



Memorandum

Date: 10/17/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-144
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Approve \$282,420 Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) 2023-24 Agreement between the City of Redmond and the Washington State Department of Ecology

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) maintains stream and habitat restoration sites throughout the City of Redmond. Maintenance is typically required by permit approvals for the first 5-10 years after project completion and ongoing maintenance is necessary for long-term project success.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Utilities Strategic Plan
- **Required:**
Contract over \$50,000
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
WCC Agreement begins October 1, 2023.

OUTCOMES:

Maintenance is a crucial activity to the success of restoration and mitigation associated with capital improvement projects. Approximately 100-acres of maintenance sites are distributed around the City (Attachment A).

The value of site maintenance goes far beyond permit compliance. Maintenance of restoration sites involves control of invasive weeds, litter patrol, replacement planting, and other activities important to overall project success. This regular site maintenance enhances already completed projects, building on the initial investment, as well as improving the aesthetics of sites.

WCC members are typically college-age students learning restoration techniques and gaining job skills. A crew consists of six staff that work a 40-hour work week, for 41 weeks, primarily managing noxious weeds and installing replacement plantings at City capital improvement projects. In addition, the crew helps with volunteer events, native tree planting, habitat assessment, small stream maintenance projects, site monitoring, and de-fishing stream projects. This year's contract also includes 4-weeks of an additional crew time to assist with planting in the winter and noxious weed control in the spring. The contract with the Washington State Department of Ecology is included in Attachment B.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$282,420

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

00214

Budget Priority:

Healthy & Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Stormwater Operations \$282,420

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/3/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Approve

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/17/2023	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

Agreement is for work between October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The City would not meet its maintenance obligations for previously permitted CIP projects. In addition, this lack of maintenance would compound, and future maintenance would be more expensive.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: WCC 2023-24 Restoration and Maintenance Map

Attachment B: WCC 2023-24 Agreement