

Vibrant Neighborhood Destinations. Develop four neighborhood destinations or centers along Delridge Way SW with: distinctive design; a mix of businesses, services, cultural & recreational opportunities & homes; & excellent access.

Vision Discussion: The Delridge neighborhoods in the eastern portion of West Seattle encompass a wide area of ridges and the dell along Delridge Way SW. The area is not well-connected to the more established business districts. For many years, the Delridge community has worked to create a four distinct neighborhood destinations or centers along Delridge Way SW, where there are convenient housing options, and neighbors can go for shopping, entertainment, services. Integrating, focusing and expanding activities will provide a community focus and help neighborhood businesses. The action plan combines land use, transportation and economic strategies in support of this vision.

Priorities We've Heard

- Work with businesses, property owners and the City to launch a business development program.
- Attract a grocery serving northern Delridge, located at one of the centers.
- Improve the identity and sense of place with streetscape improvements; and through design review.
- Coordinate transportation, utility and parks investments in order to create easy access, improve the environment and maximize positive changes within the neighborhood anchors.

Andover: Improve access to existing business & create a distinct entry to the Delridge neighborhood

Campus: Support increased coordination - expanding & improving programs between agencies. Improve the ability to walk between buildings

Brandon: Improve area to serve as the “village commercial district” for the North Delridge neighborhoods. Improve bus connections, bike & pedestrian safety, beautification projects & business marketing

Sylvan: Improve the area to serve as an “international village center” providing goods, services, entertainment, & transit to surrounding neighborhoods.



Andover



Campus



Brandon



Sylvan

Strategies

Priority	Strategies
1	Activate a community, business and land-owner partnership to work with the Office of Economic Development Attract to develop and implement small business support, recruitment and development strategies.
2	8 Attract an affordable grocery store (and alternatives to standard supermarket) serving north Delridge, located at one of the neighborhood nodes –collaborating with community resources & agencies to:
3	1 Through a community and City collaboration on the Delridge Multimodal Corridor, design a series of unifying and differentiating public design elements & identify grants for implements elements of the designs.
4	2 Raise awareness about the design review process. Form a design review committee to comment on projects during design review to express community priorities.
5	2 Assist business & land-owners to secure grants from the Office of Economic Development & Department of Neighborhoods.
6	Through the Delridge Way SW multimodal corridor study, explore opportunities for improved access to neighborhood destinations for people walking, biking, using transit & driving.
7	1 Andover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. stairs.
8	1 Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage underrepresented communities to identify their interests for programs & facilities. • Support Youngstown Cultural Arts Center to provide culturally diverse programming. • Identify ways to identify, & reflect Delridge’s cultures in public art, streetscape, signage. • Explore zoning tools to increase opportunity for business & higher-density residences. • Work with the community center, Youngstown and SWYFC to increase year-round, outdoor activity.
9	7 Brandon Junction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a small business development focus (such as food) specific to Brandon. • Activate Puget Blvd Park & develop Puget Boulevard Trail connecting area to Puget Creek Trail. • Provide more space and facilities for gathering at parks and restaurants. • Prioritize constructing sidewalks on all streets within ¼ mile of Brandon and Delridge Way SW. • Consider parking approaches including: short-term on-street parking, load zones & shared parking among businesses. • Connect 26th Ave SW & SW Juneau St. greenways to Delridge Way SW.
10	5 Sylvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number and diversity of businesses. • Highlight & improve community policing & connectivity between SW Precinct & larger community. • Create a better route for Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.

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Table 1 – Affordable Healthy Food & Neighborhood Centers

Neighborhood Centers/Drainage

- Brandon Junction? Types of amenities?
- Roundabout at Delridge/Brandon
- “Brandon Centre”?
- Parking in the area for businesses
- Coffee shops , bakery
- How to attract businesses? Recruitment
- What is the zoning in the area? Need to tell the City we want mixed-use – truly mixed-use with businesses and residential
- OED Comment: Need to identify potential sites for business, sq. footages, SWOT Analysis, create brochure, contact businesses/developer in neighboring municipalities, bus tour of sites for investors, describe benefits of sites for investors, describe benefits of bringing businesses to area. OED could help with brochure and SWOT. Real estate contact/partner in neighborhood. Financing options through OED, Partner with West Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Could be older buildings that need redevelopment. Affordability of retail space is important – incentives for making spaces affordable?
- Neighborhood Amenities: Archway like CID, more trees, roadside raingardens.

Table 2 Vibrant Neighborhood Destinations & Drainage / Supporting Strong Communities

- Roxbury/16th & 17th standing water – big puddle needs attention
- Invest in raingardens along Delridge to attract businesses
- More development at Vietnamese Cultural Center – Sylvan Node, (Lanterns, cultural signage – visibility)
- Clean the roads % Streets - City area around Orchard St. near VCC
- More public investment in Delridge. All is welcome if for public good.
- City space at Sylvan, across from VCC is a jungle. City should maintain – sell to VCC. Build park and add sign “Welcome to Delridge”

Table 6 - Vibrant Neighborhood Destinations & Drainage / Parks & Community Destinations

Vibrant Neighborhood Destination

- Grocery store – Delridge Co-op
- Shell station
- West Seattle Blog
- Communication
- *Off-street parking for businesses
- Walkable, marketplace feel
- Safety
- E/W connectivity
- Restaurants
- Family no bar, like Pho
- Good Food
- Pharmacy
- Coffee house by Home Depot
- Bakery
- Parking off Delridge
- Indoor Place for children
- Outdoor place for children activities Covered
- Sun Water Park
- Grocery store is a priority
- Central parking with multiple businesses
- Critical mass of businesses with shared central parking

Drainage

- Hudson & 23rd Ave SW
- 26th & Alaska
- Longfellow Creek – across street from Boren School
- Delridge & Hudson (bottom of Hill)
- South of Home Depot on police station side.
- Brandon & 18th
- Delridge & Elmgrove
- On-ramp to West Seattle Bridge
- Brandon & Delridge

Partners

- Homeowners manage their own run-off
- Rainwise program
- Ram gardens – funding, training, library
- Community rain gardens – neighborhood project
- Education program
- Grant/Incentive
- What is already available?
- Class at South Seattle Community College

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

Vision Discussion: Delridge is a place where the community and the natural environment are integrated. Many of the hillsides have wet areas, the Longfellow Creek Drainage Basin 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 Delridge community, in partnership with the city, takes pride in and provides the stewardship needed to help maintain this natural environment.

Priorities We've Heard

- Prioritize locations where drainage & walking improvements link to transit, schools & other community destinations. Within North Delridge, the desires to improve community nodes, address drainage and increase the number of sidewalks work together to support NDS around the Brandon Junction along (for example, along Brandon, Juneau 25th and 26th).
- Minimize drainage impacts from new development.
- Address flooding issues along streets that affect walking.



Strategies

Priority		Strategies
1	5	<p>Through the Natural Drainage System Program prioritize locations where drainage & walking improvements link to transit, schools & other community destinations. Within North Delridge, the desires to improve community nodes, address drainage and increase the number of sidewalks work together to support NDS around the Brandon Node. While Natural Drainage Systems can only be installed in areas that meet the technical requirements for feasibility, these areas might be focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ along SW Brandon & Juneau Streets and 26th and 25th Avenues SW connecting Camp Long, Longfellow Creek and Delridge Way SW; ❖ Connecting the SCL park site to Delridge Way SW and the Boren School; and ❖ Along the Longfellow Creek corridor near Home Depot. ❖ Work with community to identify street segment “champions” who organize neighbor support for Natural Drainage projects. <p>Promote Rainwise Program in combined sewer areas.</p>
2	6	<p>Consider drainage/flooding implications when issuing land use permits in priority areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Consider natural drainage & other innovations to address impacts of new development. ❖ Work with DPD to identify and minimize downhill flooding risks resulting from new development on undeveloped hillsides. ❖ Work with DPD to get timely notice of development. ❖ Advertise how/where to report drainage issues to City.
3	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with community partners (e.g. Longfellow Creek Stewardship Council, 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, such as at the surplus SCL site at SW Juneau St., to build support and expand education about environmental stewardship.
4		<p>Work with the Seattle Public Utilities, King County Conservation District – Seattle Community Partnership Grant, & other to develop & finance projects that improve natural environment & raise awareness about environmental stewardship.</p>
5		<p>Coordinate Delridge Way SW Multimodal Corridor Study with SPU Longfellow Creek Natural Drainage Systems project & the Healthy Delridge Parks Plan to create integrated networks.</p>

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- Juneau & Delridge storm drain clogs with overflow from Longfellow Creek
- Creek maintenance on spillway
- Some neighbors actually sandbag against flooding
- We're not a high priority neighborhood during storm drainage events/drainage issues
- Property tax credit for storm drain cleanup partnerships with City of Seattle Consider drainage/flooding implications when issuing land use permits
- Unimproved alleys – flooding impacts property
- Require new development to improve alleyways and other drainage systems