

Bellevue Parks & Community Services

**NE 24th Street
Park Plan**

**Parks & Community Services Board
October 9, 2012**



Agenda

- ▶ Planning Process
- ▶ Master Plan Elements
- ▶ Gateway and Parking Options
- ▶ Next Steps
- ▶ Comments



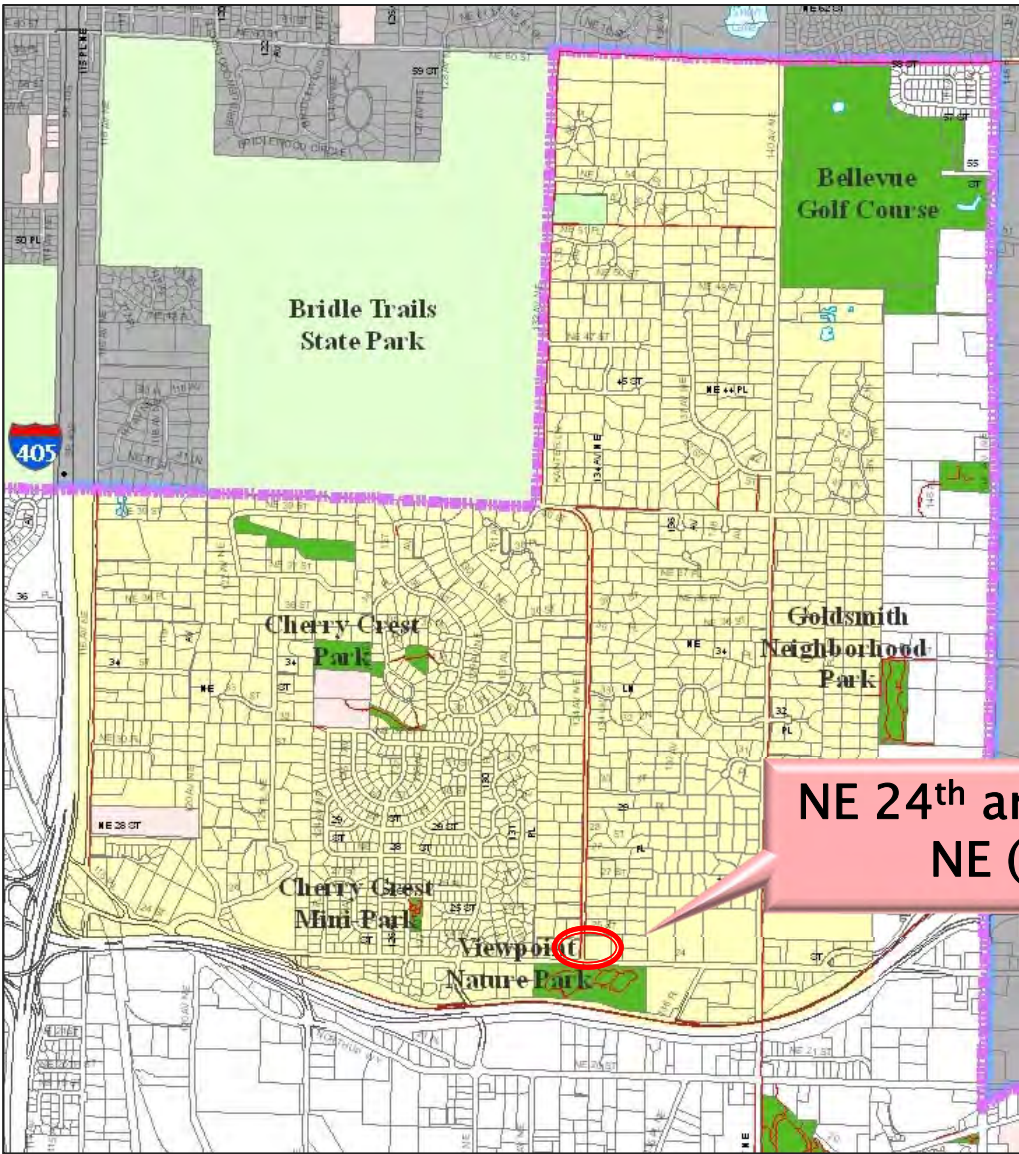
Park Levy Projects in Bridle Trails

Proposed by BTCC, recommended by the Parks & Community Services Board, and approved by the City Council:

- ▶ Acquire rights to the Acheson Property adjacent to Bridle Trails State Park, then plan and develop a public park
- ▶ Acquire the “Pashchinskiy Property” (NE 24th & 134th Ave), then plan and develop a neighborhood park and open space

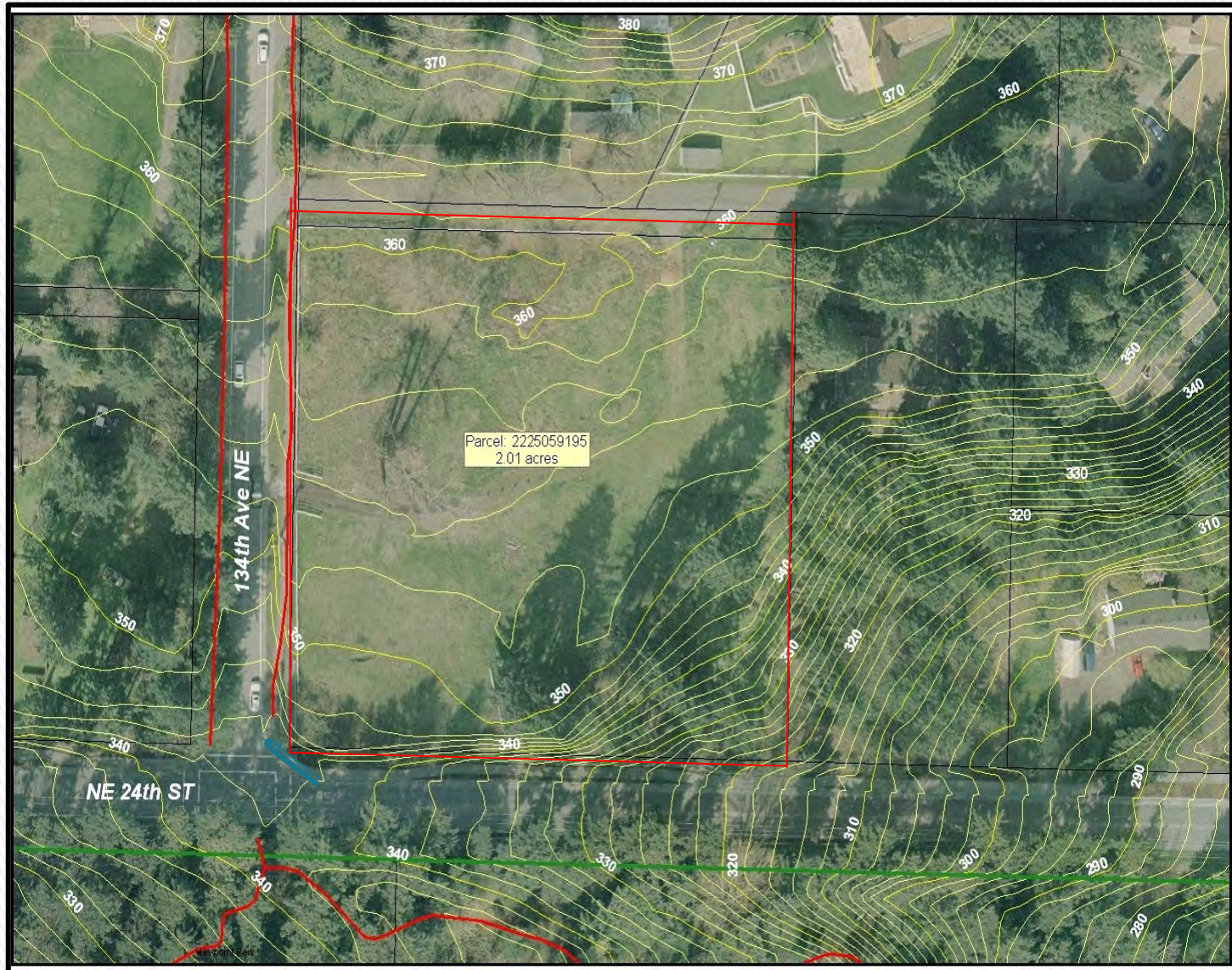


Bridle Trails Neighborhood



NE 24th and 134th Ave
NE (2402)

TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY – 2402 134th Ave NE



NE 24th Street Park Neighborhood Outreach

- ▶ January 31, 2011 – Property acquired
- ▶ February 2012 – Park Planning process begins
- ▶ March 29, 2012 – 1st community meeting (28 attended, 16 written comments)
Kick-off, project background, park examples, opportunities/constraints
- ▶ April-May 2012 – online preference survey - 66 responses
- ▶ May 10, 2012 – 2nd community meeting (26 attended, 16 written comments)
Survey results, focus areas, concept plan
- ▶ June 14, 2012 – 3rd community meeting (25 attended, 13 written comments)
Preliminary park plan
- ▶ Sept 20, 2012 – BTCC membership meeting & Plan update (44 attended)
Proposed park plan, updates, parking alternatives



Website Survey Results (66 responses)

Most Important Park Feature

1. Tree & Shrubs
2. Open Space
3. Play Area
4. Parking
5. Trails

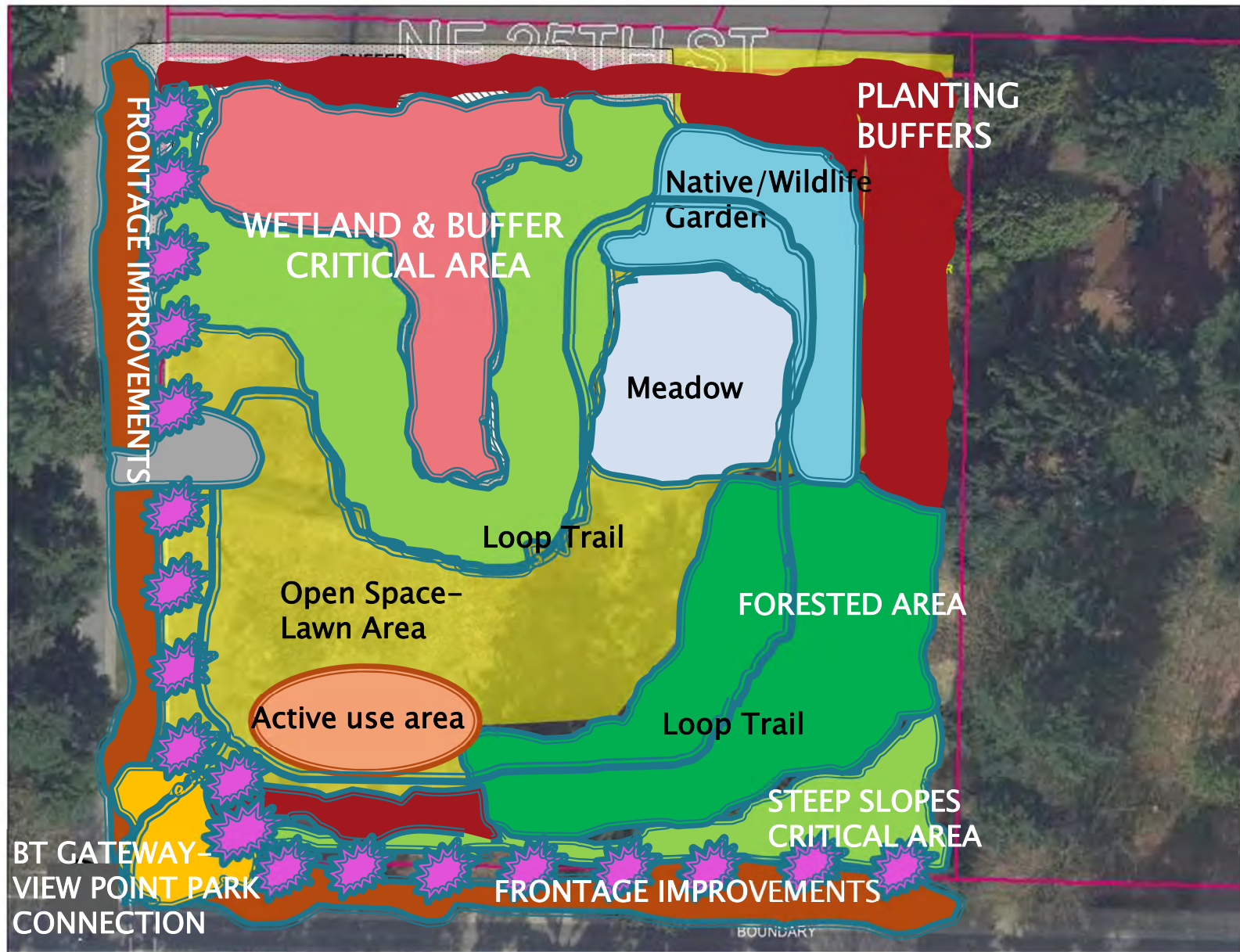
Least Important Park Feature

1. Hist/Cultr Pavillion
2. Athletic Courts
3. Off-Leash Dog
4. Restrooms
5. Lights

Characterizing Community Feedback

- ▶ Environmental stewardship
- ▶ Preserve neighborhood character
- ▶ Community access including parking
- ▶ Family-friendly features
- ▶ Privacy, security, noise
- ▶ Deter parking along NE 25th
- ▶ Gateway opportunity for BT
- ▶ Encouraged but controlled access





Park Concept (5/10 meeting)

134th Ave NE

NE 25th St



NE 24th St

Proposed NE 24th Street Park Plan

Street Frontage Improvements



Frontage looking East along NE 24th



Flowering Dogwoods-City Hall



Park frontage looking North along 134th



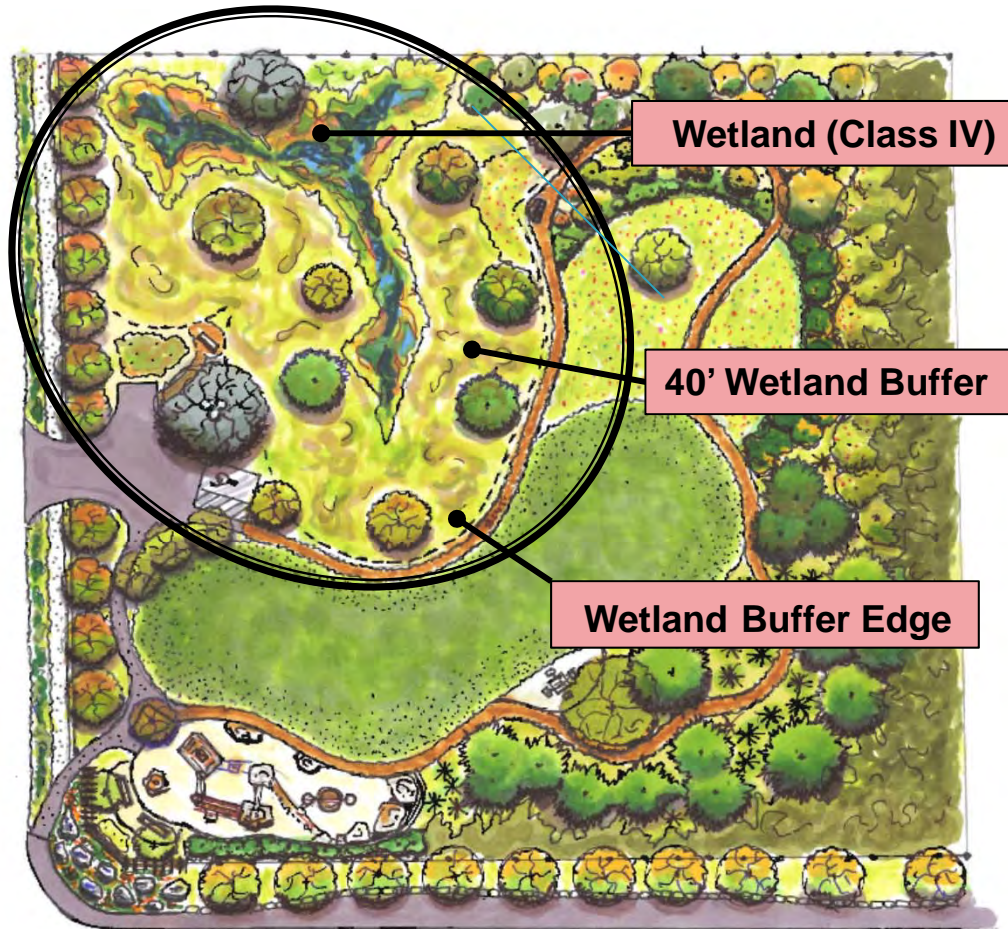
134th Ave NE/NE 30th "Rain Garden"

- Replace existing fence along NE 24th
- Remove invasive species, add flowering trees & landscaping
- Frontage and park access improvements
- Preserve existing crushed path



Flowering Trees Newport Hills Park

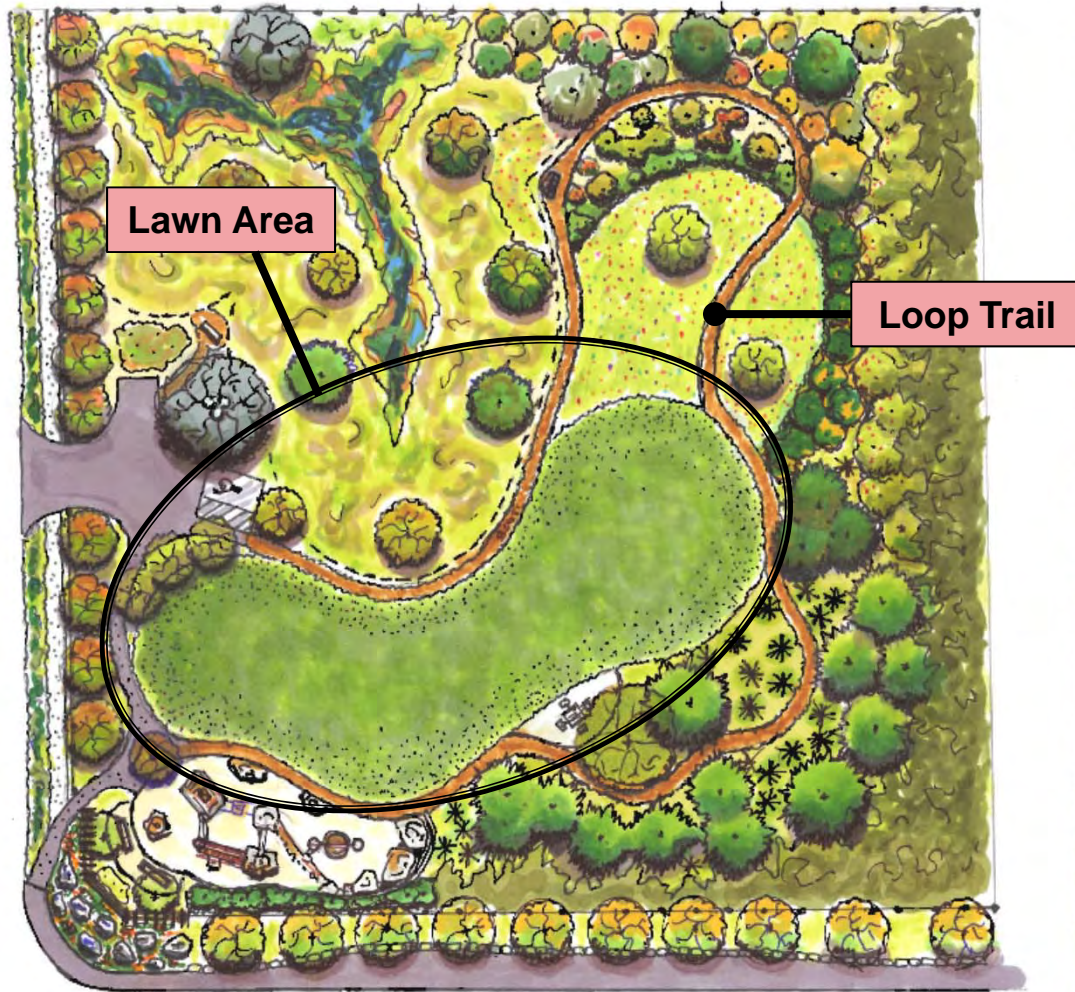
Wetland and Buffer Enhancements



- Remove invasive species
- Viewing and interpretive opportunities
- Enhancement of wildlife habitat

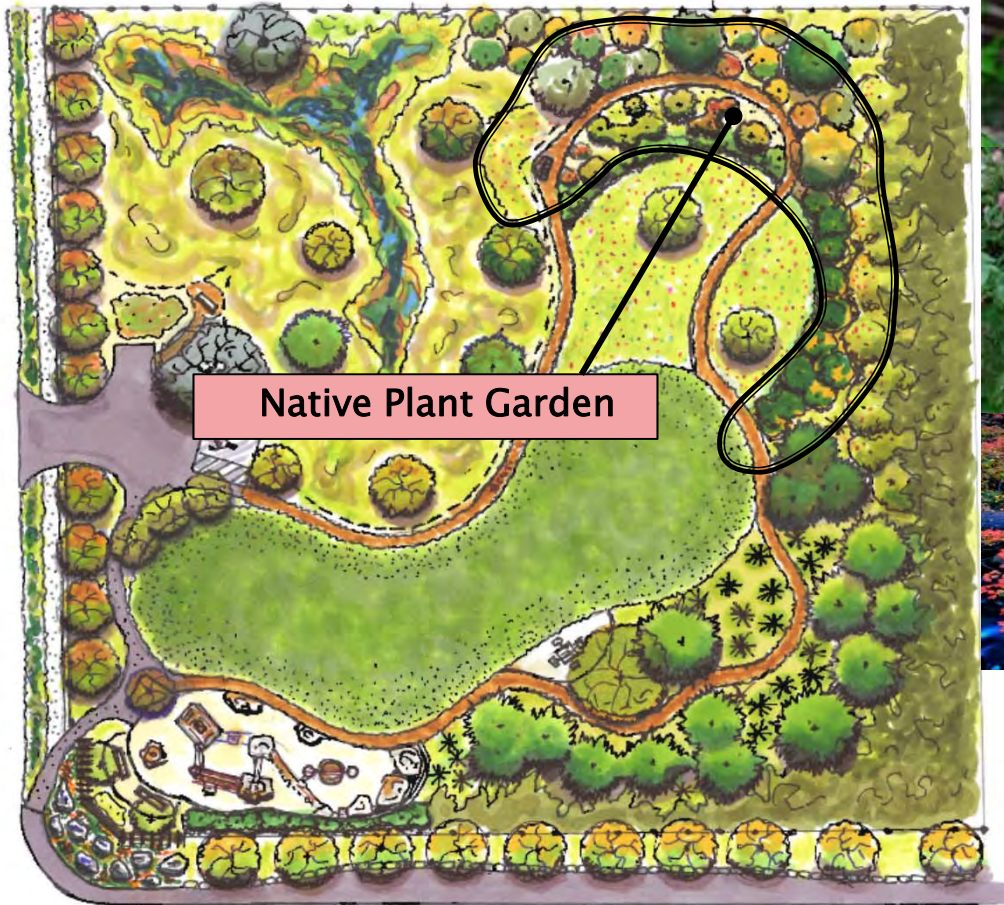


Loop Trail and Open Lawn Space



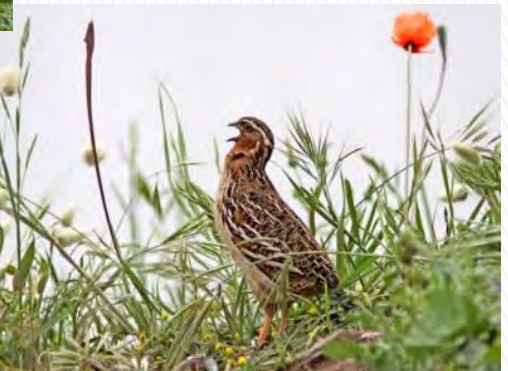
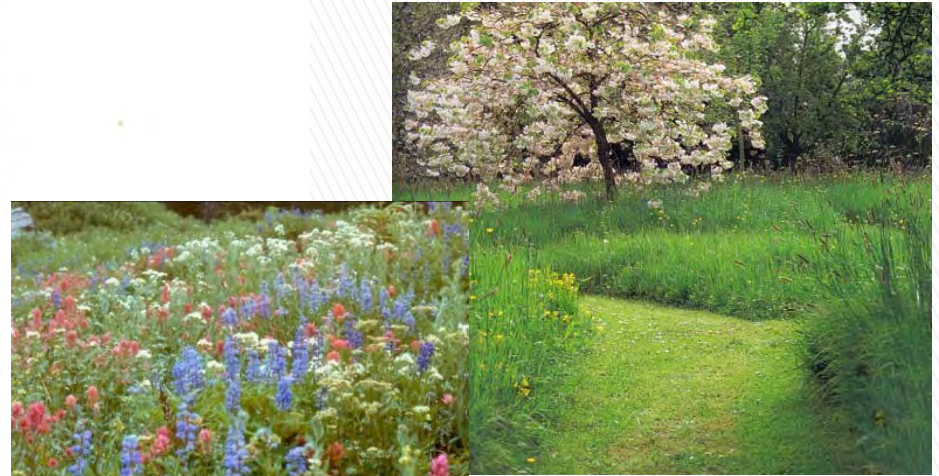
- Lawn area for active and passive uses
- Soft surface loop trail

Trees, Shrubs & Native Landscaping



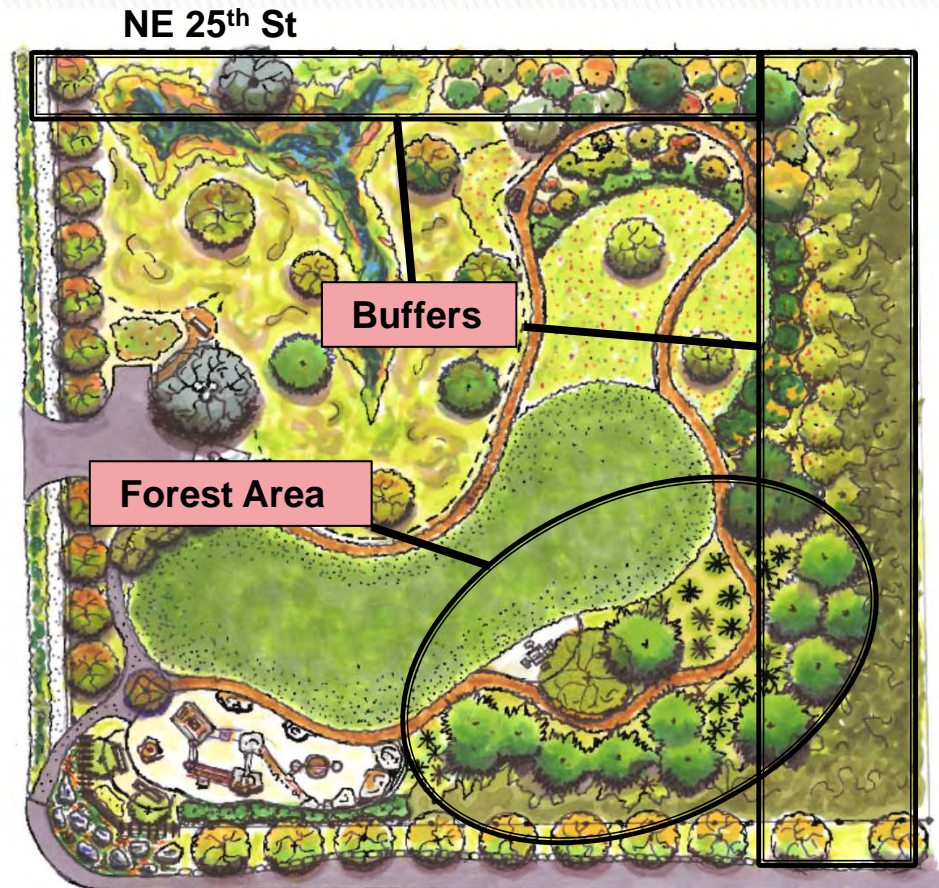
- Low water use and native plantings
- Wildlife habitat enhancement opportunities

Low Grass Wild Meadow Area



- Meadow grass w/ NW wildflower mix
- Minimal maintenance
- Trail access through meadow
- Enhanced wildlife habitat

Park Edge Buffers & Forested Area Enhancements



Forest Edge - Invasives



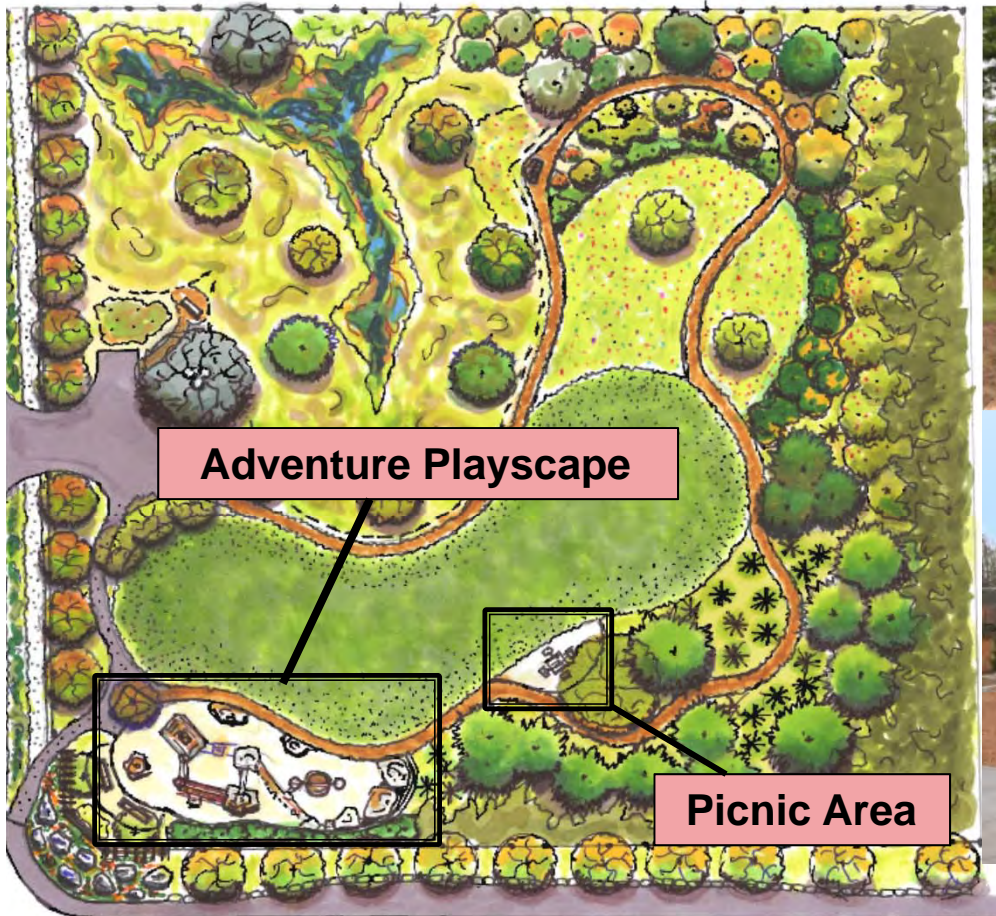
Fern understory



Mixed Buffer-City Hall

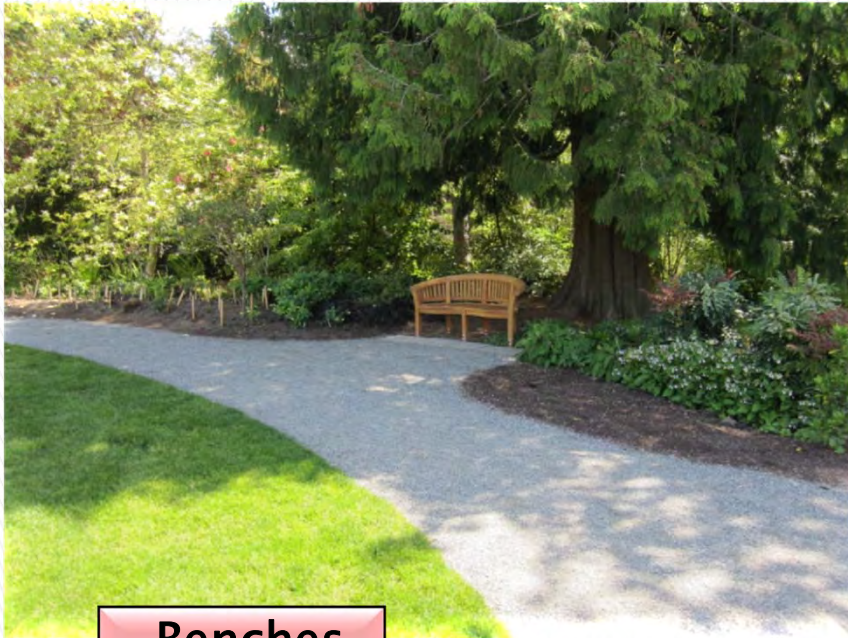
- Preserve significant conifers
- Remove invasive plant species
- Add conifers to forest area
- Enhance & restore understory
- Work with neighbors to provide park buffers

Adventure Playscape & Picnic Area



- Play area approx 2,500-3,000 sf
- Perimeter site fencing
- Benches incorporated
- Maintain visibility into park

Park Amenities



Benches



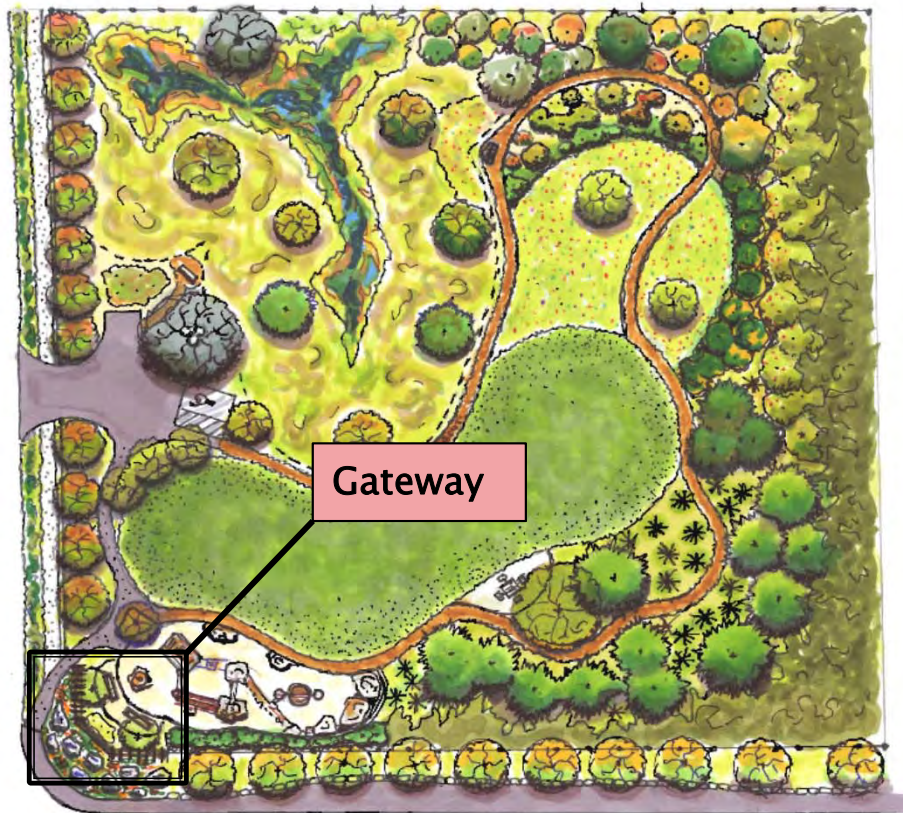
Picnic Area

- Trash Receptacles
- Interpretive Element
- Benches
- Picnic Table
- Bike Rack



Interpretive Element

Bridle Trails Gateway & Connection with Viewpoint Park



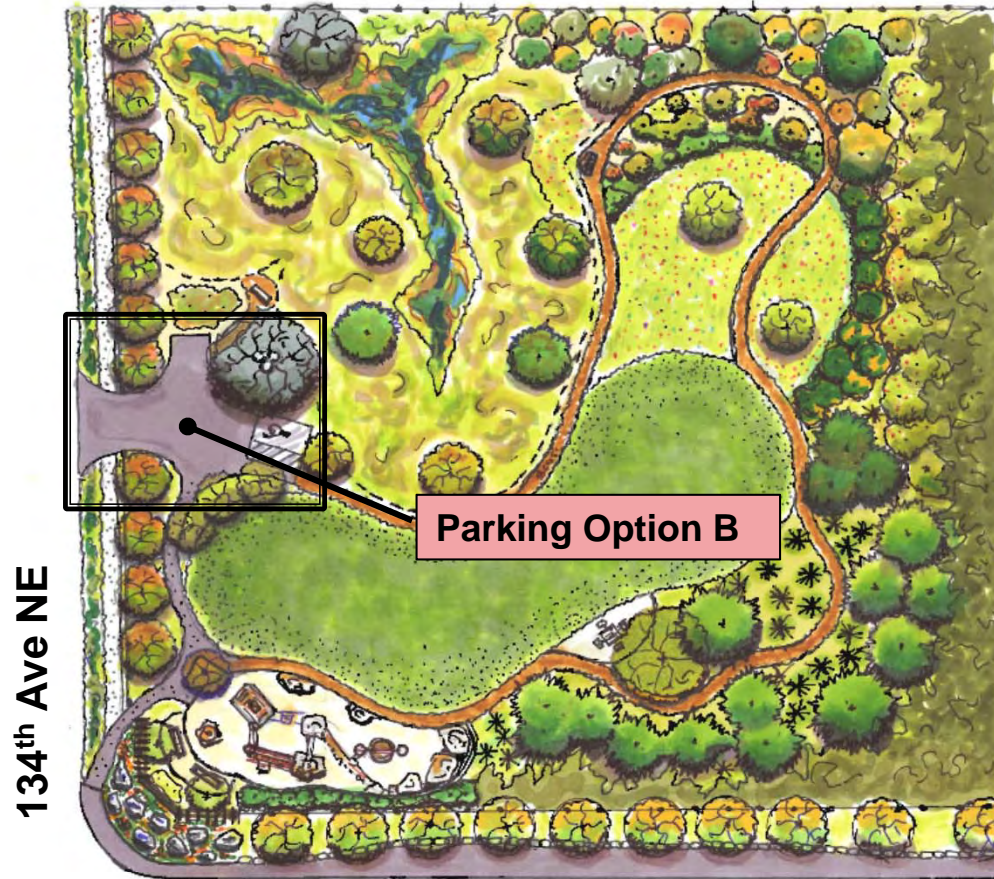
- Strengthen connection between parks
- Enhance SW corner of park property w/ landscaping
- Opportunity for a gateway landmark
- Work w/ BT community on design

Viewpoint Park Trailhead Improvements & Parking Options

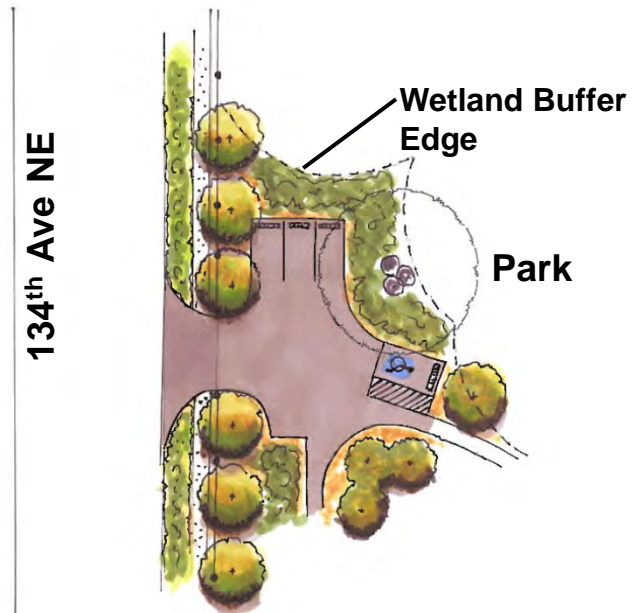


- Formalized parking to service both sites 3-4 spaces (1 ADA)
- Enhancements to trailhead
- Strengthen connection of parks
- Increased visibility into Viewpoint Park site
- Crosswalk Improvements

Parking Alternative



- Current maintenance access
- Formalized parking 3-4 spaces (1 ADA)
- Maintain visibility into Park site
- Construction outside of wetland buffer



Next Steps

- ▶ Finalize parking solution
- ▶ Park Naming (work with community)
- ▶ Complete design
- ▶ Permitting
- ▶ Construction (est. 2013)
 - Estimated construction cost \$400-600K



Comments/Questions