CITY OF REDMOND
ORDINANCE NO. 2537

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND REDMOND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NEIGHBORHOODS ELEMENT, IDYLWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES; REVISING THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S NAME THROUGHOUT THE REDMOND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FROM VIEWPOINT TO IDYLWOOD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act requires that comprehensive plan and development regulations shall be subject to continuing evaluation and review; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2008, the City Council recognized an eleven-member Citizen Advisory Committee for purposes of advising on updates to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Guide regarding the Idylwood (previously the Viewpoint) neighborhood plan; and

WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 2534 effective July 17, 2010, the City Council set the content of Redmond's 2010 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Package, which includes the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, state agencies received 60-day notice of the proposed amendments to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Guide on February 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act Checklist was prepared and a Determination of Non-Significance was issued on February 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2010, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and study sessions on March 10, 2010, March 17, 2010, March 24, 2010, April 14, 2010, April 21, 2010, and May 12, 2010, to receive public comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Idylwood neighborhood plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held public meetings on June 29, 2010, and July 13, 2010, to review the recommended amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond desires to amend the Redmond Comprehensive Plan as it pertains to the Idylwood Neighborhood to provide timely updates related to Idylwood neighborhood character, multimodal transportation, water quality, open space and landscaping, residential design standards, and neighborhood entryway treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City Code.

Section 2. Amendment of Redmond Comprehensive Plan Neighborhoods Element, Section I. Idylwood Neighborhood Policies. The text of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan Neighborhoods Element, Section I. Idylwood Neighborhood Policies, is hereby amended to read as shown in Exhibit 1 incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full to this ordinance.

Section 3. Revision of Sections of Redmond Comprehensive Plan to Update Neighborhood Name. The Redmond Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended to revise the text, policies, and other provisions to change the neighborhood name from Viewpoint to Idylwood as shown in Exhibit 2 , incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full to this ordinance.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 17th day of August, 2010.

CITY OF REDMOND

JOHN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Deputy for

MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, CITY CLERK (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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ADOPTED 7-0: Allen, Carson, Cole, Margeson, Myers, Stilin and Vache

ATTACHMENT A EXHIBIT 1

REPEALED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, NEIGHBORHOODS ELEMENT, SECTION I. VIEWPOINT NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES

~~I. Viewpoint Neighborhood Policies~~

~~Appropriately named because of its striking views of Lake Sammamish and Marymoor Park, the Viewpoint Neighborhood is a residential area located on the slopes overlooking Lake Sammamish. This neighborhood is bounded to the north by Marymoor Park, to the south by NE 20th Street, to the east by Lake Sammamish and to the west by the Bellevue-Redmond Road, 156th Avenue NE and SR 520, north of NE 51st Street. A neighborhood plan has never been done for the Viewpoint Neighborhood. One will be prepared in the future.~~

~~Neighborhood Vision~~

~~◊ Residential development is primarily low-moderate density residential, although there are higher, multiple-family densities on the shoreline north of Idylwood Park. South of Idylwood Park, the shoreline is limited to a density of four units per acre to protect water quality and to limit disturbance of the Erosion Hazard Areas and unstable slopes in the far southern part of the neighborhood. Elsewhere, cluster subdivisions and multi-family clusters have also been used to create attractive homes, while protecting sensitive slopes and ravines.~~

~~◊ An open space corridor runs from Idylwood Park through protected, wooded ravines to the Viewpoint Open Space.~~

~~◊ The wetlands along the lake near the outlet of Lake Sammamish have been protected. The steep, unstable slopes at the southern end of the neighborhood along Lake Sammamish remain undeveloped, reducing landslide hazards for the property owners and protecting the water quality of the lake by lessening the potential for erosion.~~

~~Neighborhood Policies~~

~~N-VP-1~~

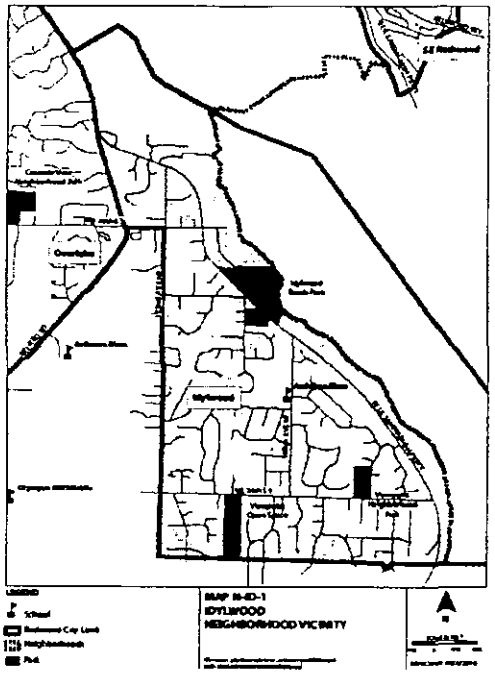
~~South of Idylwood Park, development along the Lake Sammamish shoreline shall be limited to a density of four units per acre to protect water quality and limit disturbance of the Erosion Hazard Areas and unstable slopes in the far southern part of the neighborhood.~~

Establishing New:

Idylwood Neighborhood Policies

With striking views of Lake Sammamish and Marymoor Park, the Idylwood neighborhood is a predominantly residential area located on a slope overlooking Lake Sammamish. This neighborhood is bounded to the north by Marymoor Park, to the south by NE 20th Street, to the east by Lake Sammamish, and to the west by the Bellevue-Redmond Road and 172nd Avenue NE. Signature places in the Idylwood neighborhood include Idylwood Beach Park that attracts families and others who enjoy swimming and the lakefront beach amenities, and Audubon Elementary School. The neighborhood also includes a wide variety of homes within close proximity to the Overlake Urban Center. The Overlake neighborhood and the City of Bellevue are located to the west and south, respectively, of the Idylwood neighborhood.

Map N-ID-1



Public Participation in the Neighborhood Plan Update

Those who live, work, or own property in the Idylwood Neighborhood worked together, helping to develop the updated neighborhood plan.

A focus group and city services fair helped initiate the neighborhood plan update. Thereafter, interested residents and Citizen Advisory Committee members attended the Redmond Citizen Academy to gain a foundation for establishing plan recommendations. A 10-member Citizen Advisory Committee participated throughout the process, including reviewing background information, identifying neighborhood priorities, considering innovations, and recommending updated policies and regulations.

Throughout the update process, neighborhood residents remained informed about the update and provided feedback through tools such as web-based surveys, newsletters, newspaper articles, public forums, open houses, and by attending the committee's work sessions.

Neighborhood Vision and Character

A strong sense of community helps create a neighborhood where residents invest in the place they live. Idylwood's sense of community stems from the value residents place on having a neighborhood that is well-maintained and friendly, with many trees and places to walk. Neighborhood awareness fosters a sense of community and inclusiveness among Idylwood's residents. Amenities such as landscaping and art serve as focal points throughout the neighborhood and help to build a sense of pride.

The vision statement below paints a picture of the Idylwood neighborhood projected into the year 2030. It is intended to describe how the neighborhood will look and function when the plan is implemented.

- The Idylwood neighborhood remains a desirable neighborhood with rich vegetation, diverse housing choices, recreational amenities, access to Lake Sammamish, and easy connections to the central Puget Sound region via the adjacent Overlake neighborhood. Signature entryways welcome people to the neighborhood.

- Residents of Idylwood work together and collaborate with the City to protect the quality of Lake Sammamish and manage stormwater runoff. Natural and sustainable property management helps maintain clean and healthy water for wildlife and recreation.

- Idylwood Beach Park continues to function as a gathering place for residents not only of Redmond but of also adjacent municipalities. Neighborhood residents express a strong sense of community as they celebrate and meet at neighborhood parks and engage in planning the long-term future of these parks.

- The Idylwood neighborhood offers many types of transportation connections. Residents take advantage of bike lanes that link directly to the regional Sammamish River Trail system. Streets provide a safe and comfortable environment for walking, running, and cycling as well as commuting. Residents also enjoy using the regional transit system as an alternative to vehicle travel since it is located nearby and connected via public transit, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes.

- A formal system of trails and paths supplement sidewalks to connect residents to Audubon Elementary and several neighborhood parks. Residents take pride in helping to maintain the trails as well as the parks and other natural places by acting as stewards and by establishing work parties throughout the year. Throughout the neighborhood, benches support walking for many ages and abilities and offer momentary, informal gathering places.

- Corridors with transit amenities, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes include: West Lake Sammamish Parkway, NE 24th Street, and NE 40th Street. To help support appropriate traffic volumes and speeds based on street type, these neighborhood streets feature a complete-street design where vegetation, beautification treatments such as street lighting, and art complement the multimodal infrastructure.

- As many neighborhood residents use public transit, distinctive transit stops that include seating and lighting provide a safe and comfortable place to wait for service.

Neighborhood Goals

Idylwood's residents plan to participate in implementing the neighborhood plan along with near-term and long-term goals. The neighborhood's priority projects demonstrate a variety of goals and are reflected in the neighborhood's "3rd Document", a resource for the neighborhood to prioritize future programs and projects and to promote the priorities to the City for further consideration. Residents help maintain this working document through neighborhood interaction and regular updates. The following is a summary of goals discussed in this document.

Updating public infrastructure:

- Most of Idylwood was annexed to Redmond in 1964 and the neighborhood includes dwellings that date to the 1910's. As an established neighborhood, some aspects of Idylwood call for update or provision of infrastructure such as sidewalks and street lights.

Calming traffic today and in the future:

- Residents have also expressed an interest in public safety. They support site specific traffic calming and other techniques to mitigate abnormally high traffic speed and volume while enhancing the non-motorized features of the primary transportation corridors.

Preparing neighbors with an emergency plan:

- Residents recognize that the neighborhood's geography and infrastructure may increase the potential for power outages during inclement weather. They look forward to establishing an Idylwood Emergency Preparedness Plan as a guide for residents to remain safe and prepared throughout the year.

Acting as stewards throughout the neighborhood:

- Idylwood's residents also take great pride in the neighborhood's natural areas, including public parks and open spaces. Idylwood Beach Park's destination-effect leads residents

to call for active monitoring and maintenance of the park's conditions, including parking and solid waste. Many residents are interested in participating in stewardship activities in partnership with local and regional organizations as they maintain and enhance natural areas in the neighborhood's parks and open spaces.

Focusing on pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety:

- With active residents and an array of informal gathering places, the neighborhood has also emphasized the need for pedestrian and bicycle safety. As opportunities allow, residents look to Redmond's public safety staff, Lake Washington School District, and other regional organizations for educational programs that can help enhance walking and bicycling safety.

Throughout the long-term, Idylwood's residents anticipate proactive opportunities for education, coordination, and collaboration by and with the City to help realize neighborhood goals.

Neighborhood Communication Policies

The neighborhood planning process provided several opportunities to improve communication between the City of Redmond and the people who live or own property in the Idylwood neighborhood. The City's Neighborhood Team continues to work to develop stronger connections with the neighborhood and to enhance delivery of City services through a coordinated effort.

The Idylwood Citizen Advisory Committee strongly supports ongoing communication between the City of Redmond and neighborhood residents, including opportunities to consider priority projects and other near-term items to support implementation of the neighborhood plan.

N-ID-1 **Support Idylwood residents in ongoing and enhanced communication with the City as well as community building efforts.**

Natural Environment Policies

The Idylwood neighborhood includes several wooded or partially wooded parks with many tall conifer trees. Much of the landscaping is older and well-developed. Preserving the trees and established character of the neighborhood landscaping is important to residents.

Residents of Idylwood support and encourage stewardship of natural areas in the neighborhood's public parks and open spaces. In addition to regularly scheduled work parties, they seek additional opportunities to enhance and expand the richly vegetated character of the neighborhood. Through programs, incentives, and education, the Idylwood neighborhood wants to dedicate itself and partner with the City to sustain a healthy natural environment for wildlife and residents.

N-ID-2 **Promote the creation of a botanical, native garden on public land within the neighborhood for demonstration and educational purposes. Encourage programs such as salmon-safe and rain garden workshops and private garden sharing to foster sustainable land management practices.**

N-ID-3 **Promote incentives, such as neighborhood matching grants, that assist Idylwood residents with planting native plants and other site appropriate vegetation adjacent to the right-of-way in appropriate locations, coordinated with future street and infrastructure improvements.**

The Idylwood neighborhood is within the Lake Sammamish watershed and borders the lake shore. The lake is the significant natural feature of the neighborhood, and the neighborhood has a direct effect on the lake's water quality. Improving the quality of stormwater runoff from the neighborhood to the lake is a significant and timely priority. Residents look for opportunities as part of new development, redevelopment and remodeling projects, for existing single-family properties and for other existing land uses throughout the Idylwood neighborhood.

Residents support several measures that can cultivate a healthy neighborhood environment, specifically related to stormwater runoff and Lake Sammamish's water quality. One of these measures is the addition of SEA Streets to the Idylwood neighborhood. SEA Streets, Street Edge Alternatives, are a natural draining system applied to street edges to help slow and filter stormwater through a combination of both infrastructure and landscaping.

N-ID-4 **Encourage greater reductions in impervious surfaces by offering guidelines and allowing use of innovative stormwater infrastructure techniques where feasible in the Idylwood neighborhood. Use methods such as the Low Impact Development techniques found in Redmond's Stormwater Technical Notebook. Seek opportunities as part of new development, redevelopment, and for existing land uses throughout the neighborhood.**

N-ID-5 **Promote neighborhood stewardship and educational activities related to improving the water quality of Lake Sammamish.**

N-ID-6 **Encourage additional educational outreach to Idylwood residents and developers in support of local and regional best air, land, and water management practices. Consider techniques such as:**

- **Enhanced communication tools such as the internet, newsletters, and other media;**
- **Pedestrian-oriented kiosks located in public places such as parks and along pathways;**
- **Signage at Idylwood Beach Park, provided at existing structures or pedestrian-oriented kiosks, specifically concerning safe water and wildlife practices; and**

- **Communication techniques near residential areas such as existing, private bulletin boards and home owner association networks.**

N-ID-7 **Promote sustainable stormwater management activities such as rainwater catchment, rain gardens, and removal of existing impervious surfaces.**

N-ID-8 **Consider bioretention within the right-of-way throughout the Idylwood neighborhood, in appropriate locations. Promote 180th Avenue NE for demonstration of this stormwater management technique and other low impact development techniques such as permeable sidewalks and site appropriate, native vegetation. Consider designs similar to Seattle's SEA-Street.**

Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Neighborhood Gathering Policies

Residents greatly value the parks and open spaces in the Idylwood neighborhood. These spaces include treed areas, playgrounds, water front and lake access, and open lawns for spending time outdoors in a community setting. Walking is an especially popular form of recreation for neighborhood residents. Residents also value their proximity to Lake Sammamish and take pride in sustaining it as a healthy aquatic ecosystem with great value to the region.

The three parks in the neighborhood - Idylwood Beach Park, Viewpoint Park, and the Viewpoint Open Space – serve a variety of needs.

- Idylwood Beach Park is an active park with a sandy beach area, picnic tables and a rentable, three-season shelter, children's play area, and a sand volleyball pit. During the summer months, Redmond's Parks and Recreation Department designates a swimming area serviced by lifeguards. Idylwood's frontage and access to Lake Sammamish serve both the neighborhood and residents of nearby communities. Parking during the summer months is at a premium and often spills over onto nearby neighborhood streets. An overflow parking lot supplements the primary parking facility.

- Viewpoint Park is a smaller, neighborhood park located on NE 24th Street. It offers a playground for young children, pickle ball, and basketball courts.

- The Viewpoint Open Space includes a trail system that connects to the City of Bellevue's Tam O'Shanter Park. This park and open space is also located on NE 24th Street and provides a green, natural forest setting within a suburban surrounding.

Neighborhood trails provide connections for residents to move about the neighborhood on foot and bicycle, away from vehicles. Some residents and home owner groups support dedicating informal trails to the Redmond's Parks Department. These trails could be updated to meet current City standards and maintained for access and safety.

N-ID-9 **Encourage creation of formal non-motorized connections between parks using sidewalks, trails, and paths. Consider a voluntary program that helps transition informal paths to City trails on behalf of interested property owners.**

Idylwood Beach Park serves as a primary and central neighborhood amenity. Idylwood residents recognize the park's inherent value and strive to sustain the park throughout the long-term. They seek balance, monitoring, and neighborhood engagement regarding long-term facility planning, the amount of park visitors, parking facilities, recreational programs and amenities, park maintenance, and the health of the local flora and fauna.

N-ID-10 **Encourage addressing litter and parking management at Idylwood Beach Park, particularly during peak, seasonal use, to help minimize impacts on nearby residential properties.**

Neighborhood residents recognize the value of other parks within and near the Idylwood neighborhood. As a neighborhood that includes a significant portion of protected land and sensitive natural resources, residents place a high priority on careful management of this "green infrastructure" including vegetation, stormwater utilities, parks and open spaces, and water bodies.

N-ID-11 **Consider the following improvements and expansions to parks and open spaces located in the Idylwood neighborhood:**

- **Expansion, as feasible, to Viewpoint Park and**
- **Enhancement to native vegetation along with removal of invasive species in the Viewpoint Open Space.**

The Idylwood Citizen Advisory Committee recognized opportunities for neighborhood gathering as a key consideration for ongoing action. They identified events, places, and amenities that support building community-based relationships. For example, as a way to establish connections among residents and also to demonstrate the neighborhood's dedication to Lake Sammamish, the committee supported collaboration regarding the "Green Redmond" program. The program can help establish stewards of Redmond's parks and open spaces for long-term maintenance of rich, forested suburban environments.

N-ID-12 **Promote collaboration with Redmond Parks Department for parks located in the Idylwood neighborhood. Include the following:**

- **Park enhancements including amenities such as canoe or kayak rental,**
- **Opportunities for partnership between the City and neighborhood to establish and sustain natural areas including removing invasive plant species and planting and maintaining native vegetation, and**
- **Stewardship of the natural environment, neighborhood parks, and open spaces.**

A variety of locations throughout the Idylwood neighborhood provide places for neighborhood gatherings. The three parks provide informal places for residents to meet while the Brae Burn golf community, Sammamish Forest Manor, and Audubon Elementary School fulfill special needs.

Idylwood citizens support establishing one multi-seasonal facility within the neighborhood. By supplementing existing facilities or working with long-range park plans, a park-oriented neighborhood center can provide a flexible space that not only supports informal gatherings and small meetings but can also offer shelter during emergencies such as extended power outages.

In addition, the Idylwood neighborhood shares an interest in events that foster community building, neighborhood pride, and that provide opportunities for residents to demonstrate stewardship for their surroundings.

N-ID-13 **Promote, on public land where opportunities exist, the creation of additional small parks in the neighborhood. Consider improvements to publicly owned properties, installation of benches along public right-of-way, and other treatments that allow residents to gather or pause.**

N-ID-14 **Encourage acquisition and creation of additional public parks and open space as private land becomes available for purchase throughout the Idylwood neighborhood.**

N-ID-15 **Promote opportunities for neighborhood gathering through enhancements such as:**

- **Neighborhood events,**
- **Amenities and facilities such as neighborhood picnics, benches, and picnic tables located in parks and along frequented pedestrian routes, and**
- **A multi-seasonal community building.**

Parks, open space, and other public land provide opportunities to further establish the unique character of the Idylwood neighborhood. Neighborhood focal points can introduce a neighborhood theme that consists of mature and varied vegetation, natural features such as streams and other water bodies, and artistic elements. The theme can be repeated throughout the neighborhood where land is available such as the city limits at West Lake Sammamish Parkway, intersections where right-of-way is sufficient, and along signature pedestrian routes. Residents of the neighborhood can assist in identifying potential opportunities, defining the neighborhood theme, and establishing and maintaining these features on behalf of the neighborhood.

N-ID-16 **Support partnerships between the City and the Idylwood neighborhood to establish and maintain neighborhood focal points that:**

- **Foster neighborhood character at strategic locations, such as major intersections throughout the neighborhood, and**
- **Incorporate vegetation, natural features, and art.**

Residential Policies

Idylwood is proud to be a diverse residential neighborhood within the City of Redmond. The neighborhood contains of an eclectic mix of old and new single-family homes ranging from custom lakefront homes to tract homes to vintage dwellings dating back over 70 years. Along West Lake Sammamish Parkway apartments, condominiums, townhouses, senior assisted living, and additional housing choices can be found.

Neighborhood residents place significant value on this character throughout the majority of the neighborhood. Residents advocate maintaining the existing zoning, house sizes, proportionate dwelling size to lot size, and monitoring in-fill development and allowed density while preserving the current proportions of multi- and single-family dwellings. Residents recognize the unique character among the geographic sub-areas and neighborhood subdivisions such as the lakefront, the area south of NE 24th Street, and established communities such as Little Tree, Wild Tree, and Brae Burn.

N-ID-17 **Support the creation of backyard homes where lot size and configuration are supportive.**

N-ID-18 **Support senior living, aging in place, and designs for accessibility, consistent with underlying zoning and citywide regulations.**

N-ID-19 **Support housing types and designs that allow for multiple generations of a family to reside in one dwelling.**

Idylwood residents are mindful of private property rights and maintaining the value of their homes and properties. They recognize the limitations in place through the City's critical areas and shoreline ordinances for those properties along Lake Sammamish and adjacent to the many streams and forested ravines throughout Idylwood. As part of the residential character, residents support design standards that encourage a friendly streetscape that further encourages active lifestyles and community engagement.

N-ID-20 **Design single-family dwellings and significant expansions to single-family dwellings to have living space as the dominant feature of the street elevation. Encourage active, engaging, and visually appealing streetscapes with vegetation and design features that bring the living space toward the front street. Minimize the garage feature at the street elevation, unless options to minimize the appearance of the garage through design are limited.**

Additionally, the Idylwood neighborhood welcomes established "green" and innovative building practices such as environmentally friendly building and alternative roof materials. Semi- and pervious drive- and walkways, planting strips and bio-swales, native landscaping, and natural yards help to minimize and filter stormwater run off. Respectively, Idylwood residents appreciate opportunities for assistance with "green" infrastructure though grants and incentives to both private homeowners and potential developers.

The Idylwood plan calls for new residential developments to designate easements and tracts as areas to preserve vegetation. In addition, developers may enhance and supplement existing vegetation by installing native and site specific species as part of their landscaping effort. The intent is that residents of Idylwood will work together to establish and maintain community "green spaces" such as pea patches, rain gardens, and public open space.

N-ID-21 **Require new residential developments of 30 or more dwelling units to find opportunities for the following enhancements and encourage these enhancements for other new subdivisions:**

- **Greater preservation of open space in permanent easements and tracts;**
- **Enhancements and restoration to open space; or**
- **Neighborhood projects to establish and sustain "green" space such as community-partnership pea patches and rain gardens.**

N-ID-22 **Consider using the following techniques for increased preservation and establishment of natural, open spaces as part of significant capital improvement projects throughout the Idylwood neighborhood:**

- **Permanent preservation of land within, adjacent to, or near the project location as a wildlife corridor, area of significant trees, neighborhood entryway, or other natural feature; and**
- **Enhancements and restoration to existing open space.**

Transportation Policies

Idylwood offers a safe, quiet, and peaceful place for residents to live and spend time in their neighborhood. Pleasing and distinct entryways help define the neighborhood's identity along transportation corridors. West Lake Sammamish Parkway provides access for residents within the neighborhood. The neighborhood plan calls for West Lake Sammamish Parkway to evolve as a complete street that connects neighborhood citizens and provides a place along which they commute, recreate, meet, and foster their sense of neighborhood pride and identity.

As a "parkway", the complete-street design of West Lake Sammamish Parkway encourages motorists to slow down to enjoy the many qualities that make Idylwood a desirable neighborhood. Other streets, such as 180th Avenue NE, NE 24th Street, and NE 40th Street, are

also envisioned in the future as signature "public places" where people walk and ride their bicycles between neighborhoods, to Audubon School, and to neighborhood parks. These streets offer great potential to further enhance Idylwood as a place for residents to spend time outside, within the neighborhood.

The Idylwood neighborhood seeks accessible and safe connections to the urban centers in Downtown Redmond and Overlake. Rather than driving alone, residents want to be able to use a variety of transportation modes to access stores, entertainment, and businesses and to have greater connections to the central Puget Sound region. Residents place high priority in connecting the neighborhood to Downtown Redmond, to the places where neighborhood students attend and participate in Lake Washington School District facilities and programs, and to the regional transportation network via public transit service.

N-ID-23 **Promote ongoing collaboration and conversation with the Idylwood neighborhood regarding multimodal design elements such as sidewalks; bike lanes; transit shelters; traffic calming treatments such as medians, striping, signage, and pedestrian crossings; and multimodal services including a focus on public transit programs and connections between the neighborhood and Redmond's Downtown, the Overlake Transit Center, and regional transit nodes. Engage neighborhood residents regarding the effect of future mobility on the Idylwood neighborhood's street network particularly regarding planned regional light rail service through Overlake and Downtown Redmond. Recognize possible aspects such as:**

- **Increased destination trips along neighborhood streets;**
- **Increased access to high capacity transit services from the neighborhood to local and regional destinations;**
- **Opportunities for local park and ride locations; and**
- **Greater establishment and use of non-motorized facilities including sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes.**

As a predominantly residential neighborhood, residents also place value in the solitude of this lakeside community. Even though West Lake Sammamish Parkway is classified as a minor arterial and multimodal corridor, motorists use the parkway as a principal arterial during morning and evening peak hours. The parkway provides links to NE 24th Street, Bel-Red Road, and to NE 40th Street, and connects Redmond businesses in both Downtown and Overlake to communities to the south such as Bellevue and Issaquah. Neighborhood residents desire accessible and enhanced pedestrian and bicycle amenities while promoting this corridor also as a critical link within the neighborhood for school children, transit customers, recreation, and a common element shared by the lakefront property owners and the upland portion of the neighborhood.

N-ID-24 **Recognize that West Lake Sammamish Parkway serves two roles: one as direct access to residences and second as a minor arterial that supplements connections to Redmond's employment and urban centers. Consider the need for updates to the Transportation Master**

Plan for West Lake Sammamish Parkway, the neighborhood's highest priority for near-term improvements, and pursue opportunities to:

- **Support the completion and build out of West Lake Sammamish Parkway from its intersection with Bel-Red Road to Redmond's city limits at NE 20th Street as intended: a minor arterial and multimodal corridor with a pedestrian supportive environment including design elements such as sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and planted medians and buffers.**
- **Encourage volumes and travel speeds consistent with the West Lake Sammamish Parkway's designation as a minor arterial and multimodal corridor.**
- **Incorporate designs as part of future infrastructure improvements in a manner that is sensitive to these two roles.**

N-ID-25 **Support improvements to West Lake Sammamish Parkway from NE 51st Street to Bel-Red Road including establishing a dedicated multi-use path for pedestrian and bicyclists that is separated from vehicular travel lanes by landscaping, grade, or both.**

Neighborhood residents have prioritized several intersections for pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety enhancements. These include:

- West Lake Sammamish Parkway, NE 36th Street, and 177th Avenue NE as a popular pedestrian and uniquely configured intersection nearest to Idylwood Beach Park and the park's overflow parking lot,

- West Lake Sammamish Parkway and 180th Avenue NE as a significant location along walking paths to Audubon Elementary School,

- West Lake Sammamish Parkway and NE 24th Street as a primary regional connection to the Overlake Urban Center and Technical Center, and

- NE 40th Street and 172nd Avenue NE as one of the primary gateways to the Overlake Technical Center and the NE 40th Street Transit Center.

N-ID-26 **Work with the Idylwood Neighborhood to implement priority improvements identified in Table 1: Idylwood Neighborhood Highest-Priority Pedestrian Mobility Improvements where justified by site-specific conditions. Consider these priority projects in conjunction with the following update to the Transportation Master Plan.**

Table 1: Idylwood Neighborhood Highest-Priority Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility and Safety Improvements

Priority Pedestrian Projects	**Install a mid-block crosswalk with appropriate safety features on West Lake Sammamish at an appropriate location between 180th Avenue NE and NE 27th Street to increase opportunities for crossing where distances are greater than the City's standard distance between legal crossings.**
	Use interim measures along West Lake Sammamish Parkway to increase pedestrian and bicycle access and promote safety until complete street improvements are implemented.
	Install sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements that help establish and maintain a pedestrian supportive environment along West Lake Sammamish Parkway where right-of-way is available.
	Recognize Idylwood Beach Park as a regional facility with higher pedestrian volumes on a seasonal basis, particularly related to the off-site parking facility. Consider additional features at the related Idylwood Beach Park crosswalk that improve pedestrian visibility and motorist's attention.
	Identify and plan intersection improvements to promote pedestrian mobility and safety at: - NE 40th Street and 172nd Avenue NE - West Lake Sammamish Parkway, NE 36th Street, and 177th Avenue NE - West Lake Sammamish Parkway and 180th Avenue NE - West Lake Sammamish Parkway and NE 24th Street with particular attention to improving sight distances
Priority Bicycle Projects	**Promote bicycle etiquette. Offer bicycle education and safety awareness programs to school-aged children. Consider partnership with Audubon Elementary School.**

Utilities

Utilities throughout the Idylwood neighborhood offer possible opportunities for upgrade over the next 20 years. The electrical and communication infrastructure is the most visible and significant component for residents. The elevated conduit experiences many issues during wet and windy weather, in part due to the proximity of dense, mature vegetation. The neighborhood supports priority undergrounding along corridors that provide the backbone of the electrical infrastructure for the Idylwood neighborhood.

N-ID-27 **Promote undergrounding utility lines along West Lake Sammamish Parkway, NE 24th Street, and NE 36th Street. Coordinate undergrounding of utility lines with significant street improvement projects as feasible.**

To help establish a uniform appearance and character throughout the neighborhood, the Citizen Advisory Committee supports installation of a single street light style along Idylwood's public streets. As upgrades warrant, as existing lights are maintained, and as part of both private and public project frontage and corridor improvements, a consistent and updated style of street light evolves. This helps promote an identifiable neighborhood character and supports beautification of the neighborhood.

N-ID-28 **Consider a street light style that helps to establish an identifiable neighborhood character.**

ATTACHMENT A EXHIBIT 2

Amendments to Redmond Comprehensive Plan per Neighborhood Name Change from Viewpoint to Idylwood, 08/17/2010

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I. ~~Viewpoint~~ Idylwood Neighborhood Policies
J. Willows/Rose Hill Neighborhood Policies

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT:

Table TR-2: Arterial and Transit Service Standards with Mode Split Targets

Transportation Management District	Arterial Intersection Level-of-Service Standard (Area average of intersections)		Transit Level-of-Service Standard (% of land uses within 1/4 mi of 30-minute, peak hour transit service)		Mode Split Targets Level-of-Service Standard (% daily trips by modes other than Single-Occupant Vehicle)	
	Letter Value	Maximum V/C Ratio	Residential Land Uses	Employment Land Uses	1993	2012
1. Downtown	E+	0.95	100%	100%	18	30
2. NE Redmond	D+	0.85	30%	90%	18	23
3. Willows/ Sammamish Valley	D-	0.90	30%	90%	10	20
4. Grass Lawn	D+	0.85	50%	90%	15	18
5. Overlake	E+	0.95	50%	100%	18	30
6. ~~Viewpoint~~ Idylwood	D+	0.85	30%	50%	15	18
7. SE Redmond	D-	0.90	70%	30%	10	20

Public Educational Facilities

The Lake Washington School District (LWSD) serves the City of Redmond by providing public primary and secondary education. The locations of existing LWSD facilities are shown in Map CF-2. The Bellevue School District serves portions of Redmond in the ~~Viewpoint~~ Idylwood Neighborhood. The Northshore School District serves the English Hill Neighborhood, which is part of Redmond's Potential Annexation Area north of NE 128th Street.

Table CF-2
Arterial and Transit Service Standards with Mode Split Targets

Transportation Management District	Arterial Intersection Level-of-Service Standard[2] (Area average of intersections)		Transit Level-of-Service Standard (% of land uses within 1/4 mi of 30-minute, peak hour transit service)		Mode Split Targets Level-of-Service Standard (% daily trips by modes other than Single-Occupant Vehicle)	
	Letter Value	Maximum V/C Ratio	Residential Land Uses	Employment Land Uses	1993	2012
1. Downtown	E+	0.95	100%	100%	18	30
2. NE Redmond	D+	0.85	30%	90%	18	23
3. Willows/ Sam. Valley	D-	0.90	30%	90%	10	20
4. Grass Lawn	D+	0.85	50%	90%	15	18
5. Overlake	E+	0.95	50%	100%	18	30
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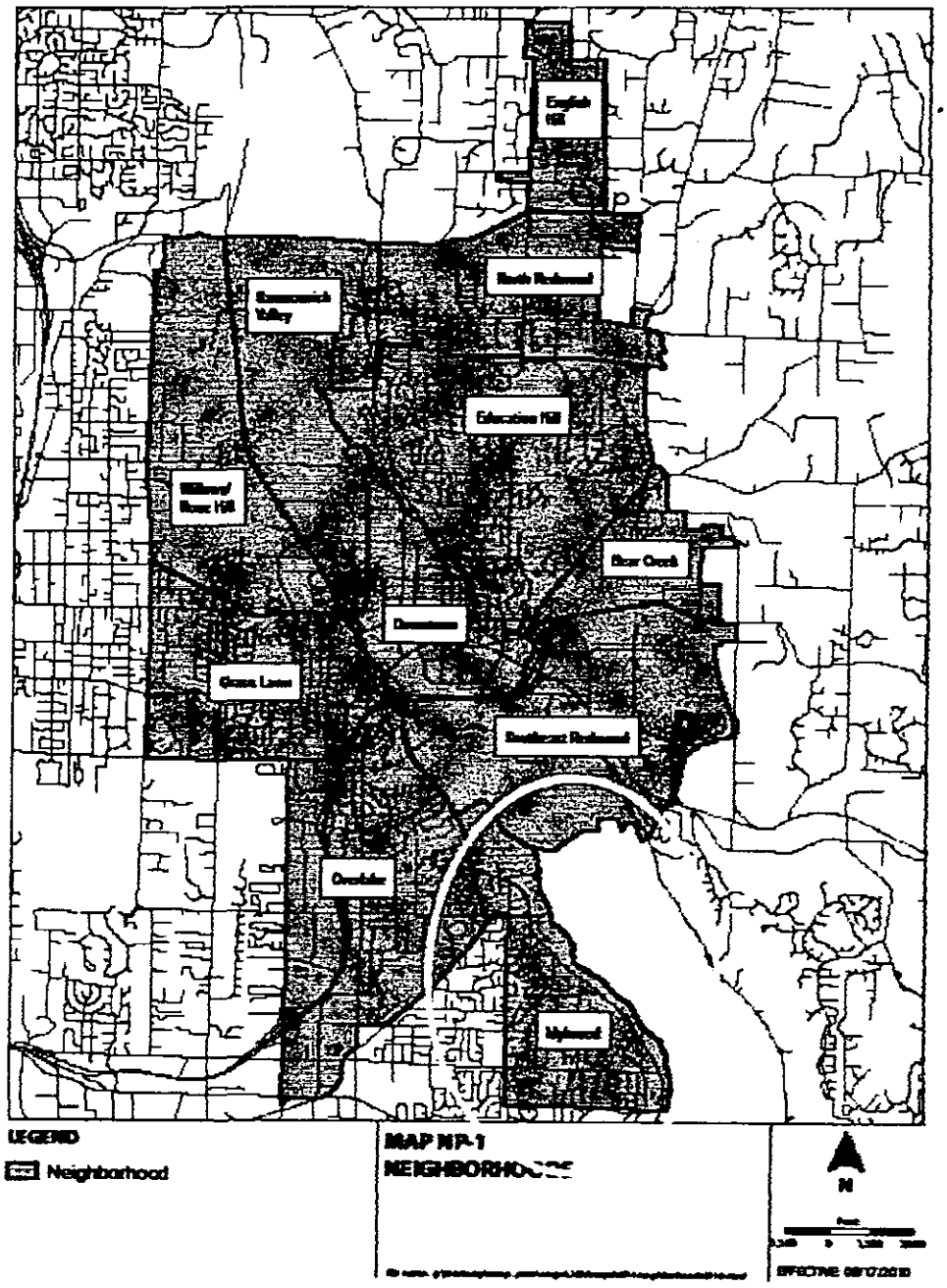
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