

EASTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

A partnership between City of Bellevue, King County, King County Public Health, Congregations for the Homeless and Imagine Housing.

Eastside Men's Shelter and Supportive Housing
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Mission - Congregations for the Homeless



CFH

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

from homelessness to housing, one man at a time

End homelessness on the Eastside
by helping men make the transition from life
on the street to stable, independent living.

Eastside Winter Shelter in Bellevue

- 2008-11: Crossroads community Center
Crossroads
- 2011-13: St. Peter's United Methodist
NE Bellevue
- 2013-15: International Paper (ST)
BelRed
- 2016-19: Lincoln Center
Downtown East

What would be in a new facility?

Congregations for the Homeless (CFH)

- Emergency Shelter - 100 beds
- Drop-in Day Center & Cafeteria
- **Services to be available on-site**
 - Case management
 - Housing placement
 - Medical and dental services
 - Mental Health services
 - Addiction recovery
 - Employment support
 - DSHS benefit enrollment
 - Legal assistance
- **Building would also include affordable housing**
 - To assist in transitioning homeless residents to permanent housing
 - Developed by Imagine Housing



Velocity at S. Kirkland Park and Ride,
developed by Imagine Housing

Who are the men served?



Homelessness is an Eastside Issue.

- Over 1200 homeless persons served in shelter last year on the Eastside
- 245 people sleeping outside in 2016 Eastside One Night Count of unsheltered individuals
- 571 unduplicated clients served at Men's Shelter in 2015-16

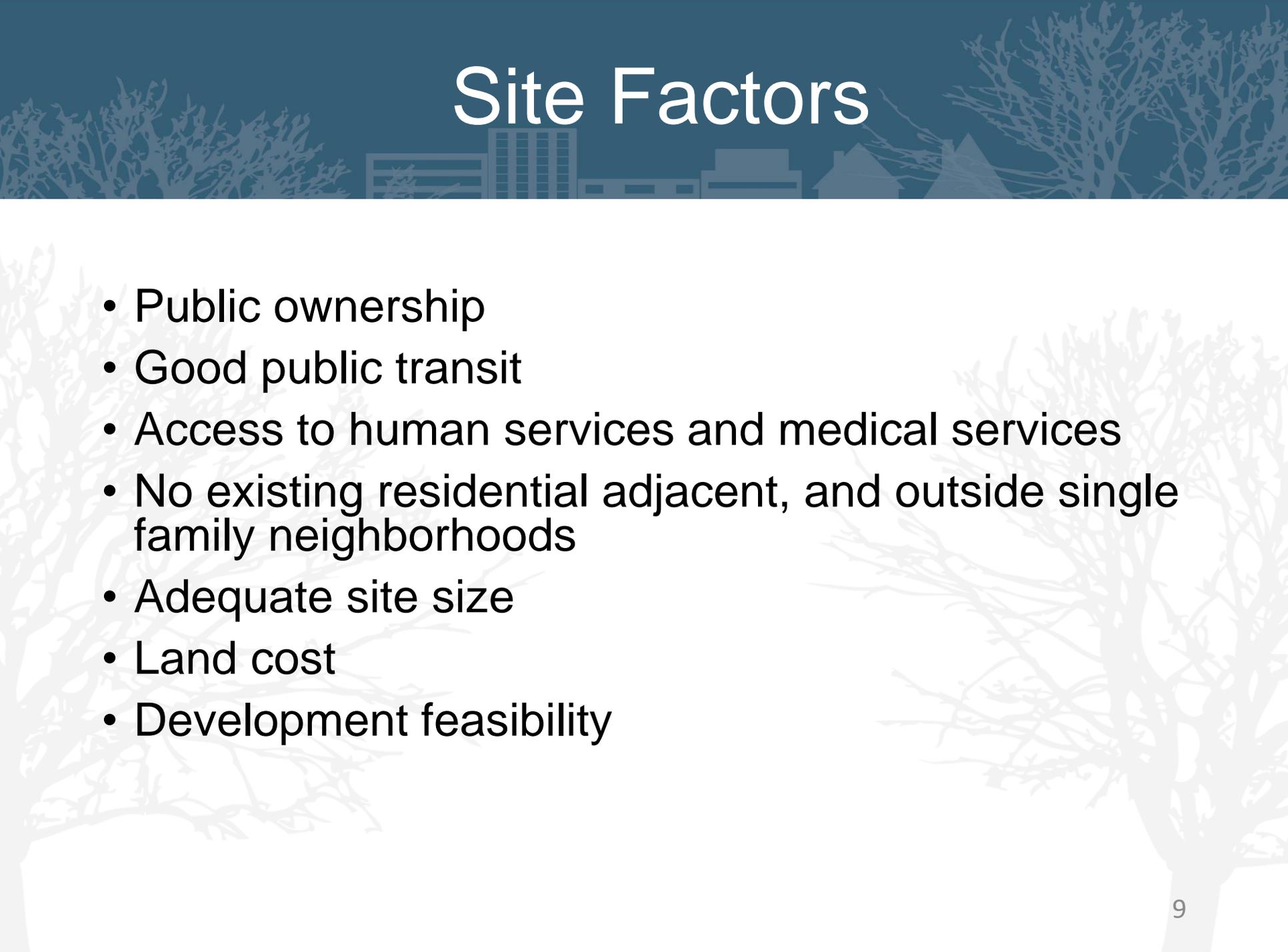
Men's Shelter has been in Bellevue since 2008.

- Began in 2008, with Police Chief leading, following tragic death of one man from exposure
- Congregations for the Homeless emerged as a local, Bellevue-based operator
- Shelter established year to year, where site could be found, often at the last moment
- City now facilitating CFH in finding a permanent home

What are we trying to achieve?

- Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) in a new permanent shelter facility
- City facilitating CFH in getting this done
- No longer crisis of year-to-year – rather permanent facility, done right
- Meet local need
- Safe shelter—help clients survive and is safe for surrounding area
- Better design and more stable operation than interim site
- Access to social and medical services
- Help individuals move toward independence and stable housing
- Good neighbor to immediate neighborhood and broader community
- Collaboration with neighboring Eastside cities

Site Factors



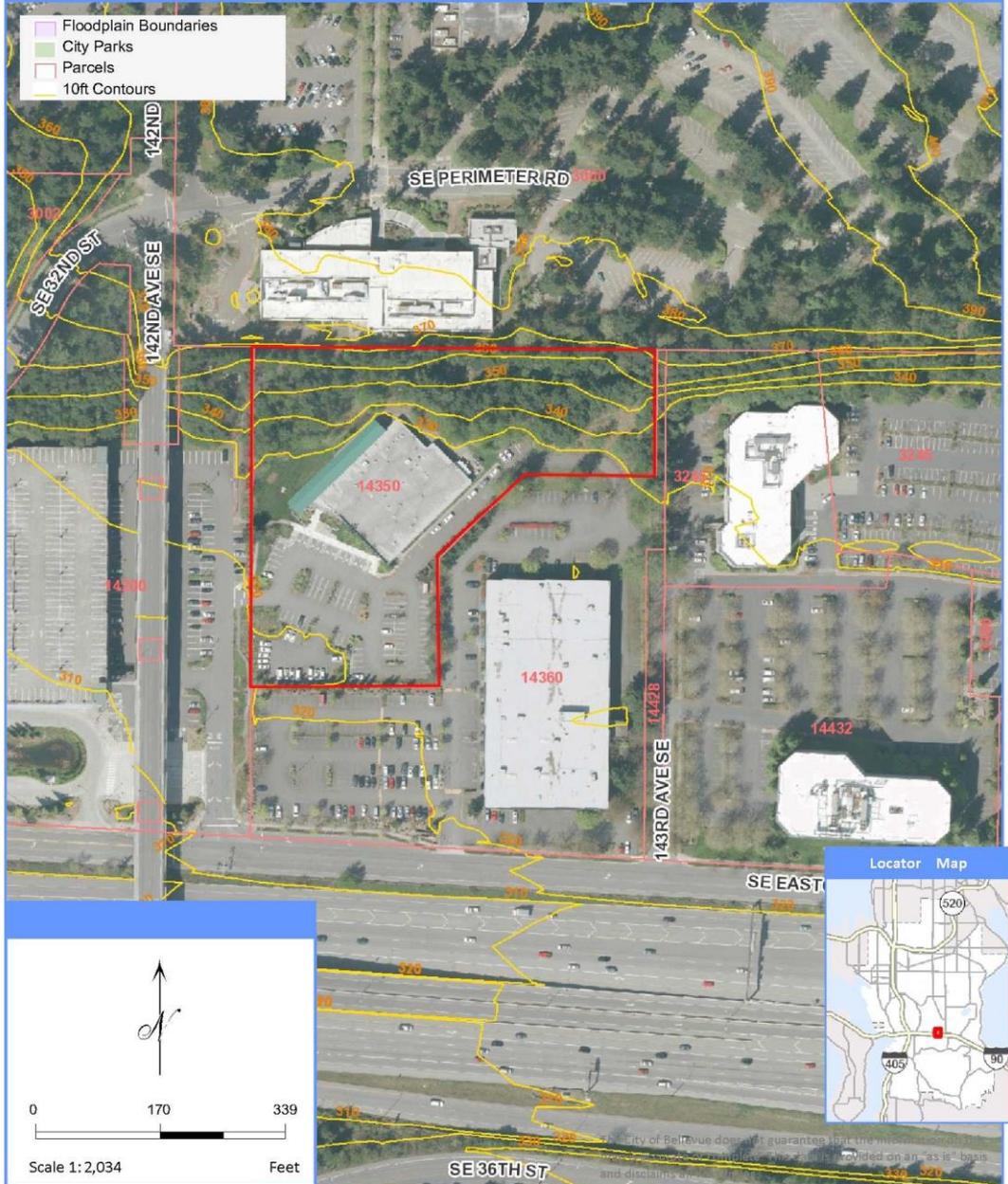
- Public ownership
- Good public transit
- Access to human services and medical services
- No existing residential adjacent, and outside single family neighborhoods
- Adequate site size
- Land cost
- Development feasibility

Why the Eastgate Public Health Site?

- Unique partnership with King County Public Health – access to medical services
- In public ownership (County)
- Large site; feasible development opportunities
- Next to Park and Ride—so good transit service long term
- In area planned for future Transit Oriented Development—mixed use environment, with services
 - Not in a SF neighborhood
 - Nearest existing residential is up slope, >800' away



Eastgate Way - KC Public Health



Does this use fit with the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Vision for the Area's Future?

- Shelter use is allowed under existing zoning
- TOD is long-term vision for area's future—more walkable, mixed use neighborhood close to the Park and Ride
- Shelter and housing here would be subject to new TOD design standards and help move this vision forward



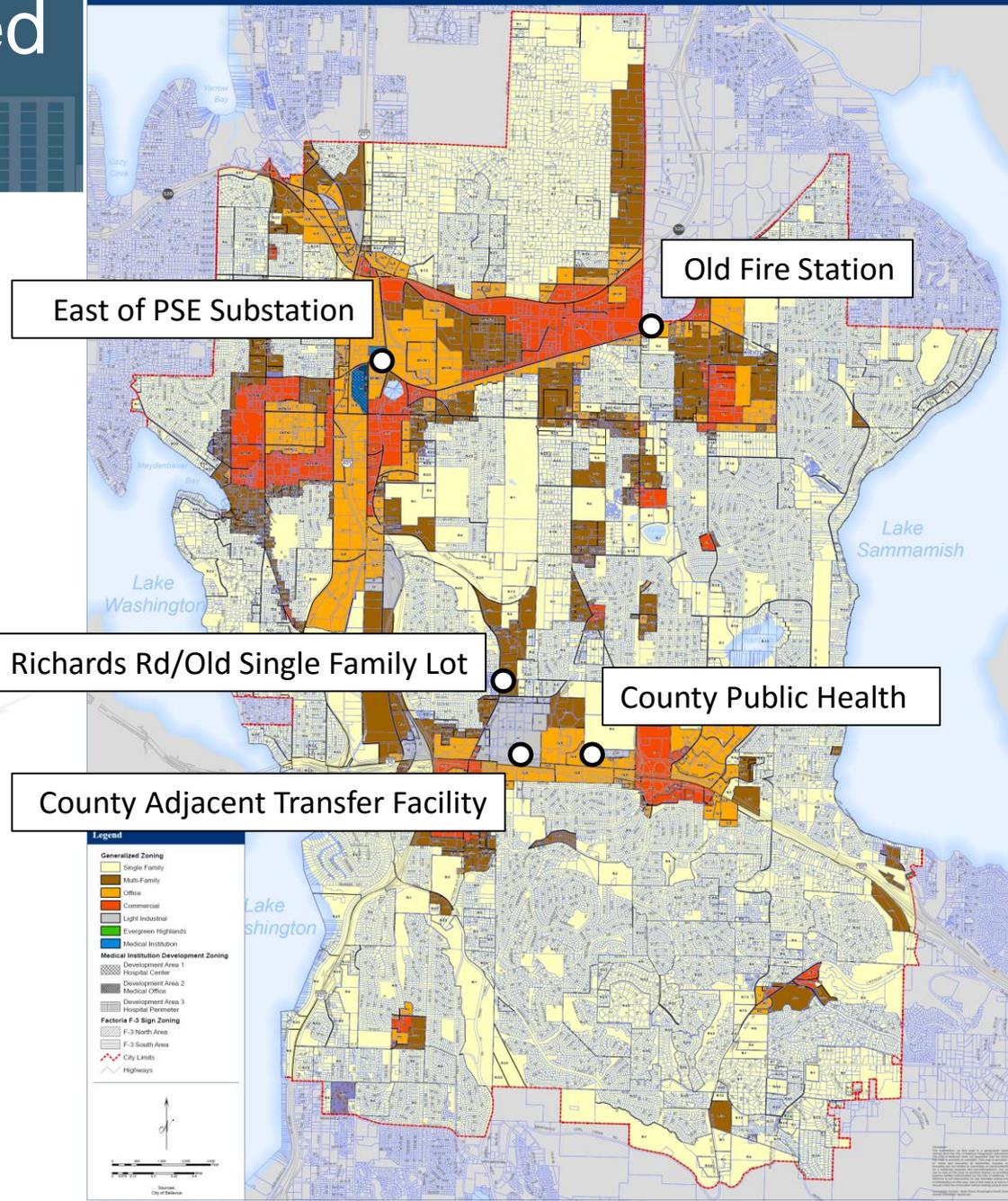
Eastgate Required Streets - Figure 1



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Other Sites Explored Short List

Generalized Zoning

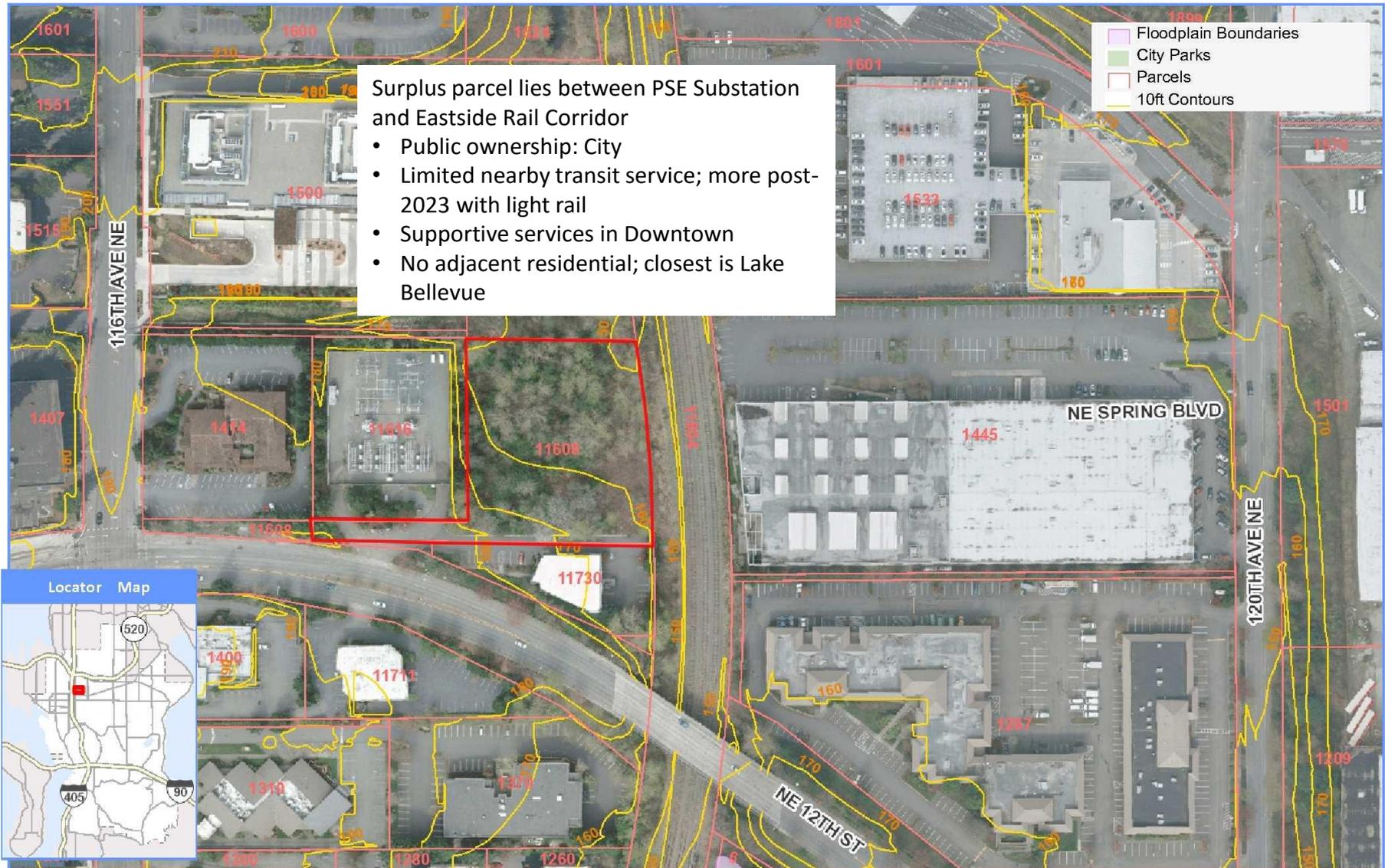




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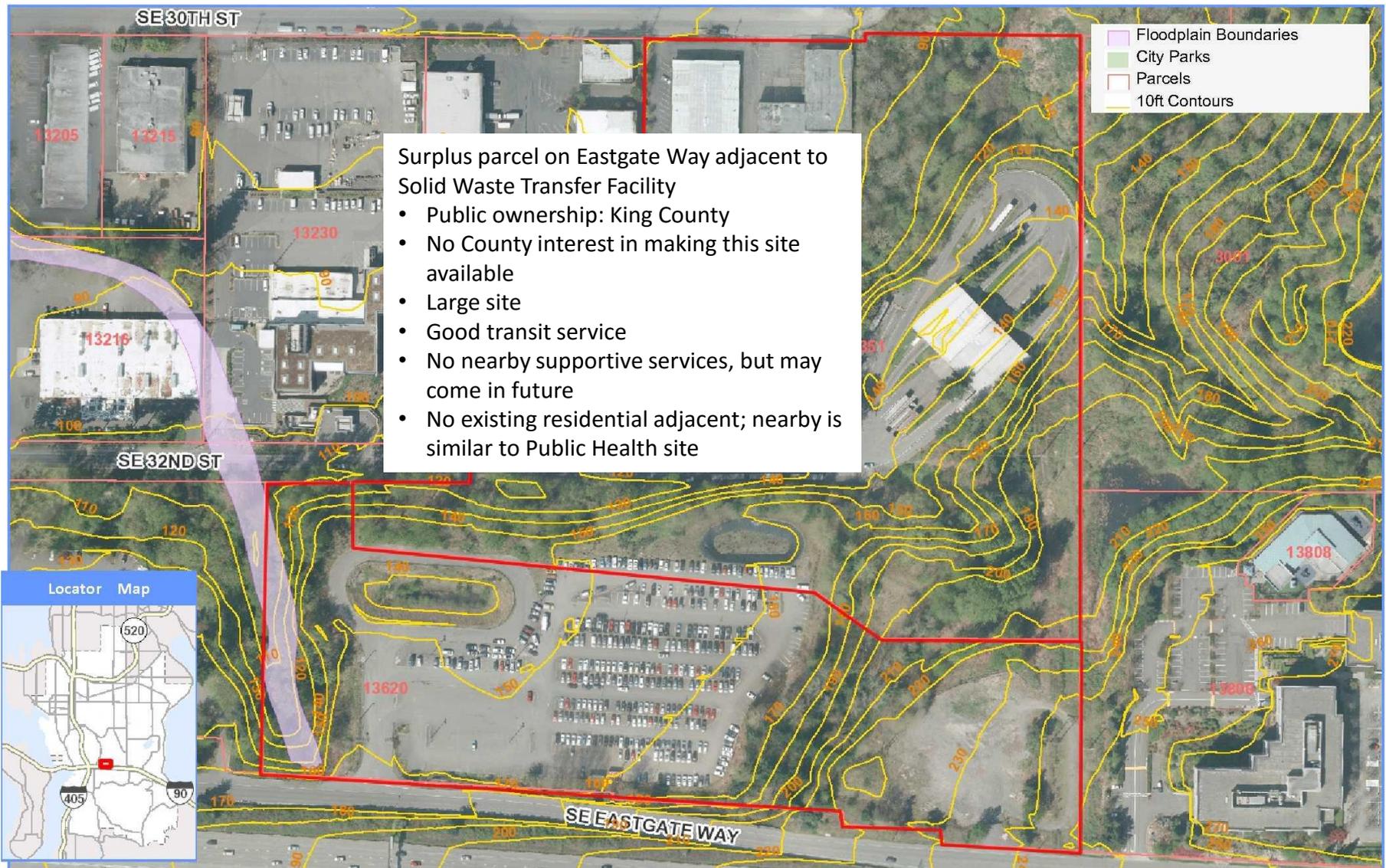
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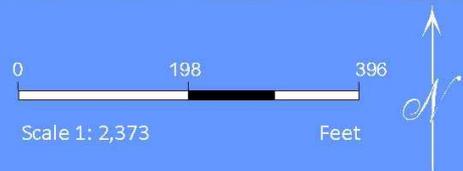
PSE / Children's Option Parcel

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Scale 1: 2,034 Feet



Eastgate Way - KC Solid Waste Transfer



A Work in Progress

- Community outreach continues to identify issues and concerns
- Research on secondary impacts and best practices

Upcoming Council Study Session (date TBD)

- What we've heard from the community
- Answers to community questions

1st Quarter 2017

- Report on secondary impacts
- Best Practices
- Mitigation Plan
- Potential decision on King County partnership

What we have heard

Email Letters in Support and Against Shelter

Online Petition Against Shelter At this Location
1500+ supporters

More questions that need to be answered.

Strong concerns for neighborhood safety

Need for continued Outreach for the surrounding community

Understanding of need for homeless shelter

Support for Shelter/Housing

- Homelessness Exists on Eastside –
 - This is much needed project!
 - Do whatever you can to make this a reality.
- Excellent access and services
- Organized Shelter run by Congregations for Homeless
- Full professional facility will provide most help
- Scope and scale, plus near transit very appropriate and well considered.
- Saves Lives

Neighborhood Impacts

1. Proximity to residential neighborhoods
2. Proximity to preschools, daycare, elementary
3. Proximity to Bellevue College and Eastgate P&R

1. Decrease Property Values
2. Increase Residential Crime
3. Increase Unpermitted Encampments
4. Car Prowls
5. Loitering
6. Panhandling
7. Litter

Shelter Program & Housing

1. Low Barrier Entry
 - a) Admission of Sex Offenders, Drugs, Alc
 2. Magnet for homeless men to come to area
 3. Over-capacity issues
 4. Loitering
 5. Year-Round Shelter
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1. Funding Impact on City of Bellevue Taxpayers
 2. Length of stay of housing residents

Bellevue College

1. Proximity to students, 50% female (including Running Start students)
2. Proximity to new Dorms
3. Reputation of College – International Students
4. Campus Access to Buildings (Open)
5. Level of Security on Campus
6. Lighting
7. Cell Phone Coverage – Intermittent
8. Lack of clear protocol for campus safety as College becomes residential campus.

Eastgate Park & Ride Eastgate Businesses

1. Safety for P&R users – at night/early morning
2. Car Prowls
3. Impact on future vision for TOD area
4. Safety for Public Health – staff and clients
5. Loitering
6. Litter
7. Lighting
8. Impact on Parking
9. Panhandling

Community Voices



Workshop Locations

(rotation every 20 minutes)

- Neighborhood Safety
- Shelter Operations and Housing
- Bellevue College
- Eastgate Businesses and Park & Ride

Ask Questions

Share Comments

What are the key issues and priorities to address?

Brainstorm

Recommendations

If the project is located here, what would help make it work for the entire community?

Next Steps

- Continue to send in comments and questions to mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov
- Research on secondary impacts and best practices

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