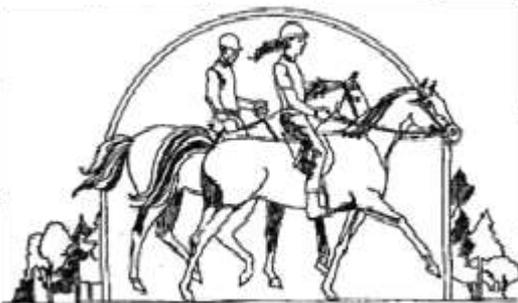


Neighborhood Park Development **Bridle Trails**

NE 24th St. Park Master Plan Meeting #2
May 10, 2012



Agenda

Project Overview

Community Response, Comments and Survey Results

NE 24th St Site Existing Conditions

Opportunities & Constraints of the Site

Master Plan Elements

Contact Info & Next Steps

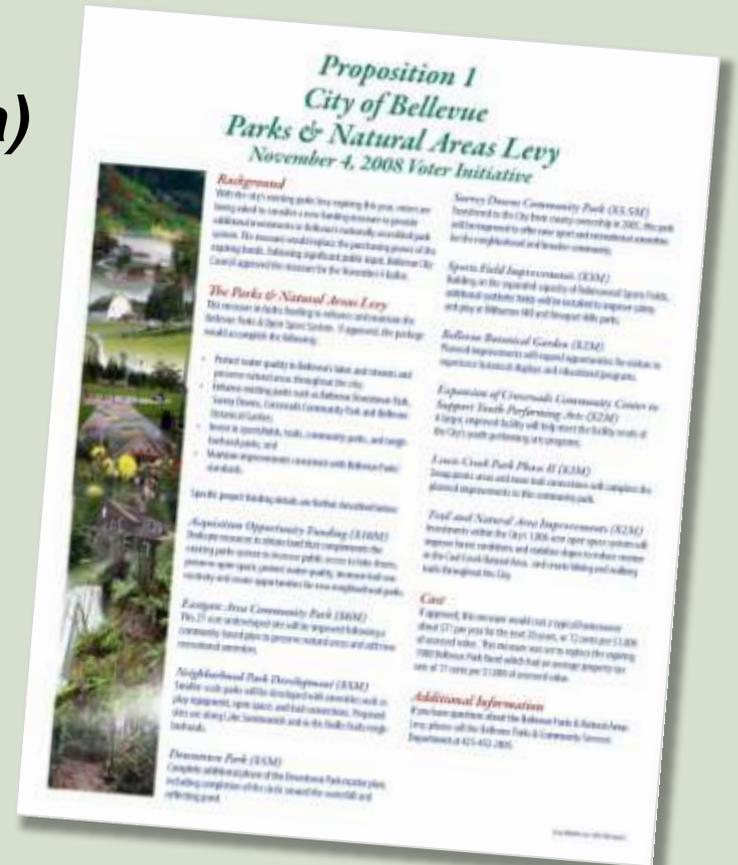
Questions, Answers ,Comments and Idea Sharing



Parks & Natural Areas Levy

Neighborhood Park Development (\$5M) (\$2.5M for Bridle Trails Area)

Smaller-scale parks will be developed with amenities such as play equipment, open space, and trail connections. Proposed sites are along Lake Sammamish and in the Bridle Trail neighborhoods.





Planning Process

- **May 2009 thru 2010-** BTCC & Public Outreach/Input & Project Research, Feasibility & Evaluation
- **October 12, 2010-** Parks/BTCC endorses and recommends to Council
- **September 30, 2010-** BTCC Ratifies recommendations
- **November 22, 2010** - Council authorizes property negotiation for recommended NE 24th St. property acquisition.
- **January 31, 2011** –New park property acquisition
- **Feb. 2012** –24th St. Park Master Plan process begins
- **March 29, 2012-** Kick-off 24th St. Master Plan Community Meeting

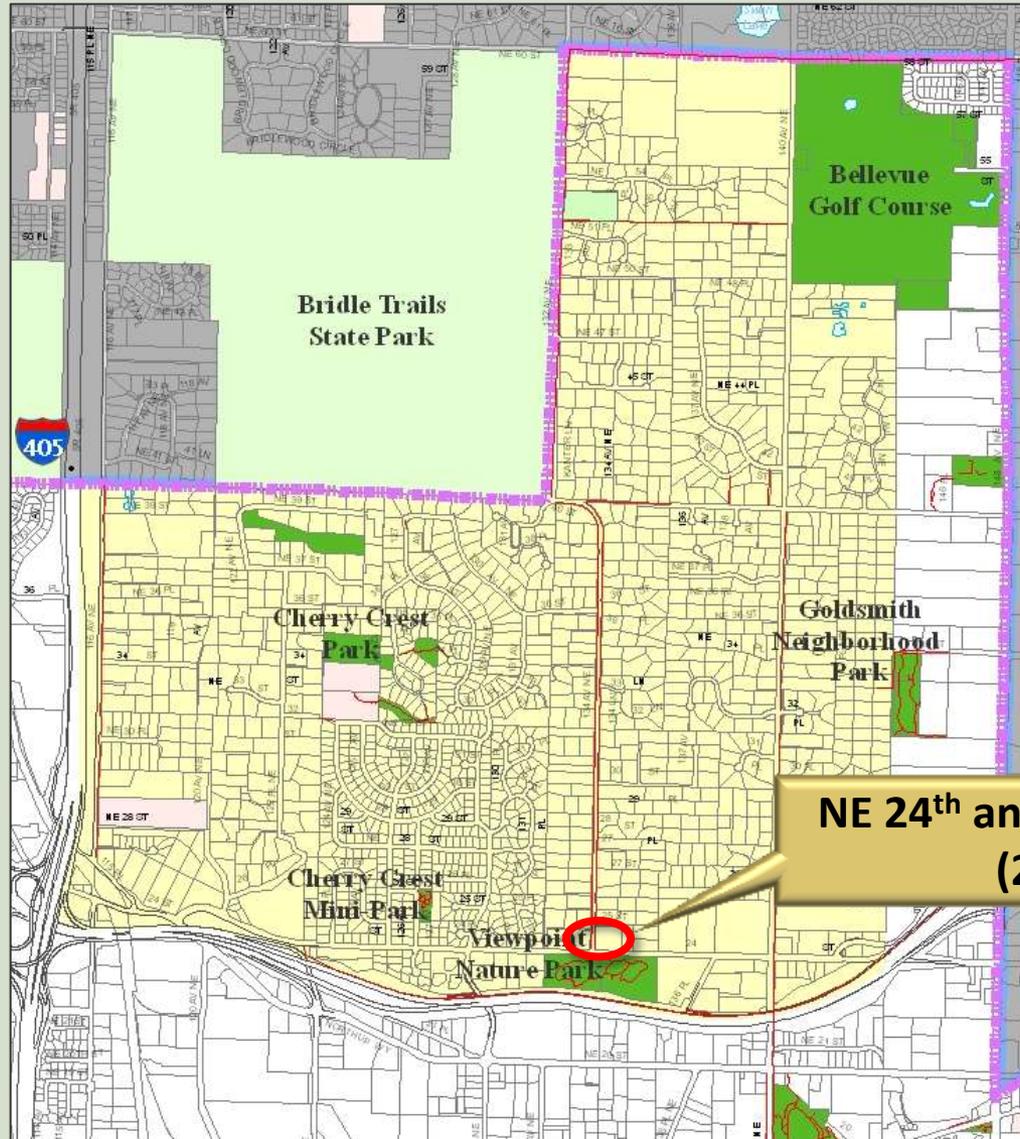
BTCC Recommendations

Committing at least \$2.5 million voter approved Parks & Natural Areas Levy funds towards Neighborhood Park Development and Natural Areas in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood. The Preferred Neighborhood Park and Natural Area Development Projects, to the extent projects and development are feasible and can be Levy funded, are identified in preferred order:

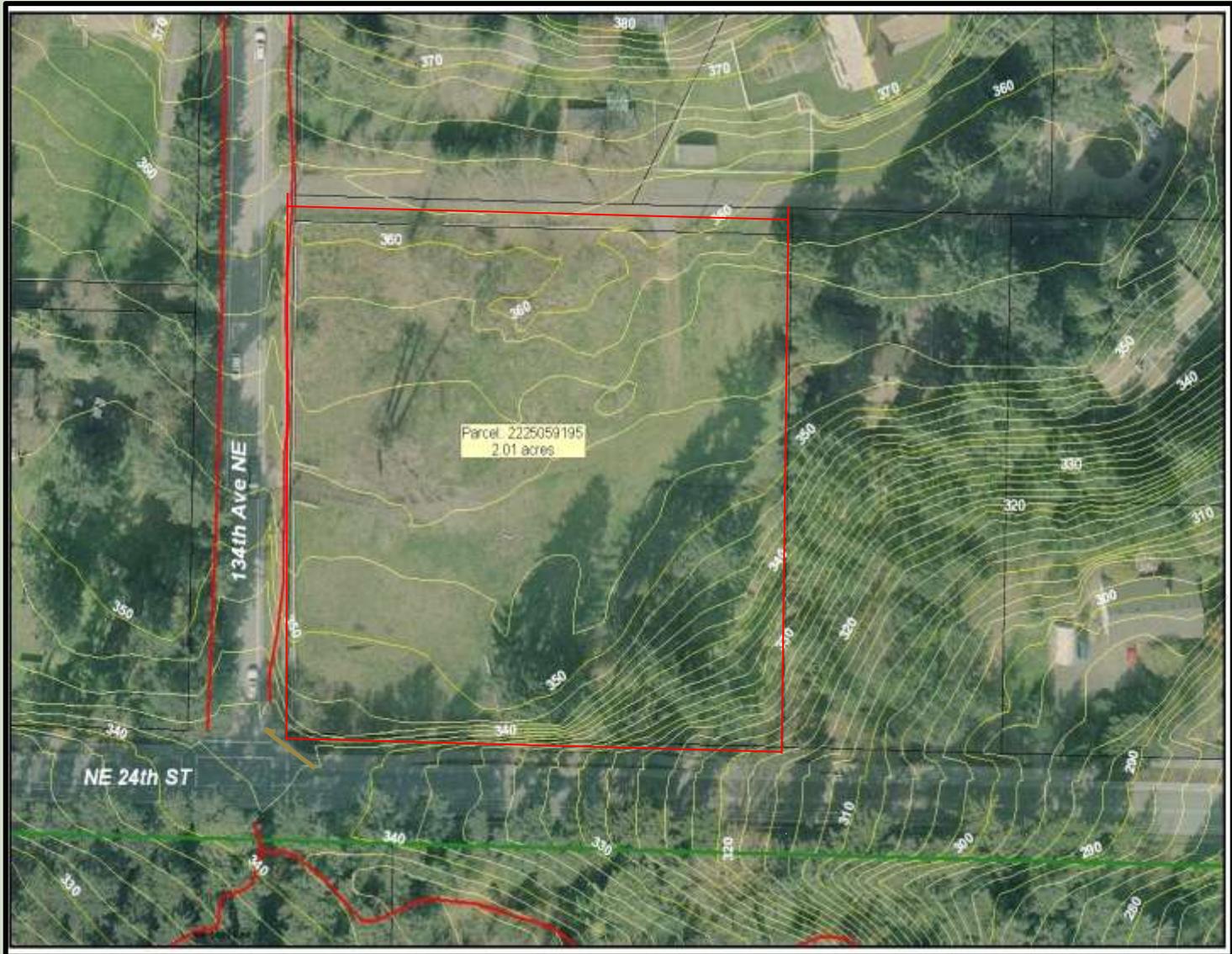
1. Obtain an agreement with the State of Washington to develop, operate and maintain the property at 5220 132nd Ave NE (aka Acheson property) as a public park- **Negotiations in progress**
2. Pursue acquisition of the property located at NE 24th and 134th Ave NE for the purposes of providing Park and Open Space- **Purchase Complete**
3. Proceed to develop a Master Plan, with the Bridle Trails Neighborhood and with owners of contiguous property, for a neighborhood public park at 5220 132nd Ave NE
4. **Proceed to develop a Master Plan, with the Bridle Trails Neighborhood and with owners of contiguous property for a neighborhood public park at NE 24th and 134th Ave NE**
5. Develop a neighborhood public park at 5220 132nd Ave NE
6. Develop a neighborhood public park at NE 24th and 134th Ave NE



Bridle Trails Neighborhood



**NE 24th and 134th Ave NE
(2402)**



TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY-2402 134th Ave. NE

Community response since 3/29 Public Meeting

28 residents attended 3/29 community meeting

- 4ea Comment Cards received at 3/29 meeting
- 12ea direct email comments since 3/29
- 66ea responses to website survey (questions 2-4)
- 34ea written responses (question 1) to website survey

City of Bellevue Parks On-line Survey 4/2-5/3

#1- Please provide any suggestions, ideas, or comments regarding the programming or design elements for this new park.

Response: 34 comments

#2- Many Park uses and elements have been suggested for new park development in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood. Please rank the importance of the following park uses or elements, from very important to least important, that they be included at the new park to be located at NE 24th St/134th Ave NE?

Responses: 66 (see next slide)

#3- Are you a Bridle Trails Resident? Response: 66 yes 1 no

#4- Are you a Bellevue Resident? Response: 60 yes 7 no

Neighborhood Park Element Suggestions from Question #2 website survey (66 responses)

Most Important

1. Tree & Shrubs	57%
2. Open Space	45%
3. Play Area	37%
4. Parking	36%
5. Trails	34%

Averages Highest (Scale 0-5)

1. Trees and Shrubs	4.0
2. Open Space	3.83
3. Trails	3.15
4. Play Area	3.15
5. Picnic Table	3.15

Least Important

1. Hist/Cultr Pavillion	64%
2. Athletic Courts	44%
3. Off-Leach Dog	38%
4. Restrooms	35%
5. Lights	30%

Averages Lowest (Scale 0-5)

1. Hist/Cultr Pavillion	.77
2. Athletic Courts	1.92
3. Restrooms	1.98
4. Lights	2.27
5. Off-Leach Dog	2.29

Written Responses Overview

Park Use and Elements

Passive Use and Elements

- Areas to rest and relax
- Trails
- Picnic Tables/benches
- Open Space-lawn/meadow
- Attractive Landscaping
- Flowering Trees
- Wildlife/Birdlife Habitat Enhancements (quail)
- Nature Park
- Water Feature

Active Use and Elements

- Play area/elements for children
- Lawn/open area for activities
- Off-Leach area for dogs
- Athletic Courts/Multi-use

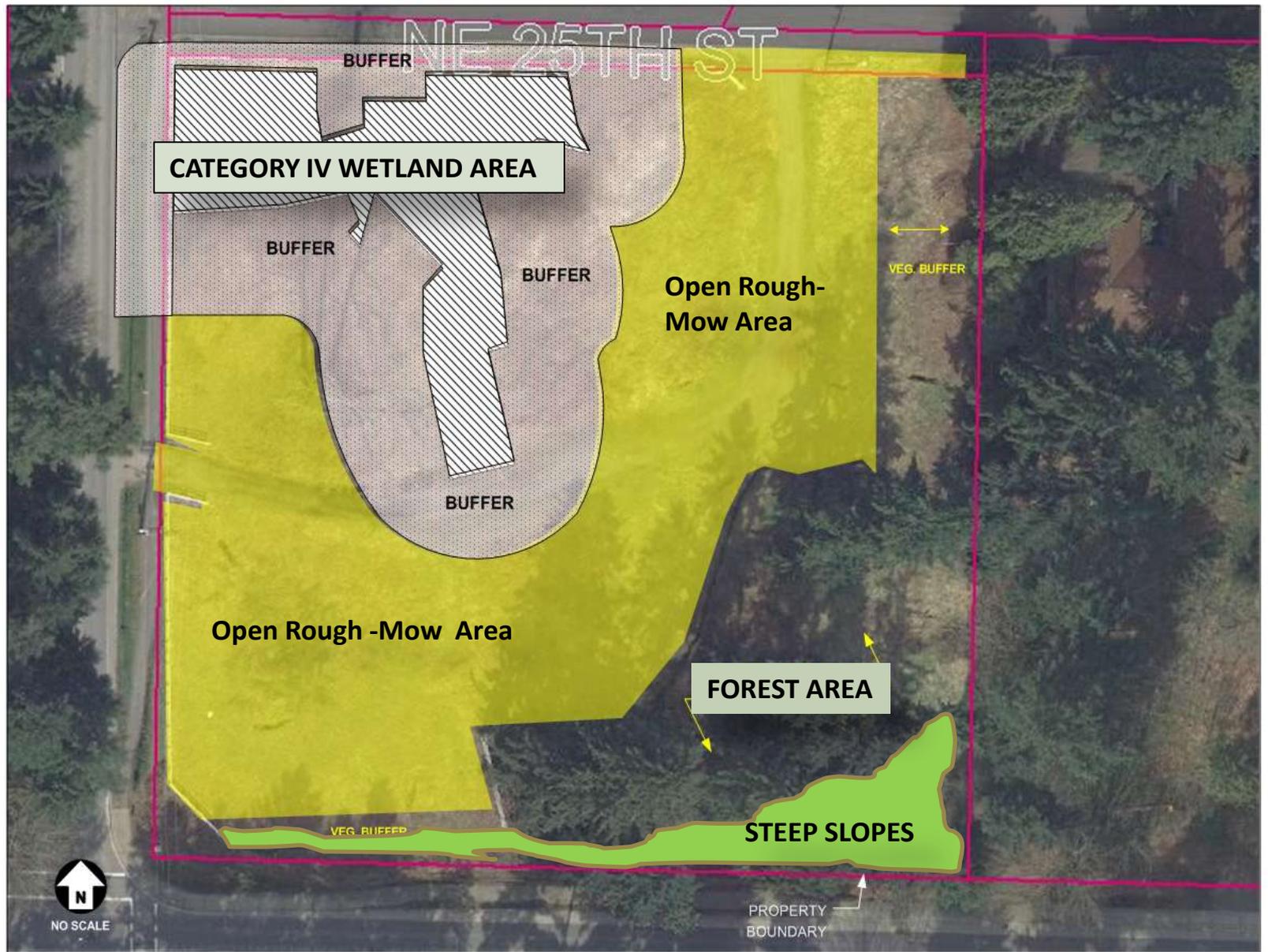
Other park use suggestions

(two or less response suggestions for each)

- Adult Exercise equip/ Circuit
- Skatepark
- Synthetic Turf Field
- Volleyball Courts
- Pool
- Mini-golf
- Challenge course/climbing rocks
- Sand Arena
- Community Garden Space
- Art/Sculpture Park

Other comments, suggestions received

- ❖ **Visibility into the park/safety concerns**
- ❖ **Parking considerations (both for and against)**
 - Lighting considerations (both for and against)
 - Park should be equestrian friendly
 - Ped Bridge connection over NE 24th to Viewpoint Park
 - Close NE 24th St east of 134th & connect to Viewpoint Park
 - Tree assessments on existing Cottonwoods
 - Turn Viewpoint park into an off-leash dog park

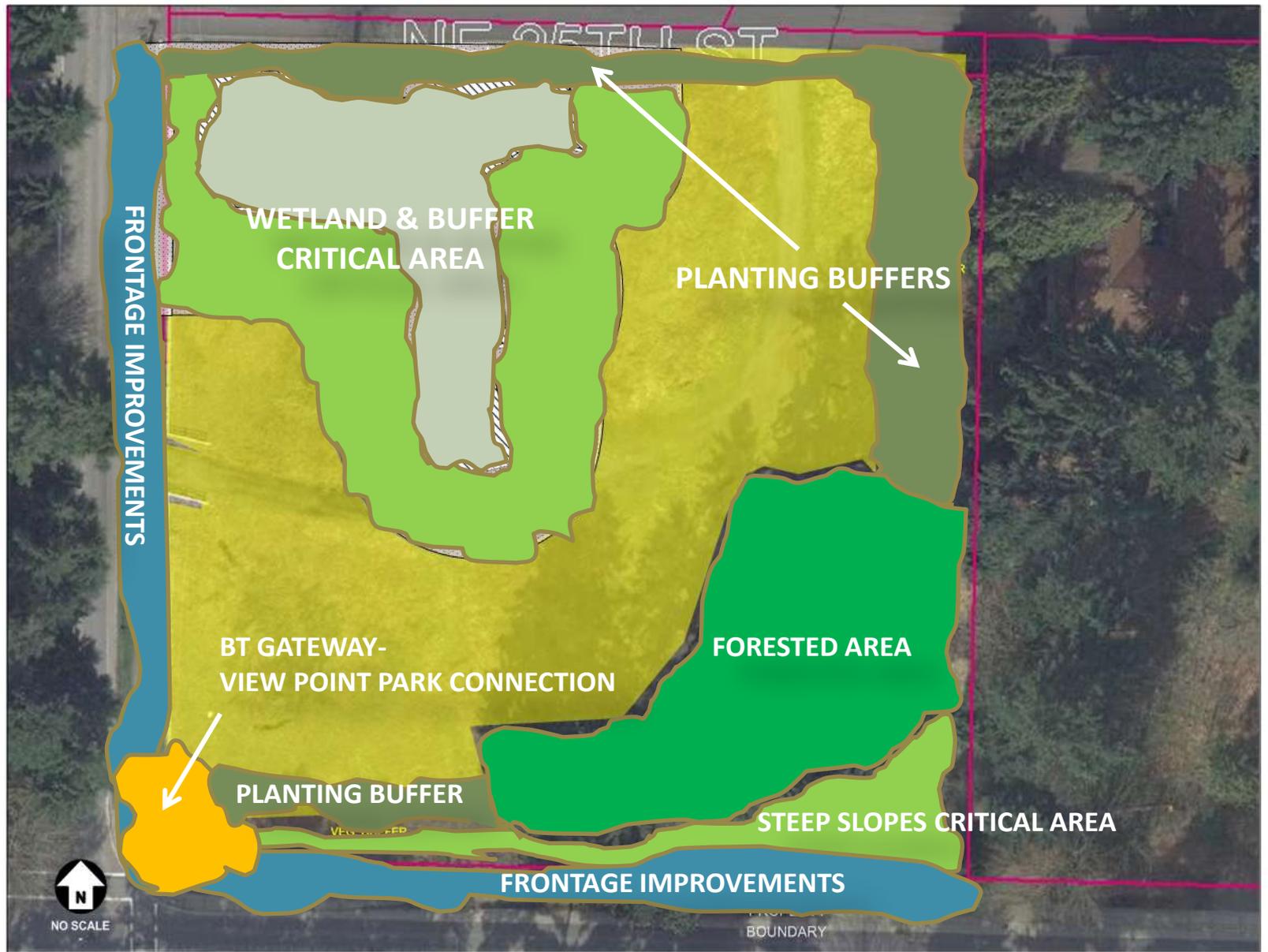


EXISTING CONDITIONS INCLUDING CRITICAL AREAS



OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

- **Wetland (Class IV)- Wildlife Habitat, no development**
- **Wetland Buffer 40' - Minimal or no development allowed in the buffer area (mitigation may be required), enhancement & interpretive opportunities**
- **Forested Area- Protect existing significant trees, wildlife habitat**
- **Slopes (some steep slopes over 40%)**
- **No current parking**
- **Connection to Viewpoint Park (pearls on a string)**
- **Approx. one acre of fairly level open and developable area**
- **Easily accessible**
- **BT Gateway location NE 24th/134th NE, high visibility**
- **No sewer or storm water infrastructure**
- **Water and power on site or at street**



MASTER PLAN FOCUS AREAS

MASTER PLAN FOCUS AREAS OBJECTIVES

Bridle Trails Gateway

- Enhancement of NE 24th/134th intersection
- Connection with Viewpoint Park
- Park Frontage Improvements

Critical Area Preservation

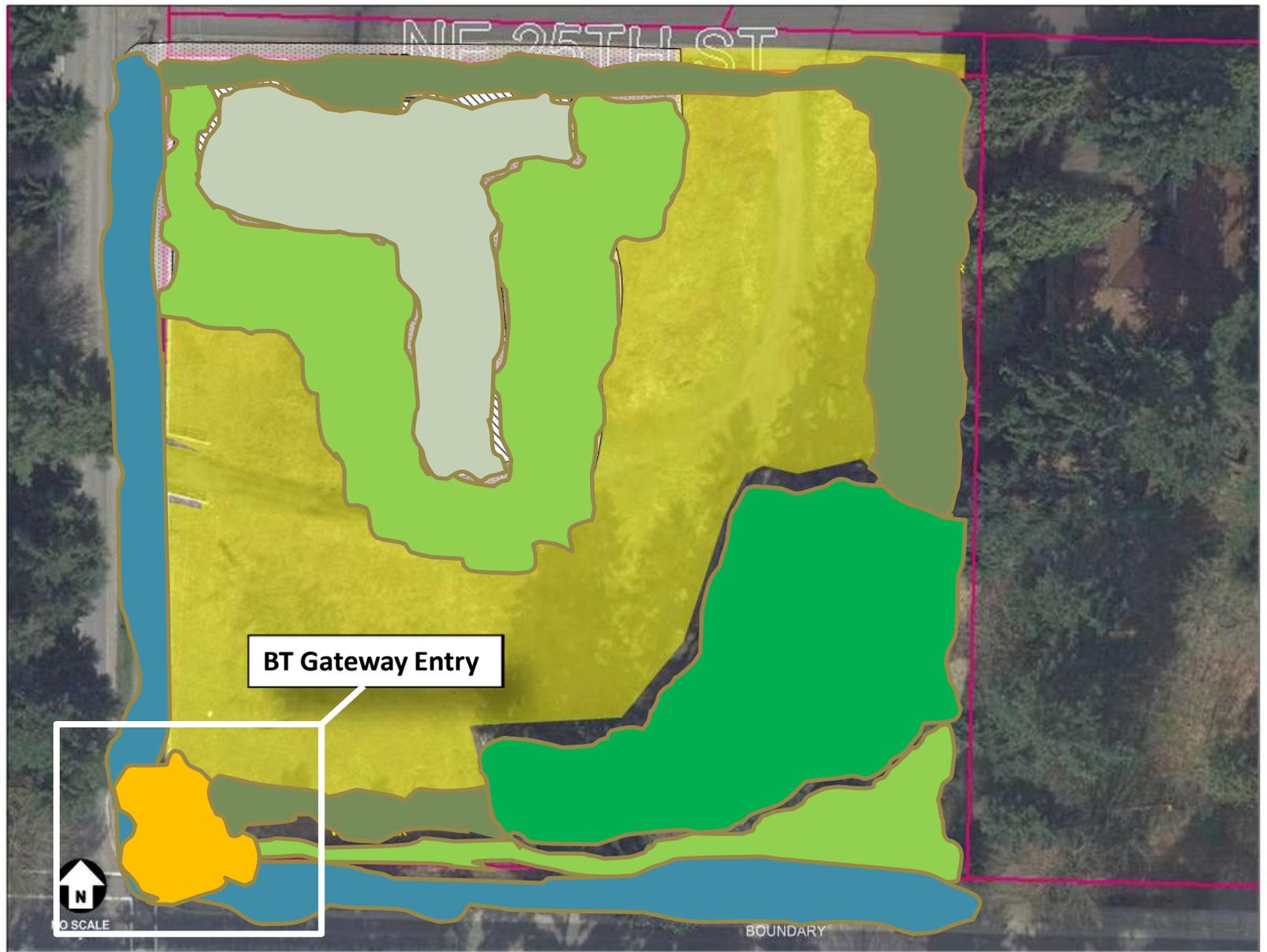
- Remove invasive species
- Enhance wildlife habitat
- Interpretive opportunities

Forested Area Enhancement

- Remove invasive plant species
- Enhance & restore understory

Plant Buffer north/east/south park edges

- Work with park neighbors on buffering plan
- Plantings low water use-enhance wildlife habitat



Gateway and Connection to Viewpoint Park

Bridle Trails Gateway and Connection w/ Viewpoint Park "Pearls on a String"



View Point Park Trailhead



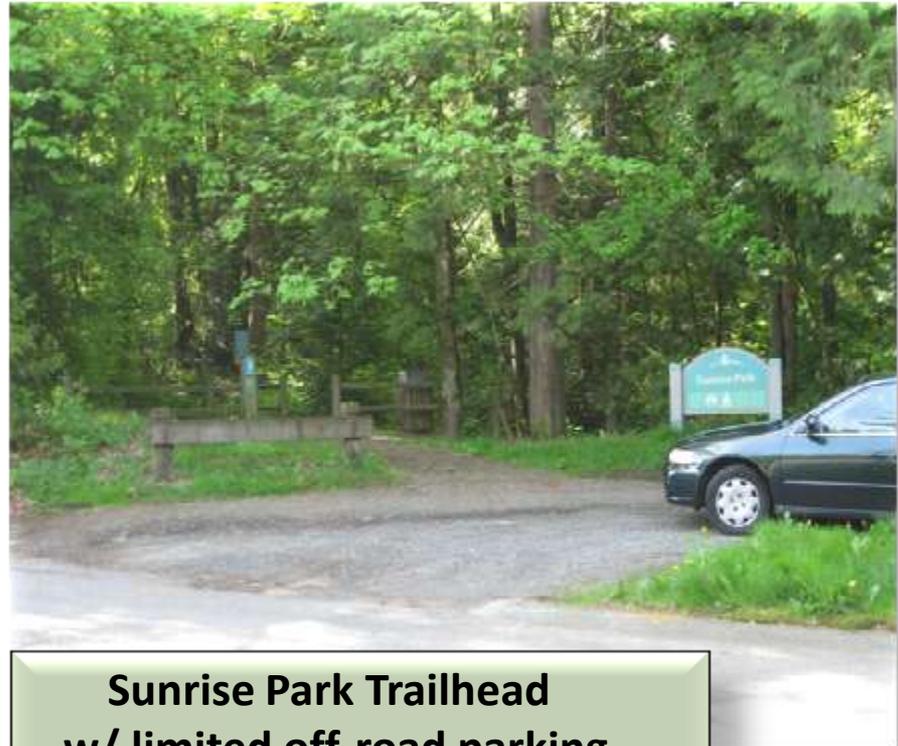
Corner of NE 24th/134th NE

- Create and strengthen visual connection between parks
- Enhance SW corner of park property w/ landscaping
- Opportunity for a BT gateway landmark or structure

Viewpoint Park Trailhead Improvements



View Point Park Trailhead
No formalized parking



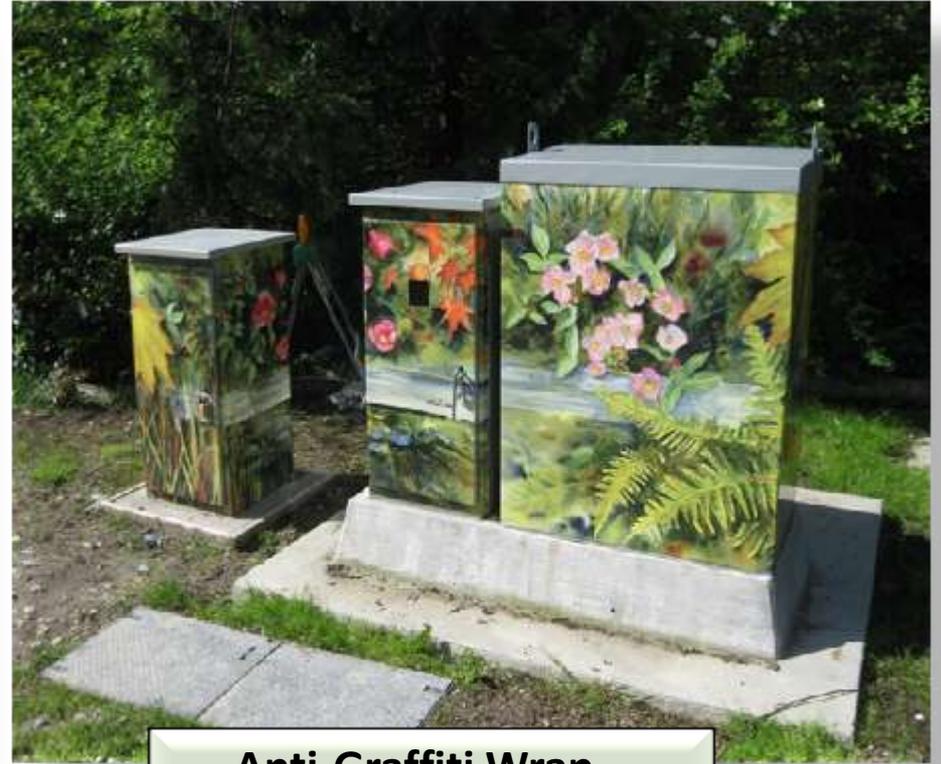
Sunrise Park Trailhead
w/ limited off-road parking

- **Opportunity to formalize limited parking to service both sites**
- **Enhancement of Trailhead to strengthen park connections**

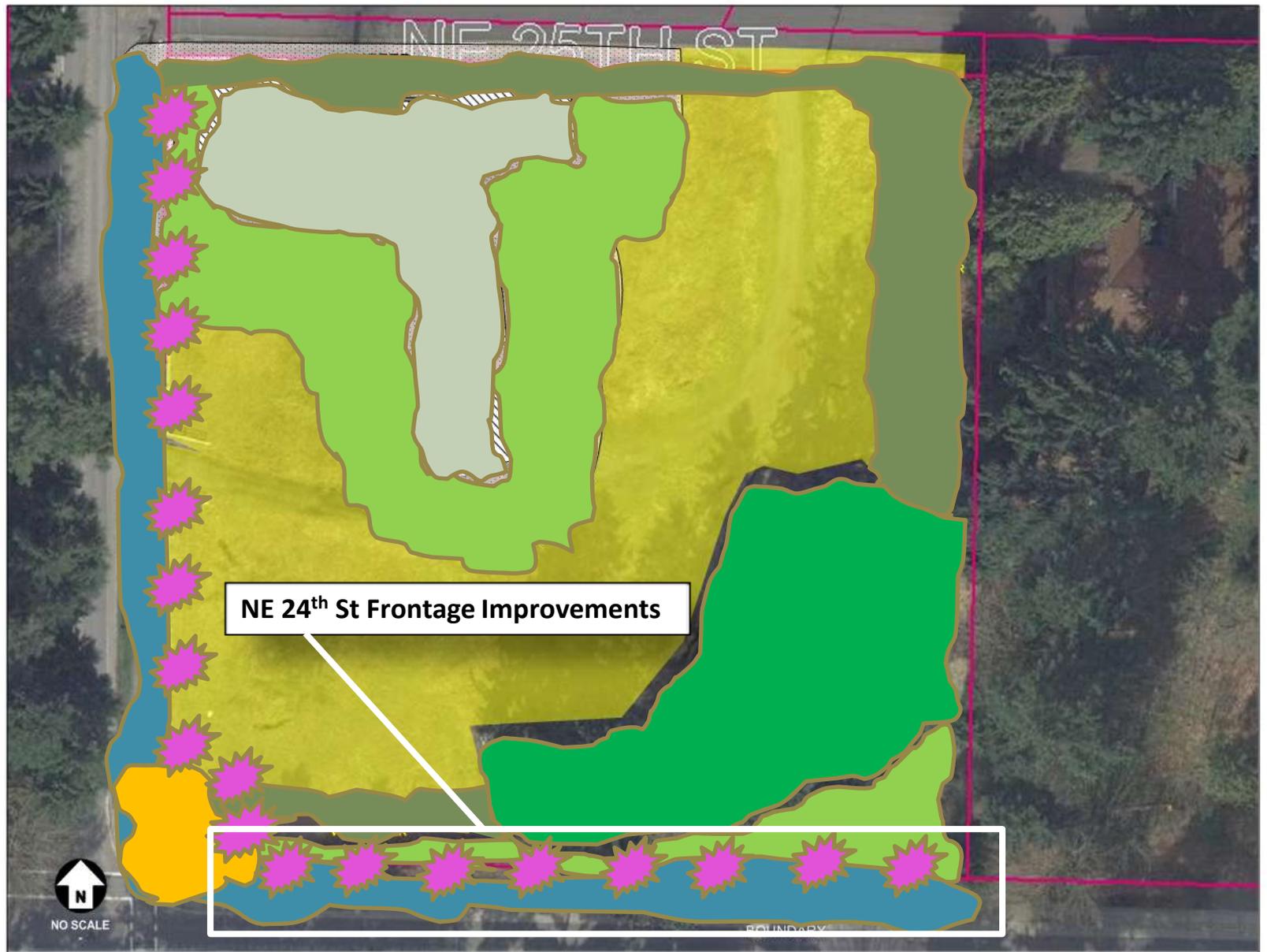
Viewpoint Park Trailhead Improvements



**View Point Park Trailhead
Utility Boxes**



**Anti-Graffiti Wrap
Lake Hills Connector**



NE 24th St Frontage Improvements

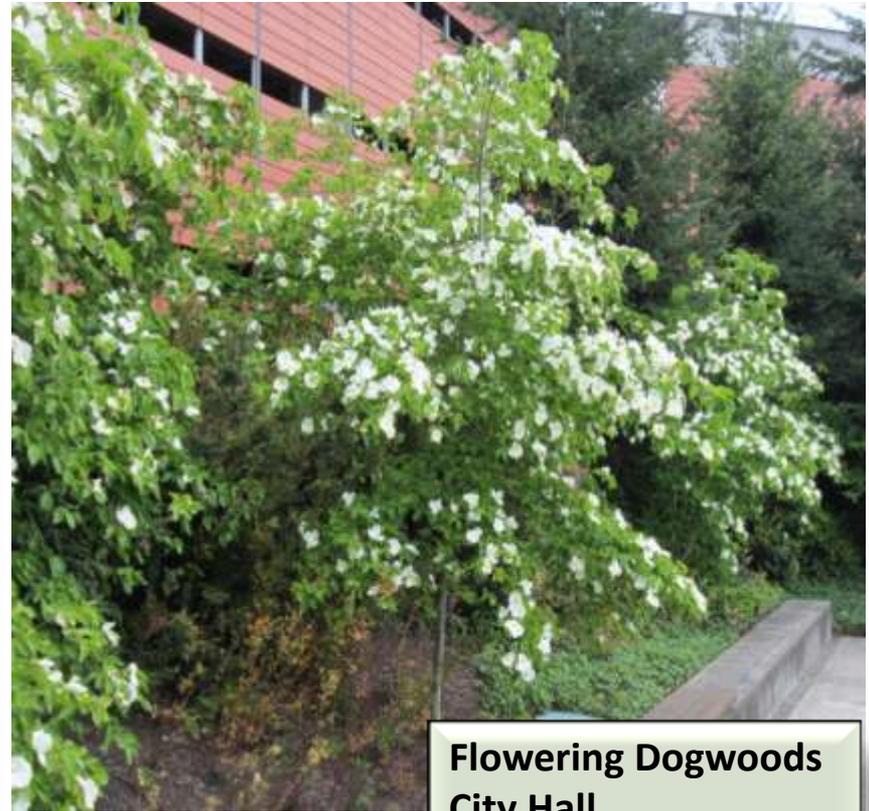
Frontage Improvements NE 24th St.



Frontage looking East along NE 24th

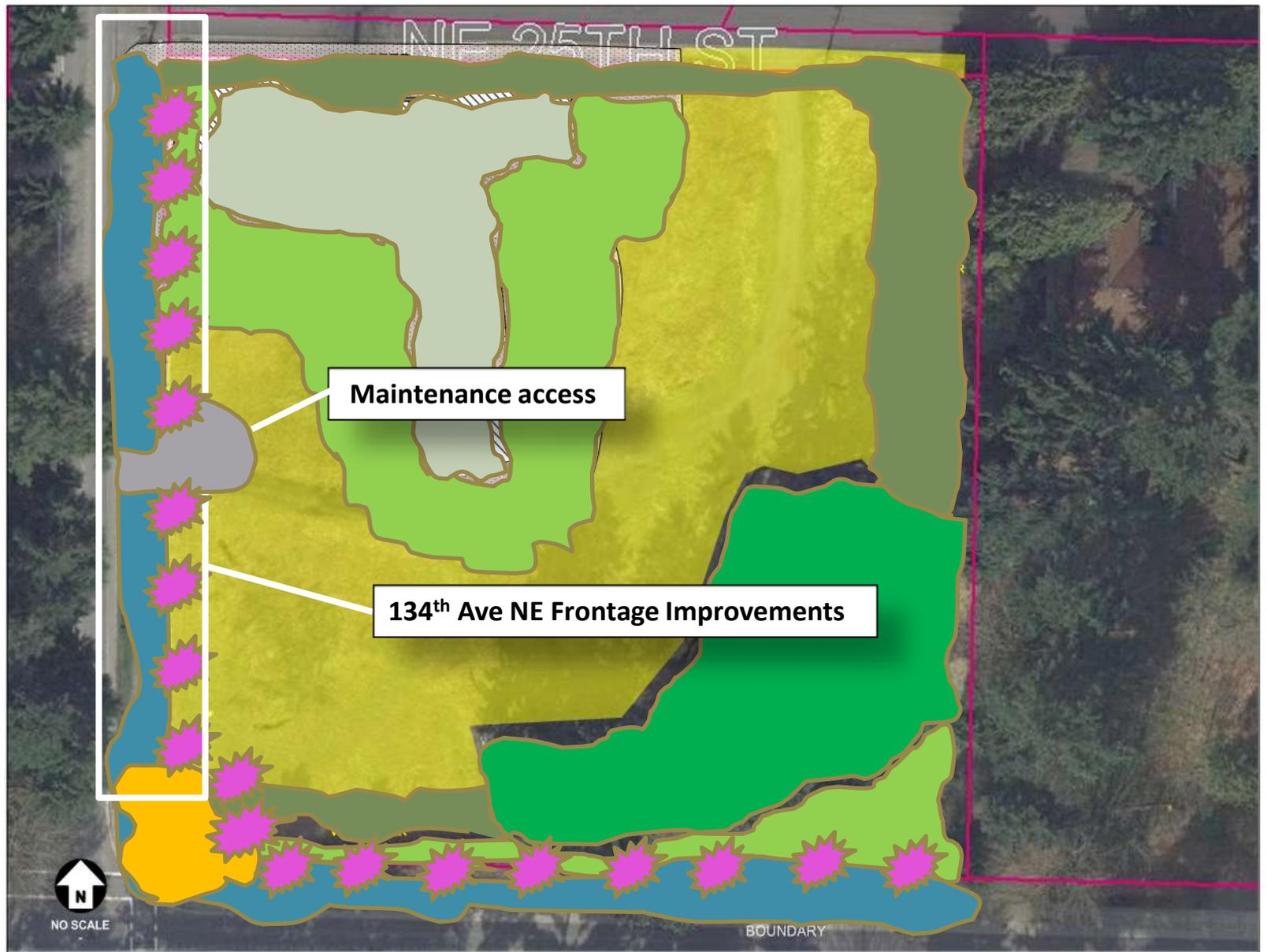


Fence line NE 24th St



Flowering Dogwoods
City Hall

- Remove and replace existing fences along NE 24th
- Remove invasive species/re-plant using low water use varieties
- Plant flowering trees and landscaping along frontage slope



134th Ave NE Frontage Improvements

Frontage Improvements 134th Ave NE



Park Frontage looking North along 134th



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

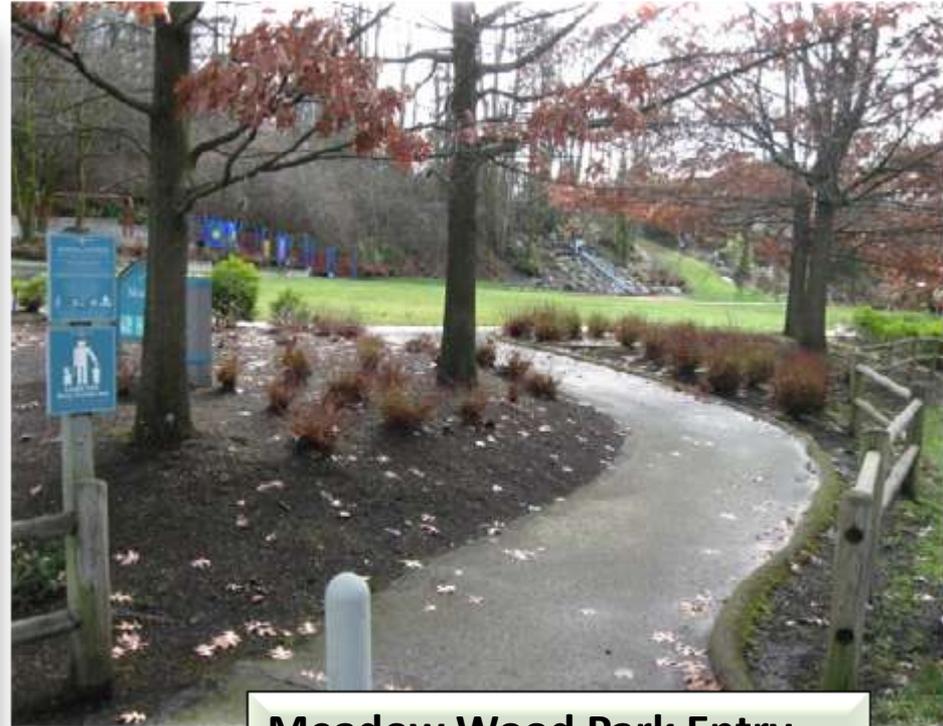


**Flowering Crabapples
Newport Hills Park**

- **Drainage/Stormwater Improvements (utility requirements)**
- **Pedestrian access improvements at 24th/134th intersection**
- **Pathway/parking improvements (transportation requirements)**
- **Preserve existing path surfacing**
- **Plant flowering trees and landscaping along street frontage**

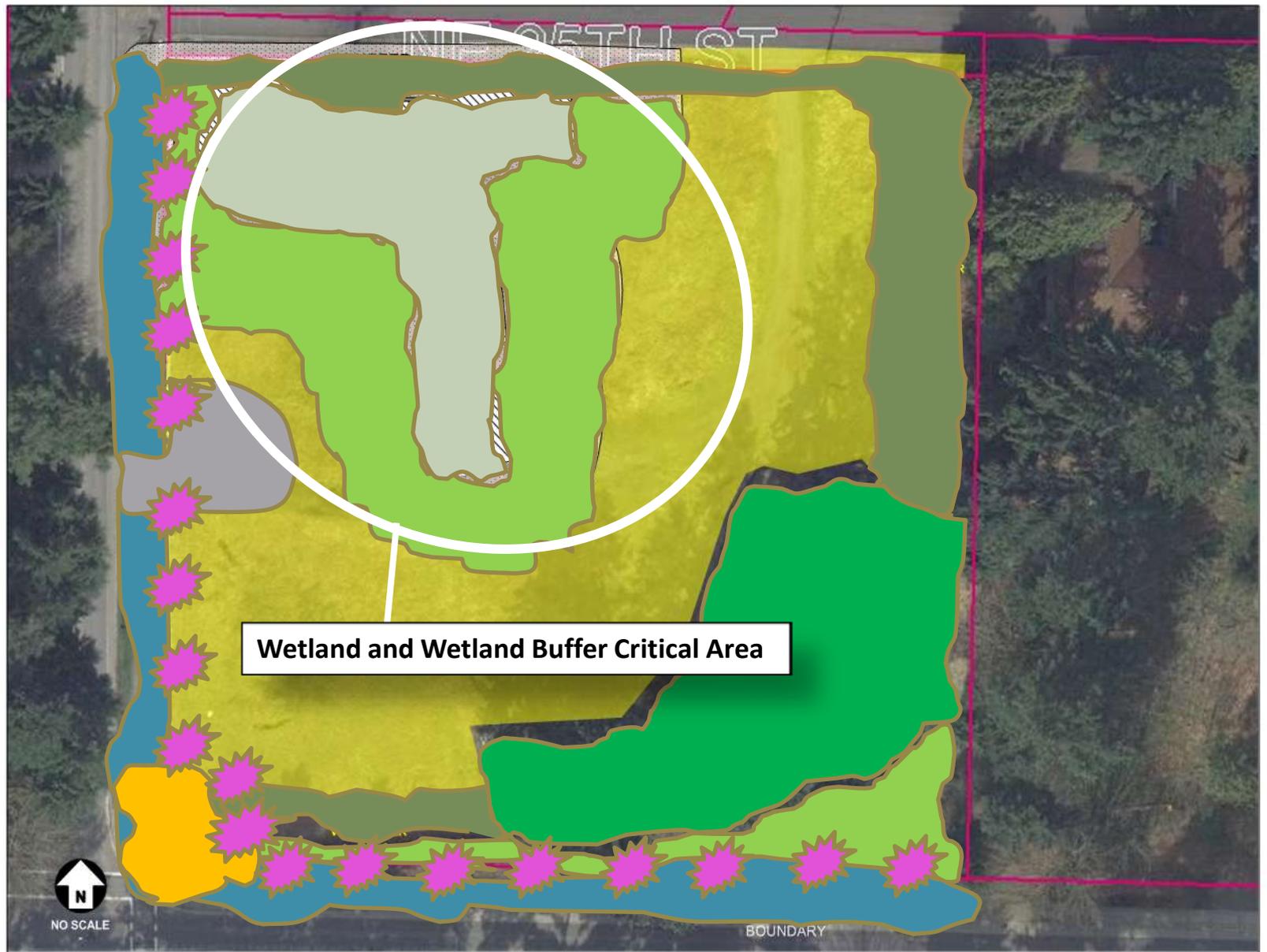


Site Access off of 134th NE



Meadow Wood Park Entry

- Enhance landscaping and public access to park
- Provide maintenance access (truck and trailer)
- Opportunity for limited public parking (2 spaces)



Wetland and Wetland Buffer Critical Area



NO SCALE

BOUNDARY



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PARKS PLANNING

Wetland and Buffer Enhancements

Sheet Title:
SITE PLAN

Wetland and Wetland Buffer Enhancements

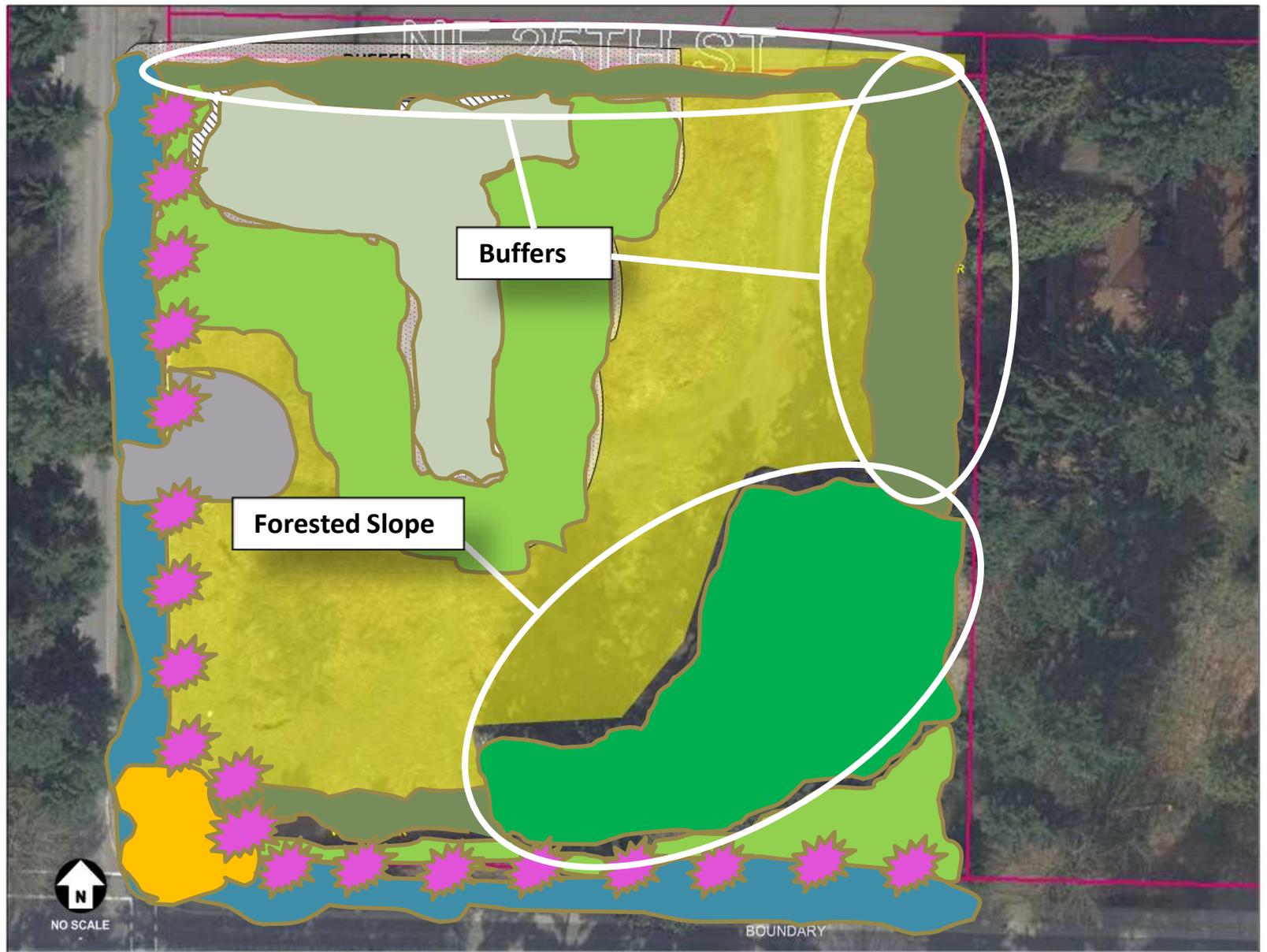


Wetland and Buffer Area



Ravine Garden Native Garden
@ Bellevue Botanical Garden

- Remove invasive species
- Enhance wildlife habitat
- Interpretive opportunities



Forested Slope and Buffer Areas

Park Edge Buffers & Forested-Slope Area Enhancements

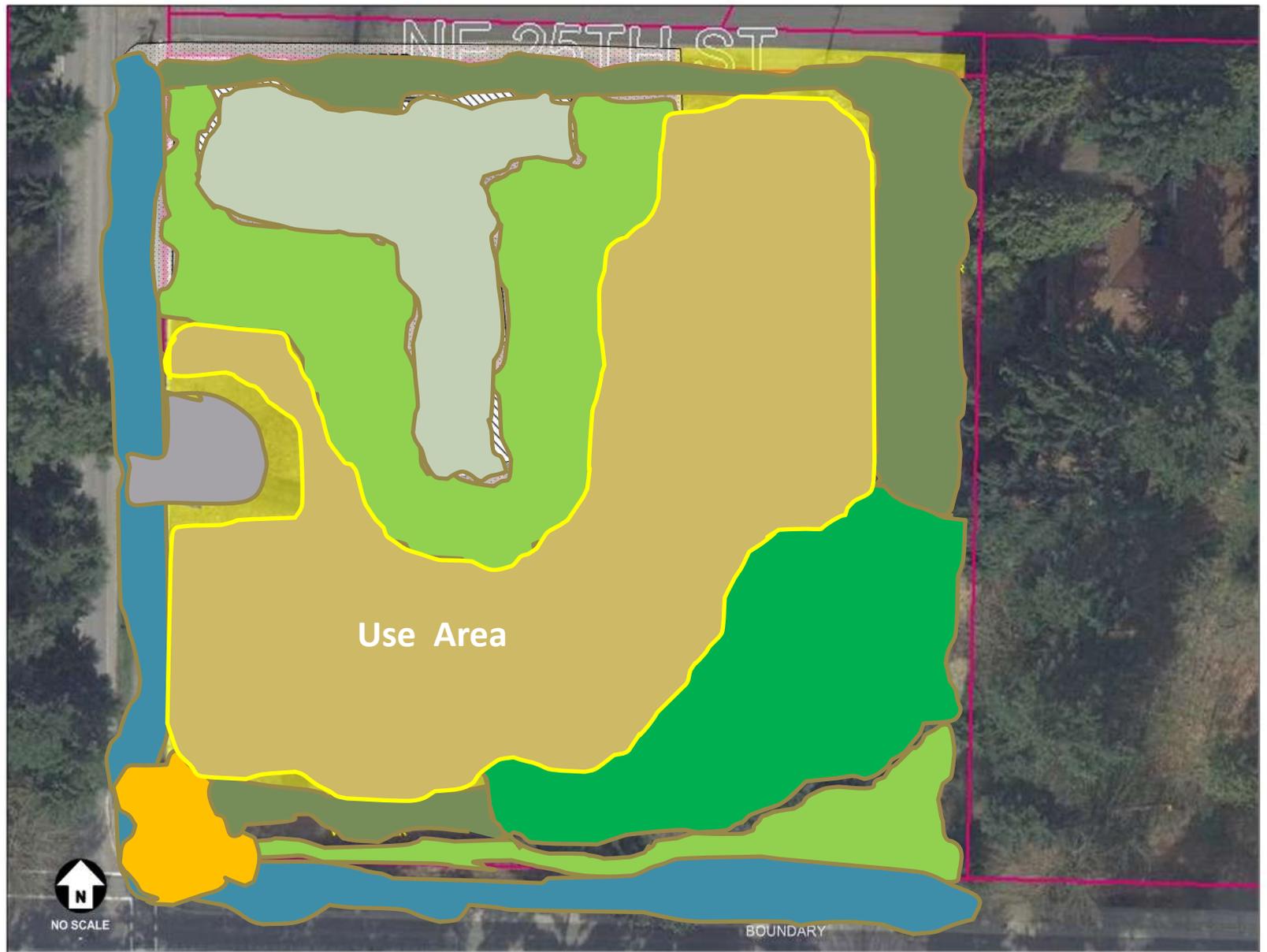


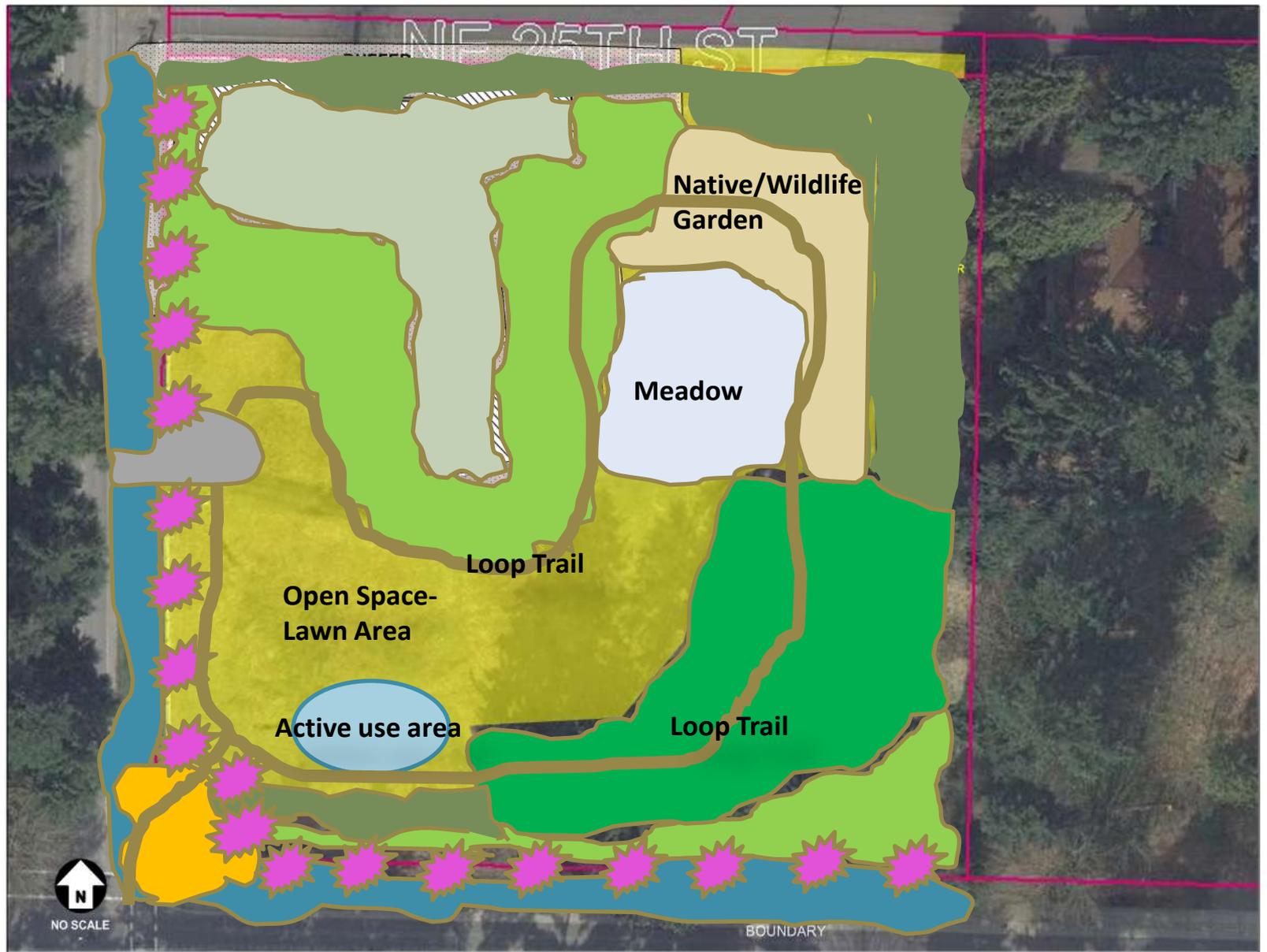
Forest Edge - Invasive Vegetation



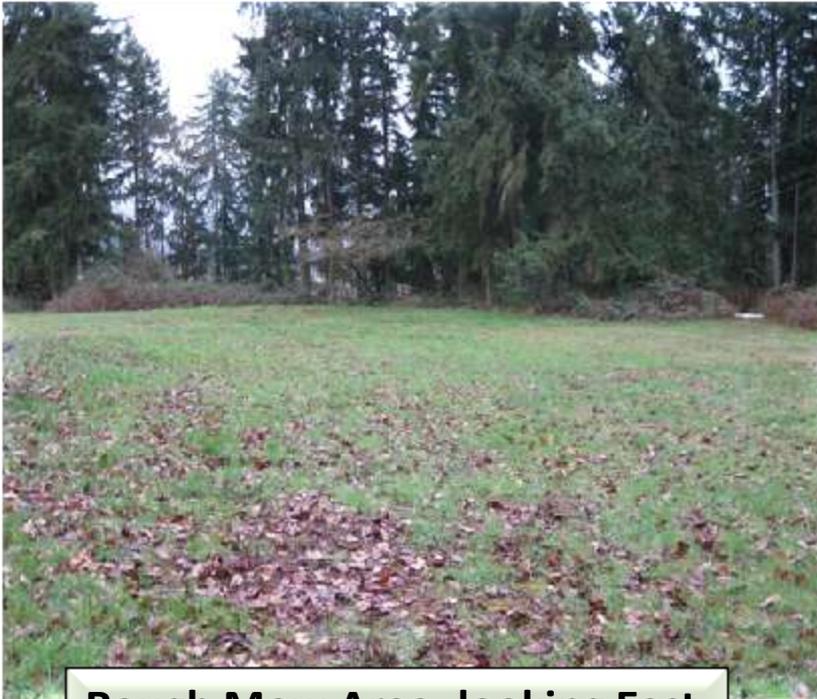
Mixed Buffer - City Hall

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





Trails, Meadow, and Open Lawn Space



Rough Mow Area -looking East



Loop Trail-Gass Area
Tam O' Shanter Park



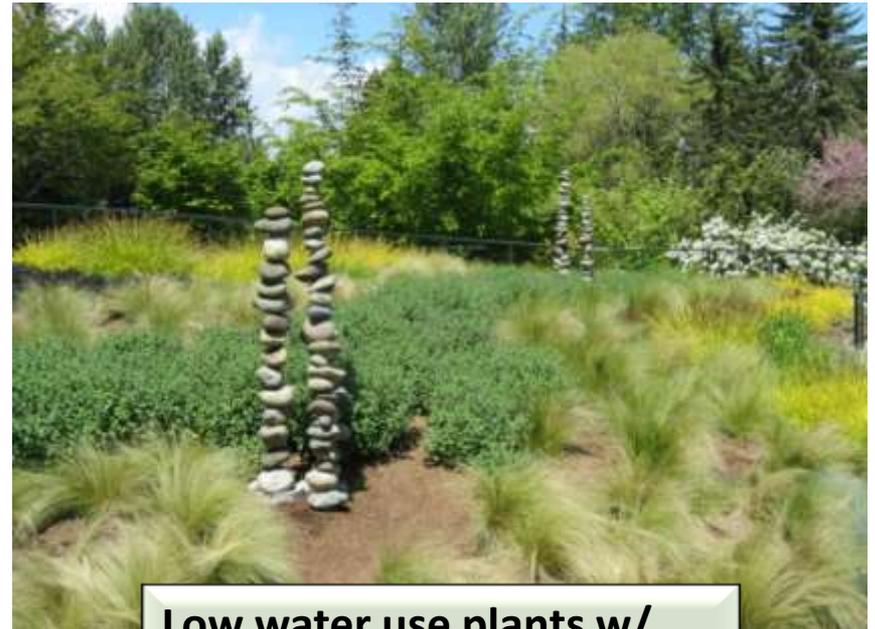
Meadow Area

- Open Lawn/Meadow area for both active and passive uses
- Maintained year around
- Trails w/ surfacing (pervious surfacing recommended)

Trees & Shrubs-Landscaping



Attractive Landscaping



Low water use plants w/
incorporated natural play
or artist elements

- Predominantly 'low water use' and native plantings
- Wildlife habitat enhancement opportunities
- Irrigation system recommended

Amenities



Benches



Picnic Tables

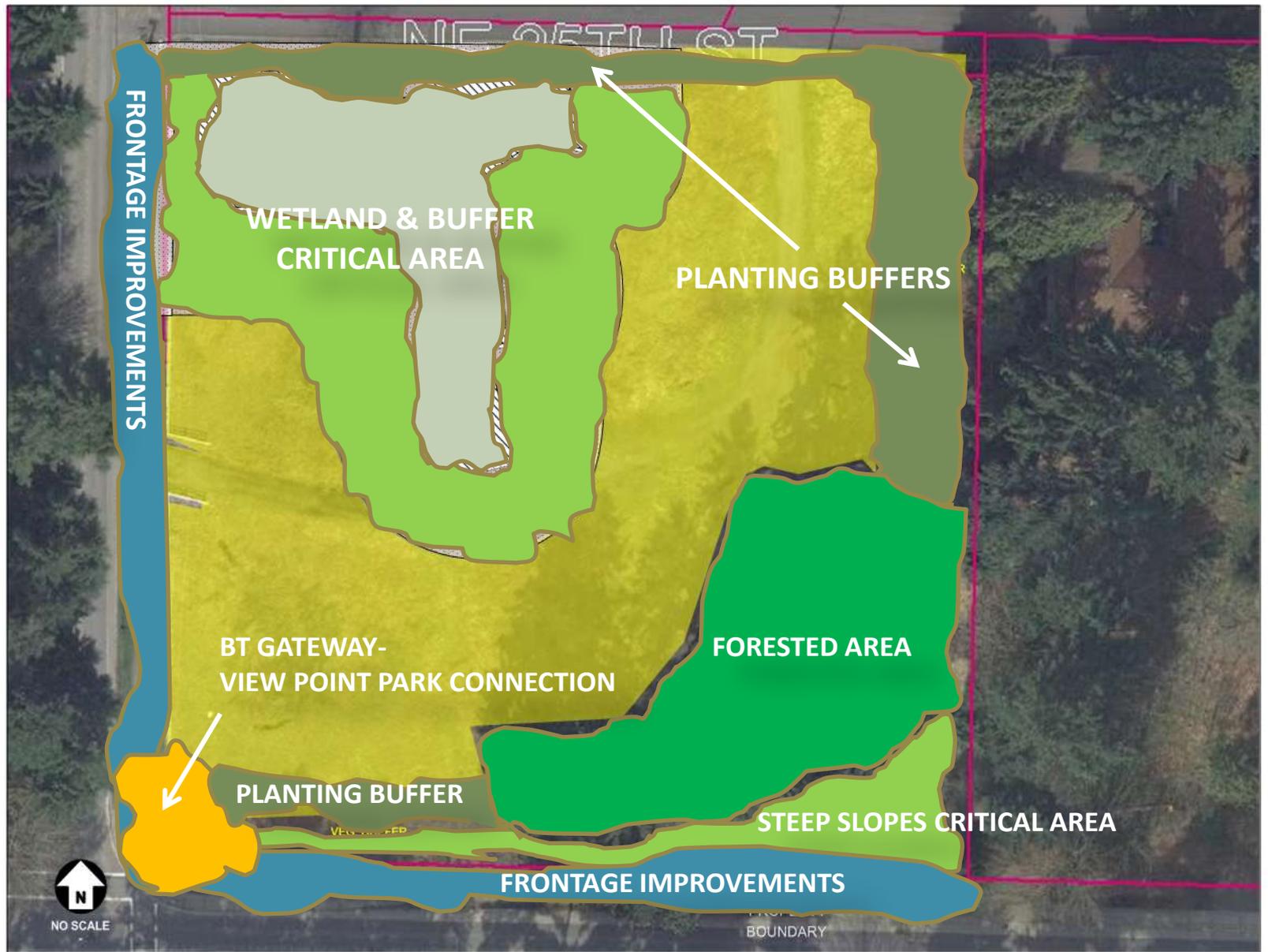
- **Trash Receptacles**
- **Interpretive Elements**
- **Drinking Fountain**
- **Benches**
- **Picnic Tables**
- **Bike Rack**
- **Horse hitching rail**



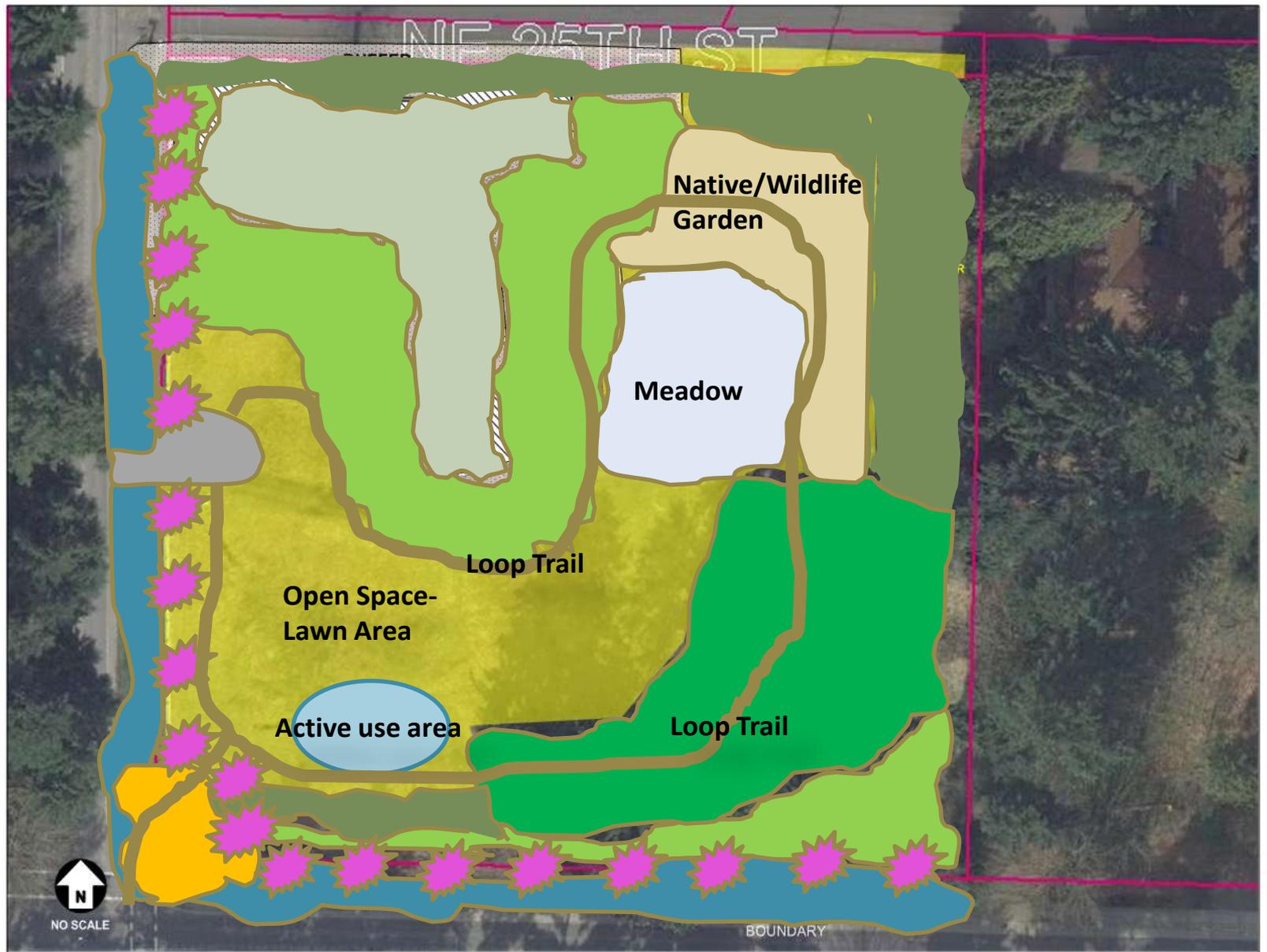
Interpretive Elements

Active Area – Natural/Adventure Play Elements





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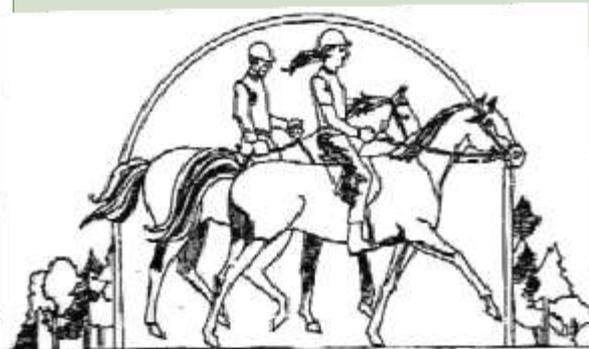


Concept for Discussion- Use area

Next Steps:

Public meeting #3 @ June 14 North Bellevue Community Center 7-8:30PM

- **Develop Master Plan alternatives based on feedback received from March 29 and May 10 community meetings**
- **Present alternatives for group discussion for development of a final Master Plan recommendation**



Opportunities for Feedback & Contact Information

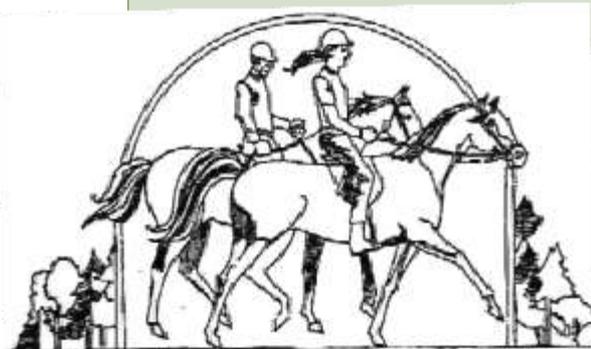
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