

WELCOME

Bellevue Creek Greenway

Public Open House #2

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



The purpose of this open house is to:

- ▶ Update Residents
- ▶ Provide an opportunity for public input on the proposed alignment

How can you contribute?

- ▶ Sign in
- ▶ Complete a questionnaire
- ▶ Speak with staff and/or consultants

VISION

Bellevue Creek Greenway will provide residents with recreational opportunities in a natural setting adjacent to the creek between Okanagan Lake and Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Provide safe and healthy transportation alternatives
- ▶ Link together neighborhoods, parks and public lands
- ▶ Foster environmental stewardship
- ▶ Build community and enhance the quality of life through people, places, programs, and partnerships
- ▶ Provide recreational opportunities in balance with sensitive habitat areas
- ▶ Provide opportunities to observe natural history and geology
- ▶ Satisfy Kelowna residents desires for more walking trails

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PROCESS TO DATE

2006 Project Initiation

- ▶ City Council Tour of Site - October 2006
- ▶ Public Open House #1 (3 sessions) - October / November

2007

- ▶ Email Newsletter #1 - January
- ▶ Environmental Impact Assessment- April
- ▶ Email Newsletter #2 - September

2008

- ▶ Ongoing development of the plan

2009

- ▶ Update City Council - March
- ▶ Information Brochure- November
- ▶ Public Open House #2 (2 sessions)- December

Next Steps

- ▶ Revise draft Master Plan based on public comments
- ▶ Report to City Council for final approval
- ▶ Complete Watershed Restoration Plan

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What about

.....the environment?

- ▶ Independent registered environmental monitor will be a part of each phase
- ▶ Improvements to natural habitat by restoration plantings on public lands
- ▶ Enhancement of wildlife corridor by removal of fences, pools, etc., within the riparian area on land purchased by the City
- ▶ Minimal trail footprint (1.5m wide gravel trail / boardwalk downstream of Woodhaven Regional Park)
- ▶ Trail outside the riparian area wherever possible
- ▶ Reduction in amount of impervious surfacing on two roads adjacent to Bellevue Creek (Varney Court and Kincaid Road)

.....safety?

- ▶ Lighting at key locations
- ▶ Trail provides service access for hazardous trees & slopes
- ▶ Structures designed for 1 in 200 year flood level
- ▶ Vegetation maintained adjacent to trail to provide clear site lines
- ▶ Boardwalks/stairs/bridges with railings for safety

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (cont'd)

.....privacy?

- ▶ Installation of vegetative screening & fencing negotiated with landowners' at time of purchase
- ▶ Increased planting on currently undeveloped public lands as part of restoration plan for additional screening

.....traffic?

- ▶ Four staging areas proposed (Lakeshore Road, Crawford Falls, Future Neighborhood Three Park, and Jack Smith Lake)
- ▶ Non-motorized use only permitted on trail except for service vehicles

.....crime?

- ▶ Criminal activity is common in underdeveloped and uncared for properties. Trail users provide eyes on the trail that will convince undesirable activity to go elsewhere

.....noise?

- ▶ Vegetation that borders the greenway will help buffer some of the noise

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TIMING

- ▶ The project will be phased over the next 20+ years
- ▶ The City will acquire and develop priority sections as opportunities arise

COSTS

- ▶ It is difficult to determine exact construction costs due to 20+ year time frame
- ▶ Costs could be reduced if creative partnership opportunities develop i.e., with developers, the community, individuals
- ▶ All estimated costs are listed in 2009 dollars

ESTIMATED LAND ACQUISITION COSTS:

- ▶ For the entire Greenway corridor over 20+ years
- ▶ \$ 4.35 million

ESTIMATED TRAIL DEVELOPMENT COSTS

- ▶ For the entire Greenway corridor over 20+ years including restoration
- ▶ \$ 5.4 million

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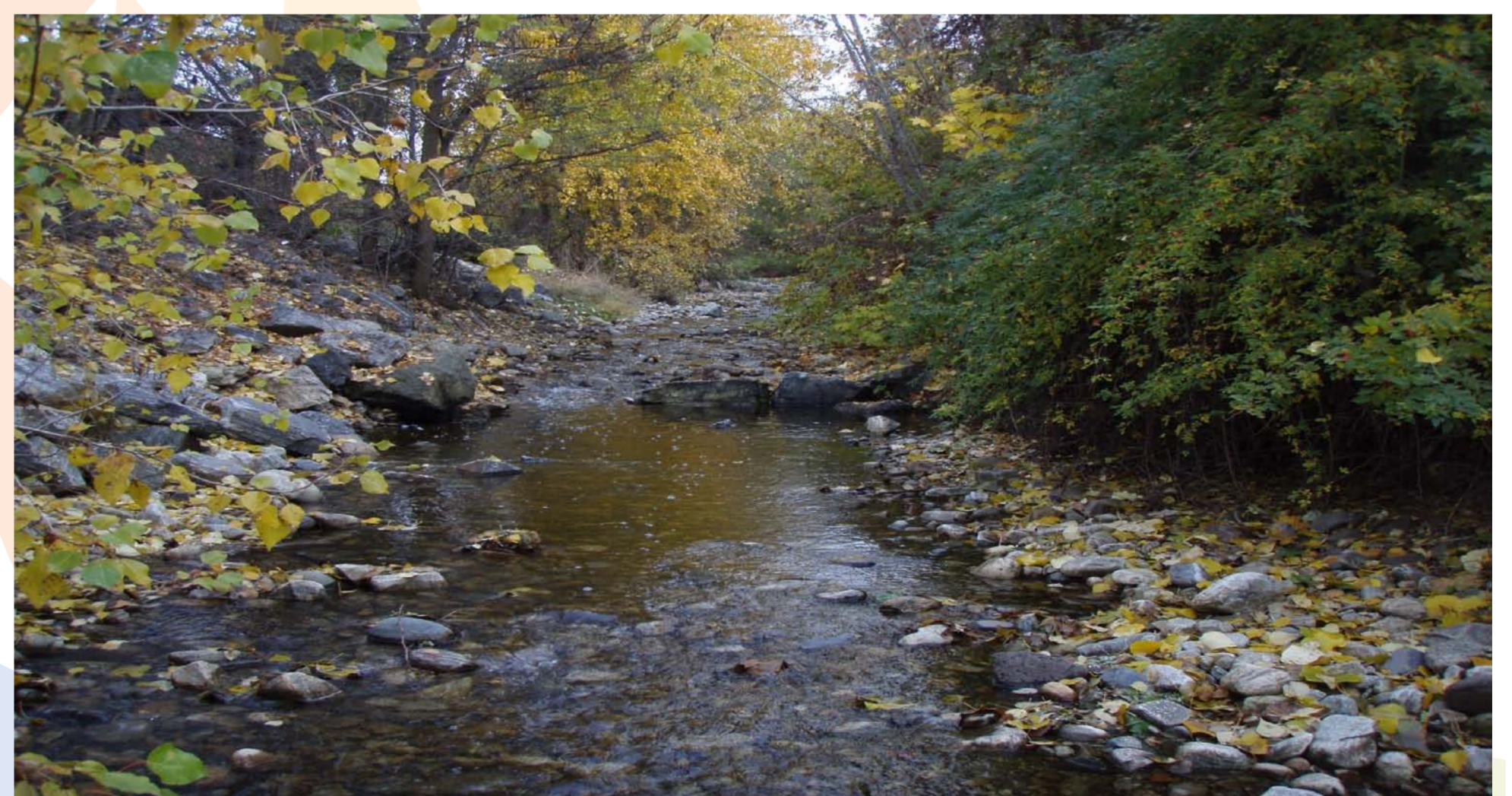


RESTORATION PLAN



In 2009, The City engaged the services of Golder Associates Ltd. to prepare a Watershed Restoration Plan for Bellevue Creek with the following goals:

- ▶ Identify, protect, restore, and enhance the ecological, cultural, and recreational resources of the Bellevue Creek Watershed
- ▶ Engage the senior government in a partnership for the protection and restoration of Bellevue Creek through specific projects



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RESTORATION PLAN (cont'd)



Some of the specific projects that will be proposed in detail in the Restoration Plan include:

- ▶ Riparian planting to provide wildlife habitat and moderate stream temperatures for fish
- ▶ Introduction of rainbow trout upstream of Crawford Falls
- ▶ Protecting the existing wildlife habitat and creating additional habitat for wildlife Species at Risk (i.e., Western Screech Owl, Lewis's Woodpecker)
- ▶ Assessment and preservation of Archaeological and Heritage Resources
- ▶ Encouraging the formation of a Bellevue Creek Greenway stewardship group

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The City is looking to the community to help with implementing this project. This may include:

- ▶ Volunteering as part of a Bellevue Creek Stewardship Group
- ▶ Partnerships with local developers
- ▶ Partnerships with residential associations, service clubs, and other community groups
- ▶ Adopting a section of trail for maintenance purposes
- ▶ Fundraising campaign for restoration projects and trail building
- ▶ Other creative partnerships

If you have an idea how to make this project a reality, we would like to hear from you.

- ▶ Fill out a questionnaire
- ▶ Speak with staff or consultants

THANK YOU

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