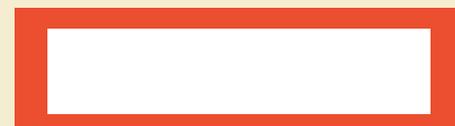


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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACT	Action Community Team. The North Delridge Action Plan community advisory committee
DGC	Delridge Grocery Cooperative
DNDA	Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association
DON	Department of Neighborhoods
FEEST	Food Empowerment Education Sustainability Team
HALA	Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda
HLA	Healthy Living Assessment
HSD	Human Services Department
KCD	King Conservation District
NDS	Natural Drainage Systems
NMF	Neighborhood Matching Fund
NPSF	Neighborhood Parks and Streets Fund
NSF	Neighborhood Street Fund
OED	Office of Economic Development
OH	Office of Housing
OPCD	Office of Planning and Community Development
OSE	Office of Sustainability and the Environment
PHSKC	Public Health – Seattle King County
PICH	Partnerships in Community Health
POEL	Public Outreach and Engagement Liaison
SDCI	Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
SDOT	Seattle Department of Transportation
SPR	Seattle Parks and Recreation
SPU	Seattle Public Utilities
SWYFS	Southwest Youth and Family Services



**“DELRIDGE IS DIVERSE,
CHANGING, AND
GROWING”**



Volunteers and students will work with artist Louis Chinn and others to design and paint the 210-foot retaining wall across from the Delridge Skate Park, adding depth, color and art along the busy thoroughfare.

The North Delridge Action Plan confirms and updates priorities in the Delridge Neighborhood Plan, and identifies community and City steps to take action.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DELDRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN & ACTION PLAN

In 1999, the Delridge community worked together to create the Delridge Neighborhood Plan to support community development, manage growth and advocate for needed improvements. This North Delridge Action Plan (Action Plan) confirms the vision of the 1999 Neighborhood Plan, identifies current priorities and specifies steps the community, organizations and agencies can take to achieve the neighborhood vision. It also links the community's priorities to infrastructure initiatives in order to make the most of public investments.

ISSUE AREAS The North Delridge Action Community Team (ACT) balanced community input, defined issues and priorities, and identified specific community and City actions addressing these issue areas.

Supported & Engaged Community Our vision is of a community where all people feel safe and welcome, have access to meaningful employment and have the opportunity to live their lives to the fullest potential, sustain their cultures, and meet their needs. Delridge is a neighborhood rich with people from many backgrounds who are eager to work together. We have collectively invested in developing strong community-oriented organizations. Neighborhood assets reflect the community and are equitably accessed.

Dynamic Neighborhood Destinations We continue to work toward building neighborhood destinations where people gather, shop and get needed services. We have taken great strides by founding the Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association and developing places like the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, Brandon Place, the Delridge Branch Library, and we have welcomed several new restaurants. We are ready to leverage our work and investments stimulate more economic development.

Access to Affordable, Healthy Food Most Delridge residents are faced with the task of making long, multi-stop trips to gather the food we need. Community initiatives like the Delridge Grocery Cooperative, Little Red Hen Project and the Delridge P-Patch are helping to bring healthy, affordable food to Delridge. We seek to provide food security for all Delridge residents - where it is easy to get healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food.

Active Transportation Choices Delridge strives for a transportation network that links Delridge to surrounding areas, and that makes walking, biking and taking transit easy choices. New bike lanes, greenways and crosswalks have made it easier to get around, but the incomplete road and sidewalks network present challenges. Overcoming this requires creative solutions.

Parks & Cultural Facilities that Support a Healthy Community

Delridge is a community of different neighborhoods, knit together by its natural features, parks and trails. It also has many community and cultural organizations. Community initiatives and City levies have created substantial improvements like the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail and Delridge Day. We want to build on these to ensure that they take a lead role in meeting the needs of all people, and supporting active, healthy and fulfilling lives.

Transformed Longfellow Creek Watershed It also seeks coordinated City efforts to address drainage and flooding issues by better guiding development, improving the Longfellow Creek Basin, creating green elements that welcome the rain – storing, draining, and cleaning it – sustaining the natural & built environments.

Priority Actions

Diverse community members and local organizations will work with the City to take on their near-term priorities to create lasting change.

- 1. Economic Development** - Engage businesses and residents to create a business support and economic development strategy.
- 2. Delridge - Where Nature, Art and Culture Collide** - Maximize the impact of community events like Delridge Day, Art in Nature, and DNDA's Cultural Series to engage Delridge's diverse communities and establish a strong identity for the community.
- 3. Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor** - Create a multimodal corridor that provides safe transportation connections to community destinations for people of all ages and abilities, supports economic development and improves the character of Delridge and the community destinations along it.
- 4. Access to Affordable, Healthy Food** - Support the Delridge Grocery Cooperative and other initiatives to establish a grocery store and other outlets that provides access to affordable, healthy food.
- 5. Brandon Connector** - Improve SW Brandon St. to connect Camp Long with the east side of Delridge Way, and eventually to Puget Ridge and South Seattle College.
- 6. Green Stormwater Infrastructure** - Implement natural drainage systems projects at key locations to improve drainage by installing roadside raingardens and sidewalks where they are none.



HOW THIS PLAN IS ORGANIZED

INTRODUCTION provides background on neighborhood planning, describes the community development framework, and outlines why the community and City joined to create this Action Plan.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT summarizes the process through which community members provided guidance and invaluable information. It includes the various methods used to reach out to and engage Delridge neighbors and stakeholders.

HEALTHY LIVING FRAMEWORK describes the Healthy Living Framework and how the North Delridge Action Plan project uses this to inform community conversations, identify gaps and priorities in the community, and develop strategies that have tangible outcomes.

GOALS, POLICIES, & STRATEGIES specifies the key component of this Action Plan. The Goals, Policies and Strategies build upon one another to help fulfill our shared vision for Delridge. They are a distillation of multiple community conversations. The various components of the Action Plan will guide the City and community's work as well as inform future development that occurs in the neighborhood. The Action Plan establishes five priorities including: a community where all people can live their lives to the fullest potential; parks and natural environment that support a healthy neighborhood; great neighborhood destinations; a complete transportation network where walking biking and taking transit are easy choices; and access to affordable, healthy food. Each priority includes a vision discussion, associated goals, policies and implementation strategies.

APPENDIX includes these supporting documents:

- **Strategy and Action Matrix**, a living implementation document that provides a list of potential strategies, the priority of each strategy identified through the community engagement process, and some examples of actions and their potential implementation parties and resources as suggested by the community and the City.
- **Delridge's Vision for its Parks and Cultural Facilities** identifies how the neighborhood's parks and cultural assets can play a lead role in reducing health inequities.
- **Outreach and Engagement Summary** lists the events and meetings where community members came together to share their priorities for North Delridge.
- **Healthy Living Assessment** evaluates indicators for food access, physical activity and equitable development.
- **Planning a Healthy Delridge: Programs and Strategies for Active Living & Food Access** identifies ways to improve the physical and social environment to reduce health inequities.
- **Health Impact Assessment: Seattle's Delridge Multimodal Improvement Project** conducted by the University of Washington Health Impact Assessment.

INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WHY?

In the 1990s, people from 38 Seattle neighborhoods created 20-year visions for how their neighborhoods would grow. This work was done as part of the Seattle Comprehensive Plan initiative, a citywide effort that sought to “preserve the best quality of Seattle’s distinct neighborhoods while responding positively and creatively to the pressures of change and growth.” The Neighborhood Plans provided a way for local knowledge and priority-setting, as well as City expertise, to guide our “creative response” to growth.

In the following years there were significant changes in Seattle’s neighborhoods, including housing growth and major investments in public amenities. Also, the population of the city greatly diversified, requiring new civic engagement strategies. In 2008, the City began renewing the plans through broad and inclusive discussions—to reflect current conditions, and to update work plans to identify actions that help achieve each community’s vision. Since then thousands of Seattleites have created plan updates and action plans in the North Beacon Hill, North Rainier, Othello, Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake, Rainier Beach and Central Area neighborhoods.

Through these efforts, the City learned that the neighborhood plan vision, goals and policies generally remain relevant, but people want to address specific issues (e.g., sidewalks, open space, business vitality) and/or broader social issues (e.g., displacement, health inequities, education, youth opportunities). These are pressing issues that call for a more dynamic, community development approach. There is also a need to maximize the impact of public improvements, private investments and community will, at creating greater change toward community and City goals. As a result of this experience the City adopted a new planning approach “Place- Based Community Development” for implementing plans, and building community capacity to leverage change.

The North Delridge Action Plan is a place-based community development project. Through an inclusive community engagement process, it aims to confirm and update visions in the neighborhood plan, develop a shared vision, and create a framework for actions that take advantage of City and private resources and investments.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

It is important for the community and the City to work together to manage change and seize opportunities. This Action Plan articulates community goals so that the City, developers and neighborhood residents can work together to bring about a shared vision for Delridge. The Action Plan provides community direction and coordinated strategies to help direct the following City projects in Delridge. In addition to providing input into these specific projects, the plan is opportunistic, identifying community aspirations in order to inspire people to get grants, and help shape future funding decisions, influence routine actions, or take advantage of other opportunities that come along.

Delridge Multimodal Corridor Project

Delridge Way SW is a critical local and regional transportation corridor for all travel modes. It is home to some of Seattle’s most diverse neighborhoods who could benefit from affordable and convenient transportation choices. The corridor project looks to transform the corridor into a safer and healthier public space with predictable network connections for all travelers, while supporting and initiating economic development and upgrading transit service

Longfellow Creek Watershed Natural Drainage Systems Project

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is undertaking the Longfellow Creek Basin Natural Drainage Systems as part of Seattle’s Long Term Control Plan that will substantially reduce combined sewer overflows. Also known as roadside raingardens or green stormwater infrastructure, natural drainage systems can slow or reduce polluted runoff by capturing it and cleaning it before it harms our waterways. SPU is working to partner with local residents and community organizations to identify areas to build rain gardens along residential streets.

Delridge’s Vision for its Parks and Cultural Facilities

In response to input about how much people value the Delridge’s parks and cultural facilities, and a recognition that these assets could a leading role in supporting a healthy community, the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) used a Partnerships in Community Health grant to complete the Delridge Vision for Parks and Cultural Facilities (see Appendix A) that identifies strategies for increasing use of parks and addressing health inequities through the maintenance, development and programming of parks facilities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

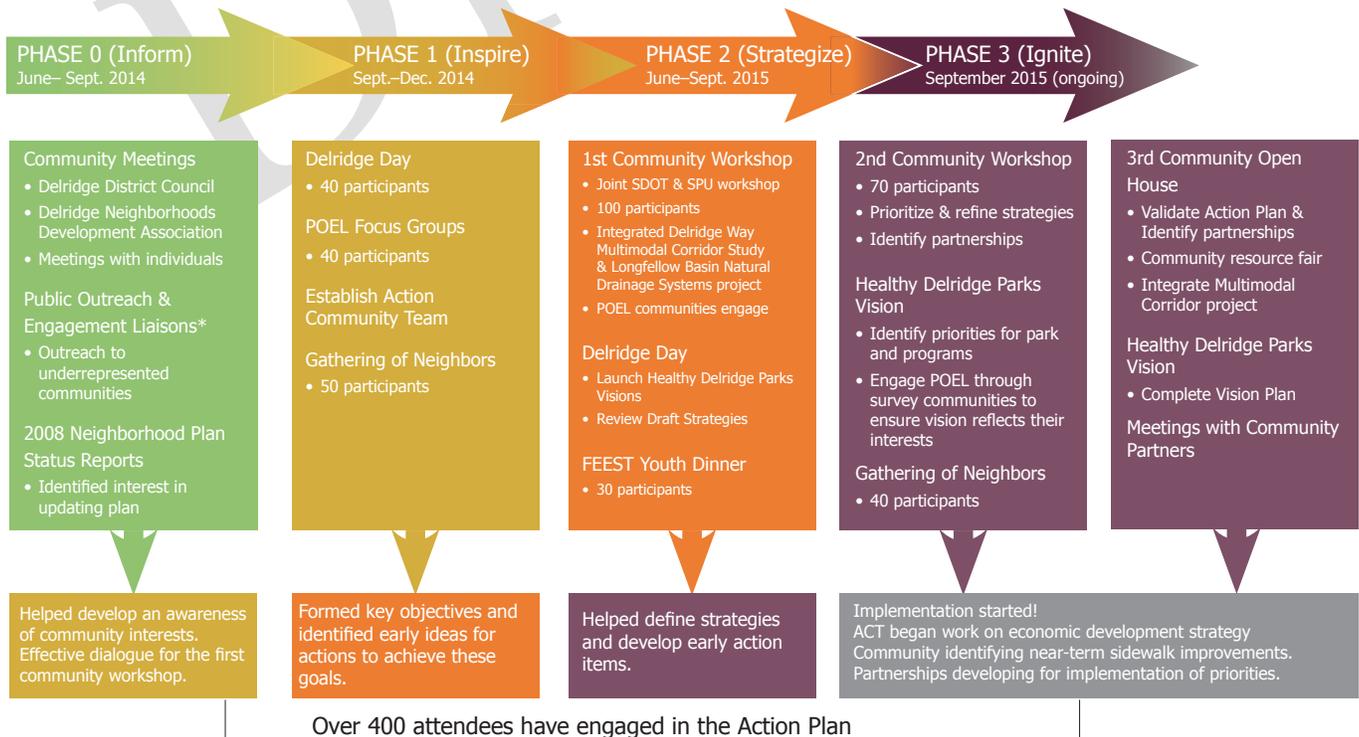
Starting in mid-2014, City staff from the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) and Department of Neighborhoods (DON) began working with a cross-section of community members to assess and address those conditions that have changed since the 1999 Neighborhood Plan. New neighbors and new voices worked with those who participated in the planning over twenty years ago. Through hands-on and interactive workshops, focus group meetings, individual workshops, in-person interviews, business canvassing, and online surveys, neighbors used a variety of ways to become and stay involved in the project.

Inclusive outreach and engagement was a primary objective of the planning process. A broad range of community stakeholders who live, work, play, attend school, own property, own a business, worship or have other personal and/or professional interest in the planning area engaged in the planning. Bicultural and/or bilingual Public Outreach and Engagement Liaisons (POELs) also connected with five historically underrepresented communities to hear the voices of youth, Latino, Somali, Vietnamese and Cambodian communities. The POELs helped to strengthen the bridge between the City, community members, organizations and businesses. This effort was necessary in order to build relationships with those who were new to the planning discussion, and to provide sufficient background information to help them participate effectively. POELs went beyond translation and interpretation to create culturally-appropriate opportunities for dialogue about planning,

facilitate deeper understanding of community issues, and provide an atmosphere that promotes richer input.

At the initial phase of the project, from early June to November of 2014, the POELs and City staff informed the community about the project, asked for input into the project objectives, and encouraged people to volunteer for the North Delridge Action Community Team (ACT). Individuals from a variety of backgrounds and included community members, representatives from community-based organizations, business owners and historically underrepresented community members provided input through various ways such as focus groups, in-person interviews, and community meetings. During this phase, approximately 50 individuals from historically underrepresented communities engaged with POELs. Approximately 70 stopped by our booth at Delridge Day to share what they love about Delridge, what Delridge needs and suggest things we should work on. At Gathering of Neighbors, about two dozen community members sat down at tables to map issues and opportunities, and provided information about the neighborhood through an audience response system. These conversations and feedback helped reach the broader Delridge community, and get a better understanding of the assets, issues, and opportunities to be explored.

The City formed the ACT to work in partnership with the City and the community to balance the different interests of the community with the goal of developing a shared



* This project's Public Outreach & Engagement Liaisons include Vietnamese, Cambodian, Somali, Spanish-speaking, and youth communities.

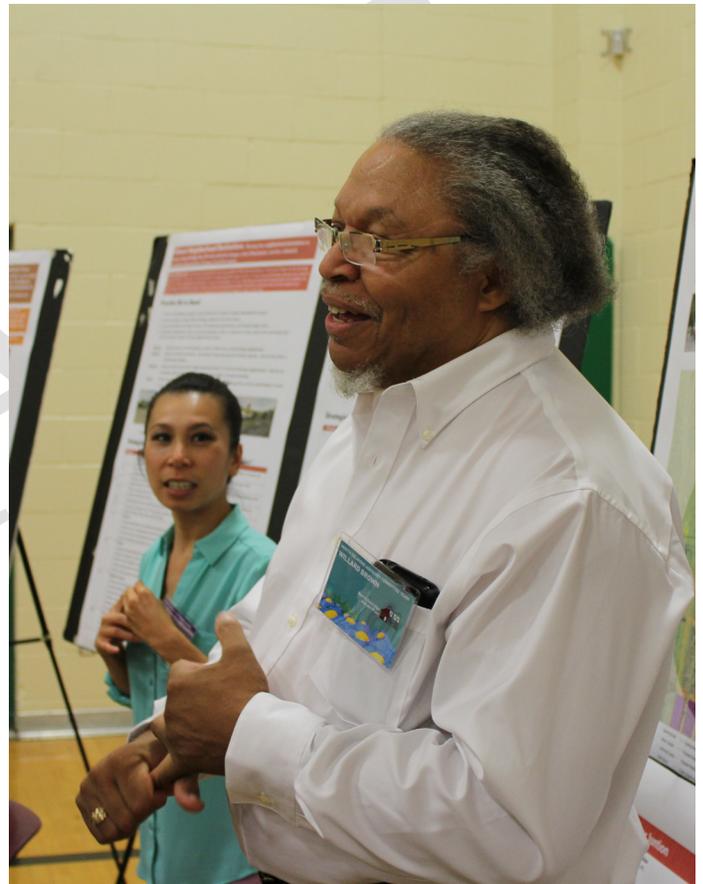


vision and implementation plan. The ACT consists of local leaders representing different backgrounds and interests. The ACT is also the leading entity for the implementation of the Action Plan and oversees the Action Teams. Action Teams are hands-on work groups/implementation bodies consisting of diverse community members. The Action Teams work with the community and the City to take on projects that create lasting change.

At the first community-wide workshop in June 2015, held at the Southwest Teen Life Center, 75 participants with diverse backgrounds, race, ages, and interests reviewed preliminary strategies that responded to their concerns and hopes for Delridge. The community priorities, associated goals, strategies and actions grew out of this phase.

During the summer and fall of 2015 - at Delridge Day, through POEL engagements, at youth dinners hosted by Food Empowerment Education and Sustainability Team (FEEST) and a community-wide workshop – community members refined and prioritized strategies and began developing the Action Matrix. Through this phase, the community began considering who could take initiative and what partnerships they could build to take action.

In the spring of 2016, individuals and organizations met to identifying a framework for stewarding the Action Plan recommendations and assemble Action Teams that would takes steps toward realizing their shared priorities.



A FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH AND EQUITY

When we plan neighborhoods with an eye toward the people who use them, we can direct our activities to strengthen those who live there. Our planning strives to connect people and places, and make sure places serve people. A healthy neighborhood includes strong community and organizations, healthy people and families, and a supportive environment.

- **Strong Communities & Organizations:** A thriving, diverse and interconnected community, supported by strong social and cultural institutions and services
- **Healthy People & Families:** A neighborhood that provides access to resources, such as healthy food retail and parks, necessary to live a healthful life
- **Supportive Physical Environment that Support our Community:** A neighborhood that has infrastructure to support healthy activities such as parks, sidewalks, transit, shops and services.

The City developed the Healthy Living Assessment (HLA) to focus attention on how people use their neighborhoods, specifically addressing areas of built and social infrastructure that have clear connections to people's health.

The HLA (see Appendix B) uses tools that help identify health assets and gaps. These include data like census, food access, transportation, goods and services, recreation, economic opportunities, and access to affordable housing; a neighborhood questionnaire; and community discussion questions to identify assets to preserve and opportunities to be healthier. The information helps us see interconnections between people and their neighborhood and to recommend actions that can improve the people's health.

The HLA showed that Delridge is well-served with many assets and services, but a number of indicators show that health-supportive infrastructure or activities are missing.

- None of the Delridge planning area is within ½ mile of a grocery store that accepts SNAP
- Fewer people (20%) ride a bicycle, walk or take transit than the City as a whole (32%). Only 52% of the area has sidewalks and many complain about road safety.
- Eight of the 11 neighborhood services considered to be supportive of a complete neighborhood (e.g. childcare, library and schools) are present, but only five of the 13 shops (e.g. banks, pharmacy, food stores) are available.



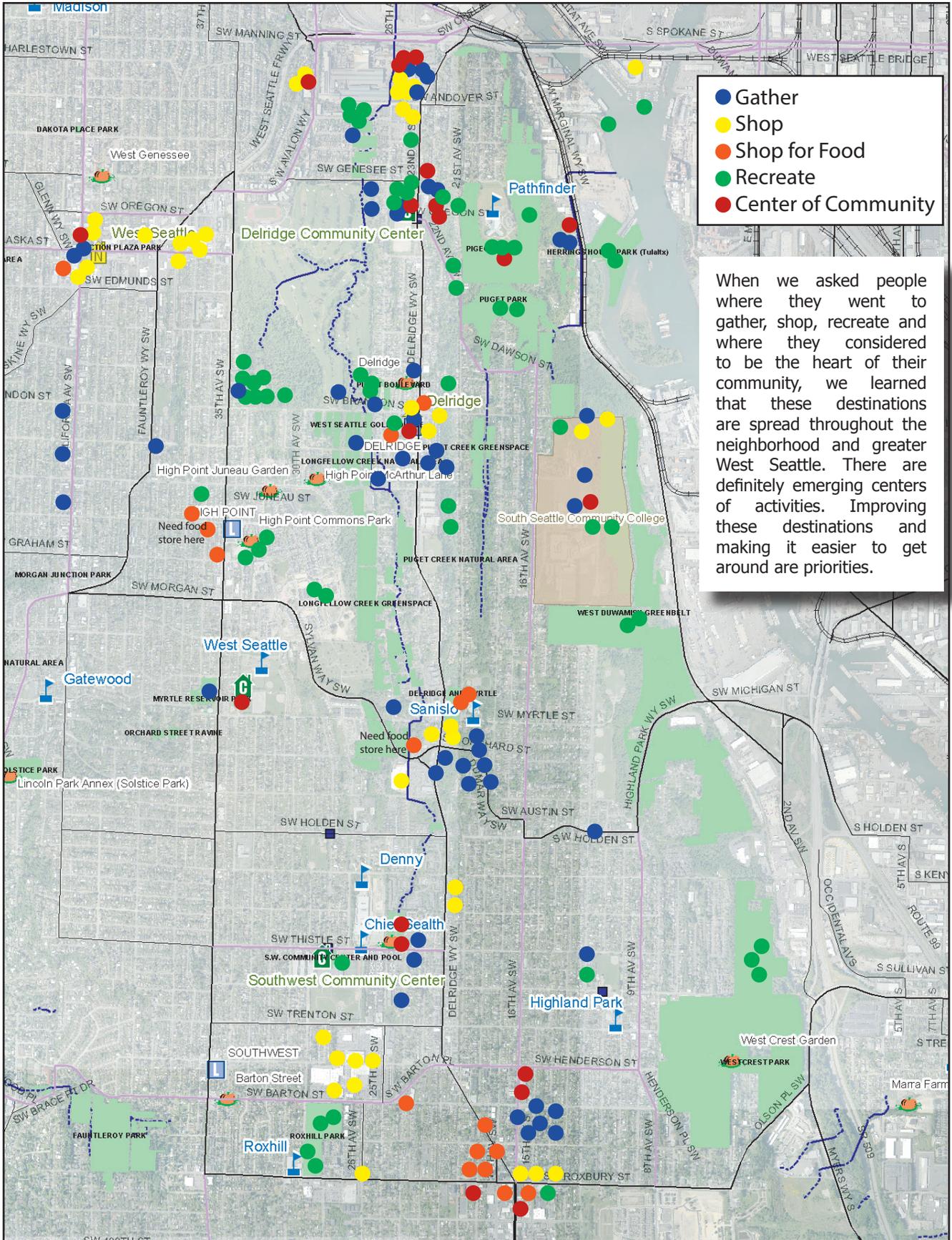
- Delridge has many parks and recreation resources and 24% of the Delridge Health Reporting Area (HRA) are children 17 and younger, but only 42% of the area is within ¼ mile of a playground.
- Unemployment was 9.4% versus 6.3 citywide.
- About 37% of Delridge residents have a bachelor's degree or higher, as compared to the 55% citywide.

Research has shown that these indicators are related to health outcomes. People in the Delridge Health Reporting Area (HRA) more frequently report that their general health is fair or poor and they suffer from: highest rate of obesity; second highest rate of Cancer; highest rate of Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease; and second highest suicide rate.

On average a person in the Delridge HRA can expect to live almost 6 year less than someone in Northeast Seattle. Further, research has shown that these risk factors and health outcomes tend to be concentrated in low income, immigrant, and communities of color who experience inequity and the legacies of racism.

Exercises and questions at community meetings helped the ACT to learn more specific information. For example, we asked people to use dots to show where they go for shops and services, social gathering. A questionnaire helped identify how people get around, how they use the neighborhood, and what improvements are priorities. Input into the Delridge Vision for Parks and Cultural Facilities helped understand how underrepresented communities, that experience a greater share of health inequities, hope to use parks. This combination of data and discussion led to the six resulting community priorities that together will support a healthy Delridge.

MAPPING CONCENTRATIONS OF ACTIVITY



“DELRIDGE HAS A CARING COMMUNITY”



GOALS, POLICIES & STRATEGIES

The community identified six priorities areas for Delridge:

Supporting Diverse & Engaged Communities supports a diverse and resilient Delridge where people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures can find meaningful support, opportunities to give back to their community and spaces to build community. Supporting communities also requires economic opportunity and access to meaningful, living wage employment for all families to thrive & prosper.

Dynamic Neighborhood Destinations prioritizes developing neighborhood nodes with: distinctive design; a mix of businesses, services, cultural & recreational opportunities, & homes; & excellent access.

Access to Affordable Healthy Food seeks to support a healthy Delridge by increasing access to affordable healthy food for all families both within North Delridge and to other areas where people buy food important to their culture.

Active Transportation Choices promotes a healthy Delridge by ensuring Delridge Way SW & adjacent streets support safe & predictable movement of people & goods.

Parks and Cultural Facilities that Support a Healthy Community advocates for creating a Healthy Delridge Park Vision that promotes preserving, creating & activating parks facilities for the health of Delridge’s community, environment & habitat.

Transform the Longfellow Creek Watershed envisions creating green elements that welcome the rain – storing, draining, & cleaning it – sustaining the natural & built environments.

City staff and the ACT used the community suggestions and knowledge about the City and community organizations to develop Goals, Policies, Strategies and Actions for each priority. The goals are desired short-term or long-term outcomes that the City and the community are working toward. The policies are general principles to guide decisions and achieve goals. Goals and policies are adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan Neighborhood Planning Element. The strategies are specific guidelines to achieve goals; and actions are specific and tangible implementation steps that together form a strategy. They build upon one another to help fulfill the vision and priorities of the Delridge community. In most instances they are ideas expressed by community members. The various components of the Action Plan will guide the City and community’s work as well as inform future development that occurs in the neighborhood.

This section of the Action Plan includes goals, policies and strategies arranged by each priority. They were confirmed and prioritized by the community through workshop dot exercises and refined throughout the process.

A detailed Strategy and Action Matrix is included in this document as an Appendix. This matrix is a living and working implementation document that provides a list of strategies, some examples of actions and potential resources as suggested by the community and the City during the project planning process. Potential resources in the matrix were listed as examples of the City’s competitive grants and not likely to be inclusive. The implementation party/parties of any specific actions will need to verify the funding opportunities and requirements. Other funds may be available from other organizations and agencies.



A portion of a DNDA-sponsored mural project that was part of a larger initiative to transform local corner stores into destinations where local residents have an option to purchase affordable, delicious, and healthy food for their families.

A SUPPORTING DIVERSE & ENGAGED COMMUNITIES.

SUPPORT A DIVERSE & VIBRANT DELRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, BACKGROUNDS & CULTURES CAN FIND MEANINGFUL SUPPORT, OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY & SAFE GATHERING SPACES TO BUILD COMMUNITY.

DISCUSSION

Delridge is a neighborhood with tremendous diversity: people from all cultures; long-time residents and newcomers; young and old; people who own and rent homes; and those who work in a variety of jobs. Our vision is of a Delridge community where all people feel safe and welcome, and have the opportunity to participate in community, express what is most important to them, and meet their social, economic, and recreational needs. This section identifies strategies that:

- Sustain the different cultures and traditions in Delridge;
- Create pathways to careers;
- Nurture a safe and welcoming neighborhood;
- Build a shared identity where people of all cultures and interests can come together; and
- Support great futures for Delridge's youth.

The Action Plan also seeks to promote a healthy Delridge by creating economic opportunity and access meaningful, living wage employment for all families to thrive and prosper.

This can be accomplished by improving awareness and access to career preparation programs, by providing good transit service to job centers, and by increasing the number of jobs by building businesses locally, as well as regionally.



"MAKE EASY CONNECTIONS BETWEEN RESIDENTS & JOBS."

GOALS

A community with a range of household types, family sizes and incomes –including seniors and families with children. D-G6*

A community that preserves and enhances the residential character of single family neighborhoods within the Delridge community while providing a range of housing types to fit the diversity of Delridge households. D-G7

A diverse community of neighborhoods with people from many cultures, long-time residents and newcomers, young and old, people who own and rent homes and who work in a variety of jobs. A community where all people feel safe and welcome, have the opportunity to participate in their community and express what is most important to them, and which meets its residents' social, economic, and recreational needs. D-G8

A community fully involved in efforts to implement the neighborhood plan, and to maximize the efficient use of available resources. D-G9

A community that officers pathways to jobs and wealth creation. (New)

PRIORITY STRATEGIES (1-3 YEARS)

Form a community organizational structure to steward the overall vision for Delridge in a manner that recognizes the existing organizational infrastructure and enfranchises historically underrepresented communities in Delridge.

Broaden participation and sustain existing neighborhood events to create long-term identity of the neighborhood as "Delridge: Where nature art and culture collide."

Raise awareness of local workforce training programs and employment opportunities.

Establish an economic development strategy for Delridge that includes an element of local job creation.

TAKING ACTION

The ACT has started community-wide discussions about how to steward the vision for Delridge in a manner that recognizes the existing organizational infrastructure and enfranchises historically underrepresented communities in Delridge. Stakeholders can join the stewardships group or work on specific projects.

People are working to align Delridge's signature events to engage all communities in nature, art and culture.

- *A 16 member steering committee is producing the Delridge Neighborhoods Cultural Events Series 2016 that will hold 10 cultural events.*
- *Delridge Day and Art in Nature organizers are teaming up to produce an annual, multi-weekend celebration of art, nature and community.*

"ENGAGE ALL OUR COMMUNITIES."



* Goals and Policies with a number (e.g. D-G6) are currently adopted in the Comprehensive Plan Neighborhood Planning element. Ones with (NEW) are proposed for addition to the Comprehensive Plan.

POLICIES

HOUSING

Seek to use regulatory tools or other means to preserve open space and natural features while increasing the variety of housing types available to the community. D-P16



- Work with OPCD, DON, and the Office of Housing (OH) to identify appropriate Housing & Livability Agenda strategies to preserve & create affordable housing.
- Promote more "workforce" housing.
- Seek to preserve existing affordable housing.

Encourage the rehabilitation of substandard housing. D-P17



- Promote grants and programs like Rebuild Together and the West Seattle Tool Bank that provide weatherization, and rehabilitation assistance to low income households.

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Seek to involve the whole community to make services available to the broadest cross section of the community by developing programs that address the needs of individuals and families. D-P21



- Support Delridge Day as an opportunity for fun and to share information about supportive programs.
- Support Southwest Youth and Family Services, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, Delridge Community Center, Delridge Branch Library and the Southwest Teen Life Center to offer coordinated services and programs.
- To the greatest extent feasible, contract with non-profit organizations serving underrepresented communities in order to build their capacity for developing and implementing programs.
- Support the growth of the Delridge Community Center Advisory Committee and its ability to program and raise funds.
- Work with the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) to raise awareness and participation of immigrant, communities of color and religious communities in public services and public facilities.
- Consider a multicultural senior center or partnership with organizations like Asian Counseling and Referral Service to offer programs iserving the Delridge area.



A partnership between DNDA, SWYFS and the Seattle Police established the Delridge Mural project to address gang-related graffiti plaguing Delridge. Since then, youth from the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative worked with artists to create a series of murals.

POLICIES

Seek to build community leadership & the capacity of Delridge-serving non-profits (NEW)



- Connect Delridge non-profits to capacity building programs like at Non Profit Assistance Center or 501 Commons.
- Encourage participation in leadership programs Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Institute, Seattle's People's Academy for Civic Engagement, Project LEAD, and Leadership Tomorrow.

Promote inclusive civic engagement and community building to help enfranchise Delridge's diverse population. (NEW)



- Develop a stewardship group or structure to promote North Delridge Action Plan priorities.
- Develop volunteer opportunity database and raise awareness of opportunities to participate in organizations such as the Community Center Advisory Committee and Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association (DNDA) Board.
- Work with city to use diverse outreach facilitators (POELs) more frequently in Delridge activities. Consider building on the capacity of SWYFS trusted advocates to be a community-based resource for engaging underrepresented communities.

Seek to provide opportunities for multi-cultural sharing, education, understanding, and celebration through community participation and appreciation efforts, and through the provision of public meeting facilities. D-P18



- Align Delridge's signature events including Delridge Day, Art in Nature and the Delridge Cultural Series to engage all communities and establish Delridge as the place in Seattle where art, nature and culture collide.

Seek to develop cultural programs (such as art, music and theater), and support community programs. Seek to provide public facilities that support the cultural programs. D-P22

- Establish Delridge's identity through signage, art and other communication to reflect its diversity.
- Work with youth & community to improve public spaces with multicultural art, historical markers and/or murals in Delridge.
- Support community organizations and efforts like the Delridge Cultural series with developing and promote social and multicultural events, such as the Tet celebration at the Vietnamese Cultural Association, or a new Dia de los Muertos at Delridge Community Center.
- Support & develop partnerships among existing cultural groups and programs like Van Lang Vietnamese School.



POLICIES

Strive to build strong partnerships with local crime prevention efforts. D-P20



Seek to inventory and promote neighborhood-based emergency preparation plans. D-P19

PLAN STEWARDSHIP

Promote partnerships with projects that can leverage City efforts toward the implementation of the Delridge neighborhood plan. D-P23

Support community-based efforts to implement and steward the plan D-P24

STRATEGIES

- Promote neighborhood block watches & attendance by local crime prevention Seattle Police Department (SPD). Advertise & recruit for SW Crime Prevention Council and/or ethnic specific councils for Delridge area.
- Partner with community organizations to expand crime prevention trainings especially non-English speaking communities.

- Encourage the Office of Emergency Management to orient Delridge's diverse communities about the Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP) program to help the neighborhood get organized around emergency preparedness.

- Consider the priorities in this Action Plan when developing the Capital Improvement Plan and ranking VCity grant applications.
- Support collaborations to maintain and track progress on the North Delridge Action Plan
- Strive to periodically update the implementation guide that identifies partnerships, organizations, agencies and funding sources for implementation.
- Sustain City grant sources for communities and secure other grant programs to support community implementation of their plans. Work with existing organizations and events to nurture the capacity of Delridge's communities to implement plan recommendations.
- Identify gaps in organizational capacity to implement recommendations and partner with training opportunities such as PACE or the Community Leadership Institute to develop capacity
- Identify specific supports for historically underrepresented communities to participate in stewardship including Community Center Advisory Council, Camp Long Advisory Council, DNDA Boards, as well as neighborhood councils and the Delridge District Council.

POLICIES

PATHWAYS TO CAREERS

Seek to create greater employment and shopping opportunities within the Delridge neighborhood. D-P25



- Establish an economic development strategy for Delridge that includes creating jobs by marketing the affordability of commercial space to attract craft business (brewing, or metal and woodworking). See economic development strategies in the Dynamic Neighborhood Destinations section.

Encourage local business development opportunities, particularly for small businesses that may be owned by or employ Delridge residents. D-P27



- Work with OED to increase awareness of small business supports like Restaurant Success and Craft3.

Seek to participate with other public agencies and private interests in marketing projects, labor force training programs, and other efforts that support community residents in need of employment. D-P26



- Work with City to implement Project Hire on Delridge Multimodal Corridor project, and Natural Drainage Systems improvements.
- Convene specific discussions with OED, Southwest Youth & Family Services, So. Seattle College about raising awareness of local workforce training programs and employment opportunities.

- Work with City Departments (e.g. Parks lifeguards, Earth Corps) to identify employment and training opportunities within Delridge that can increase access to workforce training for low income residents in Delridge.

- Work with Seattle Jobs Initiative to engage and serve Delridge residents.

- Advertise City programs like: Student Teen Employment Preparation; Pathways to Careers; Seattle Library's Student Assistance Program; and The Able Teens.

- Advocate for sustaining the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention program and work with SWYFS to manage the program in collaboration with meaningful projects that support the goals of the North Delridge Action Plan.

- Encourage volunteering with programs that support youth at Youngstown and SWYFS such as: Arts Corps, the Service Board.

- Review childcare providers to assess gaps.

- Through the Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor project, seek to improve access to jobs via all travel modes (more than just between downtown and Delridge).



B DYNAMIC NEIGHBORHOOD DESTINATIONS.

DISCUSSION

The Delridge neighborhoods in the eastern portion of West Seattle include a wide area of ridges and the dell along Longfellow Creek. The area is not well-connected to the more established West Seattle business districts. For many years, the Delridge community has worked to create four distinct neighborhood destinations along Delridge Way, focusing shops, entertainment, community facilities, and residences. These will be easily accessible by walking, biking, transit, and cars. The action plan combines land use, transportation and economic strategies in support of this objective.

- Improve the sense of identity and place through a community and City collaboration on the Delridge Multimodal Corridor study to design and fund a series of unifying and differentiating public elements including: distinctive gateway or entryway improvements; overall design continuity of streetscape fixtures such as lighting, transit shelters and street trees; and distinctive designs for each of the neighborhood destinations using unique amenities, landscaping, and furnishings.
- Strive to locate transportation, utility and parks investments (through the Multimodal Corridor Study, Longfellow Natural Drainage Systems, and Parks maintenance) in order to create easy access to schools, transit, parks and food, and to improve the environment.
- Work with City staff to assess and promote opportunities for economic development and to assist with business vitality and growth.
- Attract a grocery serving northern Delridge, located at one of the neighborhood destinations.

- Work through design review to build on streetscape improvements and encourage development that creates a strong visual identity. Work with businesses to coordinate informational and advertisement signage.

Andover Junction

- Improve access to existing businesses
- Create a distinct entry to Delridge.
- Conduct a station area assessment if Sound Transit 3 passes.

Delridge Community Campus

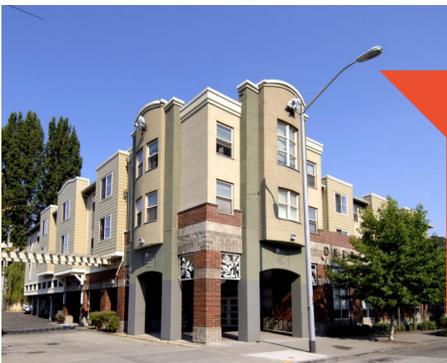
- Expand and coordinate culturally relevant programming between agencies
- Improve the ability to walk between buildings and across Delridge Way SW.
- Incorporate public art and other features that reflect the cultures in Delridge.

Brandon Junction

- Improve area to serve as the North Delridge's neighborhood business district, and as a destination for West Seattle.
- Expand food and family-oriented businesses, and support existing businesses.
- Improve bus connections, bike & pedestrian safety, beautification projects & marketing.
- Activate parks and improve connections to Camp Long and Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail along an improved SW Brandon St.

Sylvan Junction

- Improve the area to serve as an "international village center," supporting the Vietnamese Cultural Center and diverse communities in the surrounding areas by providing goods, food, & transit service to surrounding neighborhoods.
- Improve connections to Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.



“RECRUIT MORE SMALL BUSINESSES.”

GOALS

A series of mixed-use destinations or centers along Delridge Way clustering commercial, business, entertainment, community uses, and public facilities. D-G2.

PRIORITY STRATEGIES (1-3 YEARS)

Create a partnership between community, businesses and agencies to support existing businesses and stimulate small business development in North Delridge.

Support development a grocery store that provides affordable, healthy food serving North Delridge. This priority is shared with the actions identified under "Accessing Affordable Healthy Food." It is important to locate a grocery store at either Brandon or Sylvan Junction in order to be convenient and to strengthen these areas as shopping destinations.

Improve Delridge Way SW with safe pedestrian crossings, art, and fixtures that establish a strong identity.

TAKING ACTION

The ACT has identified business support and economic development as the number one priority for their implementation work, and is using a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant and community in-kind work to: support outreach and survey of Delridge business and property owners; identify their needs; and to prioritize key issues and to define next steps.

The Delridge Grocery Cooperative is working to start a co-op at the DESC building in Brandon Junction.

Through the Delridge Way Multimodal Corridor Study the community will work with the City to identify access improvements and improve the function and character of Delridge Way SW.

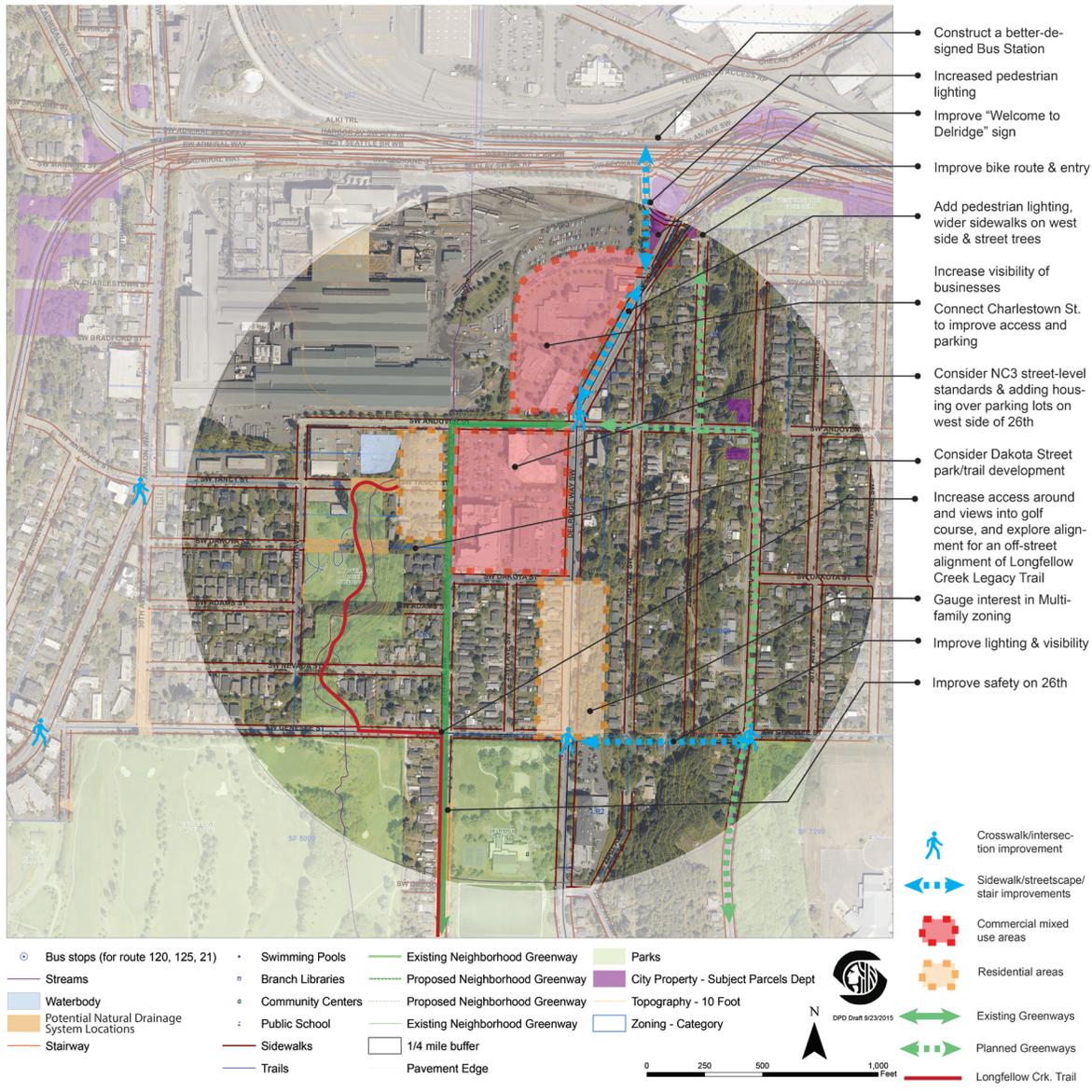
“WE NEED MORE PLACES TO EAT.”



ANDOVER JUNCTION KEY STRATEGIES

Andover Junction: Employment, Businesses and Neighborhood Shops & Services

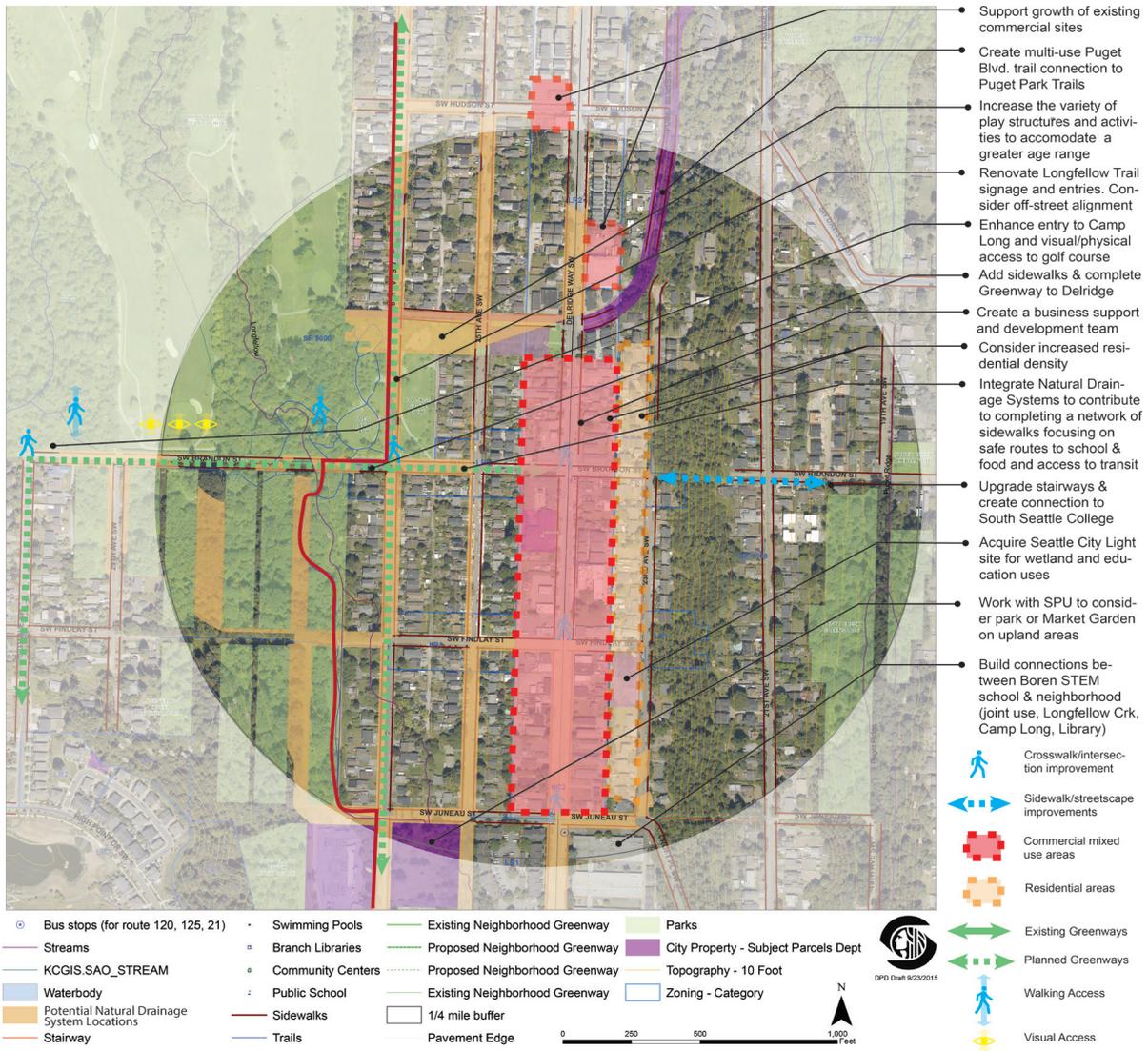
- Create a welcoming & cohesive design for lighting, trees, way-finding, buildings, etc.
- Improve walking environment and connections to transit on SW Spokane St.
- Improve short-term business parking
- Support continued employment and encourage more neighborhood shops & services
- Consider zoning changes to encourage more dense, multifamily housing



BRANDON JUNCTION KEY STRATEGIES

Brandon Junction: Create Identity as a Community and Food Destination

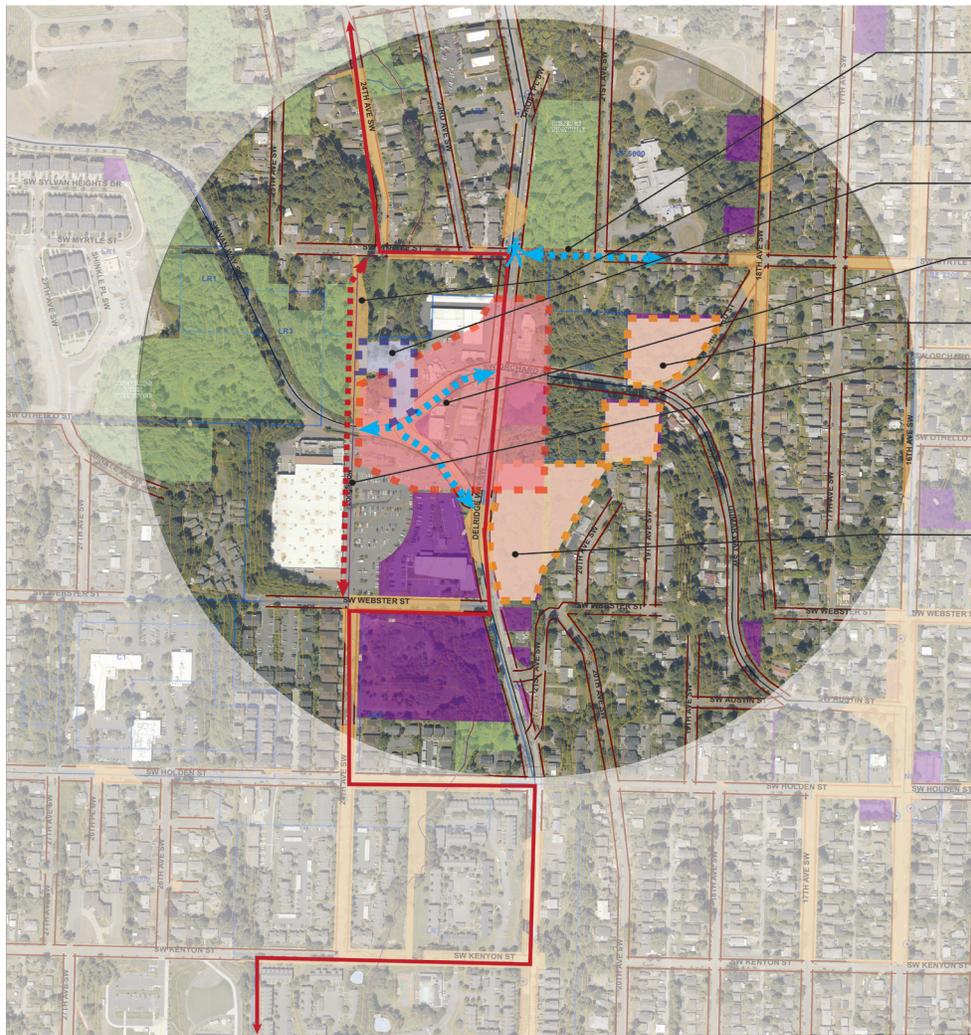
- Create strong design identity with lighting trees, sidewalks and design guidelines, etc.
- Support Delridge Grocery, and OSE and HSD's continued work to increase affordable food access
- Create long-term seasonal affordable farmers market or stand
- Consider Market Garden element to augment P-Patch
- Support growth of food businesses like restaurants, Commissary Kitchen & Integrate food trucks into events
- Prioritize and focus sidewalk and Natural Drainage System improvements along streets such as Brandon, 26th, Juneau & Findlay to help create a complete network of drainage and sidewalks linking transit, parks, etc.
- Improve connections to community destinations along SW Brandon Street



SYLVAN JUNCTION KEY STRATEGIES

Sylvan Junction: Destination Commercial

- Encourage new infill business development, and opportunities for pop-up retail or food trucks
- Improve Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail connections
- Consider options for SDOT parcels on east side of Delridge
- Support Vietnamese Cultural Center as gathering space
- Highlight & improve community policing, and continued interaction between Southwest Precinct & larger community



- Improve Willow St. stairway to connect to Sanislo Elementary
- Explore continuing Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail
- Support Vietnamese Cultural Center as a community gathering
- Add wide sidewalks & crosswalks
- Consider Lowrise zoning to encourage housing
- Explore ways to continue a more direct route of Longfellow Creek Trail off of Delridge Way such as partnering with SPU's Natural Drainage System improvements or future redevelopment of the Home Depot site
- Work with SDOT to consider mixed-use development

○ Bus stops (for route 120, 125, 21)	• Swimming Pools	— Existing Neighborhood Greenway	■ Parks
— Streams	■ Branch Libraries	— Proposed Neighborhood Greenway	■ City Property - Subject Parcels Dept
■ Waterbody	• Community Centers	— Proposed Neighborhood Greenway	■ Topography - 10 Foot
■ Potential Natural Drainage System Locations	• Public School	— Existing Neighborhood Greenway	■ Zoning - Category
— Stairway	— Sidewalks	□ 1/4 mile buffer	
	— Trails	— Pavement Edge	

- Crosswalk/intersection improvement
- Sidewalk/streetscape & stair improvements
- Commercial mixed use areas
- Potential Residential areas
- Existing Greenways
- Planned Greenways
- Longfellow Crk. Trail



POLICIES

STRATEGIES

COMMUNITY CHARACTER & IDENTITY

Seek to create special identities for unique districts or places, particularly the neighborhood anchors along Delridge Way, using distinctive and unique gateways, pedestrian amenities, streetscape, and other furnishings and designs. D-P5



The existing "Welcome to Delridge" sign greets people as they come off the West Seattle Bridge. Community member have suggested adding other signs at community entry points, and using a multi-lingual format to highlight that Delridge is home to many communities and cultures.

- Through a community and City collaboration on the Delridge Multimodal Corridor study to design and fund a series of unifying and differentiating public design elements including:
 - Distinctive gateway or entryway improvements into the community;
 - Overall design continuity by using shared streetscape elements such as lighting, transit shelters and street trees; and
 - Distinctive designs and public art for each of the neighborhood anchors using unique amenities, landscaping, and furnishings.
- Work through design review to complement the streetscape improvements by encouraging development that uses building materials or styles that create a strong visual identity that organizes the different elements of the neighborhood destinations into cohesive, pleasing identities.

Strengthen the local Delridge business community by participating in public/private ventures to provide public benefits as appropriate to meet Delridge's long range goals. D-P6



- Assist business & land-owners to secure grants from the Office of Economic Development & Department of Neighborhoods.

Seek to develop a pedestrian oriented environment along Delridge Way that integrates adjacent storefront activities with transit, parking, bikeways, and walking areas. Seek to calm traffic on Delridge Way through the neighborhood anchors. D-P7



- Through the Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor study, explore opportunities for improved access to neighborhood destinations for all travel modes; people walking, biking, using transit & driving.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Seek to create greater employment and shopping opportunities within the Delridge neighborhood. D-P25



- Form an economic development committee that can discuss the community's desires for businesses and design with developers. Work with businesses, OED and DON, and complete the Neighborhood Matching Fund grant to:
 - Design and collect surveys and information from Delridge businesses.
 - Conduct outreach to understand the current small business services available.
 - Review past work and research economic development in Delridge.
 - Prioritize key issues and identify next steps.

POLICIES

Encourage local business development opportunities, particularly for small businesses that may be owned by or employ Delridge residents. D-P27

ANDOVER JUNCTION

Seek to enhance pedestrian improvements and commercial services in the neighborhood anchor at Delridge and Andover. This anchor should serve as a major local employment center, while facilitating the flow of traffic through the node and onto the West Seattle bridge. D-P8



This building constructed in 2004 at the SE corner of SW Andover St. and Delridge Way SW provides several suites for small office businesses..

DELRIDGE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Seek to improve the "community campus" neighborhood anchor at Delridge and Genesee. This anchor should provide educational, recreational, cultural and social opportunities (and potentially increased housing) to the neighborhood, by sustaining, coordinating and improving programs offered by Youngstown Cultural Arts Center and its tenant organizations, Southwest Youth and Family Services, and Delridge Community Center. D-P9 Edited

STRATEGIES



- Develop an organizational framework for businesses to collaborate
- Work with OED to facilitate connection with West Seattle Chamber, Ethnic Business Coalition, & Greater Seattle Business Association, etc.



- Though landscaping improvements and signage, improve visibility of businesses in the office park.
- Explore ways to provide better access & shared parking.
- Consider zoning to encourage more residences & shops.
- Improve Charlestown & Dakota St. hill-climbs.

- If Sound Transit 3 passes, conduct a "station area assessment" at an appropriate time to help inform Link light rail station planning.
- Seek to improve walking connection to the bus stop under the West Seattle Bridge.



- Improve at-grade access across Delridge Way SW at 22nd Ave. to better connect community destinations.
- SW Engage underrepresented communities to identify their interests for programs & facilities.
- Support Youngstown Cultural Arts Center to provide culturally diverse programming.
- Identify ways to improve identity & reflect Delridge's cultures in public art, streetscape, and multilingual signage.
- Explore zoning changes to increase opportunity for business & higher-density residential development.
- Work with the community center, Youngstown and SWYFS to increase year-round, outdoor activities (e.g. Tet celebration, luminaires lighting).

POLICIES

BRANDON JUNCTION

Seek to improve the neighborhood anchor at Delridge and Brandon, through means including the continuation of the neighborhood commercial zone in the vicinity, along Delridge Way south to SW Juneau Street. This anchor should provide neighborhood-oriented retail and personal services in addition to neighborhood-based city services (such as the Library) for the nearby neighborhoods and existing neighborhood businesses. D-P10



To support the vision of the neighborhood anchor designated at Delridge and Brandon, moderate density multifamily zoning is appropriate, along both sides of SW Brandon Street between 23rd Avenue SW and 26th Avenue SW; and along both sides of SW Findlay Street between 23rd Avenue SW and 26th Avenue SW. D-P11

STRATEGIES



- Consider a focus (such as food) specific to Brandon – supporting existing efforts and businesses, growth of more international restaurants & stores, and explore creating food truck nights.
- Explore grants for amenities (i.e. signs, lighting, benches, etc.)
- Activate Puget Blvd. Park and develop Puget Boulevard Trail connecting Brandon node to Puget Creek Trail.
- Provide more space and facilities for gathering at parks and restaurants.
- In coordination with the community organizations like the West Seattle Transportation Coalition and neighborhood councils, work with Multimodal Corridor Project, other SDOT programs such as Safe Routes to Schools, Seattle Public Utility's Natural Drainage Systems project and Neighborhood Parks and Street Funds to prioritize constructing sidewalks on all streets within ¼ mile of SW Brandon St. and Delridge Way SW. Complete improvements along SW Brandon St. that provide sidewalks and natural drainage between Camp Long Entrance at 30th Ave. SW and 23rd Ave. SW.
- Consider parking approaches including: short-term on-street parking, load zones & shared parking among businesses.
- Connect 26th Ave SW greenway via SW Juneau



- Consider zoning to encourage more shops & residences.
- Work with the City to identify how application of the Mandatory Housing Affordability provisions can best support the community's desire for additional residents and businesses.

POLICIES

STRATEGIES



In 2012, community members came together to identify a vision for development of the SW Brandon St. area.

SYLVAN JUNCTION

Seek to improve the neighborhood anchor at Delridge and Sylvan/Orchard Ways, which will provide goods, services, entertainment, and transit services to the West Seattle area. D-P12



- Install sidewalks on SW Sylvan and SW Orchard Street and improve the Willow St. stairway.
- Highlight & improve community policing & connectivity between SW Precinct & larger community.
- Increase the number and diversity of businesses.
- Create a better route for Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.
- Work with private and public property owners to identify opportunities for additional businesses and homes.
- Support the Vietnamese Cultural Association as a community gathering space.
- Create multi-language wayfinding and "Welcome to Delridge" signage.



ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HEALTHY FOOD.

PROMOTE A HEALTHY DELRIDGE BY INCREASING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHY FOOD FOR FAMILIES OF ALL INCOMES.

DISCUSSION

Many in Delridge face geographic, transportation and economic barriers to finding healthy food for themselves and their families. North Delridge has a rich community and many great assets, but does not have any grocery stores along the four-mile corridor. Transit service is limited, and the neighborhood itself is framed on the East and West by two tall ridges making it hard to walk or bike to and from the neighborhood.

Access to affordable healthy food is both an important element of reducing health inequities – along with community economic opportunity and opportunities for active living – and of creating the complete neighborhood that the community desires. The vision encompasses a range of approaches including gardening and education opportunities, retail outlets, improved transportation, and support services in order establish a network of food access.

Many of the strategies in this section build on existing community-led efforts such as: the Delridge Grocery Cooperative; the Little Red Hen Project; the Delridge P-Patch; the Puget Ridge Edible Park; and the Delridge Wetlands and Stewardship project.



The Delridge Stockbox store (now closed) provided an array of groceries and home supplies. It opened as a temporary prototype in the Fall of 2011, running out of a 160 square foot container in the parking lot of the Westhaven Apartments..



“WE JUST NEED A GROCERY STORE”

GOALS

A community where residents have the economic ability, mobility and choices to access healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food. (NEW)

PRIORITY STRATEGIES (1-3 YEARS)

Support the development of a grocery store serving north Delridge.

Work with Seattle's Human Services Division, West Seattle Food Bank, retailers and others to coordinate access to affordable healthy food.

Support opportunities to learn about farming and cooking including the Little Red Hen project and the Delridge Wetlands and Stewardship project.

TAKING ACTION

The community came together in 2009 to form the Delridge Grocery Cooperative whose mission is to grow community by providing local, sustainably grown whole foods, at affordable prices, to the residents of the Delridge area. During the summers of 2015 and 2016 the Seattle Human Services Department provided assistance to the Co-op's summer farm staff. Community members can join the Co-op here - <http://delridgegrocery.coop/>

OED, OSE and OPCD are identifying resources and programs to support the Co-op.

The Delridge P-Patch and Little Red Hen project offer opportunities for gardening and learning about growing food.

The Delridge Wetlands and Stewardship project will engage youth in learning about gardening.



“START A FOOD TRUCK NIGHT ON DELDRIDGE WAY”

POLICIES

Strive to increase opportunities to access affordable healthy food along Delridge Way SW near Brandon Junction or Sylvan Junction. (New)



A survey of more than 500 Delridge community members demonstrated the willingness of Delridge residents to join a co-op and buy their fruits and vegetables from a produce stand instead of a full-service grocery store.

The Delridge Co-op is currently working to secure funding and build out their retail space at the DESC building at Delridge Way SW and SW Findlay St.

STRATEGIES

- Convene an interdepartmental team that will work with the community to pursue development of a grocery store serving north Delridge.
- Support Delridge Grocery Cooperative's efforts to develop its financial and operational feasibility.
- Consider establishing a partnership with a non-profit that can receive public grants for aspects of the Co-op that benefit the community.
- Interview smaller grocery outlets to understand locational and economic opportunities and barriers to opening a grocery store.
- Identify City-owned and private sites appropriate for development of a grocery and other compatible co-located uses.
- Review area zoning to determine if there is sufficient inventory of suitable sites, and review standards to identify those that would support a grocery or which might unintentionally support fast food establishments. Evaluate the feasibility of a "Grocery Store and Sit-Down Restaurant Incentive" package that creates economic incentives for attracting healthy food retailers.
- Pursue financing options such as the federal Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI).
- Work with grocery delivery businesses like Amazon and Safeway to deliver food in food deserts, to waive membership fees for low-income families, and to accept EBT for transactions.
- Explore the development of, or partnership with a Food Hub that could incubate food-related businesses in Delridge.
- Advocate for funding food programs Women Infant & Children (WIC) & Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Encourage collaboration among community resources (e.g. Delridge Grocery Cooperative, Little Red Hen Project, Delridge P-Patch) and agencies to develop short and long-term strategies to improve access to affordable, healthy food.

POLICIES

Promote and support access to urban farming and education about growing food in ways that are accessible by Delridge's diverse cultures.



STRATEGIES

- Promote urban farming by creating a new farm, & education & assistance for farming.
- Identify strategies to use city owned lands to expand Market Gardens (gardens where people can grow produce to sell).
- Work with the Farmers' Market Alliance & others to create a centrally-located, affordable farmers market serving Delridge.
- Support DNDA's work to establish and program the Wetlands and Stewardship project at the old Seattle City Light substation at SW Findlay St. and 23rd Ave. SW.
- Integrate garden education programs into markets & gardens.
- Explore creating a food truck row on unused parking lot, & include food trucks at community events.
- Use the Delridge Community Center kitchen to provide healthy food cooking instruction & community building.
- Support food programs especially focused on youth & health
- Support "Fresh Bucks" for use at farmers markets and expand their use to include small retailers and co-ops.
- Support Youngstown's creation of a commercial and teaching kitchen.



The Little Red Hen Project provides the Delridge community with a way to grow and maintain a backyard food source. The Little Red Hen currently maintains plots at the Delridge Community Center.



The Delridge P-Patch was established in 1974. It provides 30 plots for community members to grow vegetables or flowers. Currently there is a 1 to 2 year wait for a plot.

- Work with the Multimodal Corridor Project to identify food access patterns & develop "safe access to food" strategies.
- Improve transit from Delridge to California Ave. SW grocery stores & farmers market (increased Rt. 50, 120, 125 & 128), and expand real time bus arrival information.
- Improve connectivity to White Center business district food options.

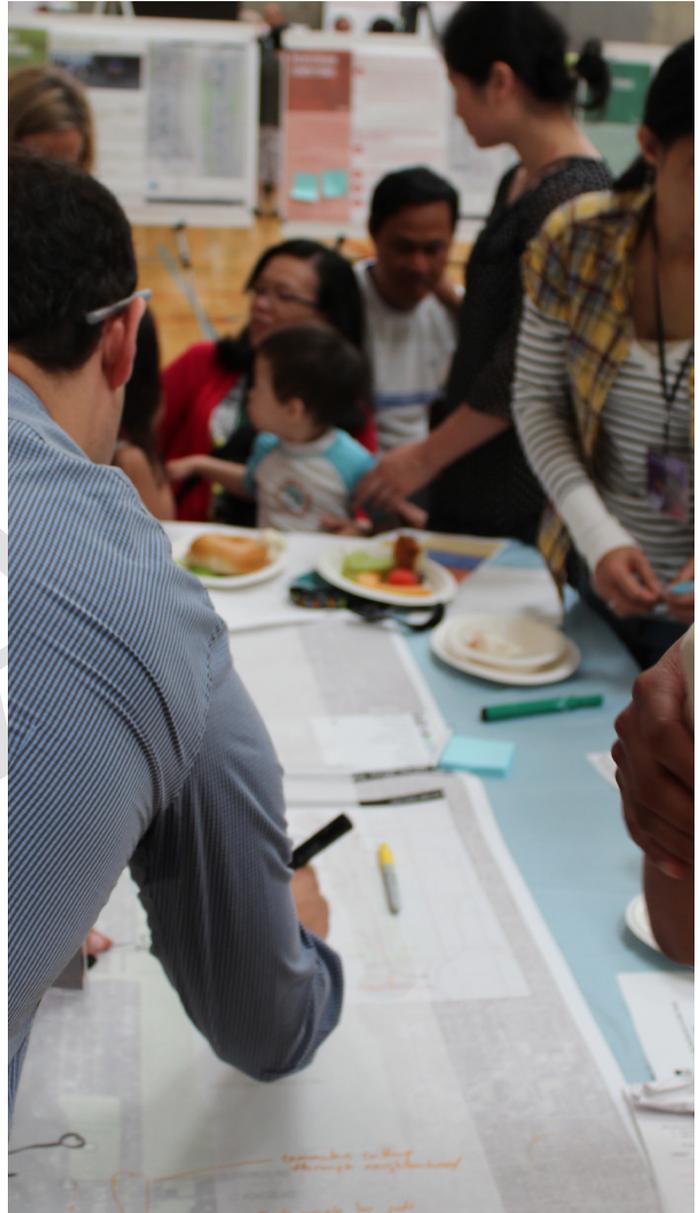
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

ENSURING DELRIDGE WAY SW & ADJACENT STREETS SUPPORT SAFE & PREDICTABLE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE & GOODS.

DISCUSSION

Although Delridge Way SW is a defining element of the neighborhood, it is not the community's only focus for transportation improvements. They want efficient, effective, and innovative solutions for enhancing the transportation environment for all, regardless of how they travel to and through the area.

- Improve connections between Delridge and surrounding neighborhood business districts where residents shop and obtain needed services
- Create frequent and reliable transit connections to employment centers
- Provide safe routes to local schools, parks and food within the neighborhood
- Increase the focus on transit, bicycle, and pedestrian opportunities within the community, knitting the neighborhood to all elements of the multimodal corridor.
- Manage on and off-street parking to provide access to businesses along Delridge Way
- Transform this major roadway into an aesthetic centerpiece of Delridge neighborhoods



“DELRIDGE SHOULD BE SAFER FOR PEOPLE WALKING, BIKING AND RIDING THE BUS”

GOALS

A transportation system that provides convenient access for local travel within the neighborhood, and access to principal employment, shopping and entertainment activities in the surrounding area. D-G4

A community that provides safe, convenient, and efficient bikeway access to local and regional destinations. D-G5

PRIORITY STRATEGIES (1-3 YEARS)

Work with SDOT to complete the Delridge Way Multimodal Corridor Study and implement recommendations.

Complete neighborhood greenways.

Pursue Neighborhood Street and Park Fund grants to improve SW Brandon Street between 23rd Ave. SW and Camp Long.

Seek to transfer ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the Bataan Stairway to SDOT.

TAKING ACTION

Work through the Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor Study to identify a design that supports Delridge's vision for community development, improved transit and non-motorized transportation choices.

- Prioritize pedestrian and bicycle connections to transit and community destinations.
- Explore feasibility of the community "boulevard" vision with center landscape islands in relation to mobility needs along the corridor.
- Include urban design and art elements that reinforce the four neighborhood centers.
- Retain frequent transit stops to offset the incomplete street and sidewalk network
- Identify phased improvements such as adaptive street" projects SDOT is construction during 2016 at SW Brandon, and SW Orchard St.
- Coordinate with SPU's Longfellow Creek Natural Drainage Systems project.

“CREATE AN URBAN DESIGN PLAN FOR DELRIDGE WAY”



POLICIES

Seek to design Delridge Way SW as a multimodal corridor that supports Delridge’s vision for community development & the city’s vision for improved transit & non-motorized transportation choices. (NEW)

Encourage high quality bus service with effective and efficient transfer opportunities, and facilities that provide adequate safety and security. D-P13

Seek to use park-and-ride lots for multiple purposes such as serving as off-peak period recreational trailheads. D-P14

Strive for high quality roadway maintenance to ensure safe and efficient travel for pedestrians and vehicles. D-P15

Connect Delridge to bus rapid transit and to high capacity transit service between West Seattle, South King County and Downtown Seattle. (NEW)

STRATEGIES

Work with SDOT to complete the Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor project to identify a preferred design that supports Delridge’s vision for community development, improved transit and non-motorized transportation choices.

- Prioritize pedestrian safety near Delridge schools (Safe routes to Schools program), to the services, parks and activities in the Delridge Community Campus, to major transit connections and to other community destinations.
- Explore feasibility of the community "boulevard" vision with center landscape islands in relation to mobility needs along the corridor.
- Coordinate Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor project with SPU Longfellow Creek Natural Drainage Systems project and the Delridge Vision for Parks and Cultural Facilities to integrated networks.
- Identify interim mobility improvements & potential phased implementation of spot improvements.
- Develop urban design and public art elements that reinforce the four neighborhood centers, and identify funding to implement.

- Through the Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor project, improve transit service that achieves Bus Rapid Transit frequency & reliability.
- Identify means to retain frequent transit stops to offset the lack of a complete street and sidewalk network.
- Improve transit routes linking Delridge to surrounding areas – especially east/west corridors.
- Identify way to retain frequent transit stops to offset the lack of a complete street and sidewalk network.

- Engage in and advocate for (testify at Sound Transit Board and King County Council discussions) service access as part of Sound Transit 3 and for RapidRide expansion in West Seattle.
- Advocate for bus hour reallocations associated with additional high capacity transit service to improve east/west connections.

POLICIES

Improve unopened right-of-ways for walking and biking connections to increase connectivity where roads are not feasible. (NEW)



STRATEGIES

- Work with the City grant and levy programs to implement community priorities including:
 - Maintaining and upgrading existing stairs on SW Genesee St., SW Juneau St., SW Holly St., SW Myrtle St., SW Holden St.;
 - Working with SDOT to acquire and/or develop a maintenance agreement for Bataan Park stairs the connect High Point, Delridge and Boren K-8 STEM;
 - Installing new stairs along SW Brandon St. between 23rd and 21st Ave. SW; and
 - Creating paths along Puget Blvd. that links Cottage Grove Park through Puget Park to Herring House Park, and 24th Ave. SW extending Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.
 - Open SW Charlestown St. west of Delridge Way for walking and biking access to the industrial park.

Pursue strategies to increase the number of streets with sidewalks, implementing the Pedestrian Master Plan and community priorities for new sidewalks. (NEW)



- Work with grant opportunities and capital projects to complete sidewalk improvements that provide connections to transit and other community destinations, such as schools (Safe Routes to Schools program), to shops and services, parks and activities in the Campus Node.
- Seek to create an SDCI/OPCD/SDOT working committee to consider options for designing, funding and constructing sidewalks along streets where individual, small developments have “no-protest agreements” to participate in future sidewalk Local Improvement Districts, and for minimizing future occurrences where such agreements are allowed in place of providing sidewalks at the time of construction.

Implement a complete network of all ages and abilities bicycle facilities (protected bike lanes, multi-use trails, and neighborhood greenways) bicycle track, greenways and other facilities that provide connections to local and regional destinations. (NEW)



- Enhance the 17th/21st Ave. SW Greenway connection to the West Seattle Low Bridge trail by widening the intersection at north end of 21st Ave SW or improving visibility.
- Develop new bicycle facilities on unopened roads such as 24th Ave. SW near SW Sylvan St.

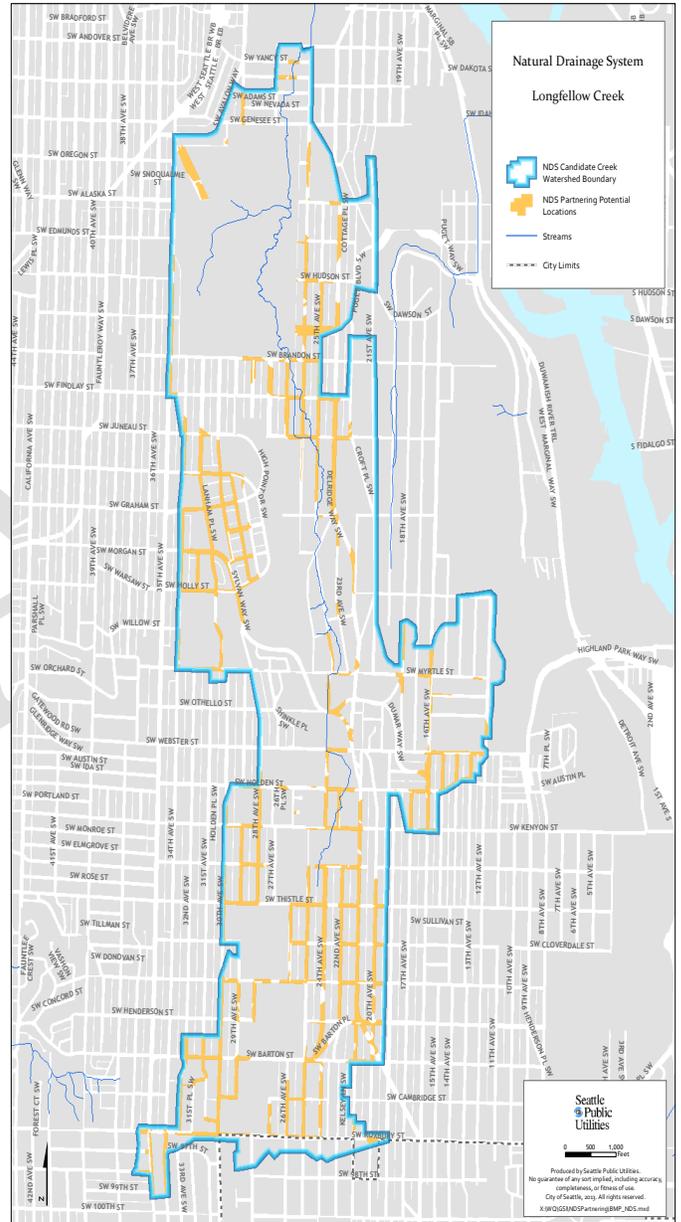
TRANSFORM THE LONGFELLOW CREEK WATERSHED

CREATE GREEN ELEMENTS THAT WELCOME THE RAIN: STORING, DRAINING, & CLEANING IT, SUSTAINING THE NATURAL & BUILT ENVIRONMENTS.

DISCUSSION

Delridge is a place where the community and the natural environment are integrated. Many of the hillsides have wet areas, the Longfellow Creek Watershed has been susceptible to flooding. In most of the Longfellow Creek Watershed pollutants enter the creek every time it rains, and in some parts of the watershed, the combined sewer system has experienced more overflows than allowed under Federal regulations.

The community, in partnership with the city, takes pride in and provides the stewardship needed to help maintain this natural environment. This partnership also fosters education opportunities for with children and students who use places in the watershed as “natural classrooms”. Our goal is to complete and improve the open space network in Delridge in a way that integrates the residential and business environments with natural areas for public access and wildlife habitat. Natural Drainage Systems (NDS) can also be integrated with the right-of-way network to provide safer, more attractive corridors for many modes of travel while treating pollution from road runoff.



“ADDRESS FLOODING
ALONG NEIGHBORHOOD
ROADWAYS”

GOALS

An environment where the built environment works with the natural environment to sustain Delridge's natural features like Longfellow Creek and hillside open spaces. (NEW)

PRIORITY STRATEGIES (1-3 YEARS)

Prioritize Natural Drainage System improvements to improve drainage and pedestrian connections to neighborhood destinations like schools, parks and transit.

Celebrate its 25th Anniversary by renewing the Longfellow Creek Watershed Action Plan as a community and City partnership for improving the health of the watershed.

Apply City regulations and coordinate infrastructure improvements to ensure that rainwater and surface water along hillsides and adjacent to Longfellow Creek are handled and conveyed to reduce impacts and protect the environment.

TAKING ACTION

Neighbors are working with Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU) NDS project to identify priorities for eight to ten blocks along which to construct natural detention facilities and accompanying sidewalks where they currently don't exist.

This Plan prioritizes NDS improvements along right-of-ways in Brandon and Sylvan Junctions, and near the large apartment complexes along 24th Ave. SW that: improve mobility by providing connection to destinations like transit, shopping and parks; enhance the street character; and address issues where stormwater impacts streets and development.

- Recruit block champions to organize support for each NDS block.
- Coordinate the SPU Longfellow Creek Natural Drainage Systems project with the Multimodal Corridor Study and the Delridge Vision for its Parks and Cultural Facilities to provide integrated pedestrian networks.

“RENEW THE LONGFELLOW CREEK ACTION PLAN”



POLICIES

Seek to protect from development: natural open space areas, wetlands, drainage corridors, and woodlands that contain prime wildlife habitat along the Longfellow Creek, Puget Creek, and Duwamish River drainage corridors and valley hillsides. D-P2



- Work with Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to get timely notice of development.
- Encourage and incentivize natural drainage & other innovations to address impacts of new development.
- Work with SDCI to identify solutions to minimize downhill flooding risks resulting from new development on undeveloped hillsides.

Work with community groups and neighborhood stakeholders to provide stewardship of the natural environment using appropriate city resources in partnership with community organizations, schools, and others. D-P4



- Reconvene a Longfellow stewardship group and create a program to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Longfellow Creek Watershed Action Plan and renew it as a community and City partnership to improve its health.
- Work with community partners (e.g. Duwamish Alive, Green Corp, Green Seattle Partnership, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and the Nature Consortium) to identify projects and funding partnerships that improve Longfellow Creek, Puget Creek and other habitat areas.
- Foster partnerships with schools, like the one with Boren K-8 STEM developed as part of DNDA's Wetlands and Stewardship Project, to build support and expand education about environmental stewardship and growing food.
- Work with the SPU, King Conservation District – Seattle Community Partnership Grant, & others to develop & finance projects that improve natural environment & raise awareness about environmental stewardship.



SDCI's stormwater code protects people, property, and the environment by controlling how rain water runs off of streets, buildings, and parking lots. Stormwater runoff can cause flooding, landslides, and erosion that can damage our homes, businesses, and property. Runoff carries oil and grease, fertilizers, pesticides and other toxic chemicals to our waterways. In 2016 SDCI updated the code to:

- *Improve stormwater management for new development, including on-site stormwater management;*
- *Improve the Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Controls requirements*
- *Clarify Pollution Prevention and Operation and Maintenance; and*
- *Update the Source Control and Water Quality Treatment Practices*

POLICIES

STRATEGIES

Seek to reduce pollution into Longfellow Creek by installing Natural Drainage Systems in the Public-Right-of-Way as part of the Integrated Plan. (NEW)



- Through the NDS Program, prioritize locations where drainage & walking improvements link to transit, schools & other community destinations. While NDS can only be installed in areas that meet the technical requirements for feasibility, these areas might be:
 - along SW Brandon St. connecting Camp Long, Longfellow Creek and Delridge Way SW;
 - connecting the SCL surplus Delridge Substation park site to Delridge Way SW and the Boren School;
 - near the large apartment complexes south of Home Depot; and
 - potentially along the Longfellow Creek corridor north of Home Depot.
- Work with community to identify street segment “champions” who organize neighbor support for NDS projects.
- Coordinate Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor Project with SPU Longfellow Creek Natural Drainage Systems project & the Delridge Vision for Parks and Cultural Facilities to create integrated networks.

Seek to increase construction, by new development, of right-of-way improvements that address drainage and mobility needs. (NEW)



- Implement the 2016 Stormwater Code update provisions that will improve storm water management for new development, run-off controls, and operation, maintenance and treatment practices
- Advertise how and where to report drainage issues to City.
- Mitigate drainage/flooding implications when issuing land use and street improvement permits in priority areas.
- Explore ways to coordinate public street improvements with private development to expand sidewalk & drainage projects.

ACTIVE PARKS & OPEN SPACES.

PRESERVE, CREATE & ACTIVATE PARKS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR THE HEALTH OF DELRIDGE'S COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT.

DISCUSSION

Delridge's parks and cultural facilities are the neighborhoods strongest assets. Preserving and strengthening these increases opportunities for residents to lead active lives and supports social cohesion - factors that support the health of the Delridge community. *Delridge's Vision for Parks and Cultural Facilities* (see Appendix B) increases attention on how these facilities work for increasing physical activity and social cohesion within communities that more often experience health inequities. It identifies strategies that will help Delridge's parks and cultural facilities play a lead role in reducing health inequities.

- Establish a citywide recognition of Delridge as "The Place where Nature, Art and Culture Collide"
- Foster partnerships between Seattle Parks and Recreation and community organizations to expand awareness and participation in parks and cultural facilities.
- Build community partnerships and secure funding to expand culturally-supportive programs.
- Create a range of recreation and cultural opportunities for people of all ages.
- Support DNDA's work to acquire and build the Wetlands and Stewardship Project.



Delridge Community Center is a powerful resource providing a number of supportive recreational, educational and cultural programs.

- Improve physical and visual access to Camp Long and the West Seattle Golf Course.
- Improve trails and stairways to provide opportunities for activity and improve the ability to get around Delridge.
- Work through capital projects and grants to increase safe routes to parks and cultural facilities.
- Increase the diversity of play equipment at Greg Davis and Cottage Grove Parks.



"I LOVE THE KIDDIE POOL"

GOALS

A Delridge community that is integrated with the natural environment, where open space and natural areas are preserved, interconnected, well maintained, and safe - for wildlife, and residents including children. D-G1

Parks and recreation resources that meet the needs of all Delridge Communities, and provide opportunities to address health inequities which are often concentrated in minority, immigrant and low-income communities. (NEW)

PRIORITY STRATEGIES (1-3 YEARS)

- Establish Delridge as the place in Seattle where art, nature and culture collide, by coordinating and promoting Delridge Day, Art in Nature and the Delridge Cultural Community Series.
- Increase Delridge Community Center fundraising to broaden access to scholarships that help families access preschool and recreational programs.
- Develop the SCL Delridge Substation site for conservation and education in partnership with Boren K-8 STEM
- Improve walking access to Camp Long from SW Brandon St., and connections around West Seattle Golf Course to the Stadium and Camp Long.
- Assist Delridge's diverse communities with sustaining their organizations, and developing cultural programs at the Community Center and Youngstown Cultural Arts Center.

TAKING ACTION

The Delridge Vision identifies strategies for parks, cultural facilities, and programs to address health inequities that are often concentrated in minority, immigrant and low-income communities.

- Delridge Day, Art in Nature, and Delridge Neighborhoods Cultural Events Series organizers have begun discussion to coordinate their events throughout the year in order to engage all communities and raise the profile of all events.
- The Parks District provides funding for scholarships. The Delridge Community Center initiated an event to help low-income and non-English speaking households apply for scholarships .
- DNDA has partnered with Boren K-8 STEM to acquire and develop a vacant SCL substation for wetland and urban agriculture learning.
- The Nature Consortium is launching restoration projects at several locations along Longfellow Creek.

"WE NEED MORE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH"



POLICIES

Establish Delridge as the place in Seattle where art, nature and culture collide.(NEW)

Engage and involve Delridge community, especially historically underrepresented communities (e.g. Latino, Somali, Vietnamese, Cambodian and youth), in identifying parks and recreation needs and defining physical and programmatic improvements. (NEW)



Children celebrated Tet Nhi Dong Childrens's Moonlight Festival as part of the DNDA Cultural Event Series. Photo by Nelson Lu

Consider the health inequities reported in the Delridge Health Reporting Area when selecting physical improvements and programs, paying special attention that the improvements provide increased opportunity to those experiencing health inequities. (NEW)

STRATEGIES

- Coordinate and promote Delridge Day, Art in Nature and the Delridge Cultural Community Series.
- Work with underrepresented communities to include their voices in the development, production and participation in these

- Consider how the design and programming of parks facilities can support Delridge's diverse cultures and support the social cohesion of all communities in Delridge.
 - Continue to engage historically underrepresented communities to identify unmet needs, including needs for classes that respect/sustain their cultures.
 - Establish gathering place(s) for community/cultural events such as Cambodian Dances, Tet celebrations, etc.
 - Work with Delridge's communities to identify community partners and locations for offering for language and culture classes.
 - Coordinate programs among Community Center, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center & Southwest Youth & Family Services
 - Raise awareness among non-English speaking communities of Parks' programs and facilities, as well as scholarships available through Recreation for All.
 - Seek to establish programs and facilities that reflect the high percentage of youth, as well as those that serve elders.

- Refer to the Healthy Delridge Parks Vision as a source for understanding Delridge's priorities for parks, community programs and trails, and address health inequities that are often concentrated in immigrant, low-income and communities of color.
- Encourage active & healthy living through parks programs.
- Pursue partnerships with Trust for Public Land and Seattle Parks Foundation who make health-promoting investments such as Fitness Zone.

POLICIES

Seek to create a comprehensive open space network in Delridge that integrates the residential and business environments with natural areas for public access and wildlife habitat. D-P1



STRATEGIES

- Support DNDA's work to acquire the former SCL substation at SW Findlay St. and 23rd Ave. SW to develop the Wetlands and Stewardship Project.



Volunteers work to clear invasive plants for the Wetlands and Stewardship Project



West Seattle Golf Course abuts SW Brandon St., a key connection in the Brandon Junction. Removing the arborvitae trees and improving the fencing in coordination with sidewalk improvements would better integrate this park with the neighborhood.



Community members expressed strong interest in expanding the range of activities at Cottage Grove, Puget Boulevard and Greg Davis parks in order to encourage more use.

- Better integrate Camp Long and West Seattle Golf Course into Delridge
 - Expand and/or create new entries, integrate trails , improve views into the golf course, and support greater participation (e.g. programs in native languages.)
 - Develop partnerships to increase community ownership & maintenance of parks & trails.

- Increase park use by including features such as play equipment; electricity to support events & field upgrades.
 - Explore more active programming at Greg Davis Park and Puget Blvd. Park such as an outdoor classroom, more play features and picnicking facilities. Address gang & crime issues.
 - Develop partnership to add, program and maintain new parks such as at Dakota Pl. near Youngstown Flats, and at the Seattle City Light surplus property.
 - Establish a process to work with Parks to identify an appropriate location and develop an off-leash park in north Delridge.

POLICIES

STRATEGIES

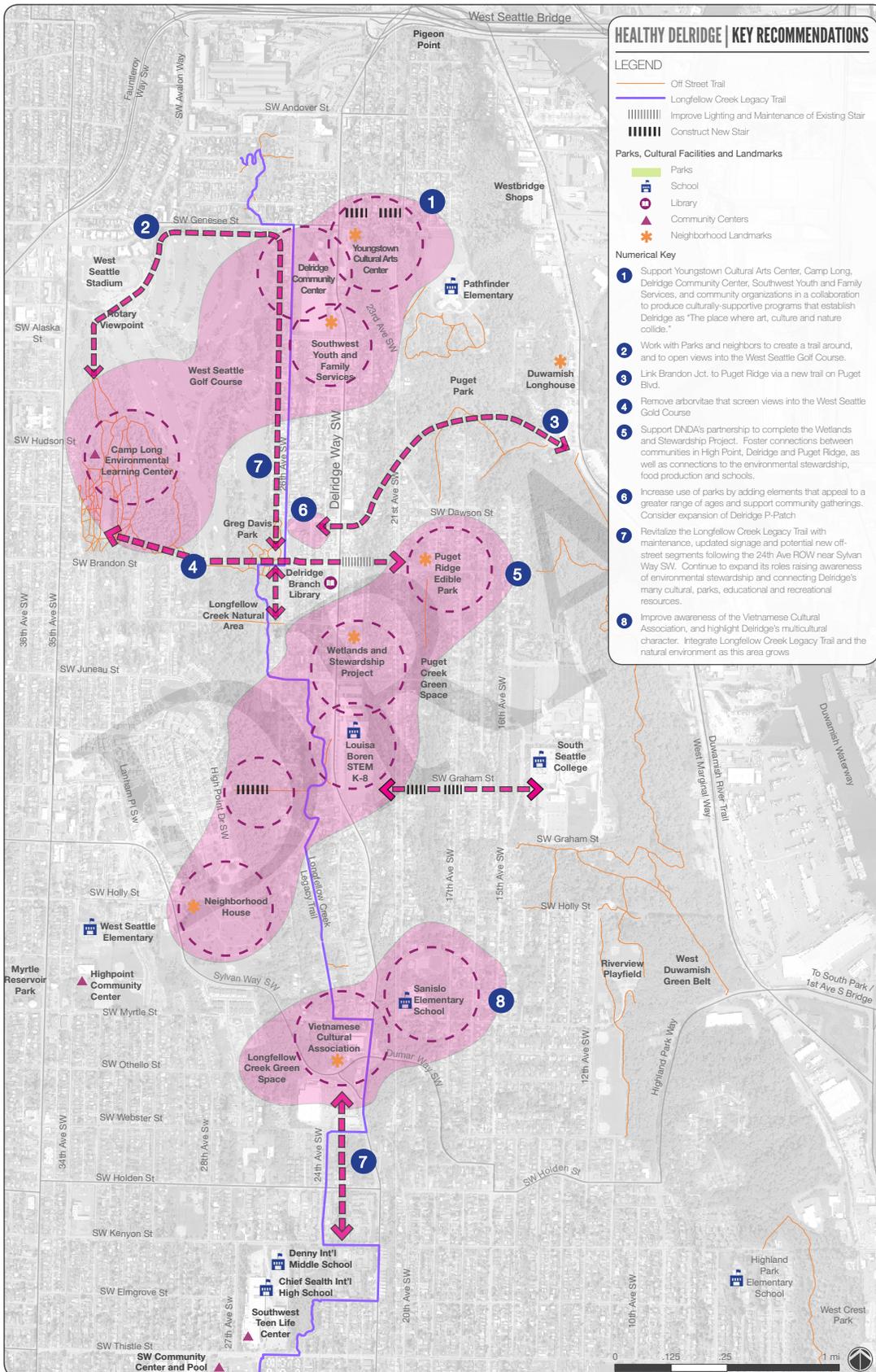
Strive to create a comprehensive system of trails for recreational hikers, walkers, and joggers, linking residential areas to parks and community facilities, schools, business nodes, and transit systems. D-P3



- Integrate parks & trails to create "linear parks" such as improving Puget Boulevard to connect Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail, Brandon Junction, Puget Creek Trail and the Duwamish Longhouse and Herring House Park. Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail can also link community and park facilities from Camp Long to Roxhill Bog.
- Identify & prioritize needed maintenance for community trails.
- Work with community partners (e.g. Green Seattle Partnership, Duwamish Alive and the Nature Consortium) to update the Longfellow Creek Action Plan.
- Provide attractive, safe pedestrian and bike connections to parks.
- Work with SPR and the Green Seattle Partnership to engage the community in identifying habitat restoration priorities and the appropriate types and location of trails and other activities in Delridge's undeveloped parks and greenspaces.



KEY STRATEGIES FROM THE VISION FOR PARKS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES



APPENDICES

A: ACTION MATRIX (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

B: DELRIDGE'S VISION FOR PARKS & CULTURAL FACILITIES (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

C: OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY
(UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

D: DELRIDGE HEALTHY LIVING ASSESSMENT

**E: PLANNING A HEALTHY DELRIDGE:
PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES FOR ACTIVE
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**F: HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT: SEATTLE'S
DELRIDGE MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**

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