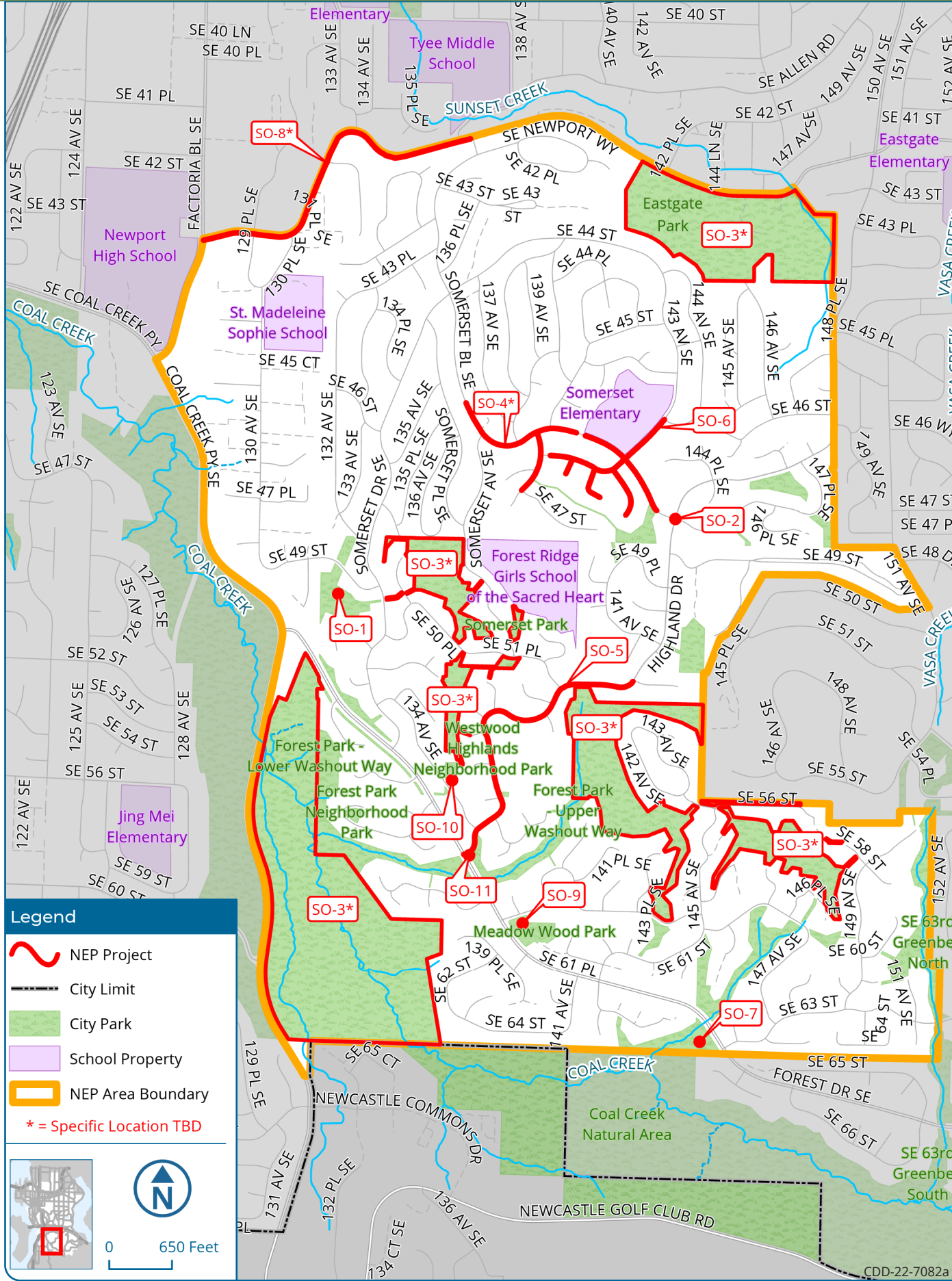


# Neighborhood Enhancement Program



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## Somerset VOTER'S PAMPHLET & BALLOT

*It's what you've been waiting for...time to vote!*

**The Somerset area has received \$217,000 to implement residents' desired enhancement projects, and we need your vote!**

In the summer of 2022, the city received 136 requests to enhance the livability of Somerset in various ways. Using these requests, we were able to generate 11 enhancement projects, which are described in this pamphlet. The requests that were not developed into projects either did not meet the NEP criteria, were referred to other city departments, or are being addressed by ongoing, city work programs.

Please identify on your ballot, in priority order, which three projects you feel are most deserving of these funds. Three points will be assigned to your first choice, two to your second, and one to your third. We will tabulate your responses and fund the highest scoring projects with the \$217,000 NEP allocation. You will receive a newsletter in late November 2022 with information on the winning projects and the associated project managers, which will also be posted on the NEP website ([BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep))

**For voting instructions see inside.**

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# Neighborhood Enhancement Program Proposed Projects

## **SO-1: 2-5 yr. Old Play Equipment & Adult Exercise Equipment – Workout bars - at Forest Hill Park** **\$200,000**

*Forest Hill Neighborhood Park*

This project would install play equipment designed for children ages 2-5 years and additional adult exercise equipment to complement the existing equipment designed for children ages 5-12 years. This equipment would be installed on rubberized fall surface adjacent to the existing play equipment. As this park's primary purpose is to act as a storm drainage basin, the design theme would be water or nautical based.

## **SO-2: Street Lights at Highland Drive and Somerset Blvd SE Intersection** **\$86,000**

*Highland Drive and Somerset Blvd SE/SE 47th PL*

This project would install up to three (3) new LED streetlights and replace existing streetlight fixture LED bulb at the intersection of Highland Drive and Somerset Blvd SE / SE 47th PL. On-going electricity costs would be paid for by the city. Actual locations would need to be examined further for feasibility. Streetlight location subject to adjacent homeowner approval. Proposed street light locations are estimated locations.

## **SO-3: Somerset Area Greenbelts Invasive Vegetation Removal** **\$205,000**

*Various city managed greenbelts within the Somerset neighborhood including Somerset Park, Forest Park Open Space, Forest Park Meadows Open Space, Eastgate Park, Westwood Highlands Open Space and areas within the Coal Creek Natural Area*

This project would involve the removal of non-native vegetation, with a focus on blackberry and ivy from city managed greenbelts within the Somerset neighborhood. The scope of work would include grubbing of blackberry and ivy from the forest floor, removal of ivy growing up existing native trees, removal of other non-native invasive weeds as they are encountered and would include the planting of native trees and shrubs. The new plantings would be watered and maintained by city staff until they are established and self-sustainable.

## **SO-4: Somerset Blvd SE and 139th Ave SE Street Lights** **\$86,450**

• *Somerset Blvd SE between 4500 blk of Somerset Blvd SE and 140th Ave SE*

• *139th Ave SE between Somerset Blvd SE and SE 47th St*

This project would install up to six (6) new PSE owned and maintained LED street lights within the street limits detailed above. The new poles would reside in City of Bellevue right-of-way and light public streets. City of Bellevue lighting engineer would determine exact street light placement based on available right-of-way, available power, and relation to underground utilities. Streetlight location is subject to adjacent homeowner approval. Proposed street light locations are estimated locations.

## **SO-5: Highland Drive median landscaping renovation** **\$175,000**

*Highland Drive medians south of SE 52nd PL*

This project would renovate the landscaped medians on the south end of Highland Drive, south of SE 52nd Pl. Failing and damaged trees would be replaced with appropriately sized drought tolerant species. Irrigation repairs and upgrades would support new landscape plantings in the medians. Scope and schedule would be contingent on nearby Transportation project.

## **SO-6: Somerset Highlands Streetlight Enhancement** **\$15,500**

*Somerset Highlands near Somerset Elementary*

This project would replace lighting fixtures with LED in existing pedestrian streetlights in the Somerset Highlands area near Somerset Elementary School. Permit and installation would be completed by Puget Sound Energy.

## **SO-7: Pickleball Striping** **\$50,000**

*Forest Glen Neighborhood Park*

This project would restripe the existing basketball court and add pickleball striping with portable regulation sized nets. The basketball court can accommodate a minimum of two (2) regulation sized pickleball courts.

## **SO-8: Newport Way Streetscape Renovation** **\$100,000**

*Various locations along south side of Newport Way between Somerset Blvd and Factoria Blvd.*

This project would renovate existing Streetscape planters on the south side of Newport Way between Factoria Blvd and Somerset Blvd. Actual project areas to be determined by Parks field staff. Potential project scope would include ivy and invasive species removal, irrigation repair, and installation of appropriately sized shade tolerant plantings.

## **SO-9: Play Equipment Replacement at Meadow Wood Park/upper park area** **\$135,000**

*Meadow Wood Park*

This project would replace existing equipment designed for children ages 2-5 years with new play equipment designed for children ages 2-5 years of age. Benches would be added to allow parents to sit and watch their children play.

## **SO-10: New Picnic Table at Westwood Highlands Park** **\$2,000**

*Westwood Highlands Neighborhood Park*

This project would add one new picnic table near the existing BBQ grill at Westwood Highlands Neighborhood Park.

## **SO-11: Westwood Highlands South Gateway Landscaping** **\$140,000**

*Highland Drive and Forest Drive*

This project would provide landscape enhancement of the southeast Westwood Highlands entrance area. Project would extend irrigation from the planted median to the east side of Highland Drive. Dead trees and invasive species would be removed and replanted with appropriate native and adapted species, including evergreen trees. Project would also provide for renovation of existing formal landscaped bed maintained by Parks.

## **Voting Instructions**

### **Voting by Mail Only**

Please select your top three projects by completing and returning the enclosed postage paid ballot by **Tuesday, October 18, 2022.**

**Ballots postmarked after this date will not be accepted.** Please contact Theresa Cuthill with any questions at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4186.

\* *Printing, mailing and administrative costs included in the \$217,000 funding allocation.*

**For more information on the proposed ballot projects, including design concepts, please visit the NEP website [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep) September 2022**



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