



Memorandum

Date: 3/26/2024
Meeting of: City Council Study Session

File No. SS 24-014
Type: Study Session

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Parks	Dave Tucheck	Deputy Director
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TITLE:
Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Council will receive an update on the recently completed Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan. On 8/2/2023, Council approved a consultant agreement with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc. to develop a plan related to climate resiliency and sustainability of Redmond’s green infrastructure.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information **Provide Direction** **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
2023/24 City of Redmond Adopted Budget, 2023 PARCC Plan, Tree Canopy Strategic Plan, Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, 20-Year Forest Management Plan.
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

Building upon previous City planning efforts related to environmental sustainability, the consultant developed a plan

focused on actionable items and strategies resulting in a more climate resilient and sustainable natural environment. Strategies included, but not limited to, tree canopy expansion on public lands, rewilding City owned properties, replacing formal lawns areas with naturalized meadows/pollinator habitat, modifications of maintenance practices, future equipment electrification recommendations, adjusting tree/plant species (varieties) to align with climate change, and additional carbon sequestration opportunities.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Outreach occurred during plan development and will occur after plan completion
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Stakeholder focus groups, digital media, in-person outreach, and outreach collateral
- **Feedback Summary:**
Outreach summary report

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
\$122,718

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

Budget Offer Number:
0000146-Service Enhancement

Budget Priority:
Healthy and Sustainable

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

If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
General Fund Surplus

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/5/2023	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Provide Direction
8/2/2023	Special Meeting	Approve
2/27/2024	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan

Attachment B: Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan Presentation