



Lake to Lake Trail Analysis

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A trail can be more than a *thing* - it can be a *place*.

What is “Place”? What is the
Lake to Lake trail as a place?

Guiding principles for the L2L

Our Vision

Connectivity



All-weather and all-day access

- From leisure research



Commuting and Bike Routes

- From Ped/Bike Plan



Interaction with other infrastructure



Design extending beyond trail itself

Journey



Checkpoints

- Provides sense of progression
- Assist in wayfinding



Crossroads

- Confluence between infrastructure and places

Art and History



Coordinated Stories

- From historical research



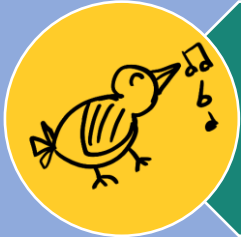
Creative and Inclusive Signage



Exploration

- From Grand Connection

Timeless



Preserve adjacent environment

- From Utility's Open Streams drainage systems



Withstand climate and change



Balancing nature and built environment

- From psychological research

Meditative



Offer places to linger

- From Gehl Institute

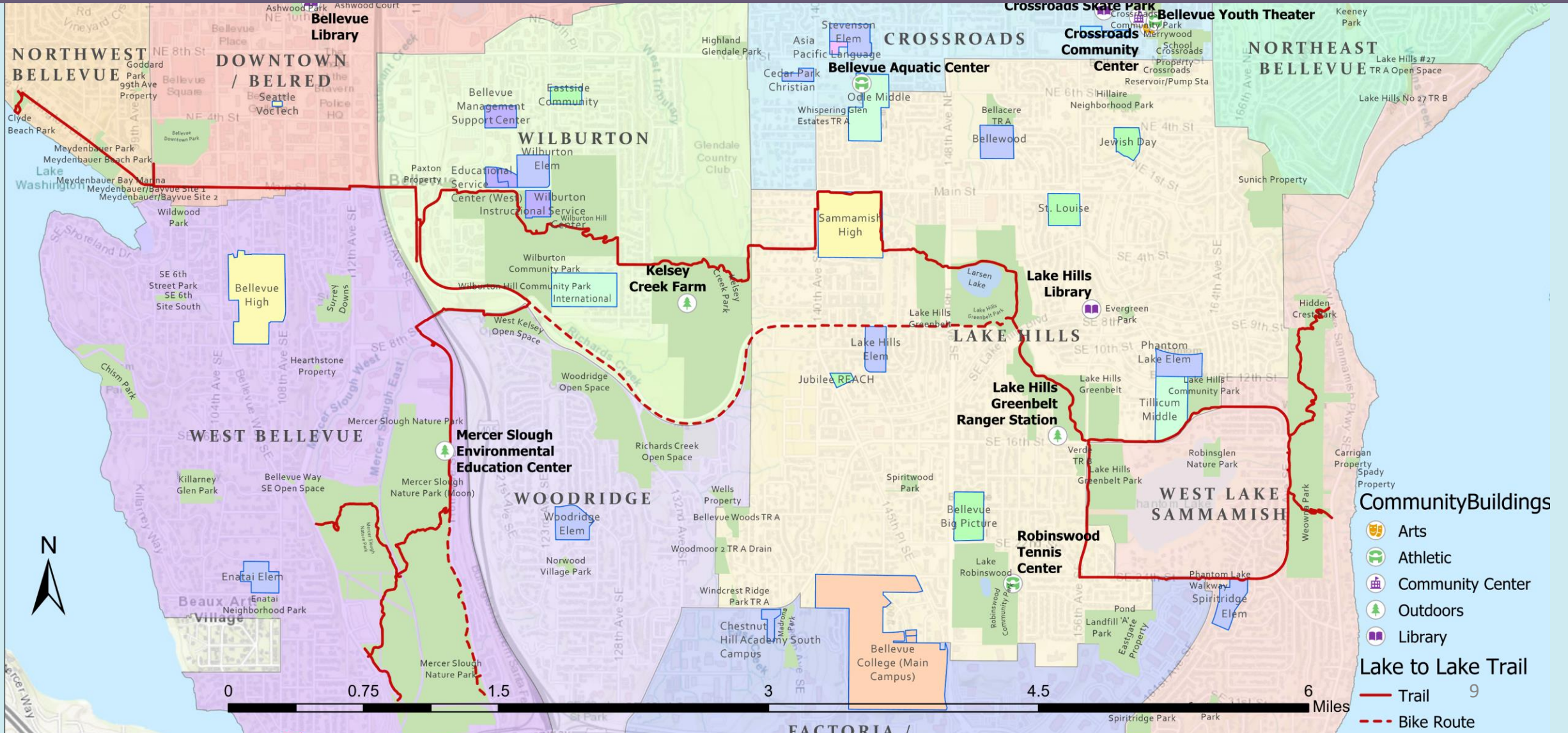


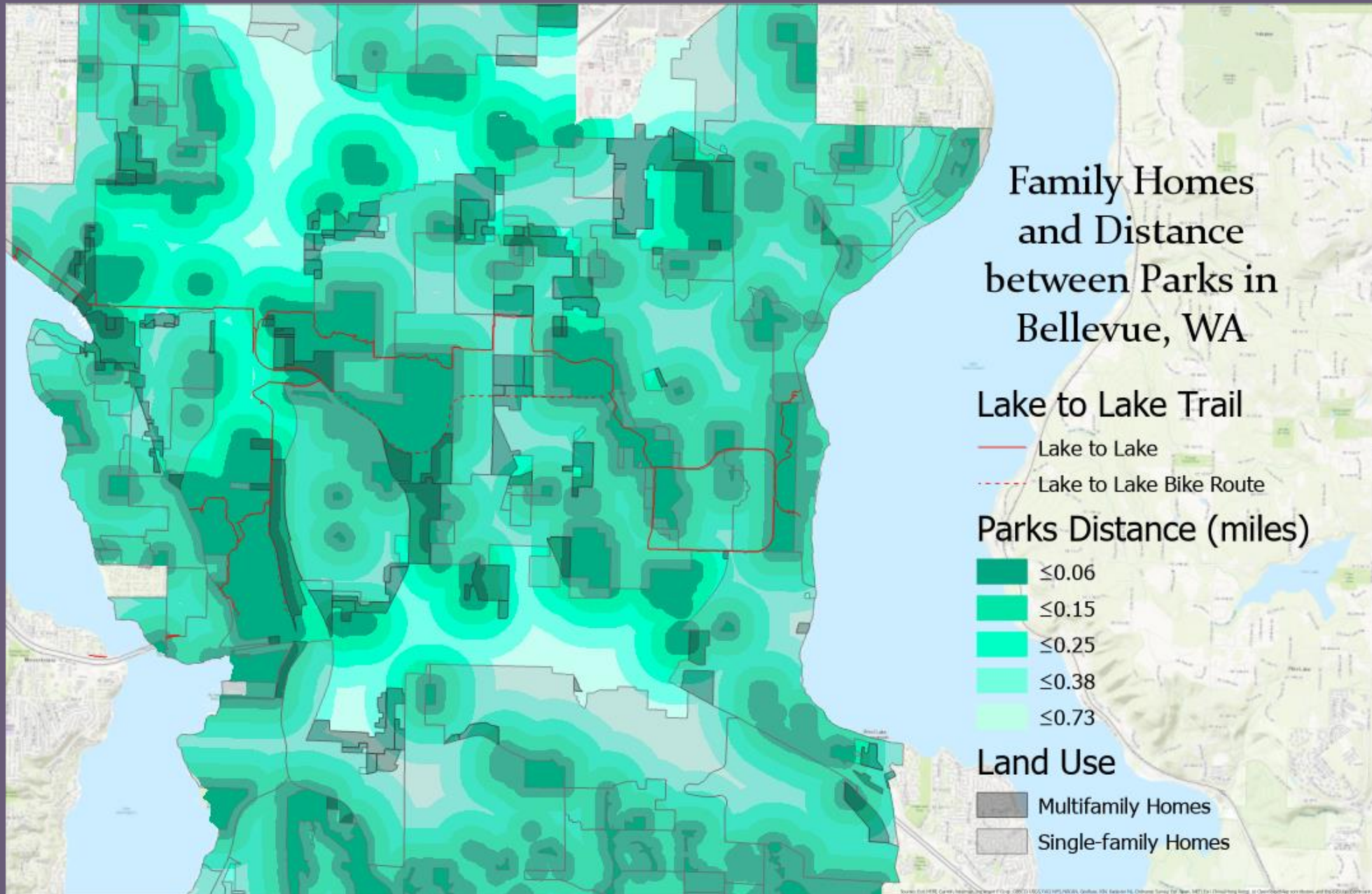
Restorative

- Connections to self, connections to nature
- From psychological research

CONNECTIVITY

Public Space Map





Field Research

Our experience and analysis of neighborhoods touching the trail

- West Bellevue
- Wilburton
- Lake Hills
- West Sammamish

West Bellevue



West Bellevue Trail Character



Sidewalks on 118th



Lots of Crossings



Clear, Pristine Maps

Recommendations for West Bellevue

- Improve and add sidewalks, especially on 118th
- Improve crossings around large freeway intersections for a more welcoming pedestrian environment
- Improve detour signage and frequency of posting
- Utilize the South Bellevue Link Light Rail Station during off-peak times
- Create more imaginative signage, welcoming pedestrians, especially where the trail meets the South Bellevue Station

Gatherings in West Bellevue

CONNECTIVITY

- South Bellevue Link Station has open space during off-peak parking times
- "Pop-up" events during the evenings and on weekends
- Familiarity with the new station/reaching the station
- "Mobile Event Units" keep the space's schedule fresh



<https://seattletransitblog.com/2013/11/04/planning-for-east-links-south-bellevue-station/>



From Grand Connections, Sequence One

NEIGHBORHOOD ANALYSIS

Wilburton



Wilburton Character



Parks



Single-Family



Accessibility Issues

Recommendations for Wilburton

- Amending Bike Plan to make both directions of Lake Hills Connector Off-Path Trail
- Adding Sidewalk to west side of SE 1st St.
- Completing pedestrian plan for SE 7th Pl. sidewalk
- Improving signage on trails within parks, directing towards trail
- Delineating a better north/south bike route through neighborhood
- Creating better access for low-income communities via planning, transit

Car-Free Day in Wilburton

CONNECTIVITY

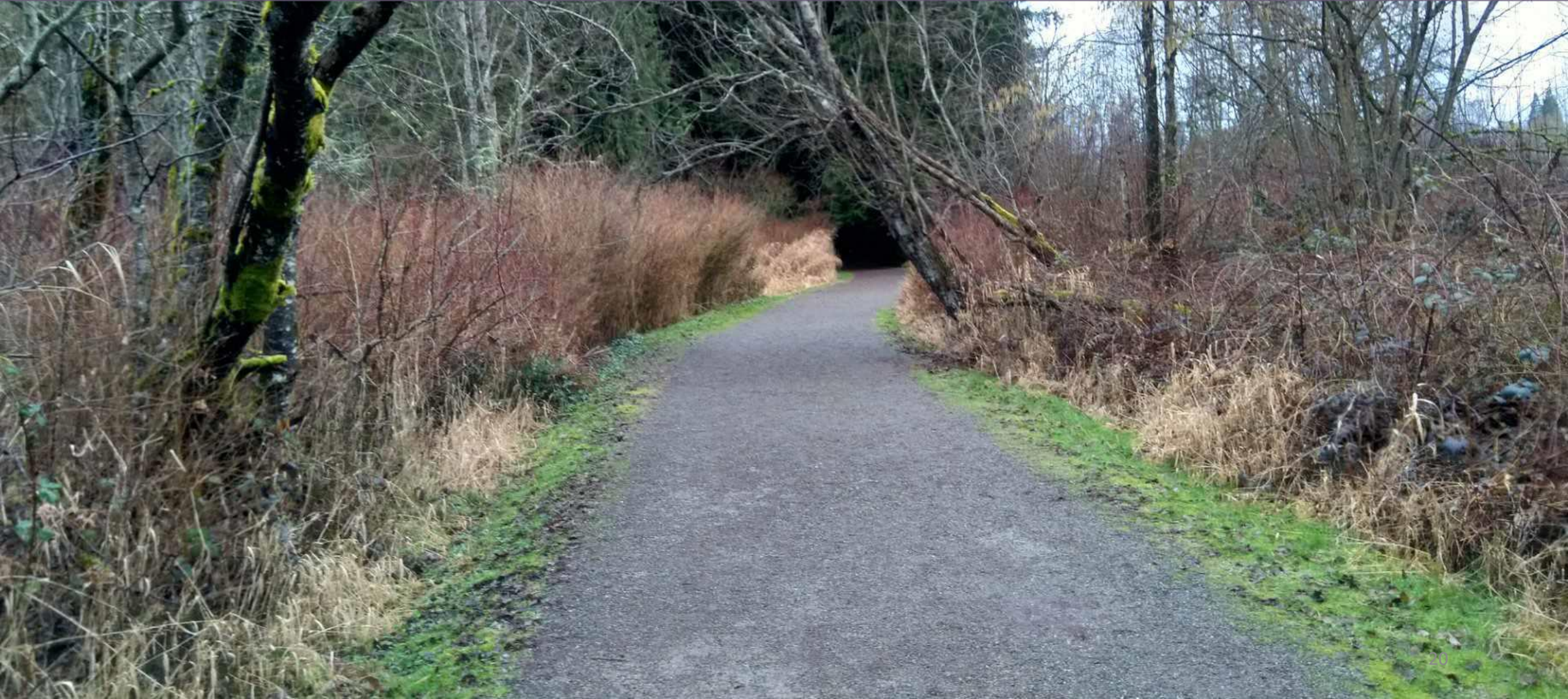
- One day in the year
- People must use bike, walking, etc. to commute
- Based on Bogota's *día sin carro*/Day without cars
- Accommodations made for people who can't walk/bike
- Large enough area to encourage, exploration, shopping, other activities



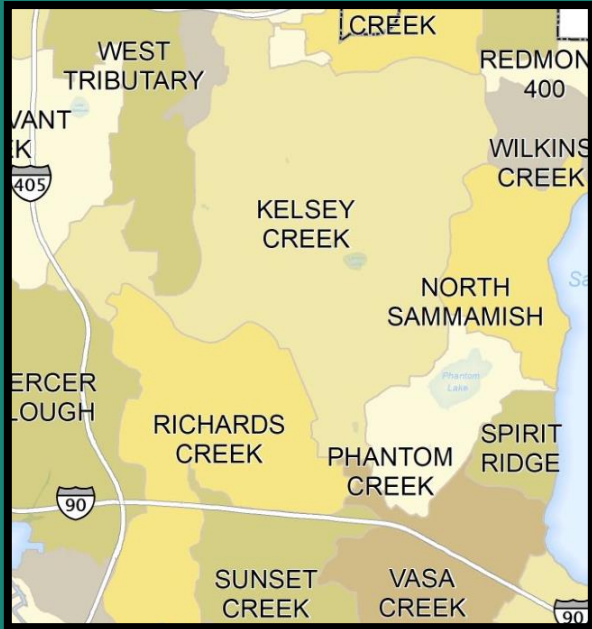
El día sin carro in Bogota

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Lake Hills



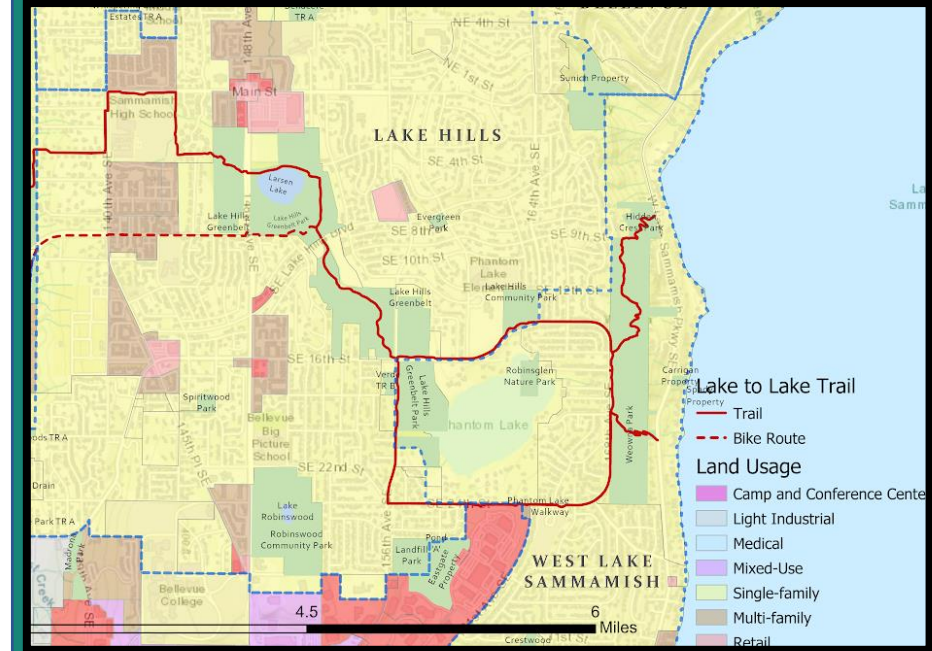
Lake Hills Character



Wetlands



Architecture



History

Recommendations for Lake Hills

- Utilize Ranger Station - make it more open to the trail
- Utilize library - extend design beyond the trail
- Improve entrances - make them more obvious to provide sense of being “checkpoints”
- Create meditative gazebos

Meditative Gazebos in Lake Hills

MEDITATIVE; CHECKPOINTS; ALL-DAY, ALL WEATHER ACCESS

- Situated in a clearing just off the trail
- Design that highlights specific areas
- Addresses lack of places to linger in Lake Hills
- Exhibits conflict in values



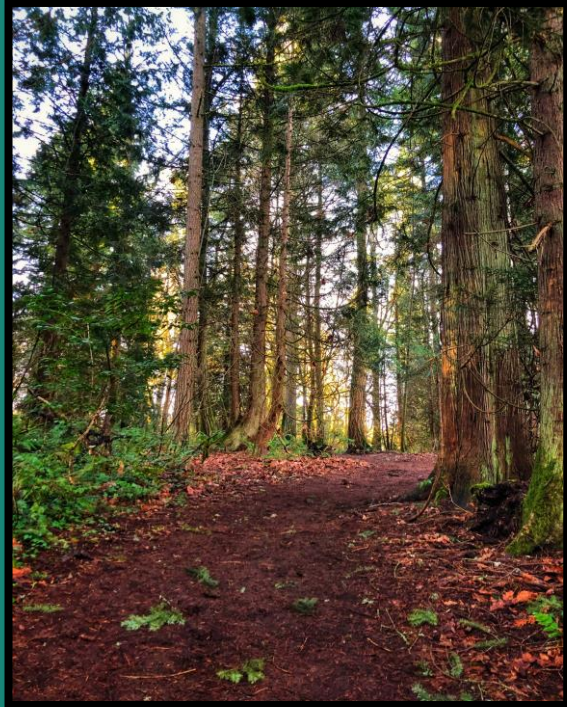
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West Lake Sammamish



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West Lake Sammamish Character



Parks



Community



Connectivity

Recommendations for West Lake Sammamish

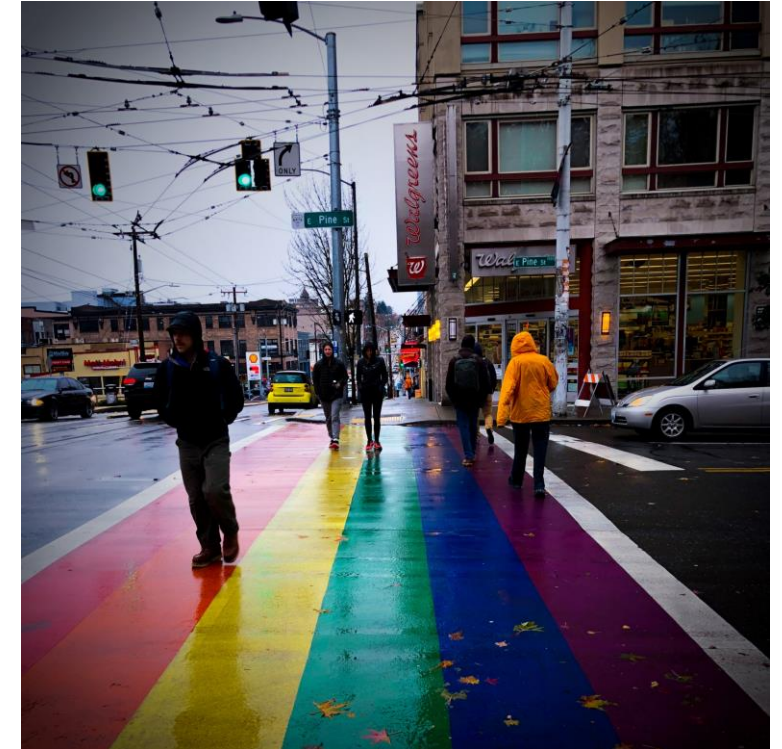
- Create an engaging atmosphere for pedestrians
 - Use of art or signage to address the community
 - Small details such as fencing
- Bike racks



Creative Signage in West Lake Sammamish

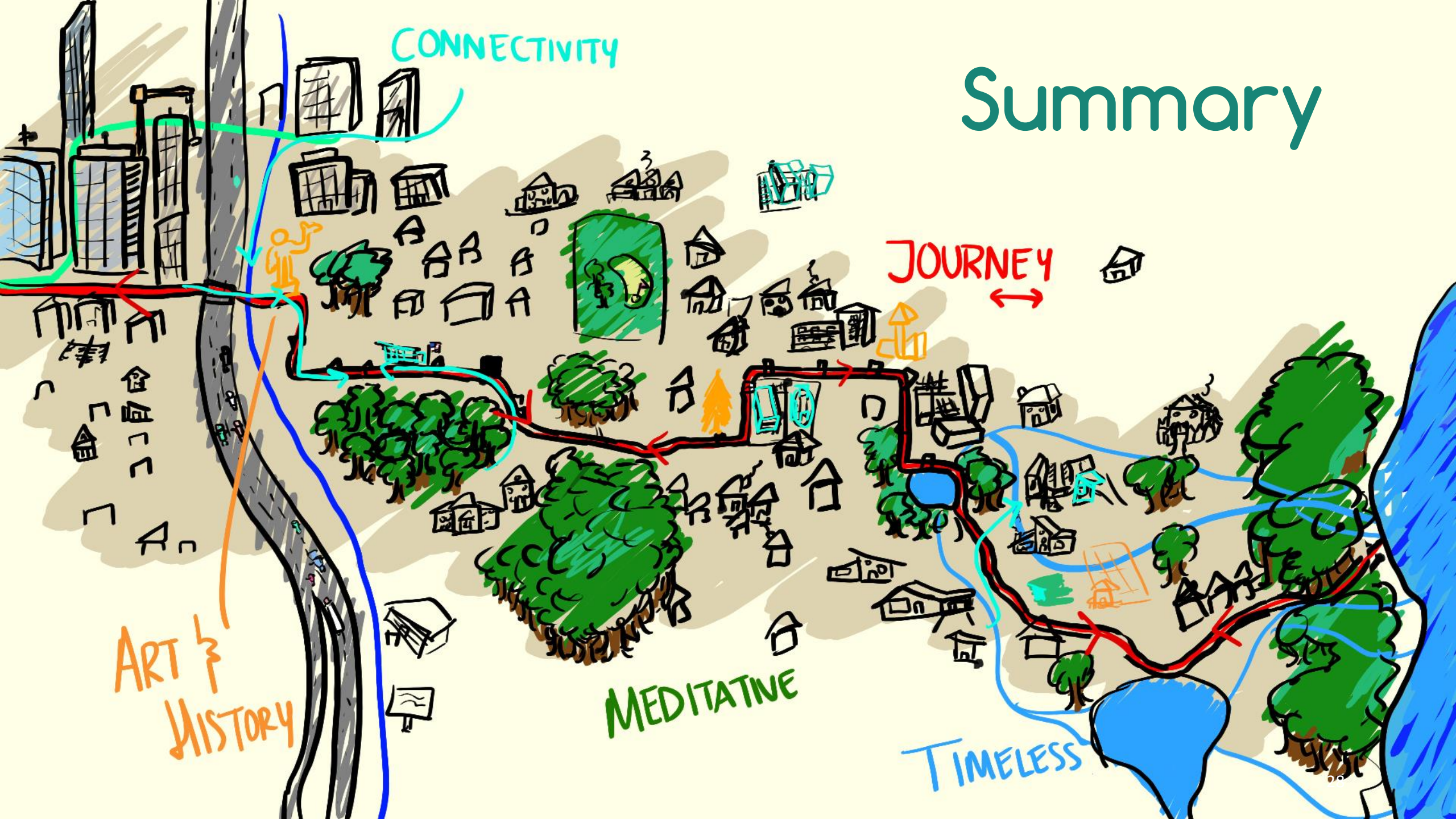
Coordinated Stories Through Art

- Portions of the trail could include more engaging elements to enhance its identity
- Potential design elements could address:
 - Minority groups
 - Natural design elements (based on psychological research)
- Allow for increased appreciation of the trail and the surrounding environment



Capitol Hill's LGBTQ+ Creative Crosswalk

Summary



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Image Sources

- Lake Hills
 - Water Basin from Bellevue Utilities
 - Lake Hills home from Google Street View