

# **NU Master Plan : Consolidated Comments and Response Report**

**Current Through May 8th, 2016**



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1	General	Thank you for holding the open house!	
2	Building / Noise	Concerned about the noise generated by roof top equipment on HSC building & asked if future Ness building would add to the noise	<b>We recently did a sound study and the sound engineer found that we were within the limits as allowed by city regulations.</b>
3	Buildings / Character	You have crowded your gym expansion area to squeeze in as much new proposed facilities as possible. It looks like a ship that was evenly balanced and suddenly you moved all the 'cargo' onto one side. Southern end of the NU campus will become the most unwelcome aspect to those of us who live nearby, both visually as well as from increased traffic.	<b>The new campus design clusters buildings to preserve open space on campus.</b>
4	Buildings / Dorms	What about the existing residence halls- they are in such poor shape, is there any plan for them?	<b>Yes. The interiors of existing residence halls are being remodeled and they will all continue to be used as residence halls.</b>
5	Buildings / Dorms	Let's not use 'dorm' language. Let's use residence hall. Dorm is just a place to sleep. Thanks!	<b>The team will refer to the Residence Hall moving forward.</b>
6	Buildings / Funding	Dr. Castleberry said funding needed to be secured for the buildings. I would think the college would be more reserved in this 'if you build it they will come' approach	<b>The proposed Master Plan Update meets current and expected needs over next 20 years. The existing master plan caps enrollment at 1200; the proposed Master Plan Update is based on an expectation of 1200 residential students.</b>
7	Buildings / Height	No real concerns about the height proposal for the dorm building- typical comment "That building is on the interior of the campus and isn't a concern."	<b>Thank you for your comment.</b>
8	Buildings / Height	Could the height of the entire building be dropped 10', putting the parking below grade and lowering the profile/roof height by 10'?	<b>We explored this possibility and concluded two results that would render the project infeasible. The first is to remove the parking areas below the entire facility and lowering the structure which results in a net loss of parking on Campus that is unacceptable. The second result of burying the parking and building an additional 10' into the ground results in over an additional 19,500 CY of excavation that will have significantly more impact on the site and drive the construction costs beyond what is sustainable.</b>
9	Buildings / Height	Heights: We cannot support increased building heights and new building uses from non-University uses that will result in more traffic and congestion. This is in effect getting commercial zoning designation within the PLA 1 zone	<b>Play Facilities' are allowed through a IIB zoning permit (KZC 45.20.070), which is the process through which a new master plan will be adopted. In KZC 05.140, The City of Kirkland defines Play Facilities to be "Commercial Recreation Area and Use" specifically they are "A commercial recreational facility, including swimming pools, tennis courts, play facilities and/or other similar uses." Please see response to comment #64.</b>
10	Buildings / Height	Please keep the height limit at 40 feet. The mass and height of the proposed 60 ft. tennis center building is inappropriate for our residential neighborhood. Consider running the building on a north-south axis toward the interior of the campus instead of east-west so the height limit can be consistent and less visible to the homes surrounding campus.	<b>The tennis center is located in such a way as to preserve the most open space as possible on the campus. Early consideration was given to other locations that would result in greater loss of open space (for instance, in the proposed locations almost half of the proposed footprint of the tennis center is over the existing Pavilion surface parking lot resulting in less loss of open space). Likewise, the proposed location clusters similar athletic functions of the University with the Pavilion and Fitness Center. Additionally, the location of the tennis center minimizes frontage to residential areas, since well over half of the frontage of the proposed tennis center is to BEST High School property and the frontage is also along NE 53rd street, providing a defacto additional 60' of separation for a total of 90' of separation from the nearest residential property line. (30' buffer + 60' R.O.W.). Please also see response to comment #13.</b>
11	Buildings / Size	Scope and size of building expansion is quite expansive. What is the projected increase in student population for NU campus?	<b>The proposed Master Plan Update meets current and expected needs over next 20 years. The existing master plan caps enrollment at 1200; the proposed Master Plan Update is based on an expectation of 1200 residential students.</b>

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12	Buildings / Size	Size and height requirement of the new dormitory seems quite out of place. How many new students do you expect? Can you lower the height of the new dorm?	The new Residence Hall is located in the interior of the campus and the proposed height increase will have minimal impact on the neighbors. The proposed height of the Residence Hall will not be any higher than the existing roof of the HCS building. Additionally, the height increase is proposed so as to preserve open space on the campus. The footprint of the Residence Hall would need to nearly double in size if the same number of rooms were accommodated utilizing the current height restriction.
13	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC: A few people were concerned about the scale of the tennis center. "out of character" "Massive industrial complex" "giant tall box" were actual phrases we tried to deflect	The design of the proposed tennis center is intended to minimize the perceived height of the structure. The roof is structured with a 3:12 roof slope, so it is only the peak of the roof that approaches the proposed 50' height limit, and that only on the Eastern portion of the building. The proposed tennis center 'steps' down the hill again to minimize the overall perceived height of the structure. The Western portion of the tennis center has a proposed roof peak that is approximately 12" over the 40' height limit currently allowed in this location. The proposed height limit increase is to accommodate the Eastern portion of the building as it steps up the slope. Additionally, a view diagram has been produced demonstrating how, from the street, the perceived height will be to the eaves, and not the peak of the roof, the height of which varies from approximately 36' at the Southwest corner to 16' at the Southeast corner. Additionally, an artist's impression of the facility has been produced showing the street view of the tennis center, including the proposed planting buffer and screening. Please review the Street View Rendering of the Tennis Center and the View Diagrams included in the Buffer Planting drawings.
14	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC large & warehouse like, does not fit into the neighborhood scale	Please see response to comment #13
15	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC much too close to NE 53 <sup>rd</sup>	Siting of the proposed Tennis Center meets existing and proposed set back and buffer standards. Additionally, clustering of the building preserves open space. Please also see response to comment #13
16	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC additional access drive would continue to add more Traffic and Parking to busy street, could this be accessed off campus drive?	Based on comments we have removed the proposed new driveway. Thank you for your suggestion.
17	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC Could the building be placed somewhere else instead of at the edge of campus	Siting of the proposed Tennis Center meets existing and proposed set back and buffer standards. Additionally, clustering of the building preserves open space. Please also see response to comment #10
18	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC - why is it a benefit to NU?	Please see President Castleberry's Essay "Why Tennis? Continually Building a Learning Community". Summary points in the essay include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being a learning community means everyone is both a learner and a teacher. Athletes teach everyone the valuable lessons learned in sports.</li> <li>• Sports have played a crucial part in the academy since Plato. The public reputations of universities are strongly influenced by their athletic teams.</li> <li>• Our mission places great emphasis on spiritual vitality. We believe sports build the human spirit and are an exercise of worship.</li> <li>• The facility would provide a dry, warm place in the winter that offers an indoor running track, a basketball court, and space for other training.</li> <li>• Students who adopt tennis will gain an elegant sport that can be played throughout their lifespan.</li> <li>• A large indoor facility would create space where our whole community can gather for winter events, fairs, contests, concerts, etc.</li> <li>• All of the most prestigious colleges in WA have tennis teams—Whitman, Whitworth, Pacific Lutheran, Puget Sound. Our Strategic Plan to become more academically elite argues for adding intercollegiate tennis.</li> <li>• Many Houghton residents are runners who will gain an indoor running track for cold, short, wet, winter days when running can be miserable.</li> </ul>
19	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC - Loss of a lot of trees & the neighborhood sledding hill @ location of Fitness Center	The proposed Master Plan Update Landscape plan will mitigate tree loss with new plantings anticipated at a two to one ratio.

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20	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC Would it be open to the public?	Yes, the new Tennis Center facility will be open to the public.
21	Buildings / Tennis Center	I am also concerned about the height of the tennis facility. This is a very tall building and a very long building which will have a very 'wall like' feel when walking on 53rd.	Please see response to comment #13
22	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC: Explain how tennis center and associated changes to building heights align with the NU mission.	Please see response to comment #18.
23	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC: You are overstepping in your planned tennis complex. As presented it will be a blight on our neighborhood. You do not need six courts for students. What you are proposing is an out and out profit center. If you were putting students and the neighborhood ahead of profits you would build a four court center	Six courts is in keeping with expected minimums for a College Campus Facility. From the 2015 USTA/ITA Small College Regional Championship Tournament Directors Handbook: Number of Courts: Ideally, for outdoor play (with a larger than 64/32 draw) a minimum of 12 courts should be available for use. For indoor play there should be a minimum of six indoor courts for a 64/singles 32 doubles draw.
24	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC / Heights: USTA only requires a ceiling of 36' feet...therefore 40 ft., not 50 ft.,.If you were to build a bit lower into the ground it would get the height closer to the 35' that those of us living along the streets must comply with	You are correct regarding the USTA ceiling height requirements, which the building is proposed to provide. Please see response to comment #13.
25	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC / Trees: I hoe you are NOT contemplating cutting down all the mature trees that front this proposed monstrosity.	As many of the existing trees will be maintained as possible. Additionally, the proposed Master Plan Update Landscape plan will mitigate tree loss with new plantings anticipated at a 2:1 ratio, resulting in greater tree canopy over time.
26	Buildings / Tennis Center	TC / façade: What kind of façade are you planning for the Tennis Complex? Will it be industrial style with few embellishments?	An artists impression has been produced showing the street view of the proposed Tennis Center showing both the proposed façade and planting buffer for the facility.
27	Buildings / Tennis Center	Doing this for outside private groups seems strictly a monetary subsidizing effort by the University - this does not seem in the best interest of your students / parents or security issues.	Please see response to comment #18.
28	Buildings / Use	Beyond NU use, is there any planned use for the new gymnasiums?	Yes, the gymnasium will be available for community use.
29	Buildings / Use	What will become of Milard once the new theater is built to replace Fee Hall?	Milard will continue to be used for academic and special presentation uses associated.
30	Buildings / Use	What are the additions to the Chapel for?	The additions on the north side would be to expand the size of the foyer. There would also be a prayer room and green room added as part of the foyer extension. Right now it is very small for as many people as the chapel will seat. If we have any kind of event in the chapel people spill out onto the sidewalk and grass on the east side of the building. That is fine in warm weather, not so much in cold or rainy weather. On the south side the addition is primarily related to additional storage, plus a hospitality room. We have a storage shed on the south side this is always overflowing and other chapel storage is not right next to the building.
31	Buildings / Use	Who will be the primary users of the new fitness center? Will there be anything else in that building?	The users of the fitness center will be students as well as potentially being open for community members on a fee basis.
32	Character	Would like the campus to maintain its charming, wooded character	We agree! The buildings have been clustered to preserve as much open space as possible on the campus. The proposed height increase for the dorm also achieves the goal of helping the preserve the most open space as possible. Please also see response to comment #12.
33	Character	preserving the neighborhood character was a comment we heard a few times	Please see response to comment #32
34	Character	Positive comments about the design of the building – they look great	Please see response to comment #32

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35	Field / Lights	Lighting impact is especially felt by we neighbors to the North, sitting 15 feet below the field level and within 50 - 70 feet of the lights. We have concerns about privacy and hours of use.	The proposed field lighting is state of the art LED athletic field lighting. The proposed field lighting manufacturer has developed a lighting study that models the level of footcandels and candellas expected at the property line. These are technical measurements of the amount of light falling on the ground and the precieved 'glare' experienced on neighboring properties at the property line. The study shows minimal footcandels on the neighboring properites, with most areas off site being zero footcandles. A maximum of 0.48 footcandles is expected at the property line. For reference, 0.48 foot candles is approximately the amount of light a single candle would produce, held 24" away from a surface. Additionally, the projected candelas at the property line range from a low of 9 candelas and a high of 6951 candelas. The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America has recommendations for Glare which is based on the type of environment the lighting is located in. The Houghton Neighborhood would be classified as "E3 - Areas of medium ambient brightness/Urban residential areas". The IESNA recommendation is for evening glare (before 11 PM) is 30,000 candelas or less. The proposed field lighting will be significantly less than the maximum recomended glare, minimizing the impact to the immediate neighbors. The field lighting is also proposed to be turned off no later than 9:30 PM, 90 minutes earlier than the IESNA guidelines further minimizing any adverse impacts to the immediate neighbors.
36	Field / Use	Restrict use of the fields to University athletics - team, intramural, and school events, as was the intent of the original and earlier master plans.	Per the goals and policies of the Central Houghton Neighborhood Comprehensive plan, Northwest University desires to pursue a joint use of the facilities within the PLA1 zone with the City of Kirkland to make the athletic fields available. (Policy CH-13.1: Pursue acquisition of property and partnerships with schools and other institutions in Central Houghton.)
37	Fields / Landscaping	A few people, Non-sports field neighbors, also mentioned that while most of the campus looks nice, there are some parts that are messy and neglected	We agree. Maintenance of buffer has not been what it should be. We are committed to doing a better job of maintaining the buffer landscaping. Thank you for your input.
38	Fields / Lighting	The proposal for sports field lighting prompted only a few nieghbors to express their concerns. Generally it was not raised as an issue by people attending the Open House.	We agree. NU is committed to using state of the art lighting options to minimize impact on adjacent properties. Please also see response to comment #35.
39	Fields / Lighting	Did not want lights on the north field, but were more receptive to lights on the south field- were not impressed with the LED fixtures just don't want lights next to their home	Please see response to comment #35
40	Fields / Lighting	Student athletes commented several times on the benefits of having the fields lighted, which included less time out of afternoon classes to accommodate games and practice, ability to have games later in the afternoon/evening during the winter months that would attract a larger group of student spectators since the game times won't conflict with afternoon class schedules, the turf improvements would greatly improve usability of the fields for student athletes.	We agree. NU is committed to using state of the art lighting options to minimize impact on adjacent properties.
41	Fields / Lighting	Lighting: provide community with more information on how lighting benefits students with specifics around how many nights for each season, etc.	Field lighting will help the student athletes tremendously by allowing them to train and play games at night so they do not miss class time. Lights on the field allows the usage of the fields for all students not just athletes, extending recreational opportunities for the students. Specific to NU athletics, during the months of August-November night use would average 3-4 nights a week. December-January would not involve much night use for NU students. Feb-April night use would again average 3-4 nights a week. May-July NU athletics would use about one night a week of night use. Shared use of the fields will extend the use of the field lighting when NU athletics is not using the fields.

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42	Fields / Lighting	Lighting: adverse noise impact of lighting fields; slight spillover. Current proposal is unacceptable because of visual and noise impact on adjacent residential development	Security has been troublesome in the buffer, along with the miscellaneous errant ball that has crossed over the buffer and landed in neighbors yards. NU proposes to completely fence the buffer with access via locked maintenance gates only. Signage may also be posted on the University side of the buffer stating that trespassing in the buffer is prohibited. Additionally, athletic netting is proposed along the edge of the northern sports fields so that errant balls will be contained. The proposed solid wall (for visual and acoustic separation), sports netting, additional low maintenance native plantings and a maintenance agreement for the buffer planting will minimize the adverse impacts to the immediate neighbors to the North and will allow for safe operation of the facility. Please also see response to comment #35.
43	Fields / Noise and Security	Three sports field neighbors stopped in and voiced, loudly, several frustrations with NU: Fields too noisy and no security, so people are "getting into trouble". Spotty, infrequent maintenance of the corridor frustrates them. They want it to look nice, currently it's a "weedy mess". One neighbor pointed out that if you build a wall, then it will be hard to get into the corridor to police it and maintain it. Good point	We agree. Maintenance of the buffer has not been what it should be. We are committed to doing a better job of maintaining the buffer landscaping. Safety and security is of upmost interest to NU. We will work with the City of Kirkland authorities to design and implement a better security program. Thank you for your input. Please see response to comment #35 & #42.
44	Fields / Security	Indicated people walk through landscape area north of fields, need NU patrol	Please see response to comment #42
45	Fields / Use	Perceives Nu does not listen to neighbors- one commented that "they simply don't trust NU based on past experience."	This NU administration is committed upholding all master plan provisions. We acknowledge that there have been problems in the past and will strive to do better in the future. Thank you for your input.
46	Fields / Use	One person believes that NU fields are being used by outside organizations currently	The NU fields are not currently being used by any outside groups.
47	Fields / Use	Need for a description of the public use of the fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the athletic fields is designated for Northwest University (NU) personnel and programs. NU personnel include students, employees, athletic recruits, and participants in NU conferences or residential camps hosted on the campus. NU programs include intramural and intercollegiate athletic practices and competitions, recruiting visits supervised by NU athletic coaches, and other NU social and recreational activities. Fields may be rented, leased, or lent to outside agencies, such as Kirkland Parks and Recreation and Sports Leagues. However, air horns would not be allowed for any groups using the fields. In order to facilitate evening usage so that athletes do not have to miss classes to participate, NU may add lights to the fields. Lights will only be turned on for evening use if the fields are in use and must be programmed to turn off at 9:30pm. Lights would be LED lights and would be focused inward. If there appears to be unauthorized usage of the fields, neighbors should contact the NU Security office at 425.889.5500 to report the potential unauthorized use so it can be investigated promptly.</li> <li>• Hours of Use for the Fields, both NU and outside groups, is proposed to be between 8AM to 9:30PM.</li> </ul>
48	Fields / Use	My concern is planned usage of fields: audience (university only), allowed usage, lighting, overall, noise, management, university staffing (24/7) to address issues as they occur.	Please see response to comment #35, #42 and #47.
49	Fields / Use	Very nice updates of the campus. Heard about the tennis courts and soccer fields being available to the community - would be great to also have access to the basketball courts for the community	Thank you, we agree. Sharing the fields with the community is a community benefit. Yes, the basketball courts will be available to the community.
50	Fields / Use	How can we be involved in the tennis center, the soccer fields, the tennis courts? Can we participate in some way? How can my kids be involved?	Yes. Please be sure we have your contact information and we will keep you on the information update list.
51	Fields / Use	Can't consider shared field use question without specifics of who will use it, when, will the fields be lighted, etc.,	Please see response to comment #47.
52	General	I live near the train tracks. .... Just curious about what is happening in the neighborhood—heard this kind of sentiment from two people—almost a paternalistic interest in "their northwest u" They were happy that we were on the move and wanting to invest in their community.	Be sure we have your contact information and we will keep you updated.

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53	General	One woman mentioned "the Christian thing" was interested if we would be open to tennis players who weren't Christian.	Yes, if the proposed Master Plan Update is approved, the tennis courts, fields and gym open to the community.
54	General	History of NU not adhering to its Mater Plan	This NU administration is committed upholding all master plan provisions. We acknowledge that there have been problems in the past and will strive to do better in the future. Thank you for your input.
55	General	How do master plan elements relate to mission of NU?	Each element of the proposed Northwest University Master Plan revision relates directly to our mission of being "a learning community, dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need." The new residence hall will help us update and replace our very tired current student living spaces, contributing to the quality of community life as well as academic performance. Likewise, the new cafeteria and student center will improve the living conditions for students and their interaction as a community, providing more public study space that students have been clamoring for. Commuting students have especially been asking for more common space. The new gymnasium will enhance athlete safety, as our current gym is too short and has always been inadequate. It will also provide more seating, allowing more students and other spectators to participate in intercollegiate games. The new physical fitness and therapy building will provide academic space for our new exercise science major and our proposed future Doctor of Physical Therapy program, as well as providing a new physical education facility for students that we will share with the community around us. The tennis center provides an opportunity for expanding our intercollegiate and intramural sports, creates a much needed dry, well-lit, warm exercise space for winter training. The expansion of the chapel will not provide more seating, but will give us storage space that we have long needed. Currently, we are using ugly temporary buildings and porches to store equipment alongside the chapel. The Ness Academic Center is long overdue for replacement. Our small theatre is extremely uncomfortable and inadequate, so its replacement will greatly improve our drama program. We don't do anything at Northwest that we do not believe to be conducive to better performance as a university, and the Master Plan has been designed with careful attention to real needs.
56	General	Demonstrate how proposed changes comply with COK Comp Plan and Houghton Neighborhood Plan	An analysis of the City of Kirkland Comprehensive Plan and Houghton Neighborhood Plan has been completed and a summary of NU's comments will be published on the NU Master Plan website: <a href="https://www.northwestu.edu/master-plan/">https://www.northwestu.edu/master-plan/</a>
57	General	Include penalties for not adhering to Master Plan	Enforcement of the adopted Master Plan is up to the City of Kirkland. NU's intent is to fully comply with the updated Master Plan, once adopted.
58	General	Establish website for better access to materials. Link NU website to City web page and promote through CHNA	NU has published a website providing access to the Proposed Master Plan materials. The website will be updated periodically with the goal to include links to the City of Kirkland website. <a href="https://www.northwestu.edu/master-plan/">https://www.northwestu.edu/master-plan/</a>
59	General	Post May 9 meeting materials on website in advance of meeting	NU will endeavor to provide the materials before the meeting if possible.
60	General	Host small group meetings in addition to community Open House	We will continue to meet with small groups of interested parties
61	General	Do not see how the master plan meets the University's 'framing' of these expansion plans as meeting the goals of 'wanting to be a college that Kirkland can be proud of,' and 'to share our assets with our neighbors.' Your current proposal doesn't fit with the character of the neighborhood in Houghton,	The NU Master Plan improvements allow for the natural growth of the institution and will provide desperately needed upgrades to campus facilities. These improvements are necessary to remain competitive in the ever-increasingly competitive higher education market. Improving the campus with high-quality facilities and buildings will enable a thriving future for the University which will reflect positively on the neighborhood and community. The campus is open and available for the community to enjoy the park-like setting. Clustering the buildings preserves as much of the open space on the campus as possible to share with the community. The clustered buildings are likewise positioned on the campus adjacent to like institutional uses and not individual residential properties. Many of the buildings and improvements are proposed to be shared widely with the community and neighborhood. For example, opening the fields to shared use, public use of the Tennis Center as well as proposed shared use of the Gymnasium and fitness center.
62	General	We endorse your goal to be a quality and vibrant Christian school in South Kirkland	Thank you for your comment.

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63	General / Community campus use	Many people seem to enjoy the existing café...will the new one be open year-round?	Potentially. We will need to analyze use outside the school year.
64	General / Comp Plan Compliance	City's Comp Plan specifies the limitation that campus facilities are for student use. I was told the new tennis center is a 'revenue generating partnership' - this is problematic. Our residential zoning does not permit this type of facility (High Performance Tennis)	We have found no such restriction under the existing Comprehensive Plan or the current landuse regulations for the PLA1 Zone (the NU Campus). In fact, 'Play Facilities' are allowed through a IIB zoning permit (KZC 45.20.070), which is the process through which a new master plan will be adopted. In KZC 05.140, The City of Kirkland defines Play Facilities to be "Commercial Recreation Area and Use" specifically they are "A commercial recreational facility, including swimming pools, <u>tennis courts</u> , play facilities and/or other similar uses."
65	General / Funding	How will you be funding this project? Will there be an increase in tuition?	The project will be funded primarily through a capital campaign with no intent to increase tuition to fund the construction of the buildings and improvements.
66	General / Noise	Noise: We want NU to incorporate best practices for reducing noise from HVAC on residential areas.	Yes, NU will incorporate best practices for reducing noise from HVAC
67	General / Sustainability	Is the campus design is addressing sustainable design approaches?	Great question! The University is committed to a sustainable future and has explored questions of adding solar panels, geothermal systems and other best practices for sustainable design to the proposed buildings. These exact systems and designs will not be incorporated until a building permit is sought for each individual building project that the Master Plan proposes and will be given careful consideration and priority at that time. See phasing plan for anticipated construction dates for each building.
68	General / Sustainability	Are you considering solar panels for electrical generation?	Please see response to comment #68
69	General / Sustainability	There seems to be no mention or strategy for sustainability. I hope you won't ignore this	Please see response to comment #68
70	Landscape / North	Buffer to the north: lack of maintenance of the buffer not consistent with current master plan. Don't install additional landscape you can't take care of. Maintain what is currently there, don't add costly additional landscaping	This NU administration is committed upholding all master plan provisions. We acknowledge that there have been problems in the past and will strive to do better in the future. Thank you for your input.
71	Landscape / North	We don't want landscaping to block daylight.	The buffer design for the play fields will consider daylight access for the immediate neighbors. NU has engaged an arborist to study the existing trees in the North fields buffer and will review and act upon the recommendations of the arborist, incorporating them into the buffer plan.
72	Landscape / North	Tall trees in north buffer are potentially dangerous as they can fall into our yards (and at least one has)	Trees that are dangerous will be removed. NU has engaged an arborist to assess the health of the trees in the North buffer of the fields. The arborist will make recommendations to preserve the health of the trees. NU will make the arborist report and recommendations available once the assessment and report is complete.
73	Landscape / North	Initial plans show a brick wall but this could cause security concerns. Construction of the wall could block visibility and result in more activity in buffer area such as hanging out, illegal drinking, potential other damage to landscaping, make it easier for break ins.	Please see response to comment #42
74	Landscape / North buffer	Need for maintaining landscaping is critical, including topping of excessively high trees that could significantly damage our homes if they came down in windy/wet weather. We strongly suggest topping large trees in the buffer behind Jean Krynicky and Todd Gauthier homes. In recent storms they swayed heavily and would have crashed into their homes with major damage if they came down.	The Comprehensive Plan and current regulations encourage retaining all significant trees. Topping will endanger the health of the trees. Please see response to comment # 72.

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75	Landscape / Runoff	College Creek runoff - Will there be more and where it goes	The current City of Kirkland drainage code is more stringent on the issue of flow control than it was even when the pond was designed. As a result, the runoff leaving the Northwest University campus development will be less than previously anticipated prior to this new Master Plan. The tennis center runoff will be routed to a detention facility, sized to match the historic forested runoff from the area, and then discharged to the drainage system in NE 53rd Street. All other proposed facilities will have their runoff directed to the existing regional detention facility on the campus. All developed runoff is required by code to flow as near as possible to the historic direction.
76	Landscape / Runoff	College Creek runoff - Down stream neighbor remembers previously flooding problems & is concerned	In 2003 a regional detention/flow control facility was installed on the Northwest University campus. It is the big grassy area just north of the main entrance boulevard. It has a large "bowl" shaped topographical geometry which was designed to trap/impound excess storm runoff water and release it slowly in the direction of the downstream portion of College Creek. The 2003 design addresses two issues: 1) it will provide flow control for anticipated future development on campus, and 2) it controls the existing and future downstream storm flows to a level that would not result in problematic flooding and erosion conditions. The current Master Plan update will preserve the 2003 design targets so that the permit requirements will be met for runoff limits related to future development, and so that the university's contribution to downstream flows will be controlled to the previously-determined level, to reduce the risk of flooding and erosion. Additionally, the current City of Kirkland drainage code (updated since 2003) is more stringent on the issue of flow control. As a result, the runoff leaving the Northwest University campus development will be less than previously anticipated prior to this new Master Plan.
77	Landscape / Security	Concerned about security and maintenance of the landscape between the sports fields and the adjacent single family residential – this was interesting and unexpected. I guess people go in there and "mess around". Will happen with the trees?	Please see response to comment #42
78	Landscape / Security	Also - landscaping maintenance along the buffer. Very concerned about planned fence along the north end of the fields. How will the university patrol the area behind the fence? And maintain the bugger? Security in this area looks to be non-existent as no way for security to access easily.	Please see response to comment #42
79	Landscape / Security	Security concerns related to the wall and lighting could be costly to NU. Wall will create a no-mans land.	Please see response to comment #42
80	Landscape / Stream	Please daylight the stream that runs through campus. It's environmentally preferable and would be a beautiful asset to the campus and the Houghton community.	Consideration has been given to daylighting the drainage that runs through the campus, but has been found to be infeasible. The proposed Master Plan provides no net loss of the functions and values of the drainage basin.
81	Landscape / Trees	A few people asked how many trees would be cut down	Once the Master Plan is fully implemented, the current number of significant trees to be removed is 107. However, the master plan will be implemented over 20 years or more and each building will be required to plant new trees at a greater than 1:1 ratio, allowing new tree canopy to mature over time, minimizing the total number of trees removed.
82	Landscape / Trees	Don't plant things that drop lots of fruit, berries or seed pods – this was one comment from one person.	The landscape master plan will not establish specific plant species to install for each phase. However, an overall plant list will be provided. The intent of the master plan is to use landscape best practices and keep paved areas as clean as possible, but allow for fruiting plants to be placed in more natural areas, away from paving. Fruiting/flowering plants provide forage for, and encourage use by birds and pollinators.
83	Phasing	For the buildings that will be replaced...what is the plan for housing the functions and personnel during the interim construction phase?	The buildings that are proposed to be replaced will require temporary accommodations of the functions and activities housed in the existing building in other facilities on or off campus and may require temporary facilities on the campus such as portables. A full plan will be developed once a building permit is sought for a specific project.

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84	General	NU has been a good neighbor since 1981 when we moved onto 111th, just three houses south of the 111th entrance to the University	Thank you
85	Buildings / Tennis Center	I would like more information on the proposed tennis facility. It seems that this is very much a financial partnership with a commercial tennis club	Please see response to comment #18.
86	Buildings / Tennis Center	I believe the Seahawk facility had a 15 year commitment with the school after which the school would get full responsibility for the building and fields. Does a similar agreement exist with NW Performance Tennis?	Yes, a similar long term lease is proposed. We are working towards a 20 year agreement with NWHPT.
87	Buildings / Tennis Center	Is the area zoned for this kind of outside business on campus?	Yes. Please see response to comment #9
88	General / Enrollment	I would like to see the history of your enrollment growth for the last 15-20 years and an explanation of your enrollment predictions. ....I would like to see the projected enrollment figures justified	The proposed Master Plan Update meets current and expected needs over next 20 years. The existing master plan caps enrollment at 1200; the proposed Master Plan Update is based on an expectation of 1200 residential students.
89	General	I understand your desire to update your facility. The newest building at the north end of 111th is attractive, modern and welcoming.	Thank you.
90	Character	I know there is a lot of green space on your campus which is also a large part of the school's charm...I am assuming the green space that will be left intact meets city building standards.	The buildings have been clustered to preserve as much open space as possible. This is in accordance with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and Houghton Neighborhood Plan.
91	Buildings / Height	I would like to see how the height of the new dorm and classroom buildings compared to the existing buildings.	The roof of the Proposed Residence Hall will not exceed the height of the HCS building, the newest building at the North end of 111th. The Classroom buildings will be designed to comply with the current height limits of 30' within 100' feet of the property line and 40' for areas in excess of 100' from the property line.
92	Fields / Lighting	I am concerned about the quality of life for the neighbors to the northeast of the athletic field. I noted that this field would have LED lighting to focus on the field area...and that the field would be available to lease or lend for outside groups activities with the promise of lights out at 9:30 pm. This has the potential to significantly lower property values. I hope to obtain information from real estate professionals about the impact of this enlarged facility on property values in our area.	Thank you for your comment.
93	General / Campus Character	As I stated in the beginning of this letter, NU has been a good neighbor. I hope these issues can be addressed, resolved and you are able to develop your buildings new and old to fit in with the character of this neighborhood.	Thank you, we agree!
94	Buildings / Tennis Center	It would appear that they want to cut down all the mature trees, which are presently in the 30-foot setback area, which is not really appropriate for the "Tree City."	Please see response to comment #25.
95	Buildings / Tennis Center	They are asking for a 50-foot high tennis building clearly breaking our own code for building height which is totally unnecessary. The United States Tennis Association only requires a height of 36 feet above the center court net which is three feet in height, making a required total ceiling height of 39 feet, which gives them an additional one foot for a roof, which would bring the overall height above ground to 40 feet, not 50 feet.	Please see responses to comments #10, #13 and #23-27.
96	Buildings / Tennis Center	They claim that their expansion is all for the goal of making the university a better place for education, however it would seem that education is taking a back seat to building profit centers via a tennis complex and a lighted soccer field, both of which they are already laying plans with outside interests to lease out these two facilities for profit. I might add that these two sport venues are their first priorities, not student housing or class rooms.	Please see responses to comments #10, #13 and #23-27.

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97	Fields / Use	An expansion of turf fields at Northwest University would provide additional safe fields for our players to practice and play games. The Association supports adding safe, playable fields for the youth of the area.	Thank you for your comment and support.
98	Fields / Use	As someone who has coached youth soccer for the last 8 years, I was THRILLED to hear about the possibility of sharing space with NWU. Practice and game fields get so muddy by the end of the season, so it would be great to play on a safe, clean place. On top of that, as a Christian, I would love more people exposed to NWU!	Thank you for your comment and support.
99	Fields / Use	Our family welcomes the improvements you are considering and would be very grateful! Thank you for making our community great for future generations to come!	Thank you for your comment and support.
100	Fields / Use	My name is Trace Kuhn and I am a Kirkland resident in the Market neighborhood. My boys play soccer and come winter, our grass fields are mud pits. I've heard about you potential plan to add lighted turf fields to your campus. I've also heard Crossfire may lease these fields for games and practices. Since my boys play for crossfire, we would absolutely love to have such a convenient location to play on. We would greatly appreciate your fields if given the chance to play on them!	Thank you for your comment and support.
101	Proposed Plan	Are copies of the proposed plan available online? It appears the previous plans have been removed, but not replaced.	The Master Plan website is currently available at <a href="https://www.northwestu.edu/master-plan/">https://www.northwestu.edu/master-plan/</a> NU will endeavor to keep the website updated with current information.
102	Fields / Use	A LWYSA member informed us that your master plan of expansion might allow for youth soccer to have practices and games at your field. I am a resident of North Rose Hill, and I can tell you I would love for this to happen. Driving to Marymoor for soccer can often take a lot of time, especially since there's so much traffic turning into the park that simply waiting for the left turn light can take several minutes. Your University is much closer to my home, and would very convenient for me to bring my children. Of course, I don't know what kind of impact this would have on your surrounding community, or your budget, and those must also be taken into account. But as one mother of a soccer player, I wanted to tell you that we would love having the option to practice at your University.	Thank you for your comment and support.
103	Fields / Use	Thank you for holding the open house. I provided this feedback on a comment card but wanted to follow up electronically as well. I'm very concerned about the wall planned for the north side of the athletic fields that was discussed at the Open House and was printed in the Kirkland Reporter. As it is, the landscape in the buffer area to the north of the fields is not maintained on a consistent basis. Hiding this area from the University's view will likely only make this worse. Additionally, and even more importantly, I'm very concerned about the impact to campus and neighborhood security that this wall/visual barrier would create. Putting a wall up will enable a hidden area of campus. The negative impact to campus and neighborhood security needs to be addressed before a wall is constructed.	Thank you for your email and your previous comments. We do value your comments and we are trying to determine what will be the best solution for the north border between the fields and the houses there. Will you be at the open house on Monday? I would encourage you to talk with our landscape consultant and express your concerns at the open house. He will also have some updated renderings of that area that you can look at. Hope to see you on Monday.

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104	Fields / Use	As a Kirkland resident, I very much support Kirkland City Council and Northwest University in the efforts to make changes to the Master Plan for the soccer fields/tennis center at Northwest University. Thank you for your efforts to continue to contribute to the Kirkland community. I support this effort.	Thank you for your comment and support.
105	Fields / Use	We live in Kirkland near Franklin Elementary School. Our son has played soccer in the LWYSA for over 5 years, and we're excited to hear that there may be soccer fields available for youth soccer practice. Often we have to travel to Marymoor Park for practice and with late afternoon traffic it takes 30-40 minutes to get there. It would be wonderful to have a closer option in Kirkland. That would also mean we (and other soccer parents) would be supporting businesses in Kirkland because I and other parents often buy groceries while the kids are at practice or go to nearby restaurants after practice. And it's better for the environment for us all to do less driving in our cars.	Thank you for your comment and support.
106	Proposed Plan	Hello, we live behind your building near the corner NE 68th where your graduate programs are held. We might not be able to make the next meeting on May 9 but were wondering if any of the plans affect this property (building and/or parking lot). Thanks for your time in answering this question.	None of the plans impact that building. The master plan is for the main campus at 5520 108th. Thank you for your question.
107	Fields / Use	I am a resident of Kirkland and a parent and coach for a LWYSA girl. I was very pleased to hear that Northwest University is working to expand the use of its fields to the Houghton community and the rest of Kirkland. We need more soccer fields and this location would be ideal for Kirkland. Many of the facilities in Redmond are very crowded and too far from Kirkland for week day practice and games. I am very much in favor of this acquisition and growing the Kirkland soccer community,	Thank you for your comment and support.
108	Fields / Use	Our family is a Houghton resident and my daughter (junior at LW) has been playing soccer every year in the LWYSA since Kindergarten. It would be wonderful if Northwest University had soccer fields available to practice and have games on. Not sure if this can happen this fall in time for her last season or not. This location would decrease our family's carbon footprint drastically. We would spend far less time in the car, use less gas and create less pollution. Thank you for your consideration.	Thank you for your comments and your support. You are invited to join us for our second Master Plan Update Open House on Monday, May 9th. We will be meeting on campus in the Argue Health and Sciences Center in Room 104 starting at 6:30pm. University officials and project consultants will be on hand to answer questions. Have a wonderful day!
109	Fields / Use	I'm emailing to express my support for Northwest University's plan to expand the use of its fields to the Houghton/Kirkland community. As residents of Kirkland and alumni of NU, we couldn't be happier about NU's desire to offer this gift to the community. As our area grows and the number of kids and families playing sports increases, there is a tremendous need for more field space. Please give full support to this plan and this opportunity to give residents of Kirkland much-needed additional field space.	Thank you for your comment and support.

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110	Fields / Use	I wanted to express my support for the idea of field improvements at Northwest University especially if made available for use for LWYSA soccer practice and game play. Currently we're traveling to either 60Acres and/or Marymoor parks for these purposes. Although the three turf fields at Marymoor are nice, they're in constant use and I believe current demand exceeds supply. 60 acres is a very nice park, however it lacks sufficient lighting and the grass condition are often times adversely affected by the weather.	Thank you for your comment and support.
111	Fields / Use	I support the development of NW University to expand the fields and allow use for outside organizations like LWYSA.	Thank you for your comment and support.
112	Fields / Use	Please support our young people by adding more playing fields for the soccer youth players. Soccer teaches team play and increases brain development and focus.	Thank you for your comment and support.
113	Fields / Use	I'm writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups. The city of Kirkland has a critical shortage of synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse. In fact, the city does not offer a single field that is suitable for these sports in the spring or late fall. During those times, use of our existing grass fields is often impractical due to deep mud and un-safe field conditions. At times, those fields are completely closed by the city to protect the grass. Finding fields and funding to create more suitable facilities for our kids should be a priority for each of our neighborhoods. But any such plan will take considerable time and fundraising and must be considered a long-term project. When the Seahawks departed Kirkland, they left an amazing gift for our town and we are lucky enough to have an institution like Northwest University that is ASKING to share this field with our kids. How often can a municipality open a multi-million dollar facility for its citizens without having to raise taxes or dig into its scarce capital budget? A field such as theirs will provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a small minority that prefer this facility remain unused, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.	Thank you for your comment and support.

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115	Fields / Use	<p>As a parent and longtime resident, I'm asking that you consider allowing us families to use the former Seahawks turf fields. We NEED the rxtes areas for youth sports. NWU WANTS to be able to let the community use. This is critical to keeping youth engaged in healthy lifestyles.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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117	Fields / Use	<p>I wanted to write to let you know that I am on total support of your rezoning to allow your athletic fields to be used by the youth of our community.</p> <p>I was fortunate to grow up on Pullman and grew up using the fields of WSU. The athletic development I had as a child helped me to play sports in college and now to work as a NCAA Division 1 football and lacrosse official.</p> <p>There are not enough fields for our kids right now forcing practice to run from 8 to 10 PM on school nights and childhood obesity is at an all time high. Getting and keeping kids in sports can help combat this.</p> <p>Thank you for your pushing for the kids to have a better opportunity.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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119	Fields / Use	<p>(I used a template for this email, but I couldn't have written it better and I wholeheartedly support giving NU the ability to open their fields and not let them go unused.)</p> <p>I'm writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups.</p> <p>The city of Kirkland has a critical shortage of synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse. In fact, the city does not offer a single field that is suitable for these sports in the spring or late fall. During those times, use of our existing grass fields is often impractical due to deep mud and un-safe field conditions. At times, those fields are completely closed by the city to protect the grass.</p> <p>Finding fields and funding to create more suitable facilities for our kids should be a priority for each of our neighborhoods. But any such plan will take considerable time and fundraising and must be considered a long-term project.</p> <p>When the Seahawks departed Kirkland, they left an amazing gift for our town and we are lucky enough to have an institution like Northwest University that is ASKING to share this field with our kids. How often can a municipality open a multi-million dollar facility for its citizens without having to raise taxes or dig into its scarce capital budget?</p> <p>A field such as theirs will provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a small minority that prefer this facility remain unused, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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123	Fields / Use	<p>I'm writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups. As a father and coach of 4 kids this issue rings near and dear to my heart. Over the years we have used your great resource of students/babysitters for our growing family.</p> <p>The city of Kirkland has a critical shortage of synthetic turf fields for youth sports. In fact, the city does not offer a single field that is suitable for these sports in the spring or late fall. During those times, use of our existing grass fields is often impractical due to deep mud and un-safe field conditions. At times, those fields are completely closed by the city to protect the grass.</p> <p>Finding fields and funding to create more suitable facilities for our kids should be a priority for each of our neighborhoods. But any such plan will take considerable time and fundraising and must be considered a long-term project. When the Seahawks departed Kirkland, they left an amazing gift for our town and we are lucky enough to have an institution like Northwest University that is ASKING to share this field with our kids. How often can a municipality open a multi-million dollar facility for its citizens without having to raise taxes or dig into its scarce capital budget?</p> <p>A field such as theirs will provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a small minority that prefer this facility remain unused, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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125	Fields / Use	<p>Please allow local kids' teams &amp; youth sports groups to use the Northwest University fields with it's upcoming changes!!</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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129	Fields / Use	<p>It has come to my attention that there is once again the possibility of sharing access to Northwest University's fields for outside youth sports groups. Changing the zoning laws to allow kids to use the field would be such a benefit when it is getting harder and harder to find good fields to keep kids active. My son currently plays lacrosse in Kirkland and it has made a huge difference in his life. He has a medical diagnosis that makes it a challenge for him to engage in team sports, but the coaches and program offered in our city have encouraged him in so many ways. My wish is to see opportunities for kids like my son to play on fields that are practical and safe.</p> <p>There are so few synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse in the City of Kirkland, especially in spring or late fall. When kids play on grass fields during those seasons, the fields are often full of mud and have un-safe field conditions with ankle turning ruts and pits. The city even closes those fields to protect the grass when conditions are poor enough.</p> <p>In our neighborhood we have a fantastic turf field that is often overcrowded with kids coming from all over the city to play. Having another field would provide safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. Please consider the many families that would benefit, though I respectfully acknowledge the opinions of those that may prefer to keep the facility unused.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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141	Fields / Use	<p>Hello! I'm writing to you to ask Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups. I understand the dispute from the handful of neighbors who are opposed due to noise and traffic, but it is time for a change and it is time for them to think of their community rather of themselves . The city of Kirkland has a critical shortage of synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse. In fact, the city does not offer a single field that is suitable for these sports in the spring or late fall. The city did not support the turf field being put in at Lakeview Elementary. In Spring or late fall, use of the existing grass fields is often impractical due to deep mud and un-safe field conditions. At times, those fields are completely closed by the city to protect the grass.</p> <p>Finding fields and funding to create more suitable facilities for our kids should be a PRIORITY for each of our neighborhoods, and of course any such plan will take considerable time and fundraising and must be considered a long-term project.</p> <p>When the Seahawks departed Kirkland, they left an amazing gift for our town and we are lucky enough to have an institution like Northwest University that is ASKING to share this field with our kids. How often can a municipality open a multi-million dollar facility for its citizens without having to raise taxes or dig into its scarce capital budget?</p> <p>Their field provides a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a VERY small minority prefer this facility remain unused, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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145	Fields / Use	<p>I wanted to voice my support for a change in zoning to allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups.</p> <p>Kirkland does not have enough synthetic turf fields. Typically during the spring or late fall the grass fields are simply unsafe due to mud from our wonderful Seattle rain. Likewise, the fields are typically closed by the city during these time to protect the grass.</p> <p>We certainly want to find funding to create more suitable facilities but this is a considerable undertaking that requires time and fundraising.</p> <p>The Seahawks left an awesome facility when they left Kirkland, and we are lucky Northwest University is ASKING to share this field with our kids. The field can provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season.</p> <p>While I respect the opinions of a small minority, our community is a much larger priority than the preferences of a few. Please make the best choice for our community and change zoning to allow all our kids access to this facility.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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152	Fields / Use	<p>I'm writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups.</p> <p>I serve our community as a board member of the Lake Washington Lacrosse program. Our programs serve hundreds of families in Kirkland. The biggest need is for more artificial turf fields in our neighborhood and this zoning change is a perfect solution. I am a big fan of Northwest University's contribution to our community and support their growth. Especially since they are eager to reciprocate use of such an outstanding facility and amazing asset.</p> <p>In addition, should the zoning change be approved, I'd like to discuss personally investing in funding to convert existing grass fields to artificial turf for the community.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and thank you for attracting such amazing young adults to our city!</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>
153	Fields / Use	<p>I'm writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups.</p> <p>The city of Kirkland has a critical shortage of synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse. In fact, the city does not offer a single field that is suitable for these sports in the spring or late fall. During those times, use of our existing grass fields is often impractical due to deep mud and un-safe field conditions. At times, those fields are completely closed by the city to protect the grass.</p> <p>Finding fields and funding to create more suitable facilities for our kids should be a priority for each of our neighborhoods. But any such plan will take considerable time and fundraising and must be considered a long-term project.</p> <p>When the Seahawks departed Kirkland, they left an amazing gift for our town and we are lucky enough to have an institution like Northwest University that is ASKING to share this field with our kids. How often can a municipality open a multi-million dollar facility for its citizens without having to raise taxes or dig into its scarce capital budget?</p> <p>A field such as theirs will provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a small minority that prefer this facility remain unused, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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154	Fields / Use	<p>My name is Lianne Leewens and I am a long time resident in Houghton. I have 3 teenaged children. My son, Jensen has been playing Lacrosse for Lake Washington for the last 4 years. I am also the Lake Washington High School Lacrosse team manager.</p> <p>Lacrosse is currently the fastest growing sport in the US.</p> <p>I am writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups. The city of Kirkland has a critical shortage of synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse. In fact, the city does not offer a single field that is suitable for these sports in the spring or late fall. During those times, use of our existing grass fields is often impractical due to deep mud and un-safe field conditions. At times, those fields are completely closed by the city to protect the grass.</p> <p>Finding fields and funding to create more suitable facilities for our kids should be a priority for each of our neighborhoods. But any such plan will take considerable time and fundraising and must be considered a long-term project.</p> <p>When the Seahawks departed Kirkland, they left an amazing gift for our town and we are lucky enough to have an institution like Northwest University that is ASKING to share this field with our kids. How often can a municipality open a multi-million dollar facility for its citizens without having to raise taxes or dig into its scarce capital budget?</p> <p>A field such as theirs will provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a small minority that prefer this facility remain unused mostly due to wanting a "quiet" backyard, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.</p> <p>Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss this further.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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155	Fields / Use	<p>I am writing to voice my strong support for the zoning request to allow community access to the excellent sports fields located at Northwest University. As a parent of a 9 year old son and a 5 year old daughter who both play sports I am acutely aware of the serious shortage of quality turf sports fields in Kirkland. Our family lives off of State Street on 2nd Avenue.</p> <p>This past fall our son Luke played football for the Lake Washington Junior Kangs. I served as an assistant coach. Out of 4 months worth of practices we were only able to play on a good quality turf field one time when the the high school allowed us one hour of time at 8 pm on a school night. The other 40+ practices we were on local school fields with many potholes, uneven ground, lots of rocks and no lines. It was not only unsafe it also made it quite difficult to teach the young men how to properly play since we had no football lines.</p> <p>Our daughter is just starting to play sports and is having a similar experience. This is her second year playing soccer and the field we play on is in similarly poor condition.</p> <p>Sports like soccer, football and lacrosse are a vital asset to our community as they help our youth learn teamwork, discipline and provide an opportunity for exercise. Study after study has shown the multiple benefits of youth sports in terms of character development, exercise and even academic performance. Given the university is willing to share its high quality turf field with these worthy youth programs I strong urge the city of Kirkland to approve the University's request to change the zoning of the field to allow community sports usage. To prevent this for the betterment of a few neighbors who would prefer quiet is extremely unfair to our community. This field has existed for many years and previously was successfully used by our community. Please do the right thing for the 99.9% of our community and approve the zoning change as requested.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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157	Fields / Use	<p>I understand that Northwest University is going through a master planning process with the City of Kirkland and the topic of hosting youth sports on their fields is on the agenda.</p> <p>I have two sons that play lacrosse. We have been bounced around all over Kirkland and Juanita for practices each week. Many of the fields that the city offers our kids are just plain unsafe as they are muddy and uneven and the kids are prone to rolling their ankles.</p> <p>I'm writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups. The sport of lacrosse continues to grow, which is amazing for our kids. Finding fields and funding to create more suitable facilities for our kids should be a priority for each of our neighborhoods, and I understand that it's a long term plan that will require fundraising.</p> <p>We are fortunate to have an institution like Northwest University that wants to offer their field to the kids in this community, without the impact of a tax hike. A field such as theirs will provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a small minority that prefer this facility remain unused, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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158	Fields / Use	<p>Youth lacrosse players in our Houghton neighborhood, such as my son, have a drastic shortage of turf fields to play on. We, as parents, are doing everything we can to keep our kids away from sedentary activities and get them outside playing. I hope you will take a minute and listen to my thoughts about the turf fields in Kirkland and our desire for our lacrosse teams to use them.</p> <p>Lacrosse is not a game that can be easily played on bumpy, muddy fields because the small ball goes unseen if it drops into the uneven patches. Kids can also be injured when running over an uneven or muddy surface. Lacrosse is not a rowdy sport either. It is effectively noiseless, as shouting is not common, and similar to soccer, players are spread out on the field and communicate with passing and body language. I have heard that some of our neighbors oppose sports teams using fields in the neighborhood due to noisiness but I can assure you this is a misplaced concern. Sports can bring out the best in kids and help develop generations of local residents who have balanced lifestyles and the pride that gives them the ambition to use and maintain an attractive community.</p> <p>It seems a sad waste of great land if these lovely fields go unused. It has come to my attention that there is an opportunity to make a change with the current master planning process and re-zoning. Therefore, I'd like to take this occasion to share my opinion in favor of allowing outside youth sports groups to use the turf fields. I believe the greater good for the entire neighborhood is to do everything we can to encourage all our kids to get outside and engage in healthy activities.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>
159	Fields / Use	<p>I support a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside youth sports groups in the area.</p> <p>The city of Kirkland has a critical shortage of synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse. Turf fields are imperative for any sport that continues into the fall and winter.</p> <p>Northwest University is willing to share their field with our kids. This institution is offering to share their fields with the youth of Kirkland at no cost to the taxpayers. A field such as theirs will provide a safe, productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. It our responsibility to consider what will be beneficial to our kids now, and for the future.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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160	Fields / Use	<p>I am writing to you in support of opening up the Northwest U sports field to youth sports and youth lacrosse in particular. I grew up down the street from Lake Washington high school and often had to go to Mary Moore or 60 acres for sports practices. I am now a middle school lacrosse coach and our team has a hard time finding fields. And when we do we often have to drive to the far north end of Kirkland or share a small field between two teams. We are in a time of unprecedented growth in this region, and Kirkland in particular is a great place to live with brand-new schools and a city that cares about smart growth. But one area where we are behind our neighboring cities is in quality sports fields. And it being 2016, and space and funds being limited it makes complete sense to listen to the requests of the community at large that is much louder than if you concerned neighbors of the field.</p> <p>Many of our current Lake Washington lacrosse members are Houghton residents. The ability to use the Northwest U field would allow our busy parents to get their kids to and from practice and would also allow more people to join the team. Especially if we use the field for a free or reduced price, we could subsidize the sport to allow many more kids to enjoy the benefits of youth sports.</p> <p>Please open up the Northwest U practice facility it fits in with the desires of Kirkland's residents to have a walkable, healthy, sustainable city that jumps at the opportunity to have such fabulous mixed use properties.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>
161	Fields / Use	<p>I would like to voice my support for a change in zoning on Northwest University's campus. Please grant access needed to allow NU to make their fields available to outside youth sports teams.</p> <p>As a former girls soccer coach, I know the value of a good field. My girls use to have to practice on extremely muddy and chewed up fields during the late fall. Whenever we had a chance to practice on a turf field, my girls were in Heaven! The city of Kirkland desperately needs more turf sports fields for soccer and lacrosse! With the growth of new families coming in to our city, this need will just get greater and greater. By allowing NU to open up their turf field, this will help alleviate at least some of the over crowding and will make it safer for the teams that don't have to use the chewed up grass fields during the rainy season.</p> <p>The Seahawks left that big beautiful field. Why not put it to good use!</p> <p>Thank you for doing what's right for our community by changing the zoning.</p>	<p><b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b></p>

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162	Fields / Use	<p>I am Kirkland community member with two school-aged kids who play youth sports. I'm writing to voice my support for a change in zoning that would allow Northwest University to grant access to its fields for outside sports groups.</p> <p>Please add my email to your collection of community voices who would like to see open access to your field. With the city of Kirkland's shortage of synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse and existing grass fields that are impractical and un-safe, we need more options for our kids.</p> <p>Your space would offer a productive practice facility for hundreds of kids every season. While we respect the opinions of a small minority that prefer this facility remain unused, we feel it is our community's responsibility to do what is right for the vast majority of families and kids that would benefit from open access to this field.</p>	<b>Thank you for your comment and support.</b>

Traffic & Parking Updated Through April 28, 2016

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Comment #	Category	Comment	Response / Notes
1	Traffic and Parking	Concerned about increased Traffic and Parking (in general and especially on 53rd), almost everyone mentioned something about increased Traffic and Parking	The transportation study evaluated existing and future traffic and parking surrounding the campus including along NE 53rd Street.
2	Traffic and Parking	Traffic and Parking and speeding	The transportation impact study evaluated traffic and parking associated with the proposal. Data was collected to understand existing speeding issues along NE 53rd Street.
3	Traffic and Parking	Diverts through neighborhoods to get to 108 <sup>th</sup> – perceives that will get worse.	Potential Northwest University traffic impacts on cut-through traffic in the adjacent neighborhood were addressed in the transportation impact study.
4	Traffic and Parking	Added volumes on NE 53	The transportation study evaluated existing traffic volumes along NE 53rd Street and the identified impacts associated with added traffic associated with the Master Plan.
5	Traffic and Parking	Speed/safety issues on 53rd – some complaints about student driving behavior (driving fast up and down 53 <sup>rd</sup> – particularly at the ‘blind corner’ near the Barton building. Also driving recklessly in and out of the FIRS parking lot opposite 114 <sup>th</sup>	The transportation impact study evaluated existing speeding issues along NE 53rd Street.
6	Traffic and Parking	Pedestrian safety at the intersection of 53 <sup>rd</sup> and 108 <sup>th</sup>	Existing and future pedestrian conditions were discussed in the traffic safety and non-motorized sections of the transportation impact study.
7	Traffic and Parking	One neighbor commented positively on the re-alignment of 111th	A site access evaluation including driveway alignments, spacing, and operations is included in the transportation impact study.
8	Traffic and Parking	Concern that the ‘cell tower property’ at the East termination of NE 53 <sup>rd</sup> would be turned into University Parking – I indicated that no such plans were in the works.	Comment noted, this is not included in the current proposal.
9	Traffic and Parking	Concern about existing and increases in congestion along NE 53rd Street	The transportation study evaluated existing and future traffic volumes along NE 53rd Street.
10	Traffic and Parking	Need for a signal at 53rd/108th	The need for a traffic signal was evaluated in the transportation impact study and recommendations were based on signal warrants identified in the <i>Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and future operating conditions</i> .
11	Traffic and Parking	Operations of the 53rd/108th intersection with respect to metro buses, school activity, and pedestrian crossings	The transportation study evaluated the 108th Avenue NE/NE 53rd Street intersection with respect to transit and pedestrians.
12	Traffic and Parking	Existing neighborhood cut-through along the streets like 110th Ave and NE 48th, increases in the future	Potential Northwest University traffic impacts on the adjacent neighborhood were addressed in the transportation impact study.
13	Traffic and Parking	Speed is an issue along NE 53rd especially at the end near the apartments	A speed study along 53rd was conducted as part of the TIA. The existing conditions and impacts of the project on the current conditions were identified.
14	Traffic and Parking	Neighbors have reported issues to Kirkland Police on parking, accidents, and speeding at 114th/53rd	The transportation impact study evaluated existing speeding issues, parking, and traffic safety.
15	Traffic and Parking	Suggested traffic calming along 53rd	Pending findings of analysis the transportation study could consider traffic calming to mitigate impacts related to neighborhood speed or cut-through issues.
16	Traffic and Parking	The need for and operations of the multiple driveways along 53rd near the tennis center, including the proposed offset driveway along 53rd at 111th	A site access evaluation including driveway alignments, spacing, and operations were included in the transportation impact study.
17	Traffic and Parking	Added traffic along 53rd from students living in upper campus and driving to the lower campus – need for east/west pedestrian connection	The transportation impact study evaluated pedestrian connectivity for the proposal including impacts and potential mitigation measures such as campus pedestrian connections.
18	Traffic and Parking	Concern about the amount of traffic and parking associated with the tennis center with tournaments	The transportation study evaluated traffic and parking impacts associated with tennis tournaments. E31
19	Traffic and Parking	Parking spillover in the neighborhood and the potential increase with the additional students	The transportation study included mitigation measures addressing parking and event management to help minimize impacts on the adjacent neighborhood.
20	Traffic and Parking	Parking demand and supply relative to residential and commuter students.	The transportation study disclosed the anticipated future parking demand with the Master Plan and evaluated the adequacy of supply.
21	Traffic and Parking	Existing congestion and impacts of additional students on 108th	The transportation impact study included a traffic operations analysis for intersections along 108th Avenue NE.
22	Traffic and Parking	108th Congestion and volumes impacted by I-405 congestion	The transportation impact study included a traffic operations analysis for intersections along 108th Avenue NE.
23	Traffic and Parking	AM peak hour congestion along 108th and specifically at the 53rd intersection given the schools (need for AM peak hour analysis)	The transportation study evaluated weekday AM peak hour operations at the 108th Avenue NE/NE 53rd Street intersection.

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24	Traffic and Parking	Thank you for taking the time to present the information to us. I live about a block away on 110th. My main concern is added traffic on my road and an increase in off campus parking. I am concerned that people will cut through my neighborhood and get to 108th via NE 48th rather than wait in the likely back up on 53rd. If there is something that could be done to deter traffic from choosing 110th, that would be helpful.	Potential Northwest University traffic impacts on the adjacent neighborhood were addressed in the transportation impact study.
25	Traffic and Parking	Increased traffic resulting from shared field use must be accounted for in traffic studies.	The transportation study evaluated traffic and parking impacts associated with public field use.
26	Traffic and Parking	Traffic study should develop data on the level of traffic (NU and other) that diverts through the neighborhood south of NE 53rd via 111th NE. This traffic should be added back into the existing and forecast volumes on NE 53rd at 108th.	Potential Northwest University traffic impacts on the adjacent neighborhood were addressed in the transportation impact study.
27	Traffic and Parking	LWSD request for expansion in the 1990s was denied because of traffic impact. The NU master plan application has the same problem. Traffic from five schools at 108th and 53rd is already complicated. Our street, 111th Ave NE is already a speedway	Comment noted.
28	Traffic and Parking	Please make the existing NU main entrance on 108 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE the entrance to the proposed new development using internal campus access points. With 6 schools (preschool – university) on the corner of NE 53 <sup>rd</sup> and 108 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, the metro bus stop, and car traffic caused by parents dropping kids at the various schools, the intersection fails during morning and afternoon commutes.	The transportation study evaluated site access and circulation as well as operations at the 108th Avenue NE/NE 53rd Street intersection. Mitigation measures were recommended to address impacts, as appropriate.
29	Traffic and Parking	Building more driveways onto 53 <sup>rd</sup> increases traffic. It also will force cars down 111 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, 110 <sup>th</sup> Ave, NE 47 <sup>th</sup> and 48 <sup>th</sup> streets during rush hour as cars try to avoid the failed intersection on 108 <sup>th</sup> . There are lots of small children and pedestrians in this neighborhood. We had significant traffic speeding problems on our streets south of the campus when the Seahawks used Northwest College as their home. Since they moved traffic has reduced and been much better. We don't want that problem to return.	Potential Northwest University traffic impacts on the adjacent neighborhood were addressed in the transportation impact study including a review of speeds.
30	Traffic and Parking	Please stripe crosswalks at all entrances to the campus to give drivers visual cues to slow down for pedestrians.	The transportation study evaluated site access pedestrian crossing locations. Crosswalks were recommended based on the appropriate warrants and guidelines.
31	Traffic and Parking	I have called the university on three occasions in the last couple of years to complain about students parking on our street when there is a large, mostly empty parking lot next to the Pavilion on 111th. Being a 'good neighbor' there was immediate follow up and students parked elsewhere. ...I was surprised to learn there is a nominal \$50 a year fee to park on campus. Any expansion plans must make clear that student parking will be available (required!!) on campus. Off campus parking with empty spaces on campus is unacceptable.	Comment noted, mitigation measures addressing parking and event management to help minimize impacts on the adjacent neighborhood were included in the study.
32	Traffic and Parking	Has the traffic coordinator looked into the corner of 111th and 48th? This is a blind curve in the road whose danger to children and walkers will significantly increase with higher traffic volumes.	Comment noted, the traffic study addressed potential increases to traffic within the neighborhood.
33	Traffic and Parking	The corner of 53rd and 108th is often a nightmare for walkers, bikers, commuters, buses, parents making drop offs and pic ups at the four schools at that intersection.	Comment noted, the traffic study addressed the NE 53rd Street/108th Avenue NE intersection.