

## **12.F. Juanita Neighborhood Plan**

### **1. OVERVIEW**

The Juanita neighborhood is located in the central north portion of Kirkland. The neighborhood is bounded by the city limits of NE 145th Street on the north; generally 20th Avenue NE on the south; Interstate 405 and Totem Lake neighborhood to the east; and the lower slope of Finn Hill following the alignment of 91st Avenue NE on the west. The northern portion from NE 132nd Street to NE 145th Street was annexed in 2011 from unincorporated King County. The existing South Juanita Neighborhood was merged with this newly annexed area as a result of input from representatives of the neighborhood at the time, resulting in a united Juanita neighborhood (see Figure J-1, Land Use).

100th Avenue NE and Juanita-Woodinville Way NE provide the main north-south vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian connections through the neighborhood, while NE 112th Street, Forbes Creek Drive, NE 116th Street, NE 124th Street, and NE 132nd Street provide the main east-west connections.

The neighborhood contains many active and natural parks, a regional shoreline park, a recreational community center and various types of open spaces. Three elementary schools and one high school are located in the neighborhood.

Two neighborhood commercial areas provide business services, restaurants, banks, and grocery stores for nearby residents and businesses. The Juanita Neighborhood Center is located on either side of 100th Avenue NE between NE 124th Street and just south of NE 116th Street. The North Juanita Neighborhood Center is located north of NE 132nd Street on the west side of Juanita-Woodinville Way NE.

The majority of the land area is currently devoted to low density residential uses, but also includes residential uses of higher intensities. Areas with higher residential intensity surround the commercial areas and effectively bridge the Neighborhood Centers with smaller scale residential parts of the neighborhood.



Source: Homes.com

## 2. VISION STATEMENT

The following Vision Statement is intended to describe the values and qualities of the Juanita Neighborhood at a future time when the goals and policy direction expressed in this neighborhood plan are realized.

Juanita is home to an active, diverse community. The neighborhood contains two vibrant Neighborhood Commercial Centers (known as the South Juanita Neighborhood Center and the North Juanita Neighborhood Center) in close proximity to residential areas with a variety of housing types that provide opportunities for people of all income levels. The Neighborhood Centers have evolved into thriving, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use hubs with businesses that meet the retail and service needs of the community, public spaces that provide opportunities for the community to gather, and housing that supports the businesses, employees and residents in all areas of the neighborhood. These Centers incorporate innovative and adaptable urban design features and people can safely and conveniently travel between the two areas with prioritized routes that accommodate alternative modes of transportation. Schools in Juanita are highly valued, and commuting students utilize protected routes that facilitate connections from educational institutions to various key neighborhood locations.

Environmental features and natural areas within the neighborhood remain protected. Primary environmental features include Lake Washington, Juanita Bay and its associated wetlands to the east, as well as Juanita and Forbes Creek. Measures are taken to significantly improve access to these important locations. Restoration of our natural systems and critical areas (including streams, wetlands, and shoreline habitat areas) continues to promote maximum ecological value and function. Juanita Creek is a healthy fish-bearing stream that thrives within the urban fabric of the neighborhood, and opportunities to daylight sections of the stream are pursued. The Juanita Creek drainage system is resilient, and streams and wetlands in the watershed are revitalized and enhanced through ongoing public and private collaborative action.

Housing in Juanita is diverse, allowing housing within the neighborhood to remain affordable and accessible to those of all ages, races, ethnicities, income levels, and abilities for generations to come. Additional density is prioritized along transit routes, near amenities, and where the most infrastructure exists to support it. The Juanita neighborhood values its many historic structures that are landmarks in the neighborhood. These structures are preserved.

Public services and capital facilities required to implement the neighborhood plan and support the community have been established and maintained to support future growth in Juanita. Transportation infrastructure adapts with time to meet the needs of the region, and the burden of motor vehicle traffic is lessened as the neighborhood prioritizes and promotes safe and reliable alternatives to vehicular travel. The expansion and enhancement of park and recreation facilities continues in order to maintain equitable access for all; public gathering spaces and community placemaking opportunities are abundant.

Taken in total, the Juanita community is connected to the natural world; growth within the neighborhood is inclusive, strategic and sustainable; and a sense of connection and belonging exists for residents, employees, and visitors alike.

### 3. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

See the History of Kirkland in the Appendix Section for a discussion of citywide historic context, inclusive of all previous inhabitants of the area (pre-and post-white/European settlement) especially along the culturally rich Lake Washington shoreline.

The Juanita neighborhood values its many historic structures that are landmarks to the neighborhood. The Langdon House and Homestead (1888), Ostberg Barn (1905), Dorr Forbes House (1906), Shumway Mansion (1909) and Johnson Residence (1928) are located in South Juanita. The Shumway Mansion was relocated from the Moss Bay Neighborhood when the property at its former location was redeveloped. The Malm House (1929) is located in North Juanita. If at all feasible, these structures should be preserved. See the Land Use Element for goals and policies regarding the preservation and designation of historic buildings, structures, sites and objects of historical significance.

*Policy J-1: Encourage preservation of archeological and architectural features within the neighborhood that reflect the neighborhood's history, especially where redevelopment could place these resources at risk.*

*Policy J-2: Provide markers and interpretive information at historic sites, prioritizing those that recognize the neighborhood's rich Native history.*

*Policy J-3: Continue to evaluate incentives to encourage retention of identified buildings and sites of historic significance.*

#### **4. LAND USE**

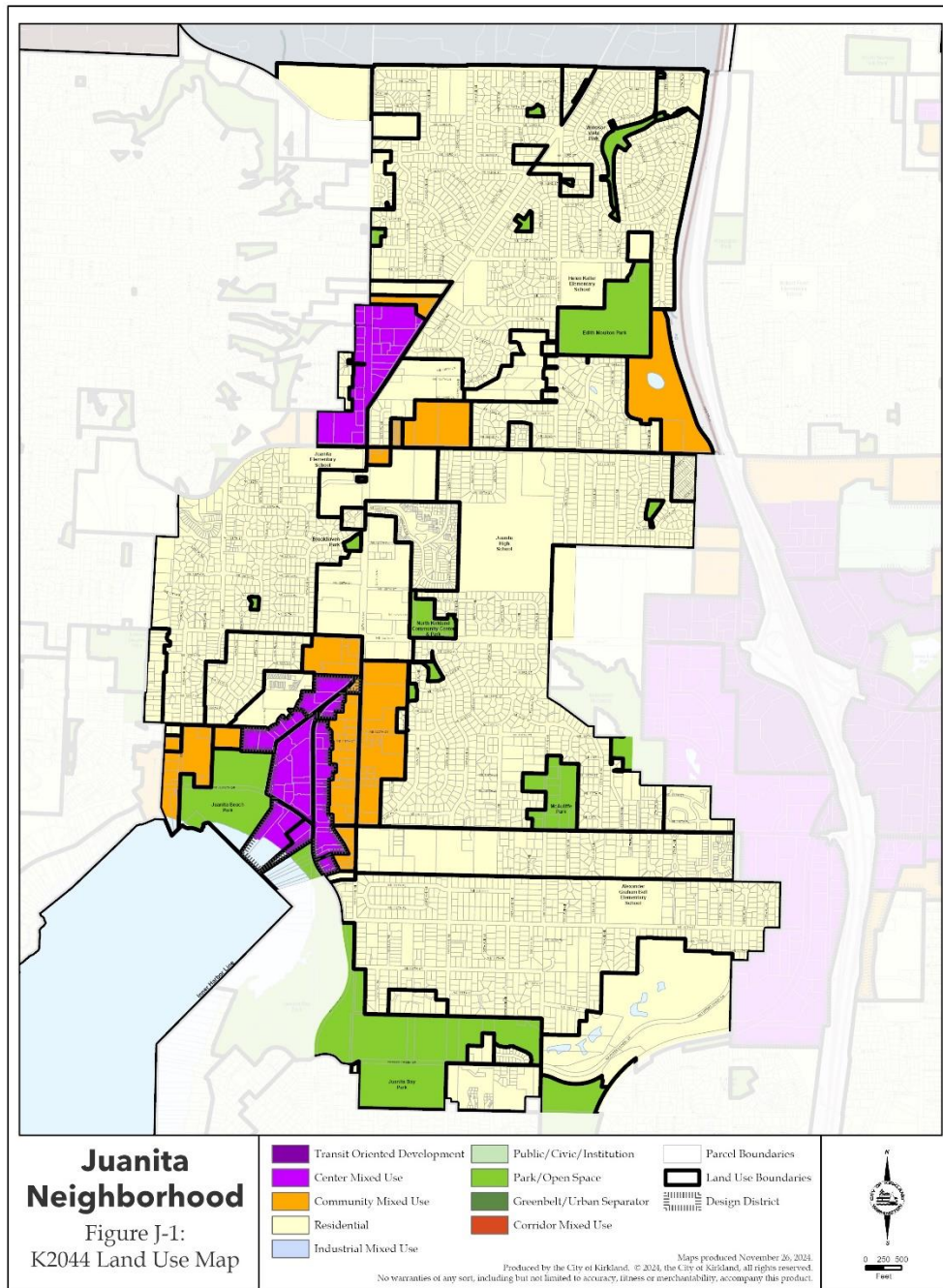
The Juanita Neighborhood contains a mix of land uses which support the neighborhood and enhance livability for all. Most of Juanita's land use is dedicated to residential use with varying intensities, and other uses include commercial mixed-use, areas with office and multi-unit residential designation, and many acres of parks and open space that are distributed throughout the neighborhood.

The Juanita Neighborhood Center, also known as the Juanita Business District, is situated along three principal arterials at NE 116th Street, Juanita Drive and 98th Avenue NE. The district is an important resource for the neighborhood and is anchored by Juanita Village, a thriving pedestrian-oriented commercial development. It is complemented by several recreational amenities found at the adjacent Juanita Bay Park and Juanita Beach Park.

The North Juanita Neighborhood Center area north of NE 132nd Street on 100th Avenue NE is the commercial and activity center for north Juanita. Shops and businesses here serve the local community, but new infill development and amenities would provide a wider variety of needed services, commercial options, housing and gathering places to improve the vitality of the area. Most of this Center is surrounded by two main arterials (100th Avenue NE and Juanita-Woodinville Way NE) which serve the area and provide an option to connect vehicular traffic to I-405 and the Bothell Highway.

Specific land use designations for the Juanita Neighborhood are illustrated in Figure J-1. These designations take into account several factors including the natural environment, existing land uses, proximity to shops and services, access to transit, proximity to regional connections, and other relevant concerns such as appropriate land uses for the future.

Figure J-1: Juanita Land Use Map



**Residential**

In general, most of Juanita’s housing capacity exists in areas near transit access and close to retail and shopping options, such as areas surrounding the Juanita Business District, near

Totem Lake, between the two neighborhood centers, and around the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The intent of the policies below is to encourage infill housing in all areas of the neighborhood in a way that is equitable and sustainable.

*Policy J-4: Foster a variety of housing types in residential areas that accommodate cultural and generational shifts in housing needs, welcome new residents, and supply housing for generations to come.*

New housing in the neighborhood could reflect emphasis on sustainable and eco-friendly housing, flexible and adaptable living spaces that accommodate telework and work from home areas, increased flexibility for home-based businesses, accommodations for multi-generational households, and a general demand for smaller efficient living in urban areas potentially driven by changing demographics such as household size.

*Policy J-5: Consider environmentally sensitive hillsides of Forbes Creek when regulating development intensities.*

Land use along Forbes Creek Drive consists almost entirely of park and open space with some single-unit detached homes, including a clustered small lot development. For seismic and flood hazard areas west of Planned Area 9, residential development allowances in the Kirkland Zoning Code should be considerate of these environmental constraints. The heavily vegetated nature of the slope should be maintained regardless of the allowed residential intensities.

*Policy J-6: Explore establishing minimum residential or other density requirements or other policies in the residential areas with higher density allowances to support the preservation and enhancement of neighborhood amenities and infrastructure.*

This policy aims to support and enhance existing amenities and infrastructure in Juanita by increasing the number of residents living in proximity to these amenities, thereby reducing the per capita cost of maintaining and accessing them. More intensive development in more established areas improves accessibility to public services, parks, schools and established street networks, helping to avoid underutilization or inefficient allocation of resources while fostering a vibrant and sustainable neighborhood.

*Policy J-7: Incentivize the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the neighborhood, with a focus on areas in close proximity to public transit access, Neighborhood Centers, schools, and recreation opportunities.*

*Policy J-8: Encourage transition strategies that allow maximum use intensity while emphasizing the importance of design coherence and scale sensitivity.*

## **Commercial**

Juanita contains two mixed use commercial neighborhood centers: the Juanita Neighborhood Center located between NE 116th Street and NE 124th Street and the



North Juanita Neighborhood Center located north of NE 132nd Street as described below (see Figure J-1).

### *Juanita Neighborhood Center*



The Juanita Neighborhood Center, also referred to as the Juanita Business District, is the historic, commercial and activity center of South Juanita (see Figure J-1 and JBD Section below). The district lies at the nexus of the community street network and transit corridor at NE 116th Street, Juanita Drive and 98th Avenue NE. It is complemented by Juanita Bay Park, Juanita Beach Park and access to Lake Washington. The boundaries of the Juanita Business District are shown on Figure J-2 and extend along 98th Avenue NE/NE 120th Place corridor, bordered by 97th Avenue to the west and 100th Avenue NE to the east.

The intersection of 98th Avenue NE and NE Juanita Drive is the first major intersection of the district as you enter from the south and has current and planned active transportation improvements and connections that support the mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented nature of Juanita Village and the surrounding development. Juanita Village encompasses most of the western portion of the District and includes housing with ground-level retail and service uses for residents, visitors, and employees of the area.

The portion of the District south of NE Juanita features more intensive residential development in the form of condominiums abutting Lake Washington, as well as office and commercial uses. East of 98th Avenue NE, the Juanita Business District generally narrows north to south and generally becomes less intensively developed. Land uses in this area include moderate-intensity residential, small-scale commercial, office, and business parks.

### **Juanita Business District: Vision for the District**

The Juanita Business District is envisioned as a vibrant focal point of the neighborhood, embodying a unique identity while fulfilling retail, housing, employment, and recreational needs of the Juanita community and beyond.

The District embraces the convenience and efficiency of consolidated shopping experiences and is a centralized hub offering a diverse range of goods and services. Business development sustains local commercial needs while welcoming diverse enterprises, ranging from retail stores



and restaurants to offices and educational institutions. Supermarkets, grocery stores, and other facilities that provide food and household items to meet daily needs are especially desired here, as the existing area is missing this crucial component of a pedestrian-oriented district. These services play a crucial role in ensuring food security and making the area a convenient and livable community.

Drawing from Juanita's rich history, the area celebrates its cultural heritage as an integral part of its identity. Cooperative public and private efforts should be encouraged to enhance natural features and protect nearby open space, ensuring a harmony between development and environmental preservation. The District continues to prioritize pedestrian access and gathering opportunities, fostering a sense of community and connectivity.

Infrastructure within the District is improved for safer, more efficient travel. Inclusive active transportation facilities are established, complemented by improved public transit services and the exploration of innovative transportation options such as a water taxi connection.

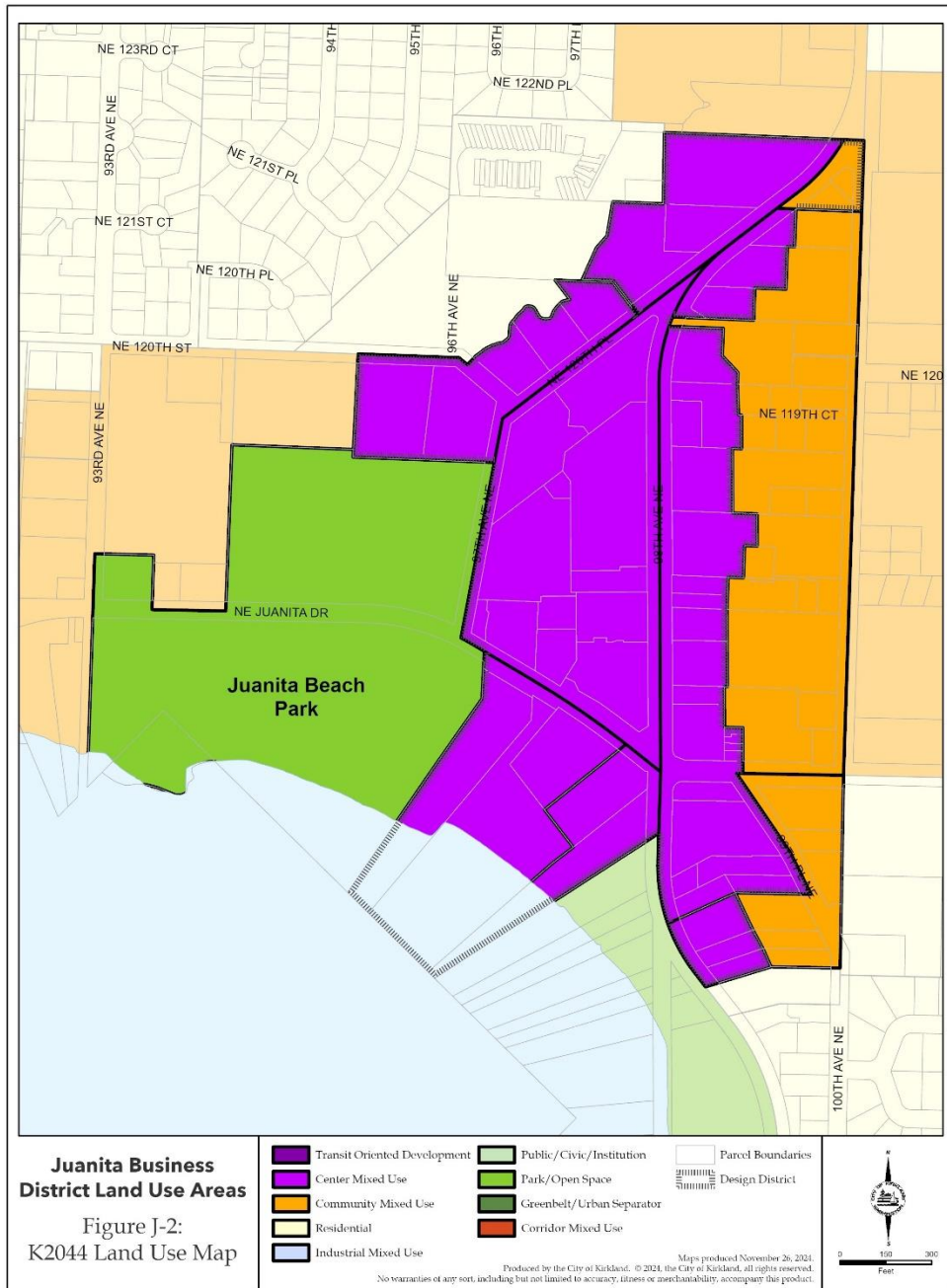
The following policies seek to achieve this vision and enhance the District as a livable, connected activity center for all.

#### *Local Merchants and Cultural Celebrations at the Juanita Friday Market*



Land Use Figure J-1 and Figure J-2 identify several subdistricts within the [Juanita Neighborhood Center](#).

Figure J-2: Juanita Business District Land Use Map



*Policy J-9: Promote access to Lake Washington, the adjacent parks, and other natural features of the shoreline by linking the Neighborhood Center to the recreation-oriented area through additional pathways and connections.*

*Policy J-10: Emphasize the District’s recreational assets as a major part of its identity by visually enhancing streetscapes, supporting a unified pedestrian system that connects to the environmental amenities of Juanita Bay, and implementing other pedestrian-oriented guidelines.*

Design regulations and Design Guidelines for Pedestrian-Oriented Business Districts are established for the Juanita Business District. The regulations will be implemented through a Design Review process described in the Zoning Code. The Guidelines include policies and concepts for parking lot landscaping and layout, pedestrian linkages through sites, public open space landscaping, signs, building materials, roof treatments, building placement, and other design elements.

*Policy J-11: Assess parking standards within the Juanita Neighborhood Center to ensure parking is available for all modes of transportation while promoting a pedestrian-focused environment.*

As parking requirements are reconsidered in this location and within the vicinity, special attention should be paid to the potential of overflow parking impacts on nearby streets, and mitigation strategies should be explored, including promoting bike and pedestrian access as a primary means of access.

*Policy J-12: Foster new development that supports, and is supported by, multimodal connections, housing, public gathering spaces, and neighborhood-serving retail uses such as grocery stores and markets.*

*Policy J-13: Establish public-private partnerships with appropriate property owners to create a trail or pedestrian path that connects Juanita Bay Park, Juanita Beach Park, and the Juanita Neighborhood Center to each other and local regional active transportation opportunities.*

An important objective in the District is to provide pedestrian connection between Juanita Bay Park and Juanita Beach Park. The City should work to identify potential easement rights to the properties between the two waterfront parks, as it could provide a critical pedestrian link needed to complete a recreation and multimodal trail. The trail should be completed where possible and clearly signed for use by the public and maintained properly.

*Policy J-14: As redevelopment occurs, require pedestrian-oriented and placemaking amenities such as public art, performance spaces, plazas, interactive installations, and street furniture.*

*Policy J-15: Use public and private efforts to install neighborhood gateway feature signs and landscaping or other features near the Juanita Neighborhood Center as development occurs.*

Gateway features such as signs or landscaping for the neighborhood serve as visual markers that distinguish the area and welcome the community. Placing these features strategically enhances the visibility and identity of the Center in relation to Juanita as a whole. Possible locations to consider for such gateway features include nearby transit stops and parking entrances, near major pathways leading to the area, and near historical landmarks. Details on proposed gateway features are discussed in the Design Guidelines for Pedestrian-Oriented Districts.

Intentional design strategies and landscaping should be utilized along 98th Avenue NE to create an attractive entrance into the business district and accommodate a neighborhood gateway feature.

*Policy J-16: Develop zoning standard and design guideline amendments for the JBD 4 zone that accommodate an increase in allowed height and residential intensity to support redevelopment viability and increase housing options. New standards should encourage consolidation of parcels to achieve a more integrated development and circulation plan, and should include an emphasis on neighborhood-serving grocery and retail uses, pedestrian amenities, active transportation connections, and safe and efficient ingress and egress.*

Mixed-use development with retail, office, and/or residential uses should be encouraged in non-wetland areas of the JBD 4 Zone as an effort to execute the vision of the Juanita Business District, as described in the Vision Statement and Land Use sections of this plan. The wetland area should be preserved and regulated in accordance with the critical area and shoreline management regulations in the Kirkland Zoning Code. Public access should be required as described in the Sustainability, Climate and Environment Element and Shoreline Area chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. Active transportation connections for those walking, biking and rolling should be supported by zoning standards to increase access opportunities to some of the District's most famous amenities, such as Juanita Village, Juanita Bay Park and Juanita Beach Park.

*Juanita Business District Zoning*



*Policy J-17: Identify opportunities to increase shoreline access within the neighborhood, provided that it does not negatively impact the sensitive areas.*

*Policy J-18: Increase pedestrian access opportunities between both Juanita Neighborhood Centers and their surrounding residential areas.*

## **North Juanita Neighborhood Center**

The North Juanita Neighborhood Center is the primary commercial and activity area in north Juanita (see Figure J-1). The center abuts two arterials, 100th Avenue NE and Juanita-Woodinville Way NE.

In 2014, the City conducted a corridor study for the 100th Avenue NE corridor, seeking to identify potential corridor-wide and localized spot enhancements to address issues related to traffic operations, safety, non-vehicular traffic safety and mobility, and midblock and business accessibility. The study aims to improve the overall corridor performance and safety for all modes of travel. The study was adopted in October of that year and the first phase of the project's construction was completed in 2020.

With increased access along this major north-south connection, the Center presents a unique opportunity for redevelopment and placemaking. Currently characterized by predominantly single-story commercial structures, this corridor is significantly underutilized, as the Kirkland Zoning Code allows for mixed-use development and heights which exceed the present single-story pattern.

Spanning both sides of 100th Avenue NE, this commercial strip supports a variety of both local and national chain businesses. A wider variety of uses should be encouraged to serve the neighborhood including restaurants, groceries, hardware stores, health centers, etc. Surface parking areas should be minimized and be located to the side or rear of buildings. Pedestrian pathways should connect uses on site and with adjacent properties.

The following policies seek to stimulate the revitalization the North Juanita Neighborhood Center using strategies such as infrastructure improvements, community gathering spaces, and development incentives for community-focused projects. These strategies will ultimately transform the area into a multi-functional destination that directly enables and supports affordable housing and sustainable, transit-supportive land use.

*Policy J-19: Stimulate the transformation of the North Juanita Neighborhood Center into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use area with diverse housing options at a variety of sizes, affordability, and ownership opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.*

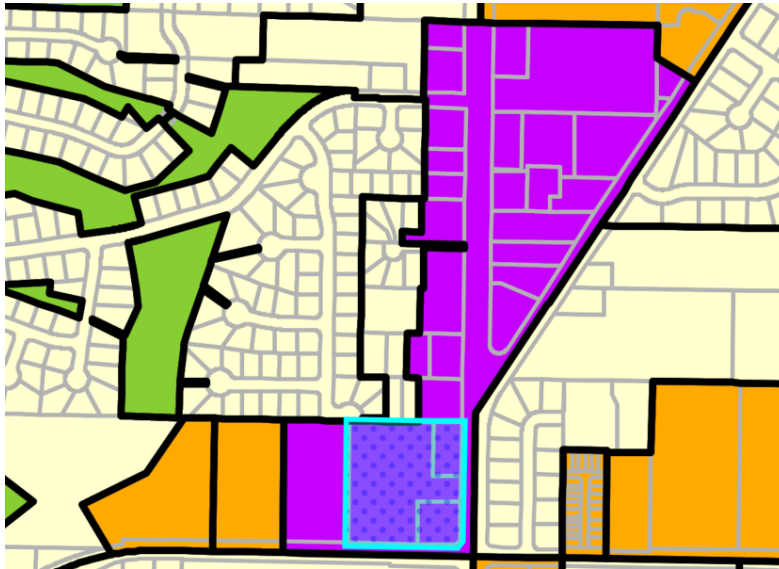
*Policy J-20: Develop zoning standard amendments and design guidelines for three aggregated parcels in the NW corner of 100th Avenue NE and NE 132nd Street that increase residential intensity and height allowances, encourage parcel consolidation, and enable an active, transit-supportive mixed-use site with commercial opportunities, housing variety, safe and efficient ingress and egress, and community gathering opportunities.*

Located at the southern border of the North Juanita Neighborhood Center, three aggregated parcels abutting both NE 132nd Street and 100th Avenue NE should receive increased capacity allowances to take advantage of an opportunity for additional housing at various levels of affordability that are within a walkable and rollable distance to goods, services, educational institutions, and community gathering spaces. Near term redevelopment of this site could serve



to catalyze broader infill and/or redevelopment in the district. Additional residential and commercial allowances aid in transitioning the Neighborhood Center into a thriving, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use hub as described in the Vision Statement section.

*Three Aggregated Parcels in the North Juanita Neighborhood Center – Highlighted in Blue*



Zoning standards should implement access, pedestrian and rolling connections, and transition strategies that allow maximum use intensity while emphasizing the importance of design coherence and scale sensitivity, as encouraged in the Land Use section.

*Policy J-21: Ensure that the development allowances in the North Juanita Neighborhood Center are supportive of increased transit service, equitable access to greenspace, and the mixed-use focus envisioned at the site.*

*Policy J-22: Establish a neighborhood gateway sign and landscaping or other features near the North Juanita Neighborhood Center as development occurs.*

*Policy J-23: Utilize zoning incentives and other techniques to encourage commercial redevelopment in the neighborhood center that will increase access to a variety of neighborhood-serving businesses.*

*Policy J-24: Foster new development in the residential areas surrounding the North Juanita Neighborhood Center that is supported by the retail and service opportunities, access to transit, multimodal connections, and public gathering spaces provided within the commercial area.*

## 5. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Environmental policies for the Juanita Neighborhood Plan strive to protect and enhance the quality and function of the natural ecosystems of Juanita, protect life and property from environmental hazards, and increase visual and direct access to the area's bountiful environmental amenities. Juanita contains geologically hazardous areas shown on Figures J-3a and J-3b, which include moderate and high landslide slopes and seismic hazard soils. Juanita also contains Juanita and Forbes Creeks within the South Juanita Slope, Juanita Creek and Forbes Creek drainage basins (see Figure J-4). Natural features help maintain water quality, help replenish underground water sources, sustain wildlife and fish habitats, and provide highly valued opportunities for the community to connect with nature. The current Kirkland Zoning Code ensures that activity in these areas addresses risks and impacts associated with development.

*Juanita Creek*



Primary areas at risk for moderate and high landslide include the southeast slope of Finn Hill, southwest of the Heronfield Wetlands, the South Juanita Slope on the east and west sides of 100th Avenue NE and along the south and north side of Forbes Creek Drive.

Limitations on development in geologically hazardous areas are described within the Zoning Code and in the Sustainability, Climate and Environment Element.

The Valley portion contains Forbes Creek and areas subject to uneven settlement and flooding due to wetlands and streams. Much of the Forbes Creek Valley area has been identified as a Flood Hazard and Seismic Hazard Area. These flood areas are designated by the Federal



Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Also, Forbes Creek and its associated stream corridor should be maintained in a natural condition to allow for natural drainage as well as possible salmon spawning (see Environment Element).

The hillsides north and south of Juanita Bay and Forbes Creek Drive also contain streams and ravines which flow into the Juanita Creek and Forbes Creek drainage basins. In order to ensure these streams, ravines and slopes are preserved in their most natural condition and minimize disturbance of unstable slopes, Natural Greenbelt Protective Easements should be established wherever feasible. Trees are prominent on these slopes from many vantages and help to reduce erosion on steep slopes. These tree stands, as well as others in the neighborhood, should remain to provide opportunities for wildlife corridors and help meet the City's urban forest goal to provide an overall 40% tree canopy coverage.

Many of the minor creeks feeding Juanita Creek have been culverted, which speeds flow and eliminates natural filtration. Daylighting streams to remove them from culverts should be undertaken whenever possible. The City has made improvements to portions of Juanita Creek to reduce erosion and restoration projects, such as at Juanita Beach Park. The City should continue efforts to rehabilitate Juanita Creek as a priority in its Capital Improvement Program. Volunteer community groups also work to enhance this resource.

The policies found in the Sustainability, Climate and Environment Element and Shoreline Area Chapter should be observed along with the policies described in this section when reviewing development proposals in Juanita to ensure the protection of the drainage, habitat, and aesthetic functions of the area's natural resources.

Figure J-3a: Juanita Landslide Susceptibility

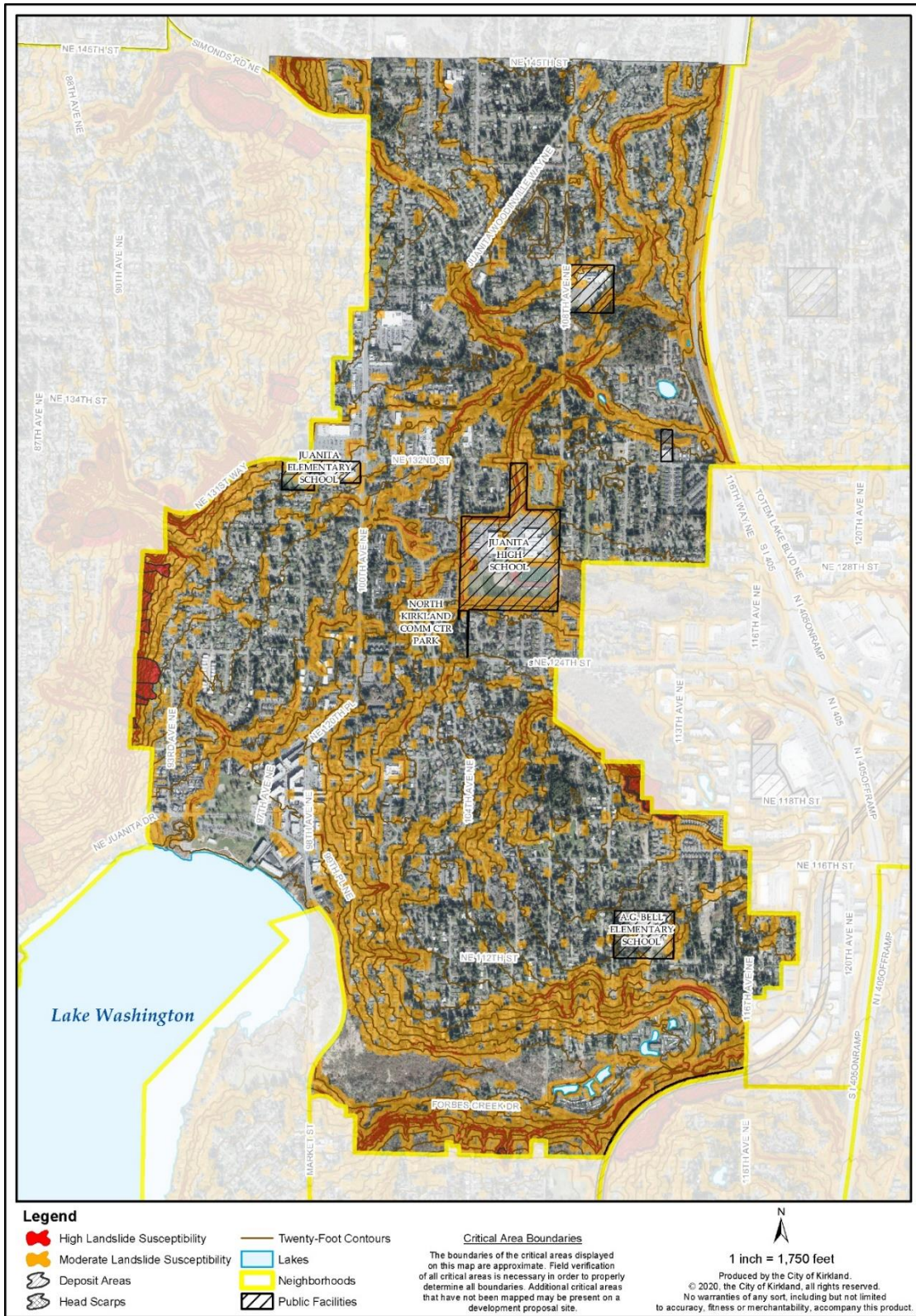




Figure J-3b: Juanita Liquefaction Potential

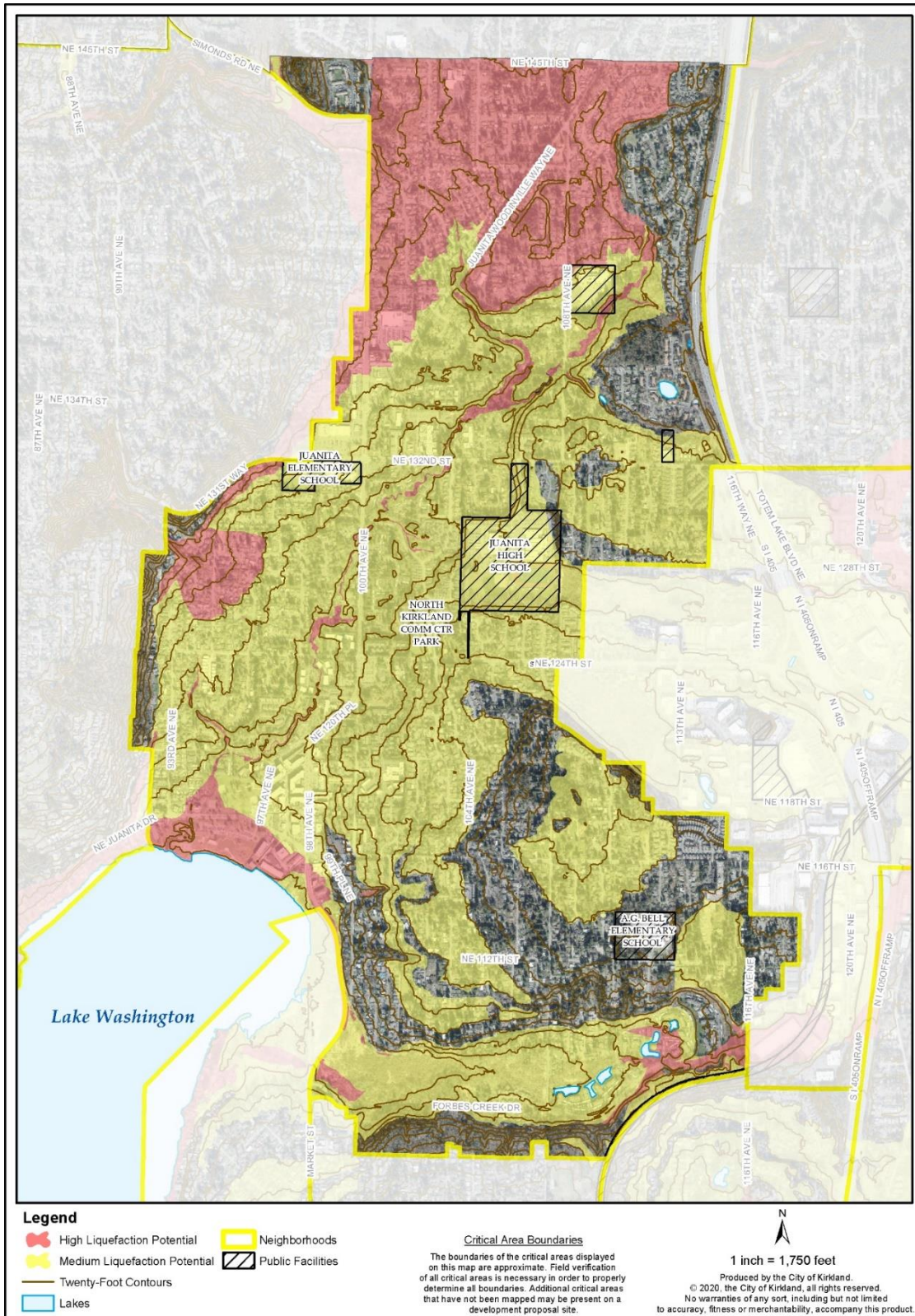
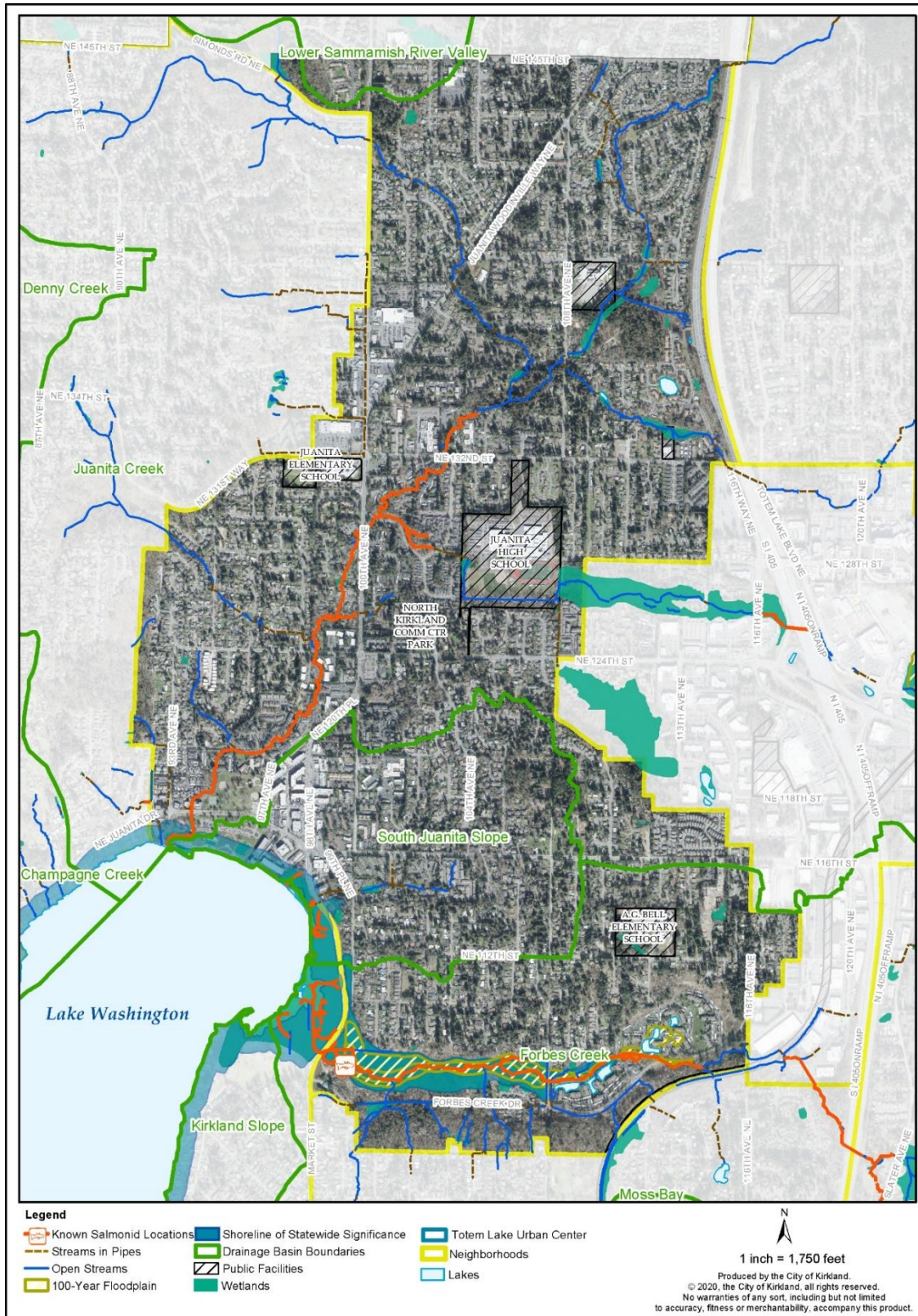




Figure J-4: Juanita Wetlands, Streams, and Lakes



*Policy J-25: Sustainably manage and restore neighborhood tree canopy levels to enhance biodiversity and stabilize geologically hazardous areas and critical area environments.*

*Policy J-26: Undertake measures to protect and improve water quality and promote fish passage in Lake Washington and neighborhood wetlands, streams and wildlife corridors.*

*Policy J-27: Develop strategies to protect and preserve native flora and fauna within the neighborhood.*

*Policy J-28: Restore and enhance neighborhood streams and wetlands and provide publicly accessible views and direct access to the extent feasible without impacting the natural ecological function of the sites.*

*Policy J-29: Utilize natural storm drainage systems as one measure to protect the Juanita Creek and Forbes Creek Drainage Basins.*

## 6. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

There are several publicly owned parks in the Juanita Neighborhood that provide park, recreation and open space amenities, offer public access to the lake, and protect sensitive and natural areas (see Figure J-1). Planned enhancements and recreational activities within the parks are contained in the citywide Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Element and (PROS) Plan.

The neighborhood includes two regional parks, Juanita Bay Park and Juanita Beach Park. Juanita Bay Park, established under a development plan (formerly referenced as a master plan), offers wildlife watching, a boardwalk, trails and passive recreation opportunities in and around a large wetland system. Juanita Beach Park, also developed under a development plan, contains 25 acres and is a focal point for the Juanita Neighborhood Center and provides waterfront access and a balanced mix of active and passive recreation opportunities while protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Juanita Creek and the associated wetlands located within the Park underwent restoration as part of the development planning process. The Juanita Beach Park Master Plan seeks to provide a safe, multi-generational community park that meets the needs of the community and acknowledges the history of the park site and the surrounding neighborhood.

*Policy J-30: Maintain wooded open spaces within the Forbes Creek Valley to preserve the natural features, benefits and character of the area.*

The southeast slope of Finn Hill, the slope northeast of NE 121st Place, and Forbes Valley are important open spaces for the neighborhood. Significant stands of trees should be preserved as described in the Natural Environment section of this plan.

The dominant visual quality of the lower Forbes Valley is one of wooded areas and open space. This area is recognized as a significant regional open space and is preserved as an extension of Juanita Bay Park. The area's ecological and drainage connections to Lake Washington place it under the jurisdiction of the state Shoreline Management Act. The primary policy focus for the Forbes Valley is to maintain it as a large open space to protect critical environmental functions.

*Policy J-31: Prioritize establishing new neighborhood park area in the recently annexed portions of North Juanita as emphasized in the Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan.*

Even with the acquisition of the McAuliffe Park, Juanita Beach Park and annexation of Edith Moulton Park, Juanita could benefit from additional park facilities and parkland given the size of the neighborhood. General areas where parks are most needed are southwest and northeast portions of North Juanita as shown in Figure J-1 and as noted in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

Juanita has open space tracts that were originally part of the subdivisions and subsequently purchased by King County. These are part of the City's Open Space System but are storm water facilities managed by the Public Works Department. Other open space parcels are private storm water facilities. The City maintains those facilities located in easements or tracts that are part of



single-family developments, but they are not part of the City's open space system.

*Policy J-32: Recognize and promote the role the North Kirkland Community Center plays in the Juanita Neighborhood and in the wider Kirkland community.*

The North Kirkland Community Center and Park is another recreation activity focal point for the neighborhood. Home to one of only two community centers citywide, the five-acre site with a recreation center and playground has been identified in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) as in need of redevelopment to provide additional capacity and amenities. In light of this, effort should be taken to acquire public pedestrian easements over lands surrounding the park for additional access to it.

### *North Kirkland Community Center*



Source: Homes.com

*Policy J-33: Coordinate partnerships with schools to provide recreational facilities to the public, including Juanita High School.*

Other than the City's park system, there are many ways recreation opportunities are met in Kirkland. Local area private and public schools are identified in the PROS Plan as areas with ample open space that could offer recreational opportunities to the general public. The City partners with the Lake Washington School District to provide joint use of Juanita Elementary School recreational facilities that help meet the community's needs for recreation after school hours and during the summer. The City should continue a partnership with schools to provide recreational facilities to residents, including Juanita High School.



## 7. TRANSPORTATION

The neighborhood has several arterial streets that are heavily traveled by local residents, visitors, and commuters, including 100th Avenue NE, NE 116th Street, NE 124th Street, NE 132nd Street, Juanita Drive, and Juanita-Woodinville Way NE (Figure J-5). These streets connect the Juanita neighborhood to I-405, Bothell, and other Kirkland neighborhoods including Totem Lake and Finn Hill. While these arterials provide excellent vehicle connectivity, future improvements of the transportation system in Juanita should recognize the need for accessible, convenient alternatives to private vehicle trips, so that public transit, walking, cycling and rolling become more desirable. Particular focus should be given to multimodal connections to public transit, including Sound Transit's Stride Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line on I-405, and to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

The following policies seek to prioritize safety within a balanced transportation system and aim to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles.

### **Streets**

*Policy J-34: Enhance local and regional mobility for all modes of transportation.*

The arterial corridors identified above should be prioritized for transit and active transportation improvements, as described in the Transportation Strategic Plan.

*Policy J-35: Promote safety and reduced speeds throughout the neighborhood.*

Utilize the neighborhood traffic control program to implement neighborhood traffic calming measures where substantiated by engineering traffic studies.

### **Pedestrian/Bicycle Circulation and Active Transportation**

*Policy J-36: Encourage frequent public transit service through strategic land use decisions along 100th Ave NE and NE 124th Street, and near key destinations within the neighborhood, such as parks, both Neighborhood Centers, and Juanita High School.*

*Policy J-37: Improve intersection at 98th Ave NE and NE Juanita Drive to enhance pedestrian safety.*

*Policy J-38: Encourage land uses that would support a water-based transit connection to other local destinations and provide recreational opportunities.*

*Policy J-39: Encourage and prioritize active transportation and mobility in Juanita by providing access easements, appropriate facilities and low-stress infrastructure for people to walk, bike, and roll to neighborhood destinations and public transit hubs safely.*

*Policy J-40: Encourage new walking, biking and rolling connections through the neighborhood that link new and existing development with transit and recreational opportunities.*

When reviewing development proposals, attention should be given to improving and establishing pedestrian connections from the developments to King County Metro and Sound Transit connections within Kirkland, as well as parks.

*Policy J-41: Enable convenient access to public transit by integrating public transit with other modes of transportation.*

As described in the Transportation Strategic Plan, enhancing transit ridership levels in the neighborhood requires seamless integration between different modes of transportation, and increased densities. This integration can be achieved through physical infrastructure like bike

racks near bus waiting areas, exploring micromobility programs, or designated areas for ride-sharing pickups at transit stops. See the Transportation Element and Transportation Strategic Plan for citywide goals and objectives to connect walking, biking and rolling to transit.

*Policy J-42: The following improvements throughout Juanita are identified as priorities for the neighborhood, either when private development occurs or when public funding becomes available:*

- *Bicycle lanes along 100th Ave NE to connect both Neighborhood Centers.*
- *Bicycle route between Finn Hill, Juanita Beach Park, the Cross Kirkland Corridor*
- *Recommended neighborhood greenways in Juanita.*
- *Improvements at NE 132nd Street to provide safe access to and from Finn Hill, particularly near Juanita Elementary.*
- *Gateway feature and improved pedestrian crossings at NE 145th Street and 100th Avenue NE intersection.*
- *Multimodal connection from 95th Place NE to the Juanita Neighborhood Center.*
- *Multimodal connection from the lakeshore to the Cross Kirkland Corridor by way of Forbes Creek Drive.*
- *Safety, traffic and pedestrian infrastructure improvements along principal arterials surrounding Juanita High School*

Further discussion of planned transportation improvements are described in the Transportation Element and Transportation Strategic Plan.

*Policy J-43: Identify opportunities to support multimodal connections between the Brickyard Road Park and Ride in Bothell and Windsor Vista Park, Edith Moulton Park, and Jasper's Dog Park to Juanita High School and the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC).*

Providing nonvehicular connections to parks, open space, and regional transit is a priority for the City and the Juanita neighborhood. When feasible or as public funding becomes available, the City should work to connect the key neighborhood locations mentioned above. The connections established may take form in various ways such as neighborhood greenways, sidewalks, protected bike lanes, or other off-street pathways or trails, to enable users to reach their destination safely.

The Brickyard Road Park and Ride, located in the City of Bothell, serves as a regional transit amenity for surrounding communities. As the connections reach the northern city boundary, coordination with the City of Bothell will be necessary to establish and support this new connection.

*A Pedestrian Trail to connect the Juanita Neighborhood to transportation opportunities and destinations is a strong desire of the community*



Figure J-5: Juanita Street Classifications

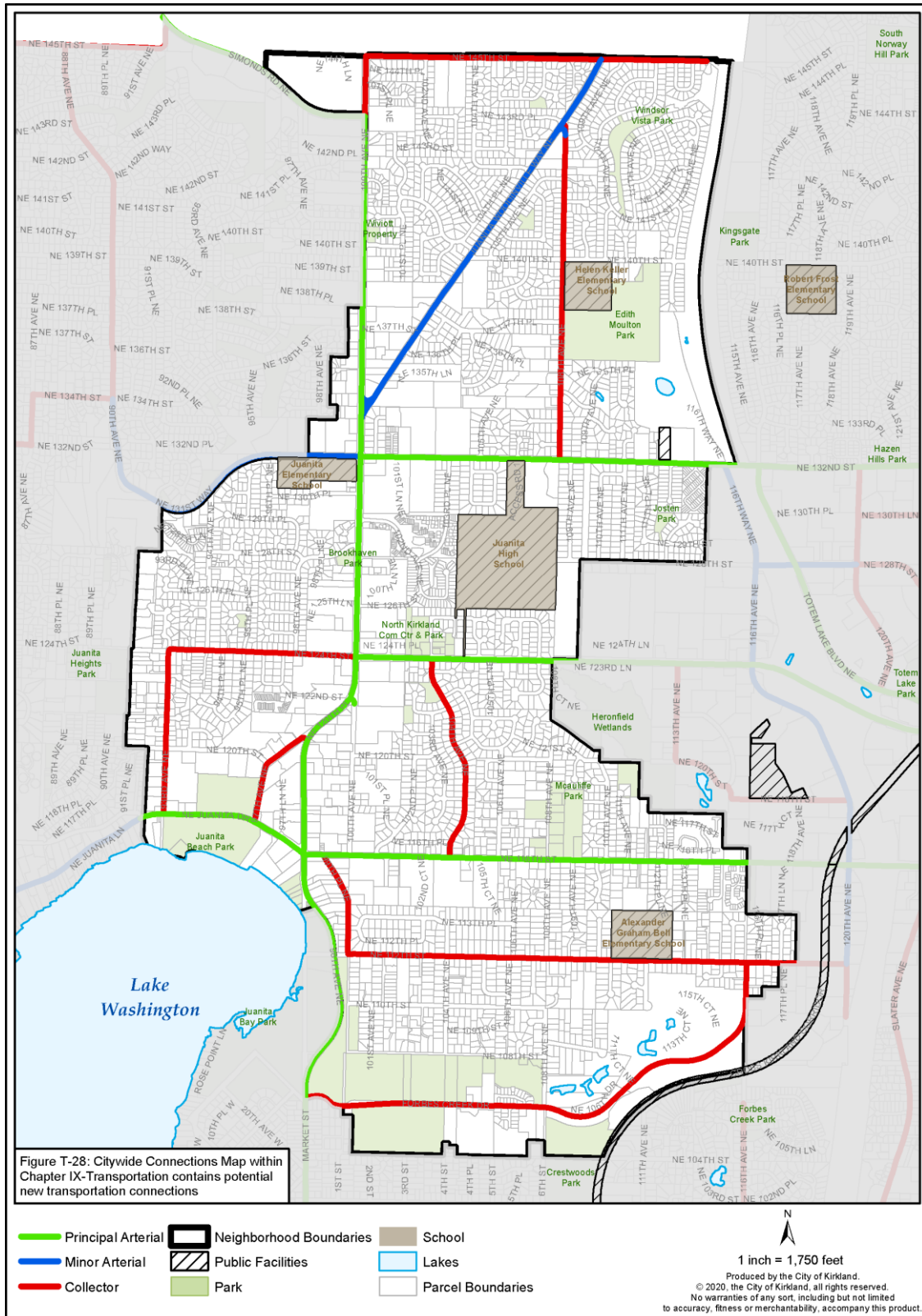




Figure J-6: Juanita Bicycle System

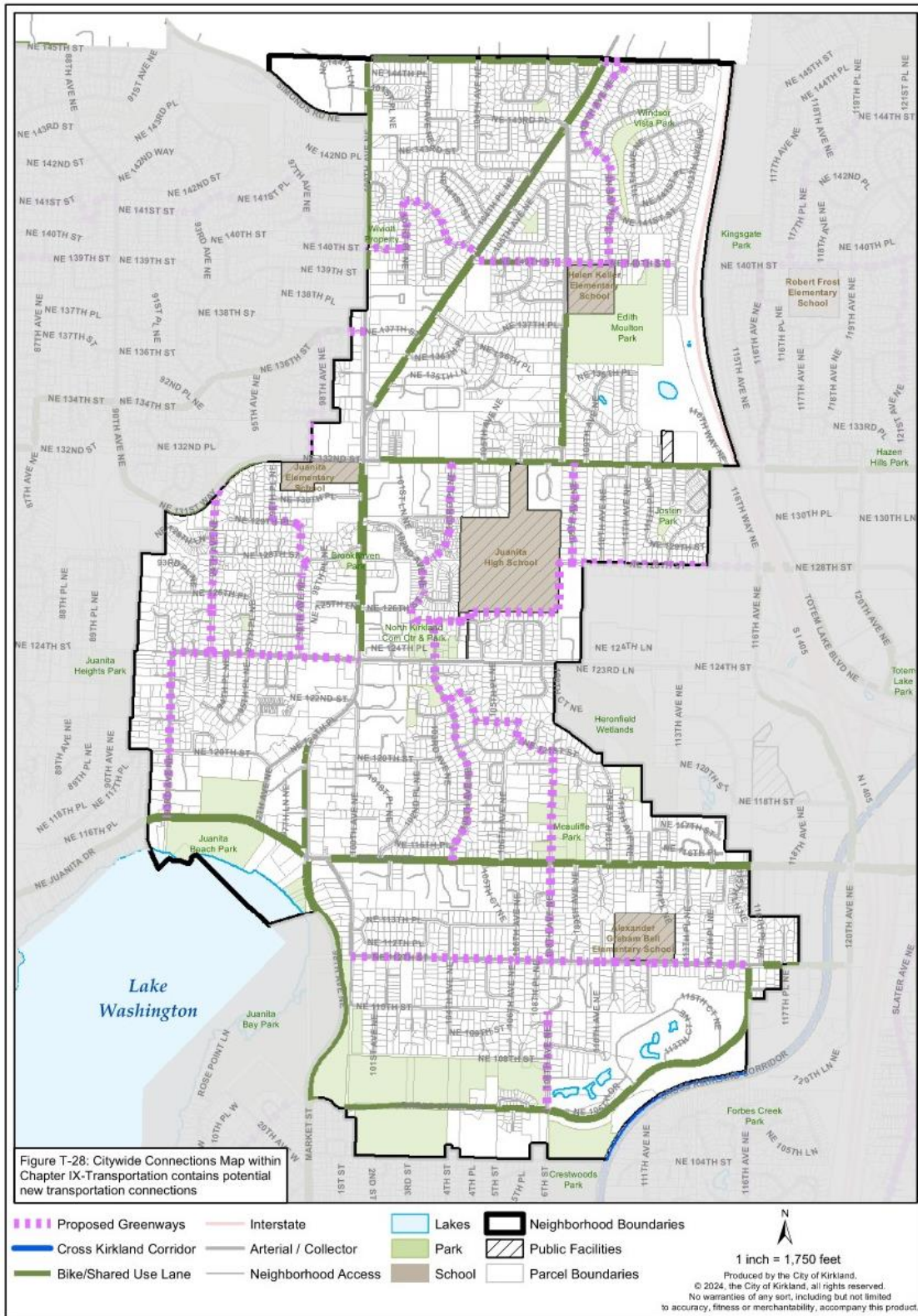


Figure J-7: Juanita Pedestrian System

