

Proposition 1: City of Bellevue Levy for Parks & Open Space

November 8, 2022 Ballot Proposition

Background

A new funding measure will go before voters to increase investments in Bellevue's parks and open space system. After considering public input and an updated Parks & Open Space System Plan, Bellevue City Council approved the measure for the November 8 ballot.

The Parks & Open Space Levy

The ballot proposition includes funding to enhance and maintain Bellevue's parks and open space system. If approved, the package would accomplish the following:

- · Preserve open space, greenways and wildlife corridors;
- · Develop trails, community parks and neighborhood parks;
- Invest in emerging sports opportunities, off-leash areas and recreation;
- Plan major community facilities like aquatics and a cross-cultural center;
- Restore and develop waterfront parks and protect water quality in Bellevue's lakes and streams;
- Acquire and develop parks and open space in the Bel-Red and Wilburton areas; and
- Maintain improvements consistent with Bellevue Parks' standards.

More Information

If you have questions about the City of Bellevue Levy for Parks & Open Space, visit <u>BellevueWA.gov/2022Levy</u>, email <u>ILumbad@BellevueWA.gov</u>, or call 425-452-2934.





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Bellevue Parks & Community Services

Project Summary

If approved, this measure would cost an owner of a \$1M home approximately \$200 per year for the next 9 years, or 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The measure is anticipated to provide the following estimated funding for projects:

Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors and Trails (\$20M)

Dedicate resources to acquire land that complements the existing parks system, increases public access to lake shores, preserves open space, protects water quality and increases trail connectivity.

Community Parks (\$5M)

Expand opportunities at community parks; allow visitors to experience botanical displays and educational programs such as development of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Wetland Sun Terrace.

Neighborhood Park Development (\$20M)

Acquire, plan, and develop neighborhood parks with amenities like play equipment, open space and trail connections at locations such as Eastgate, Factoria and Ashwood Park.

Recreation & Community Facilities (\$10M)

Plan community facilities such as those that support aquatics and a cross-cultural center.

Waterfront Restoration and Development (\$10M)

Continue phased development of waterfront access including Meydenbauer Bay Park. Protect water quality of Bellevue's lakes and streams through restoration and refurbishment of waterfront parks.

Bel-Red & Wilburton Park Acquisition & Development (\$10M)

Acquire and develop parks within population growth centers in Bel-Red and Wilburton.

Emerging Sports & Off-Leash Areas (\$10M)

Invest in park enhancements to support emerging sports like pickleball and cricket; improve access for off-leash dogs throughout the park system.

Maintenance & Operations (\$4M annually)

Protect open space and park facilities investments with funding for annual operations and maintenance.



