update

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Future individual park development projects will involve both non-project and project level SEPA determination and project level adherence to all Federal, State and City permitting and regulations. Site specific environmental impact analysis and mitigation measures will be provided in those SEPA documents.

In general, preservation and interpretation of historic or culturally significant sites within the city of Bellevue is an objective of the Parks & Open Space System Plan.

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

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15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for the public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Future individual park development projects will involve both non-project and project level SEPA determination and project level adherence to all Federal, State and City permitting and regulations. Site specific environmental impact analysis and mitigation measures will be provided in those SEPA documents.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other _____.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

N/A – City-wide Plan Update

Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature C. Connor Zuhre

Date Submitted 12/31/09

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTION
Continuation of the Environmental Checklist

4/18/02

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment (see Environmental Checklist, B. Environmental Elements). When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services reviewer in the Permit Center (425-452-6864) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Our TTY number is 425-452-4636.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The Parks & Open Space System Plan is a long-term Parks & Community Services Department planning document for the acquisition and development of the City's parks and open space system. Ultimate implementation of the short- and long-term recommendations could have impacts depending upon the type of development and the sensitivity of the site and adjoining properties. Environmental analysis on a project-specific basis will occur at the time of a particular development proposal. Any development proposal would comply with the relevant regulations in place at the time requiring mitigation of impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

One mission of Parks & Community Services is to preserve and restore critical and open space areas for environmental quality and wildlife habitat. This environmental stewardship responsibility is reflected in the goals and objectives of the Parks and Open Space System Plan.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

A focus area of the Parks & Open Space System Plan is to preserve and protect critical areas, which will minimize impacts to the plants, animals, and fish in these areas. Maintaining large tracts of open space and vital links between important critical areas will reduce the impacts of urbanization in a broader context by providing necessary habitat and routes for wildlife.

Specific development proposals will be reviewed for environmental impacts on plants, animals, fish and marine life at the time of project design. Construction projects will have impacts to the plants and animals on the site proposed for development. To the extent possible, impacts will be minimized.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Construction activities in critical areas will be minimized, and mitigation of any specific development activities will meet applicable Federal, State and City regulations.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The Parks & Open Space System Plan will not result in significant depletion of energy or natural resources. However, future parks and facilities, such as community centers, security or sportfield lighting, will consume natural resources and energy during construction and long-term operation and maintenance. Specific proposals will be analyzed in detail at time of Master Planning and/or development application and impacts mitigated to the extent possible.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy or natural resources are:

Parks and facilities are designed and managed following established City of Bellevue energy conservation goals.

In addition, Parks & Community Services will seek to use sustainable development and “green design” wherever feasible. Buildings and associated development (such as parking lots) cause environmental impacts during construction and through their operation. “Green building” is a loosely defined collection of land use, building design, and construction strategies that reduces these environmental impacts. Benefits of “building green” include: reduced energy and material consumption, protection of ecosystems, and occupant health.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection--such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The Parks & Open Space System Plan includes objectives that support preservation of historic and culturally relevant sites and environmentally sensitive areas for wildlife habitat, greenway connectivity, and aesthetics.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Bringing more environmentally sensitive or historic or cultural sites into public ownership will serve to protect such resources and reduce long-term impacts.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

A focus area of the Parks & Open Space System Plan is increasing public access to Bellevue’s waterfront. This objective includes increasing the ecological function of publicly owned shoreline areas. All proposed actions will comply with federal, state and city regulations in place at the time of development.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

In general, increasing the amount of publicly owned shoreline areas would serve to maintain or improve ecological function of shoreline areas while balancing increased public access to shorelines for recreational purposes.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The Parks and Open Space System Plan recommendations include land acquisition and development of various types of parks and facilities to meet the needs of the community. Some of these projects may increase the demand on the transportation system, public services, and utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

At time of specific development proposals, impacts to the transportation system and public services and utilities will be analyzed and mitigated as appropriate in accordance with federal, state and city regulations in place at the time.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The driving purpose for updating the 2003 Parks and Open Space System Plan is to bring the goals, objectives and recommendations within the plan into alignment with current local, state and federal planning policies and laws. The 2010 edition of the Plan will support and align with local, state, and federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. When specific short- and long-term recommendations proposed by the Park Plan are proposed for development, project specific impacts will be reviewed for consistency with environmental regulations in effect at that time.

Bellevue Parks & Open Space 2003

