

SITE CONSIDERATIONS

The City/ARC Study initially identified four potential sites for an aquatic center. These options were the following:

- Lincoln Center
- Marymoor Park
- Airfield Park
- Bellevue College

In reviewing these site options City Council provided the following direction to City Parks Staff:

- Focus on two of the original site options
 - Airfield Park
 - Site environmental mitigation needs is a key element
 - Bellevue College
 - Contingent on partnership discussions
- Explore additional site options
 - Land available to purchase
 - Other Public options
 - Sites owned by potential partners
 - Potential for land swaps
 - Private development opportunities
- Key site criteria include the following
 - Site large enough to support facility with limited need to build structured parking
 - Site in the City of Bellevue
 - Cost of acquisition of site
 - Suitability for building and potential additional construction costs
 - Impact of location on potential partners
 - Centralized location for equitable access and greatest economic impact
 - Visibility of Site
 - Easily accessible to all modes of transportation
 - Light Rail
 - Safe access for bikes and pedestrians
 - Automobiles
 - Impact on and synergies with neighborhood

Airfield Park Site

Airfield Park – 27.5 acres



Bellevue College Site

Bellevue College – 16.7 acres



Alternate Site Explorations

As potential private site explorations are conducted, SF/ISG believe it is important to think outside the box and envision opportunities that can enhance the existing City and Regional planning within Bellevue. Site criteria include:

- Proximity to Regional Growth Center
- Proximity to Eastrail Corridor, Light Rail, Bus and main thoroughfares (405, 520, 90, Bel-Red, 116th)
- Enhance urban planning such as Grand Connection and Wilburton Redevelopment
- Centrally accessible
- Availability of Potential Site
 - Purchase
 - Privately owned
 - Publicly Owned
 - School District or County Site suitable for Public Land Swap
 - Partnership with private developer
 - Other

NEXT STEPS

Review of the current Site Options and identification of new Site Options will be an important part of the immediate Next Steps and need to be addressed in parallel with the development of the Recommended Design to move forward. Key Next Steps include:

- Further engagement with Bellevue College
- Analysis of environmental mitigation needs and costs at Airfield Park
- Identification of potential new sites
- Fine-tuning of Site Needs and Criteria based on final Recommended Design