

# SCULPTURE PROPOSALS FOR SOUTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER

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## Goals and Limitations expressed by the Selection Panel and Community:

- Express a sense of Community, and for all ages.
- Create a large scale dramatic and dynamic sculpture (“not a mini-John Young”) despite a limited budget.
- Create a sense of “place” and interactivity with the artwork
- Due to the limited budget, no extensive stone cutting or use of exotic materials is possible, therefore use indigenous materials in natural forms as much as possible.
- Most of the upper plaza site is unavailable due to below grade utility lines that must be accessible. Lower circle becomes the primary sculpture site.
- The work must be accessible to the public, both physically and conceptually (encourage layers of meaning).

## Other input:

- There is a large local Asian-American population.
- There will be an athletic course trail.
- Encourage the potential of locating sculptural elements throughout the site, leading up to the artwork (e.g. near the drive entry).

## Two Solutions, One with two Variations

### Proposal 1A and 1B

#### *Temple of the Floating Stones*

- Six 5-ton Cascade granite boulders suspended by cables around a granite table will create a dramatic physical presence and place.
- Influences: Stonehenge, Japanese Rock Gardens (e.g. Ryoan-ji), the Solar System (planets around the viewer, the table is the Sun), prayer wheels (the stones could spin by human force if desired).
- Certified structural engineering by Inca.
- Table will seat six to nine, plus two “welcome mats” for wheelchair access or standing. Creates a gathering place around a dynamic shaped table. Installation is designed to encourage discussion, community, family gatherings. Everyone has an equal place at the table.
- 1A employs Doric columns painted white. Elegant structure, reminiscent of Greco-Roman architecture.
- Option 1B employs cor-ten steel which blends with the architecture of the center and is more Asian in form.

- Sited in lower circle. Gravel on site (no grass to maintain). Viewed from above, at grade, and through big glass windows of building. A small path could be created leading down to the sculpture from drive level.

## **Proposal 2**

### ***Basalt Rower***

- This proposal is fun, whimsical, physical, athletic, for all ages.
- Through the miracles of engineering "Man can Move Mountains!"
- Row your own 10 ton basalt columns.
- Basalt is indigenous to Washington.
- A two-seater could be fabricated implying "working together."
- Could be sited on upper plaza as well as lower circle.

All options allow pieces of the same stone to be placed in other areas of the site, such as along the entry drive, around the building, along the trails, etc.

# Service First

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## What is Service First?

A service delivery model and citywide approach to delivering exceptional public service that aims to be:

- ◆ Efficient
- ◆ Thorough
- ◆ Collaborative
- ◆ Comprehensive

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## Why are we doing this?

### New Opportunities

New building presents opportunities for us to serve customers better

### Easy Access

Services should be easy to access & meet customer needs

### Keep it Simple

Customer needs should be met as simply as possible

### Managing to the Long-Term

Incremental enhancements will occur over time

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## What are we trying to achieve?

The Service First approach is part of our organizational culture, resulting in:

- ◆ Relevant services & understandable, reliable information that meets the needs of our customers.
- ◆ Innovation that challenges the status quo, assumptions, and the way we do things.
- ◆ Overwhelmingly positive experiences for people who interact with us.

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## Service First Implementation

### Phase 1

- ◆ Provide easy access to services in new building
  - Create new "Service First Center"
  - Co-locate high demand service providers on public floors of the building
  - Develop customer self-help kiosks
- ◆ Decentralize City's cashiering function
- ◆ Develop systems for receiving & queuing visitors, validating parking, booking facilities, tracking customer issues

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## Service First Implementation – Beyond Initial Launch

### Phase 2

- ◆ Extend model to web site
- ◆ Engage staff citywide in customer service techniques

### Potential Future Phases

- ◆ System of handling phone calls
- ◆ Extend to offsite locations
- ◆ Build information network/service directory
- ◆ Expand service payment options
- ◆ Partner with other agencies, jurisdictions, service providers

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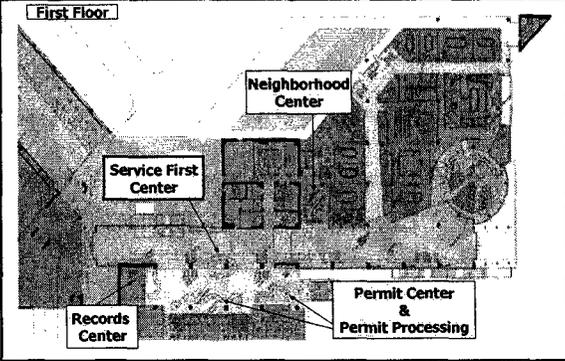
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**Where is the Service First Center?**



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**Service First**

**Comments & Questions**

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**Parks & Community  
Services**

***King County Parks Levy  
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**King County Parks Levy**

- ◆ Context
- ◆ Background
- ◆ Cities' Role

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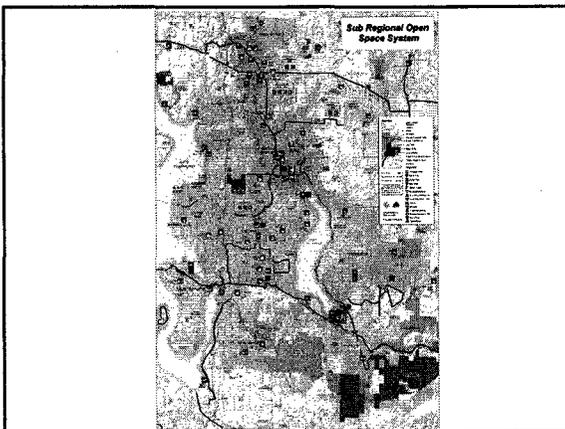
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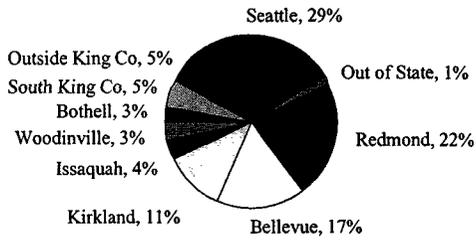
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## Local Use



Source: Serve Our Dog Areas (SODA)

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## Background

- ◆ King County Parks Funding
- ◆ County-wide Levy Lid Lift: Approved May 2003
- ◆ 4-Year Levy: Expires 2007
- ◆ Costs typical homeowner \$22/year for \$450k home

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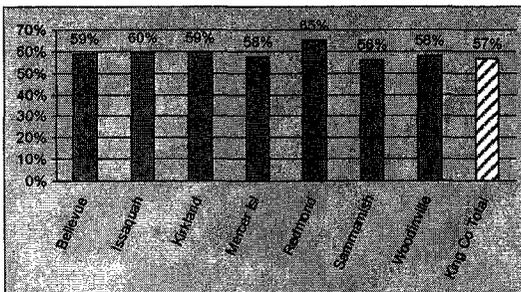
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## Approval Rating – King County 2004 Parks Levy




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## Levy Distribution

◆ Regional	\$9M
- Resource and Ecological Lands	
- Regional Trails	
- Multi-Use Parks (Marymoor, Cougar Mtn)	
- Active Recreation (King County Aquatics Ctr)	
◆ Rural	\$1M
- Local parks in the rural area	
◆ Reserve	\$1M
Subtotal: Levy proceeds	\$11M
Revenues	\$5M
Total Operating Costs	\$16M
(Levy proceeds = 69%)	

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## Fiscal Impact

Eastside City	2004 Population	2004 AV (\$BIL)	King Co Parks Levy (\$0.049)
Bellevue	116,500	\$21.210	\$1,039,000
Issaquah	15,510	\$3.026	\$148,000
Kirkland	45,800	\$7.422	\$364,000
Mercer Island	21,830	\$6.346	\$311,000
Redmond	46,900	\$8.787	\$431,000
Sammamish	36,560	\$5.912	\$290,000
Woodinville	9,915	\$1.769	\$87,000
<b>Eastside Subregion</b>	<b>293,015</b>	<b>\$54.472</b>	<b>\$2,670,000</b>
Seattle	572,600	\$83.480	\$4,091,000
All Other King Co.	922,685	\$96.825	\$4,744,000
<b>King County-Total</b>	<b>1,788,300</b>	<b>\$234.777</b>	<b>\$11,504,000</b>
<b>Eastside Subregion</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>
<b>Seattle</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>
<b>All Other King Co.</b>	<b>51.6%</b>	<b>41.2%</b>	<b>41.2%</b>

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## Why Engage Now

- ◆ County moving forward to plan second levy
- ◆ Ensure sub-regional parks serving urban areas are adequately addressed
- ◆ Evaluate interrelationships with local parks initiatives

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### **Potential Eastside Interests**

- ◆ Ensure that value of Cities' tax capacity is productive
  - County demonstrates long-term commitment to viability of regional park system.
  - An appropriate portion of County funding is dedicated to adequately support Eastside sub-regional parks.
  - Ability to leverage County park revenues to support local parks and trails that serve regional needs.
- ◆ Cities would have a role in long-term planning for future of sub-regional county parks

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### **Engagement Options**

- ◆ **Passive – Wait and see what County proposes**
- ◆ **Proactive – Work with Cities to shape next County parks levy.**

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### **Next Steps / Council Discussion**

- ◆ Meet with Eastside City staff and County staff to assess respective interests.
- ◆ Return to Council with draft interest statement for Council review, modification, approval.
- ◆ Engage with the County based on the interest statement.

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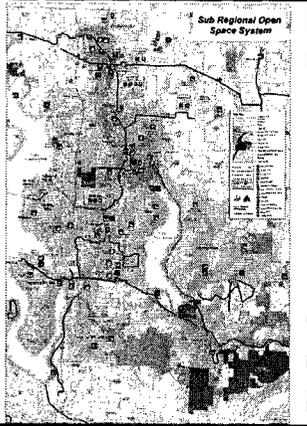
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**Questions &  
Discussion**



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