

# Bothell Vision Statement

## *WE THE PEOPLE OF BOTHELL*

hereby set forth and pledge our commitment to achieve a common vision for the future of the Bothell community.

Our vision is drawn from scores of hopes and dreams offered by interested citizens responding to an open invitation from the City of Bothell to imagine our community in the future. From these hopes and dreams emerge the central values which we as a community hold in common:

- We believe that the essence of a prosperous and vibrant city is found not in its structures but in the collective spirit of those who live and who work within the community. We hold that the built aspects of a community—its transportation network, utilities system, buildings and other facilities—should not be considered as ends in themselves, but as means for enhancing the quality of life and enriching the human spirit.
- We believe that certain controls on the choices of individual action are appropriate to ensure that the community's best interests are realized.
- We believe that human activities should be considered as one component of a complex system of relationships among living things and their environment and that we have a responsibility to ourselves and to future generations to seek a mutually supportive balance within this system.

## *OUR VISION FOR BOTHELL,*

based on the above values, is of a community which:

1. Celebrates and respects its picturesque setting by achieving harmony between the built and natural environments;
2. Fosters the fulfillment of human potential through an assortment of educational, recreational and cultural opportunities available to individuals and families of all ages, incomes and ethnic backgrounds;
3. Demonstrates a commitment to the conservation of scarce resources through the actions of residents, businesses and public institutions;
4. Develops and maintains a transportation system which serves land use and conservation goals and offers a variety of motorized and non-motorized modes of travel, placing emphasis on each, so as to maximize individual choice;
5. Maintains strong residential neighborhoods through public investments in physical improvements intended to enhance neighborhood identity and through public policy decisions intended to protect neighborhoods from intrusion by incompatible uses;

6. Conveys an overall single family residential character while offering a range of housing types and prices to ensure an adequate choice of attractive living accommodations to persons desiring to reside in Bothell;
7. Provides commercial areas which are pedestrian-, bicycle- and transit-oriented, vibrant and inviting by design, and located and sized so as to ensure adequate selection and availability of goods and services for all Bothell residents;
8. Provides an employment "hub" for residents of North King County and South Snohomish County, offering job opportunities which are generated by diverse, sustainable and environmentally sound economic activities; sufficient in number and concentrations to support employee-oriented transit, recreation and human services; and located in settings characterized by high quality design;
9. Honors its past and provides a perspective for the future by preserving significant historic buildings and other links to the early years of the City;
10. Protects, preserves and enhances those features of the natural environment which are most sensitive to human activities;
11. Promotes protection of native wildlife habitats, recognizing that the human species is but one of many within the Bothell area;
12. Provides a diversity of active and passive recreation opportunities through recreation programs and a system of parks, open spaces and interlinking trails;
13. Possesses a range of affordable and physically accessible human services to assist individuals and families in need;
14. Provides necessary utility services including clean water supply, electricity, telephone, natural gas, storm water drainage, and disposal of sewerage and solid waste in a manner which is fiscally and environmentally responsible;
15. Ensures the safety and security of community residents, employees and visitors through responsive police, fire and emergency medical aid services;
16. Continually strives to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of municipal services, and extends those services through annexation at the request of residents of adjacent unincorporated areas;
17. Recognizes that each community's decisions affect other communities and that certain issues are most effectively addressed on a regional level, and therefore works closely with other public agencies at the city, county, state and federal levels to ensure that local and regional goals are achieved;
18. Through realization of the preceding components of this vision statement, fosters a sense of belonging and pride in the community and a feeling of well-being.