



Legislation Text

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**TO:** Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

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**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)**

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

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
	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