



Memorandum

Date: 9/15/2020
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 20-A441 PW
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Public Works	Gary Schimek	Engineering Manager
Public Works	Tom Hardy	Stream and Habitat Planner

TITLE:

Approval of the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) 2020-21 Agreement in the Amount of \$193,520

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 then ongoing maintenance is necessary for long-term project success. The WCC crew is subsidized by AmeriCorps for 2020-21.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Comprehensive Plan, Community Strategic Plan
- **Required:**
Contract over \$50,000
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
Washington Conservation Corps Agreement will begin October 5, 2020

OUTCOMES:

The Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) maintains stream and habitat restoration sites around the City. Maintenance is a crucial activity to the success of restoration and mitigation associated with capital improvement projects; approximately 100 acres are distributed around the city. See Attachment B for a map of currently maintained sites.

A one-year AmeriCorps-subsidized crew for Redmond will cost \$193,520 (41-weeks throughout the 2020-21 season). WCC members are typically college-age students learning restoration techniques and gaining job skills. A crew consists of six staff that works a 40-hour work week, primarily managing invasive plants at city capital improvement projects. Installation of replacement plantings also occupies a significant portion of the crew's time. In addition, the crew helps with volunteer events, new native planting, habitat assessment, small stream maintenance projects, site monitoring and de-fishing on stream projects and maintenance activities. The contract is shown in Attachment A.

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:
\$193,520

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

Budget Offer Number:
000072 and 000036

Budget Priority:
Clean & Green

Other budget impacts or additional costs: **Yes** **No** **N/A**
If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
Stormwater Operations, CIP

Budget/Funding Constraints:
Agreement begins October 5, 2020

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/8/2020	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

The Agreement is from October 5, 2020 to September 30, 2021

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Maintenance would be deferred, and future maintenance would be more expensive and time consuming. City would not meet its maintenance obligations for CIP projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: WCC Agreement
- Attachment B: WCC Restoration Map