

## KIRKLAND 2035: HOW YOUR VOICE AND YOUR VISION ARE CREATING YOUR CITY'S FUTURE

**M**any neighbors, business representatives, and community members have had the future of Kirkland on their minds lately. In collaboration with city leaders, those who live, work, and visit here have given serious thought to how Kirkland can best address anticipated growth in the next 20 years. As part of the *Kirkland 2035: Your Voice. Your Vision. Your Future.* initiative, ideas, desires and visions have been expressed by hundreds of residents through interactive community events, workshops, meetings, surveys, and more.

Creating and sustaining a vibrant community takes careful planning and attention. The Kirkland community has stepped up and stepped forward in idea shar-

ing and problem-solving to ensure their city is livable, sustainable, and connected in the year 2035.

Over the last 18 months, the City has received hundreds of ideas at public events, via email, letters, and online about how the City's future land use, transportation system, environmental, and water quality systems can best accommodate our future housing and job growth. Although there is sentiment to keep what is best about Kirkland, there has been some acceptance that change is indeed inevitable.

Center to the community conversation about Kirkland's future has been the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. This Plan is the guiding policy document for attaining the City's vision of the future and plan for expected growth in housing and jobs by the year 2035.



*The City Council called for an unprecedented effort to reach out to all sectors of the community to hear their voices, capture their vision and plan for their future. This publication is dedicated to informing Kirkland residents how their voices and vision are creating their City's future.*

Master Plans provide more specific direction to the Comprehensive Plan by further refining visions, goals and policies and identifying future projects and funding. Civic engagement has occurred with the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Surface Water Master Plan and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and more.

# CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN: WELL-POISED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT



Kirkland's longtime desire for a multi-purpose transportation corridor along the former railway has an inspired vision for its future. The Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) Master Plan now embodies the community's vision in four goals:

**Connect Kirkland:** The Corridor runs the length of the City and makes connections to neighborhoods, schools, parks, businesses and transportation nodes.

**Shape a place unique to Kirkland:** The Corridor is not just a route connecting destinations but a place where people will come to spend time as well.

**Foster a greener Kirkland:** The Corridor allows people to walk and bike to many places, leaving their car at home.

**Activate Kirkland and evolve with time:** The Corridor will be a catalyst for change and growth which may one day include high capacity transit.



Adopted  
June 2014

The CKC Master Plan is a tool for designers who will develop construction processes that embody the vision. The Plan has general elements that describe the whole Corridor, and also specific layouts and a "scrapbook" for each of its nine different geographic sections.

With adoption of the Master Plan and the soon-to-be completed Interim Trail, Kirkland is well poised to begin development of this remarkable community asset.

# TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN: BALANCED APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION



The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) establishes new goals and policies that will guide Kirkland's transportation decisions for the next 20 years for walking, biking, public transit, and cars. The Plan links transportation to land use and emphasizes environmental and fiscal sustainability, partnering with other agencies, and measuring performance.

The community's vision for a greener, walkable and livable community is reflected in the Plan. A 20 year transportation project list includes a mix of projects that give mobility to a wide range of users, while being fiscally sustainable and supporting future land use.

New directions for the TMP are consistent with public sentiment to seek a balanced approach to transportation, with investment in all modes:



Anticipated  
Adoption 2015

- Funding maintenance and preservation of existing facilities as a first priority.
- A more comprehensive focus on safety.
- Greater emphasis on supporting bicycle and pedestrian modes.
- Actively partnering with other groups.
- Making sure growth is on pace with construction of multi modal transportation projects.

# JUANITA DRIVE CORRIDOR STUDY: SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT FOR ALL MODES OF TRAVEL



The City Council adopted recommendations for 32 individual projects that will help make Juanita Drive safer and more efficient for all modes of travel. Projects include an array of crosswalks, sidewalks and bike lanes, as well as plans to install rapid flashing beacons at crosswalks, to widen the road and reconfigure intersections. Combined, these improvements will cost between \$19 and \$26 million to build.

The recommendations resulted from the year-long Juanita Drive Corridor Study, which relied on the public feedback from neighborhood groups, bicycle clubs and the Transportation Commission through a series of workshops, open houses and public meetings to form a series of guiding principles and criteria. Foremost among the principles, is safety. Other aims are to protect the corridor's character, its access to and relationship with neighborhoods and to provide a financially feasible strategy for accomplishing the community's priorities.



Adopted  
August 2014

A set of "quick win" projects totaling just over \$1 million was identified as the highest priority improvements. Funding is now being sought for these projects.

## PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN: PATH TO QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES



Anticipated  
Adoption  
2015

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan is a six-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing park and recreation services. Developed with substantial input from Kirkland citizens, the Plan inventories and evaluates existing park and recreation areas, assesses the needs for acquisition and facility improvements, and offers recommendations to achieve the community's goals:

- Acquire additional parklands necessary to adequately serve the City's current and future population.
- Improve park sites to meet the active and passive recreational needs of Kirkland residents.
- Maintain and enhance Kirkland's waterfront parks to connect residents with the water and provide unique recreational experiences.
- Develop, enhance and maintain signature greenways and trails that stretch across the community and connect residents to the City's many parks, facilities and other amenities.
- Provide a variety of recreational programs that promote the health and well-being of residents of all ages and abilities.
- Preserve significant natural areas to meet outdoor recreation needs, provide opportunities for residents to connect with nature, and meet habitat protection needs.

## TOTEM LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN: NEW VISION FOR A VITAL NATURAL SPACE



Adopted  
December 2013

The Totem Lake Park Master Plan describes a new vision for this 17-acre natural space located at the heart of its namesake neighborhood through the following goals.

**ECOLOGY:** Enhance ecological performance while enhancing the human experience.

Enhance the human experience of the park, opening it up as an icon of the community, even as we work to enhance the ecological performance of the lake and wetland.

**ECONOMY:** Create a catalyst for a new vision and new development to help revitalize the Totem Lake community.

People will be attracted to Totem Lake Park and because it is adjacent to and being developed as a vital portion of the Cross Kirkland Corridor, it presents a unique opportunity to provide services for trail users.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Encourage neighborhood and regional connections.

Totem Lake Park can become both a starting point and a destination for locals and visitors using the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Strong connections to nearby businesses, residential areas, transit, and Evergreen Healthcare are stressed in the plan.



To view all Kirkland 2035  
Plans, go to:  
[www.kirklandwa.gov/  
kirkland2035](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035)

# THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY

## KIRKLAND'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

### - PLANNING FOR YOUR CITY'S GROWTH FOR THE YEAR 2035



**Anticipated Adoption 2015**

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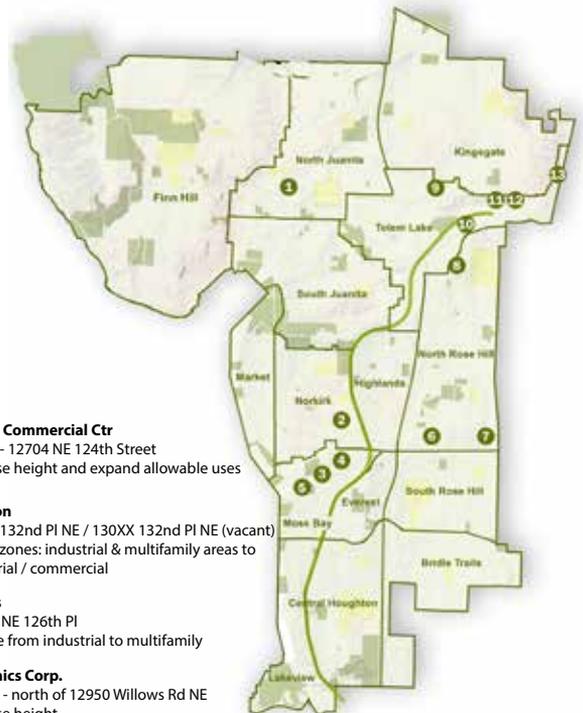
## CITIZEN AMENDMENT REQUESTS (CARs)

*CARs are requests from the public to change the zoning or development regulations for a specific property. The Planning Commission will hold study sessions and a hearing on the CARs in the coming months.*

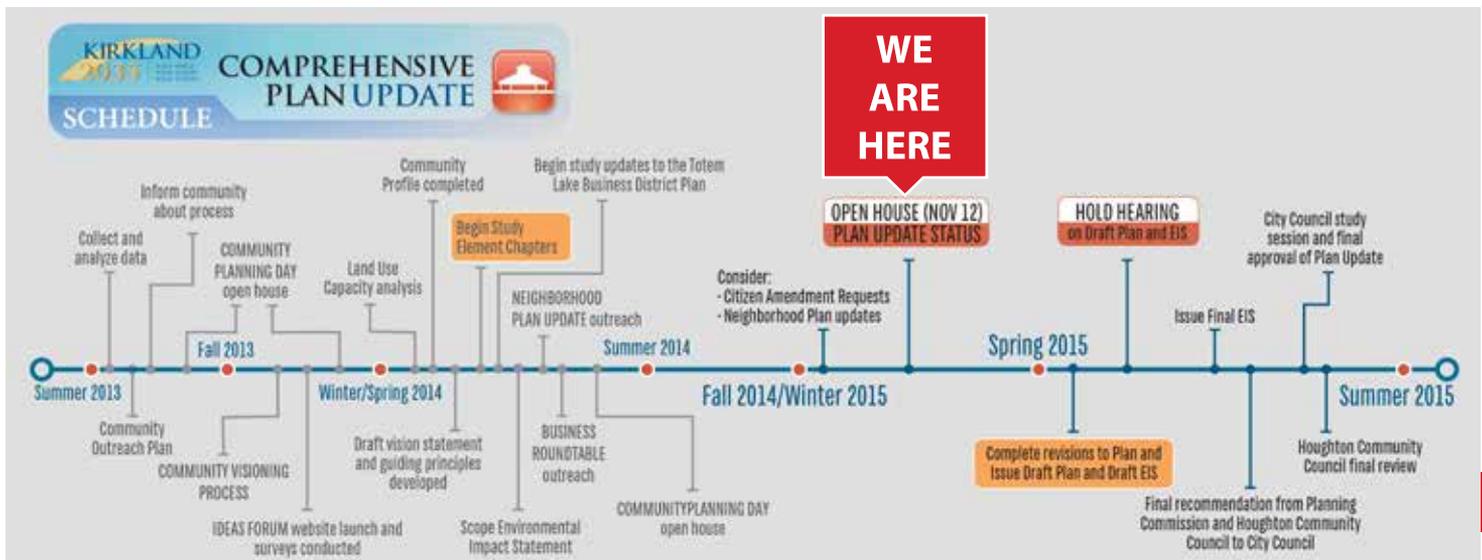
*For more information, go to [www.kirklandwa.gov/Kirkland2035](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Kirkland2035).*

- 1 **Newland**  
12625 100th Ave NE  
Rezone from single family to multifamily
- 2 **Hendsch**  
642 9th Ave  
Rezone from residential to mixed use
- 6 **requests**  
Norkirk industrial area  
Transitional zone between industrial and residential, no longer allow industrial, allow work / residential lofts
- 3 **MRR**  
434 Kirkland Ave  
Additional residential and height
- 4 **Waddell**  
220 6th Street  
Remove residential recreational open space requirement
- 5 **Nelson / Cruikshank**  
202 & 208 2nd St. S / 207 & 211 3rd St. S  
Rezone from single family to multifamily
- 6 **Basra**  
8626 122nd Ave NE  
Rezone from industrial to commercial
- 7 **Griffis**  
8520 131st Ave NE & 8519 132nd Ave NE  
Rezone from residential to office
- 8 **Walen**  
11680 Slater Ave  
Allow office / commercial use
- 9 **Evergreen Healthcare**  
13014 120th Ave NE  
Rezone from multifamily to institutional

- 10 **Totem Commercial Ctr**  
12700 - 12704 NE 124th Street  
Increase height and expand allowable uses
- 11 **Rairdon**  
12601 132nd PI NE / 130XX 132nd PI NE (vacant)  
Two rezones: industrial & multifamily areas to industrial / commercial
- 12 **Morris**  
132XX NE 126th PI  
Rezone from industrial to multifamily
- 13 **Astronics Corp.**  
vacant - north of 12950 Willows Rd NE  
Increase height



See page 5



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will evaluate proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations and identify any potential significant impacts that could occur. The current plan will be evaluated along with two growth alternatives: 1) Focus growth primarily in mixed use centers (Totem Lake and Downtown); 2) Slightly less housing and employment in Totem Lake, more housing and less employment growth to Downtown, and more housing in neighborhood centers and industrial areas. The EIS will also assess the impacts of the Citizen Amendment Requests. Opportunities for public comment will be available throughout the process.

A "Planned Action" EIS will be prepared for the Totem Lake Business District. The benefit of this more detailed environmental assessment is that it will make the development process simpler within area and will provide a comprehensive analysis of needed mitigating measures for the area. The consultants will begin to prepare a draft in October 2014 with Draft EIS anticipated to be issued in spring 2015 along with the Draft Plan.

Comments can be provided on the Draft Plan when it is issued either by email to Teresa Swan, [tswan@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:tswan@kirklandwa.gov), Eric Shields, the SEPA Environmental Official, [eshields@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:eshields@kirklandwa.gov) or at the public hearing to be held in the spring 2015. For more information and updates, go to [www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035) and search Environmental Impact Statement.

## NEXT STEPS FALL 2014 TO SUMMER 2015:

- Study Citizen Amendment Requests to make recommendations to the City Council to determine which ones should be approved, amending the land use/zoning map or development regulations
- Continue review of the Comprehensive Plan: Environment, Transportation, Parks, Human Services, Capital Facilities, and the Totem Lake Business District Plan.
- Review with Neighborhood Associations proposed revisions to Neighborhood Plans or create new plans for the Finn Hill and Kingsgate neighborhoods. North Juanita will be incorporated into the existing Juanita Plan. Draft updates to the existing neighborhood plans are being prepared to reflect comments from two rounds of neighborhood meetings earlier this year, to revise content to reflect existing conditions, to incorporate the pending Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan and Transportation Master Plan and to make minor housekeeping changes. Maps will be updated and standardized. Changes of a policy nature will not be made.
- Study impacts of proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and to study two growth alternatives with EIS process. Issue draft and final EIS in Spring 2015.
- Hold public hearings in Spring 2015 on the draft EIS and Comprehensive Plan.
- Hold study sessions in Summer 2015 and final adoption by City Council (State deadlines is June 30, 2015).

See Page 6 for Neighborhood Association meeting schedule

The Planning Commission oversees the Comprehensive Plan update process and will be discussing the General Elements, Citizen Amendment Requests, Neighborhood Plans, and the EIS in the coming months. The Planning Commission calendar, meeting agenda and staff memos are posted online at [www.kirklandwa.gov](http://www.kirklandwa.gov) (Search Planning Commission). Dates for the topics are subject to change.

# THE FUTURE OF STEWARDSHIP

## SURFACE WATER MASTER PLAN: WATER RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP



**Anticipated Adoption  
November 2014**

Surface water in Kirkland is managed for public safety and for the benefit of all who fish and swim in our streams and lakes. The City has a strong connection to the water and natural environment and its Surface Water Utility is a steward of these resources with goals to manage surface water and stormwater so that:

- Flooding is reduced
- Water quality is improved
- Infrastructure is protected and maintained
- Aquatic habitat conditions are improved

The Surface Water Master Plan (SWMP) recommends priorities and projects, identified through public feedback, for the next ten years of operation of the Surface Water Utility. An updated SWMP is needed to reflect the addition of public stormwater infrastructure with the annexation of Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate, for compliance with the re-issued NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, and the need to integrate stormwater programs and projects into current City goals and interests. The Plan is expected to be adopted by the City Council in November of 2014.

## URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN: SUSTAINING OUR URBAN FOREST



**Adopted  
June 2013**

Recognizing the value and public benefits of trees, the City developed an Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan to establish a foundation for well-coordinated, consistent, efficient, and sustainable urban forest management. As a functional plan, it is intended to guide future actions as resources are available.

Public feedback was sought during the development of this Plan to ensure that the City's efforts are aligned with the community's expectations. Some of the key strategies to implement the plan include:

- Inventorying public tree in high-priority parks and rights-of-way.
- Hosting free workshops on the City's tree codes and permitting procedures.
- Restoring Juanita Beach and Watershed Parks.
- Replacing previously-removed right-of-way trees.
- Updating Green Kirkland Partnership's 20-Year Forest and Natural Area Restoration Plan.





Stay involved and informed about your Neighborhood Plan update. Staff from the Planning & Community Development Department will be attending neighborhood association meetings this fall to share the latest on the Comprehensive Plan Update process and continue the process of updating the Neighborhood Plans. For more about the Neighborhood Plan Update process, visit [www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035).

Meeting dates can change and most neighborhoods do not meet in the summer, go to the City's neighborhood services web site - [www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods) - for up to date meeting schedules, neighborhood leader contact information, and subscribe to receive city and community news via email.

All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

### Central Houghton

Houghton Fire Station  
6602 108th Ave  
1st Wednesday of every month

### Everest

Houghton Fire Station  
6602 108th Ave  
4th Tuesday odd months

### Evergreen Hill\*

\*Representing the greater Kingsgate and northeast area.  
Friends of Youth  
13116 NE 132nd St  
3rd Wednesday every month

### Finn Hill

Finn Hill Middle School  
8040 NE 132nd Street  
Wednesday (varies) odd months

### Highlands

Maintenance Center  
915 8th Street  
3rd Wednesday odd months

### Juanita Neighborhoods

Juanita Elementary School  
9635 NE 132nd Street  
2nd Monday odd months

### Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN)

City Hall, Peter Kirk Room  
123 5th Avenue  
2nd Wednesday of every month

### Lakeview

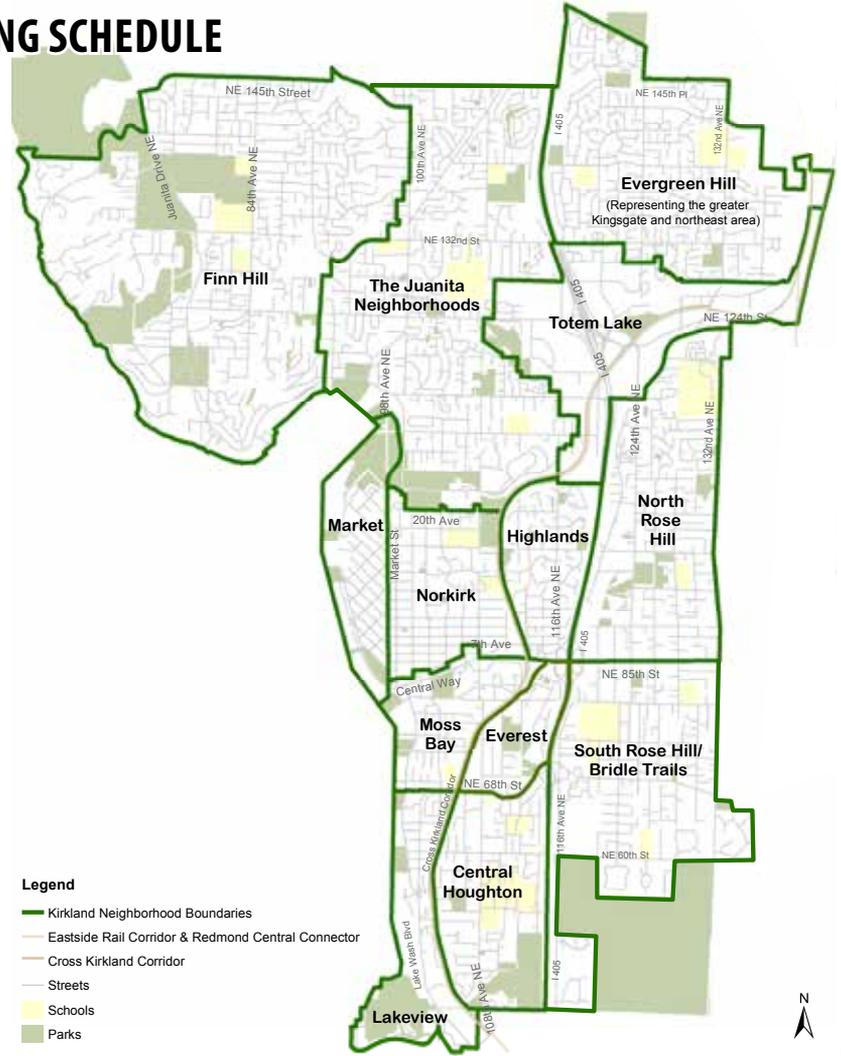
Houghton Starbucks  
6733 108th Avenue NE  
3rd Wednesday even months

### Market

Heritage Hall  
203 Market Street  
3rd Wednesday odd months

### Moss Bay

Heritage Hall  
203 Market Street  
3rd Monday odd months



### Norkirk

Heritage Hall  
203 Market Street  
1st Wednesday even months

### North Rose Hill

Fire Station 26  
9930 124th Ave NE  
3rd Monday of every month

### S. Rose Hill/Bridle Trails

LW Methodist Church  
7525 132nd Ave NE  
2nd Tuesday odd months

### Totem Lake

No meetings at this time  
For more information about the Totem Lake Neighborhood Association, contact Kari Page at 425-587-3011

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

5 to 7 p.m.

Kirkland City Hall (Upper level): 123 Fifth Avenue

**Learn how your voice and vision are creating your City's future!**



### Comprehensive Plan

Get the latest on updates to the Plan including the Neighborhood Plans and selected Citizen Amendment Requests.



### Transportation Master Plan

Review new goals & policies. Learn more about the transportation projects to be built in the next 20 years.

### Also happening on November 12:

- City's Park Board Meeting, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods Meeting, 7 pm, Peter Kirk Room

### Information Areas:



**Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan**  
- Proposed Aquatics / Recreation / Community Center



**Surface Water Master Plan**



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