FUTURE PRIORITY PROJECTS

3.1 West Side Trail
The West Side Trail along the forested valley side slope, west of Lake Washington Boulevard, will be the primary link to the adjacent Montlake and Stevens neighborhoods. Numerous pedestrian links will occur along this western boundary to WPA. From this greenbelt, pedestrians will have an opportunity to go over or across Lake Washington Boulevard into WPA at the existing Wilcox Footbridge, the proposed overhead crossings at the south end of the Japanese Garden, and on grade at Boyer Street. The West Side Trail construction will require the following projects:

a. Potential tunnel under Madison Street fill
b. Three road crossings: Interlaken Blvd, Boyer and LWB
c. 1 pedestrian-activated signal @ Boyer/LWB
d. Grading and surfacing
e. Native forest restoration
f. Signing and interpretation
g. Irrigation

3.2 Curatorial Building
Design and construction of a curatorial building to provide staffing and facilities for curation and collections management: record-keeping, mapping, and labeling, and interpretation, housed in facilities at the north end near the Graham Visitors Center.

3.3 Graham Visitors Center Remodel
Renovate the Graham Visitors Center keeping its current size (5,690 sq. ft. footprint, 6,700 sq. ft. floor area), for visitor services. The renovated GVC will continue as the primary destination for visitors as an interpretive center. Its lobby will be entirely devoted to greeting visitors. At one corner will be an expanded gift shop. Opposite, an existing meeting room will become exhibit space that introduces the key messages of the education and interpretive programs. This space will also include a small food service area served by the existing commercial kitchen.

3.4 Foster Island Pedestrian Overpass
A wheelchair accessible overpass over Foster Island Drive, including adding earthen fill on the north side to provide a ramping path down to existing grade. Construction of the overpass will require the following projects:

a. Bridge & fill
b. Trail
c. Quercus/oak renovation
d. Native forest restoration
e. Irrigation
f. Signage/interpretation

3.5 Arboretum Creek

Increase water flow at the source of Arboretum Creek, by allowing more water into the channel but keeping it in underground culverts via the playfield, emerging above ground west of Lake Washington Boulevard near the Interlaken Blvd. intersection; and enhance the creek bed’s natural appearance and ecological function including a possible salmon run.

Restoration of Arboretum Creek will require:

- Tunnel under Madison Street fill
- Modify SPU storm water system south of Madison St.
- Two new ponds at south; new pond in north
- Rebuild creek bed and plant
- Daylight side creek below woodland garden
- Remove parking north of the Lynn Street pedestrian bridge
- Structure (bridge or box culvert) at Lake Washington Blvd.
- Establish PNW mixed forest collection
- Establish PNW riparian forest collection
- Renovation of Betula / birch collection
- Establish Populus / poplar, Alnus / alder and Fraxinus / ash collections
- Native forest restoration
- Irrigation
- Signage and interpretation

3.6 South Parking and Access

Improve the parking lot between the Japanese Garden and playfield to accommodate more cars (present 84 increased to 128), 4 buses and to improve landscaping. The construction of the project will require:

- Intersection realignment
  The downhill sweep beneath the cathedral-like oak and sycamore street tree allee of Lake Washington Boulevard will be maintained as the southern entry into WPA. The boulevard's intersection with Arboretum Drive will be reconfigured to create a T-intersection out of the existing oblique one and to align the entry into a reconfigured parking lot for the Madison Playfield and the Japanese Garden. The direct sight lines up and down the boulevard will allow WPA visitors access to and from the parking lot.
- Parking expansion
- Parking lot – shrub and groundcover trials
- Wayfinding signage
- Pedestrian activated signal
3.7 **South Pedestrian Overpass**
An overhead pedestrian crossing will create a gateway over Lake Washington Boulevard, and link the interpretive trails of the southeastern portion of the Arboretum to the Japanese Garden entry. Construction of the overpass will include:
   a. Bridge
   b. Restoration of native vegetation and planting

3.8 **Off-Site Administration at MOHAI**
The amount of General Services and Administration Facilities needed to eventually accommodate the full scope of program activity will require additional administration office space of approximately 4,000 square feet. This could be accommodated in the MOHAI building once the Museum moves to its new location. This building is located just north of SR 520 on the west end of Foster Island.

3.9 **South End Educational and Visitor Services Building**
Visitors entering the southern portion of the Arboretum will arrive at a satellite education center located just south of the Japanese Garden. The education and visitor services building (approximately 2,500 sq. ft. floor area) will provide for education and visitor services, including class/meeting room and rest rooms.