Des Moines
WATERLAND CITY

AGENDA
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, October 1, 2026 - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. **Approval of Vouchers**
Motion: "I move to approve the payment vouchers through September 16th, 2026 and payroll transfers through September 20th, 2026 in the attached list and further described as follows:"

EFT's & ACI Virtual Card Payments	# 14203 - # 14253	$ 291,442.57
Payroll Checks 9/18/2026	# 20144 - # 20144	$ 123.27
Payroll Advice 9/18/2026	# 18978 - # 19143	$ 529,943.50
Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll		$ 821,509.34

Item 2. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole and Study Session Meeting; September 10, 2026 City Council Workshop; and September 12, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop."

Item 3. **Additional Sales Tax for Children and Family Services - 2nd Reading**
Motion: "I move to enact Draft Ordinance No. 26-104, imposing an additional .01% sales tax for children and family services."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 1. **Canopy Preservation Program Update**
Staff Presentation:
Tyler Beekley, Surface Water/Environmental Engineer

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. **2027 and 2028 Human Services Funding Recommendations**
Staff Presentation:
Katherine Caffrey, City Manager

Motion: "I move to approve the 2027-2028 Human Services funding recommendations and authorize the City Manager to sign contracts with the non-profit agencies identified in the attachment, dependent on the approval of the City's budget."

Item 2. **New Agenda Items for Consideration** - 10 Minutes

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Property Acquisition Under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) - 15 Minutes

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 29, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Members of the public who wish to provide comment during the meeting via Zoom must register in advance. To register, please email cityclerk@desmoineswa.gov by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the Wednesday before the meeting.

City Council meeting can be viewed live on the City's website, Comcast Channel 21/321, on the City's YouTube channel or via Zoom.

Projected Future Agenda Item

City Council
AGENDA ITEM

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: **Approval of Vouchers**

ATTACHMENTS:
1. 10.1.2026 Voucher Certification

FOR AGENDA OF:
October 1, 2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN:
Finance

DATE SUBMITTED:
September 21, 2026

CLEARANCES:
Finance
City Clerk

Purpose and Recommendation
Voucher transfers and expense reimbursement claims have been audited and certified by the auditing office in compliance with RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090.

Motion: "I move to approve the payment vouchers through September 16th, 2026 and payroll transfers through September 20th, 2026 in the attached list and further described as follows:"

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Background
City Council review and approval of voucher reports is a key internal control that promotes transparency, accountability, and public trust in the City’s financial operations. By examining vouchers after expenditures have occurred, the Council provides independent oversight to confirm that payments were properly authorized, supported by

appropriate documentation, and made in accordance with the adopted budget, City policies, and applicable laws. This review helps ensure public funds are used for their intended purposes, strengthens fiscal discipline, and reinforces the separation of duties between staff who process payments and the elected officials responsible for safeguarding taxpayer resources.

Discussion

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the City of Des Moines Auditing Officer.

Financial Impact

As described above.

Recommendation

Approval of vouchers.

Voucher Certification Approval
October 1, 2026
Auditing Officer Certification

Voucher transfers and expense reimbursement claims have been audited and certified by the auditing office in compliance with RCW 42.24.080 and RCW 42.24.090. A listing of these claims has been provided to the City Council.

On October 1, 2026 the Des Moines City Council unanimously approved for payment the vouchers through September 16, 2026 and payroll transfers through September 18, 2026 as detailed in the attached list.

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the City of Des Moines Auditing Officer:

Jeff Friend

Jeff Friend, Finance Director

			# From		# To	Amounts
Claims Vouchers:						
EFT's & ACI Virtual Cards			14203		14253	291,442.57
Total Vouchers paid						**291,442.57**
Payroll Vouchers						
Payroll Checks	9/18/2026		20144		20144	123.27
Payroll Advice			18978		19143	529,943.50
Total Paychecks & Direct Deposits						**530,066.77**

Total checks and wires for A/P & Payroll	**821,509.34**

City Council
AGENDA ITEM

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: **Approval of Minutes**

ATTACHMENTS:
1. September 03, 2026 Committee of the Whole and Study Session Meeting Minutes
2. September 10, 2026 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
3. September 12, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop Minutes

FOR AGENDA OF:
October 1, 2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN:
City Clerk

DATE SUBMITTED:
September 18, 2026

CLEARANCES:

Purpose and Recommendation
The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Council to review the minutes from the September 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole and Study Session Meeting; September 10, 2026 City Council Workshop; and September 12, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop.

Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole and Study Session Meeting; September 10, 2026 City Council Workshop; and September 12, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop."

Background
The City Clerk's Office has prepared action-format meeting minutes for the City Council's consideration.

Alternatives
The City Council may make corrections to errors and approve the meeting minutes as amended.

Recommendation
Staff recommends the City Council approve the meeting minutes as presented.

MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND
STUDY SESSION JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, September 3, 2026 - 5:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:
Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Staff Present:
City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; City Attorney Tim George; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; Public Works Director Mike Slevin; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; Civil Engineer Alex Johnson; and City Clerk Taria Keane.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS

Item 1. **Des Moines Creek Estuary - 30% Update**
Staff Presentation:
N/A

- Civil Engineer Alex Johnson gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on the Des Moines Creek Estuary 30% Update.

Direction/Action
Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 7-0.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:
Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Planning Commissioners Present:
Danielle Anderson, Chuck Coleman, Michelle Curry, Barton DeLacy, and Colleen Gants.

Staff Present:
City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; City Attorney Tim George; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; Senior Planner Jason Woycke; and City Clerk Taria Keane.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the Study Session Agenda. Please sign in prior to the meeting and limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

- There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1. **Downtown Planning Scenarios & Zoning Workshop**
Staff Presentation:

- Morgan Shook and Ian Crozier from ECOnorthwest gave Council and the Planning Commission a PowerPoint presentation on the Downtown Planning Scenarios & Zoning Workshop.At 7:06 p.m., Council and the Planning

Commission recessed for a 10-minute break. The meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m.

Council and the Planning Commission participated in breakout group discussions from 7:17 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 10, 2026 City Council Workshop

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action
Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, September 10, 2026 - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:
Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Council Absent:
Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

Direction/Action
Motion made by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz to excuse Councilmember Jeremy Nutting; seconded by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.
Motion passed 6-0.

Staff Present:
City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; City Attorney Tim George; Police Chief Ted Boe; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; Public Works Director Mike Slevin; Court Administrator Kim York; and City Clerk Taria Keane.

STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP

Item 1. **Discussion on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan**

- Raftelis Consultant Nancy Hetrick gave the Council a PowerPoint presentation on the implementation of the Strategic Plan. During the presentation, Council participated in a workshop facilitated by the consultant.

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 12, 2026 City Council Budget Retreat

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action
Motion made by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.
Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET RETREAT

City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Saturday, September 12, 2026 - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:
Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Council Absent:
Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

Direction/Action
Motion made by Councilmember Pierre Blosse to excuse Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 6-0.

Staff Present:
City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; City Attorney Tim George; Police Chief Ted Boe; Assistant Police Chief Cory Stanton; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; Public Works Director Mike Slevin; IT Manager Chris Pauk; Court Administrator Kim York; IT Business Operations Coordinator Christina Blackwell; and City Clerk Taria Keane

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET RETREAT

Item 1. 2027 - 2028 Budget Workshop PowerPoint

- City Manager Katherine Caffrey and Finance Director Jeff Friend gave the Council a PowerPoint presentation on the 2027–2028 Budget Workshop.

At 10:11 a.m., the Council recessed for a 10-minute break. The meeting resumed at 10:21 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 24, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action
Motion made by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz to adjourn; seconded by Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger.
Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

City Council
AGENDA ITEM

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: **Additional Sales Tax for Children and Family Services - 2nd Reading**

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Draft Ordinance No. 26-104

FOR AGENDA OF:
October 1, 2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN:
Legal

DATE SUBMITTED:
September 21, 2026

CLEARANCES:
Finance
Parks Recreation & Senior Services

Purpose and Recommendation
The purpose of this item is to hold a second reading on Draft Ordinance no. 26-104, which would impose an additional .01% sales tax to provide funds that would be used to support children and family services.

Motion: "I move to enact Draft Ordinance No. 26-104, imposing an additional .01% sales tax for children and family services."

Strategic Plan Priority
Engaged and Thriving Community; Financial Stability

Background
In recent years, the state legislature has recognized that Washington cities and counties are facing increasing pressure to provide services to the public with existing revenue sources, many of which are constrained by acts of the legislature. One form of relief offered by the legislature is Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2442, passed into law in the 2026 session. The bill includes a number of options for counties and cities to provide additional revenue, including an additional sales tax for the purpose of providing services to children and families with the goal of reducing long-term needs, making a difference in overall mental health, and reducing youth violence, drug use, and suicides.

Section 202 of ESHB 2442, codified at RCW 82.14.542, permits a city council to impose an additional 0.01% sales and use tax on taxable purchases within the city. The funds collected must be used solely for the purpose of providing additional services that assist children and their families, including: Child care; perinatal support services; before-school and after-school based youth services that address mental, social, behavioral, and physical health; workforce capacity building; shelter and rental assistance; and client transportation.

State law requires that a new sales tax or a change in tax rate be effective on one of three dates in a given year - January 1, April 1, or July 1. In order for the tax to become effective on one of those dates, statute requires that the Department of Revenue be given notice 75 days prior to that date.

Staff presented the proposed tax as a new revenue option at the September 12, 2026 Council budget workshop. Following the presentation and questions from Council, the Council expressed its desire that an ordinance be prepared. The draft ordinance was introduced for first reading at the September 24, 2026 regular City Council meeting and was passed to a second reading on this meeting agenda.

Discussion

The kinds of services that this tax could fund are among the most popular and well thought of services the City provides. At the same time, these services are often put in jeopardy when City revenue is lacking. The tax would create a steady, restricted stream of income specifically for these services.

The total sales tax rate within the City, including state, county, and City taxes is currently 10.40%. The City's portion of that tax is 0.95%, including the additional sales tax for public safety adopted by the City Council in 2025. This means that for every $100 in taxable sales in the City, the City collects 95 cents in sales tax. If adopted, the total tax rate would raise to 10.41%, and every for $100 in taxable sales there would be a one cent increase in tax. Based on recent history, staff projects that approximately $41,000 will be collected to support children and family programs.

Alternatives

The Council may:
1. Pass the Draft Ordinance as presented
2. Pass the Draft Ordinance with changes
3. Decline to pass the Draft Ordinance

Financial Impact

Staff estimates that imposing this tax would provide approximately $41,000 in new revenue that is restricted to funding services for children and families.

Recommendation

Staff recommends enacting Draft Ordinance 26-104

CITY COUNCIL'S FIRST DRAFT 09/21/2026

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 26-104

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON relating to finance, imposing a sales and use tax for additional services assisting children and their families as authorized by RCW 82.14.542, fixing the rate of the tax, defining the permissible uses of the proceeds of the tax, and adding and codifying a new chapter to Title 3 DMMC entitled "Additional Sales and Use Tax for additional services assisting children and their families."

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2442 in the 2026 Regular Session, and

WHEREAS, in ESHB 2442 The legislature found that providing additional services at the local level to get ahead of challenges that many individuals face, particularly children, in order to thrive is important for the success of the citizens of Washington, and

WHEREAS, the legislature further found that there are many services that are not addressed through current funding options, including Medicaid and county behavioral health programs and that existing service gaps include crisis stabilization, children mental health therapies, prevention and early interventions, behavioral health modalities, and culturally appropriate models for smaller community-based organizations.

WHEREAS, the legislature further found that reaching children and their families early is one of the best ways to reduce long-term needs and make a difference in overall mental health status as well as reducing youth violence, drug use, and suicides, and

WHEREAS, Section 202 of ESHB 2442, codified at RCW 82.14.542, permits cities and counties to enact a 0.01% sales and use tax, the proceeds of which can be used for providing additional services that assist children and their families, including: child care; perinatal support services; before-school and after-school based youth services that address mental, social, behavioral, and physical health; workforce capacity building; shelter and rental assistance; and client transportation, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that implementation of a sales tax for additional services assisting children and their families is necessary and appropriate to protect public health, welfare, and the environment; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. **Findings.** The City Council adopts all of the "whereas" sections of this Ordinance as findings to support this Ordinance.

Sec. 2. **Imposition.** Beginning January 1, 2027, there is imposed a sales or use tax, as the case may be as authorized by RCW 82.14.542, upon every taxable event, as defined in RCW 82.14.020, occurring within the city. The tax shall be imposed upon and collected from those persons from whom the state sales tax or use tax is collected pursuant to chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW. The tax shall be in addition to any other taxes imposed or levied under any existing law or ordinance.

Sec. 3. **Rate.** The rate of tax imposed by section 2 of this ordinance shall be one hundredth of one percent (0.01%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

Sec. 4. **Use of tax monies received.** When required by RCW 82.14.542(2), moneys received from the sales and use tax imposed by section 1 of this ordinance shall be used only for the purposes provided in RCW 82.14.542(2).

Sec. 5. **Administration – Collection.** The administration and collection of the tax imposed by this chapter shall be in accordance with the provisions of RCW 82.14.540.

Sec. 6. **Contract with Department of Revenue.** The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to enter into a contract with the Department of Revenue for the administration of this tax.

Sec. 7. **Codification.** Sections 2 through 6 of this ordinance shall be codified as a new chapter in Title 3 DMMC entitled *“Additional Sales and Use Tax for additional services assisting children and their families.”*

Sec. 8. Severability - Construction.

(1) If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

(2) If the provisions of this Ordinance are found to be inconsistent with other provisions of the Des Moines Municipal Code, this Ordinance is deemed to control.

Sec. 9. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines this ___ day of __________, 2026 and signed in authentication thereof this ___ day of __________, 2026.

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M A Y O R

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

____
City Attorney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Published:

Effective Date:

City Council
AGENDA ITEM

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: **Canopy Preservation Program Update**

ATTACHMENTS:
1. NPDES Tree Canopy Preservation Program Powerpoint
2. Proposed Parcel Transfer Map

FOR AGENDA OF:
October 1, 2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN:
Public Works

DATE SUBMITTED:
September 21, 2026

CLEARANCES:
Public Works
Finance

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the City Council with an update on the development of the Surface Water Utility's canopy preservation program and to seek Council direction on potential funding options to support the program.

Strategic Plan Priority

Natural and Built Environment; Financial Stability

Background

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a water quality permit program first introduced to the City of Des Moines in 2007. Des Moines recently began implementing the 2024-2029 Western Washington Phase II permit, which outlines requirements to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollutants from entering the City's surface water system.

As part of the current permit, the City must meet new requirements related to tree canopy and stormwater management by December 31, 2028. These requirements include:

1. Tree Canopy GIS Inventory

Begin mapping Permittee-owned or operated properties with tree canopy using available existing data.

2. Tree Codes and Policy

Adopt and implement tree canopy goals and policies that support stormwater management and water quality improvement in receiving waters.

Phase 1 – Tree Canopy Inventory
At the June 27, 2024, City Council meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Parametrix Inc. to assist the City in addressing the new NPDES Permit requirements. Since project initiation, Parametrix has assisted the City in completing a GIS-based inventory of trees identified as beneficial to stormwater management and water quality protection. This inventory represents the first phase of the project and provides the technical foundation for developing long-term stormwater tree canopy management goals.

Phase 2 - Preservation Program Feasibility:
Following a review of the NPDES Permit requirements, supporting background materials and literature, and input gathered through City staff workshops, the project team identified that the highest priority goal should be "Protecting Existing Stormwater Trees on Public Land". Parametrix also assisted the City in developing a draft list of potential parcels for preservation. See attachment 2 for the final proposed parcel transfer list.

The analysis also evaluated the transfer of ongoing costs associated with these parcels, including property taxes, utilities, maintenance, and cleanup. Total annual costs were estimated at approximately $744 per canopy acre when property taxes, utilities, maintenance, and cleanup are included. An update on project progress was provided to Council at the July 10, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting. At that time, Council expressed concurrence with continuing the development and feasibility analysis of a new program focused on protecting stormwater trees on public land.

Phase 3 - Program Development
In November 2025, City staff applied for a Washington State Department of Commerce Salmon Recovery Through Local Planning Grant to support development of the proposed tree preservation program. The grant program provides funding for comprehensive plan and development regulation updates that protect ecosystems, improve water quality, and enhance critical salmon habitat. In March 2026, the City Council approved the $80,000 grant award and a consultant contract with Parametrix Inc. to support implementation of the grant.

Grant funds will support consultant services to complete the following deliverables:
- Arborist-led baseline health assessment of the City's stormwater-beneficial tree canopy
- Technical memorandum outlining recommended canopy management actions
- Updated cost and staffing analysis per canopy acre
- Urban Forest Operations and Maintenance Plan
- Consultant presentation to Council

With the technical analysis and program development now underway, the City is evaluating potential funding approaches for implementing and sustaining the proposed canopy preservation program.

Discussion

As part of the grant effort, the canopy baseline health assessment, recommended canopy management actions, and updated cost analysis have now been completed. The information and data developed through these efforts have informed the proposed implementation of the Tree Canopy Preservation Program. To launch the program in 2027, Council will need to approve the proposed parcel transfers to the Surface Water Utility and a one-time increase to the utility fee rate to establish ongoing funding for the program. Staff are seeking Council direction on which program and funding level should be developed and brought back to Council for formal approval.

Proposed Program

For the initial implementation of the program, 41 unique parcels are proposed for transfer to the Surface Water Utility. These parcels represent approximately 69 canopy acres and 79 total land acres.

The Surface Water Utility currently owns approximately 39 canopy acres that would be incorporated into the program. The proposed parcel transfers would therefore increase the total stormwater-beneficial canopy managed by the Surface Water Utility to approximately 108 canopy acres.

The canopy health assessment and evaluation of potential management actions identified three primary needs for a proactive canopy management program:

- Management and removal of invasive vegetation
- Replanting and establishing replacement evergreen trees
- Establishing and maintaining access for ongoing canopy management

The updated cost analysis estimates an average cost of approximately $30,000 per canopy acre to fully implement the recommended proactive management actions.

Funding Scenarios

Three utility rate increase scenarios are presented for Council consideration. Each scenario represents a one-time increase to the utility fee rate, with the resulting rate level providing an ongoing annual funding source for the program:

Scenario	One-Time Utility Rate Increase	Approx. Annual Revenue	Proactive Management	Approx. Years to Fully Manage 108 Acres
1	2%	$100,000	Baseline costs only	N/A
2	5%	$300,000	~6.5 acres/year	~17 years
3	7.5%	$450,000	~11.5 acres/year	~9 years

Scenario 1 represents a baseline program with little to no proactive canopy management. The approximately $100,000 annual budget would primarily fund baseline costs such as encampment cleanup, hazard tree removal, property taxes, utilities, and other reactive maintenance needs.

Scenarios 2–3 would provide funding for both baseline program costs and proactive canopy management activities, including invasive vegetation removal, replanting, and establishing maintenance access. The selected funding level would determine the amount of canopy that could receive proactive management each year and the approximate time required to complete management activities across the full 108 acres.

Alternatives

Council may consider a utility rate increase other than those presented in the proposed scenarios and direct staff to develop that funding level for future consideration and approval.

Council may also elect not to move forward with the proposed Tree Canopy Preservation Program. Under this alternative, staff would need to evaluate other approaches for meeting the City's tree canopy-related NPDES permit requirements.

Financial Impact

If approved by Council, the proposed program would establish a dedicated, ongoing funding source within the Surface Water Utility for tree canopy management through a one-time adjustment to the utility rates. The amount of ongoing annual funding would depend on the utility rate adjustment selected by Council.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council direct staff to pursue a utility rate increase above 2% to provide funding for proactive tree canopy management. A funding level above the 2% baseline would allow the City to address invasive vegetation, replanting, and access needs rather than primarily funding reactive maintenance. Staff would return to Council with the selected funding level for formal consideration and approval.

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Parametrix

NPDES Tree Canopy Preservation Program

City Council Update

October 1, 2026

Des Moines WATERLAND CITY Parametrix

Purpose of Today's Presentation

- Share progress on program development.
- Present rate increase scenarios with associated tree canopy preservation coverage.
- Obtain Council feedback on preferred rate scenario for formal adoption.

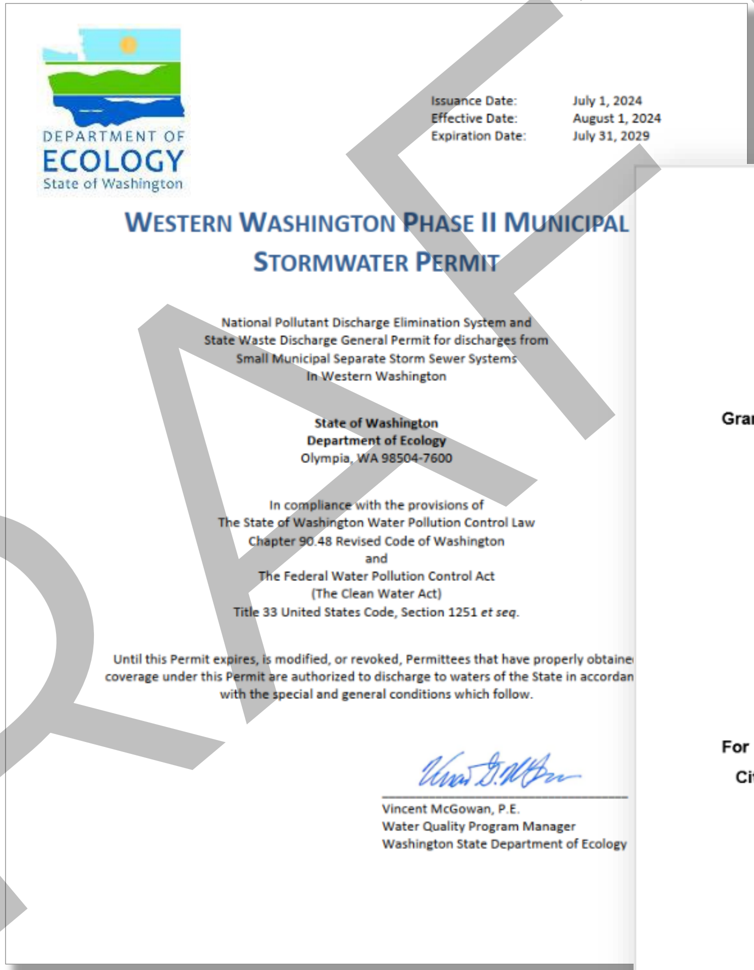
Des Moines WATERLAND CITY

Parametrix

Barred Owl - Canopy Field Assessment Plot 56

Program Development History

- **Ecology NPDES Permit Canopy Requirements** – Originally presented at the July 2025 Committee of the Whole; alignment with Council to target preserving publicly owned trees.
- **Surface Water Utility Parcel Acquisition** – March 2026 Committee of the Whole; presentation of draft transfer list.
- **Dept of Commerce Grant** – March 2026, $80,000 awarded for program development.


DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Issuance Date: July 1, 2024
Effective Date: August 1, 2024
Expiration Date: July 31, 2029

WESTERN WASHINGTON PHASE II MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMIT

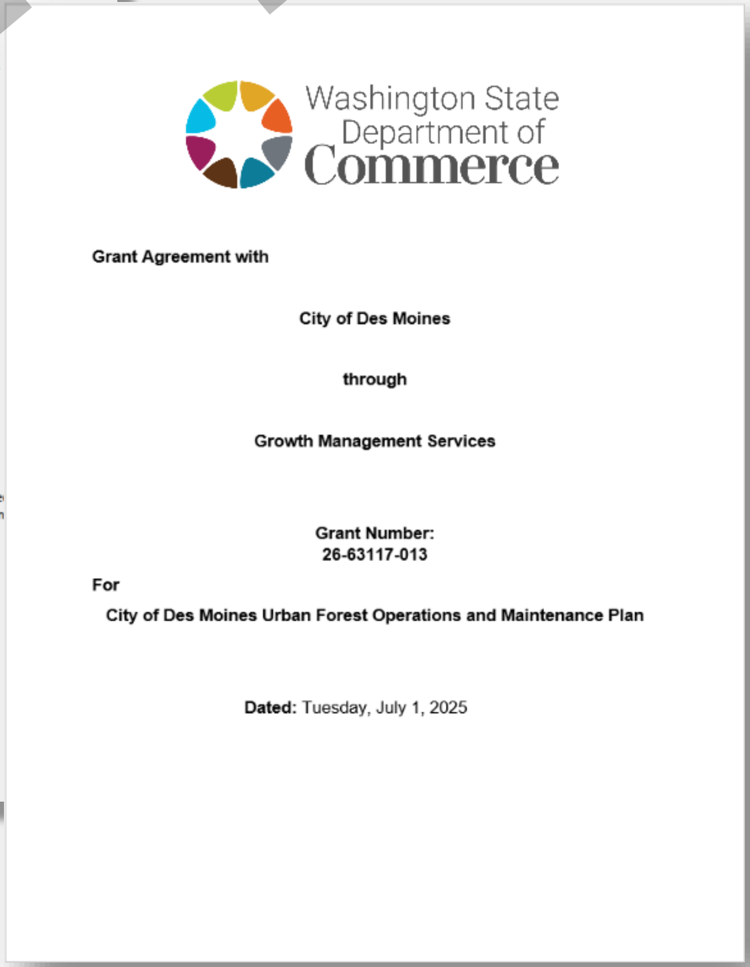
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit for discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems In Western Washington

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

In compliance with the provisions of
The State of Washington Water Pollution Control Law
Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington
and
The Federal Water Pollution Control Act
(The Clean Water Act)
Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251 *et seq.*

Until this Permit expires, is modified, or revoked, Permittees that have properly obtaine coverage under this Permit are authorized to discharge to waters of the State in accordan with the special and general conditions which follow.

Vincent McGowan, P.E.
Water Quality Program Manager
Washington State Department of Ecology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Grant Agreement with

City of Des Moines

through

Growth Management Services

Grant Number:
26-63117-013

For
City of Des Moines Urban Forest Operations and Maintenance Plan

Dated: Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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Proposed Parcel Transfers

- Feasibility study previously conducted listed all City owned parcels with canopy as potential transfer candidates.
- Transfer list refinement:
  - Removed City-owned parcels with smaller canopy percentages that offer little water quality benefit.
  - Removed partial acquisitions at this time.
  - Removed parcels with potential future use.

Transfer Designation	Parcel Count	Canopy Acres	Land Acres
Will be acquired by SWM Utility	41	69	79
Currently owned by SWM Utility	48	39	61
Total	**89**	**108**	**140**

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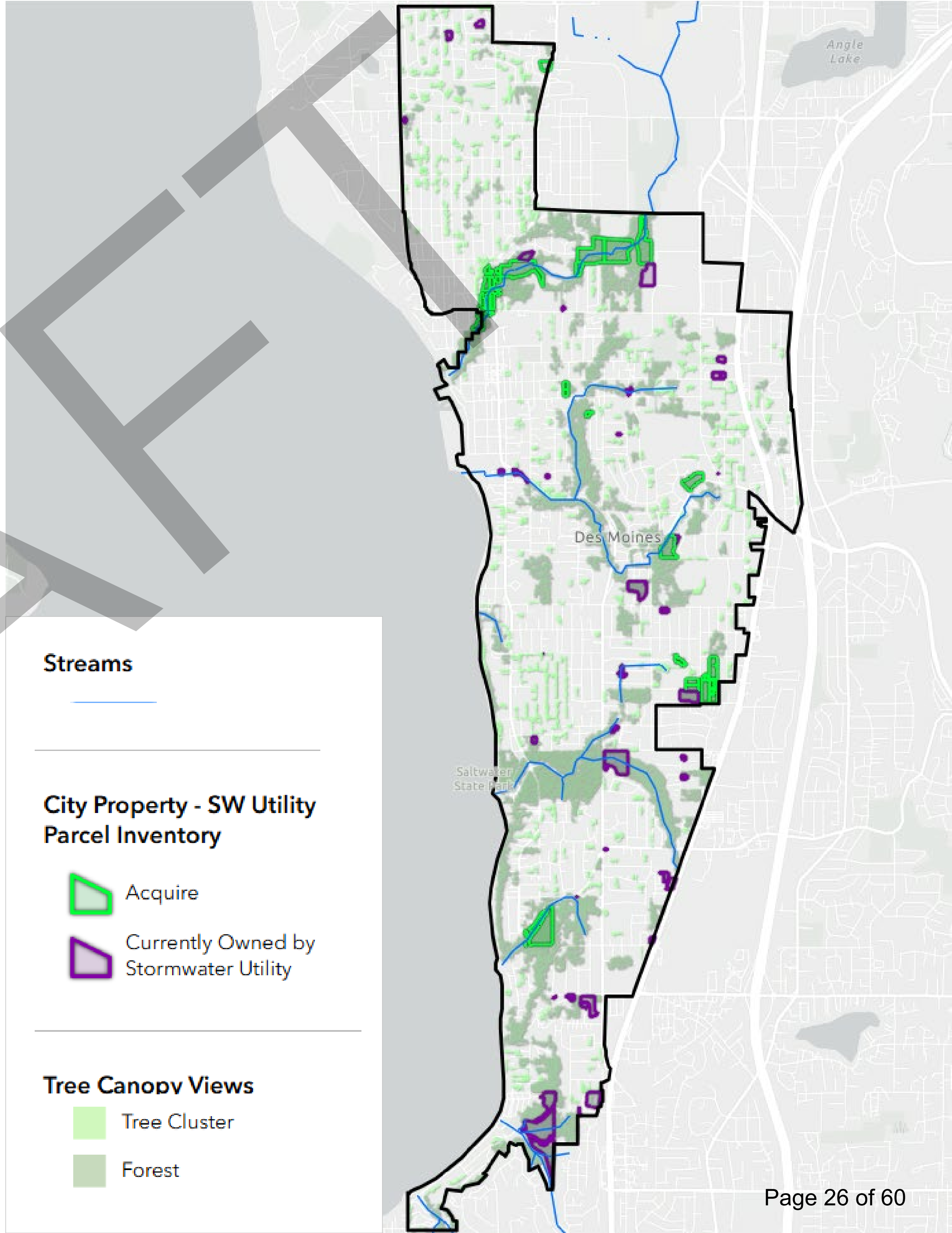
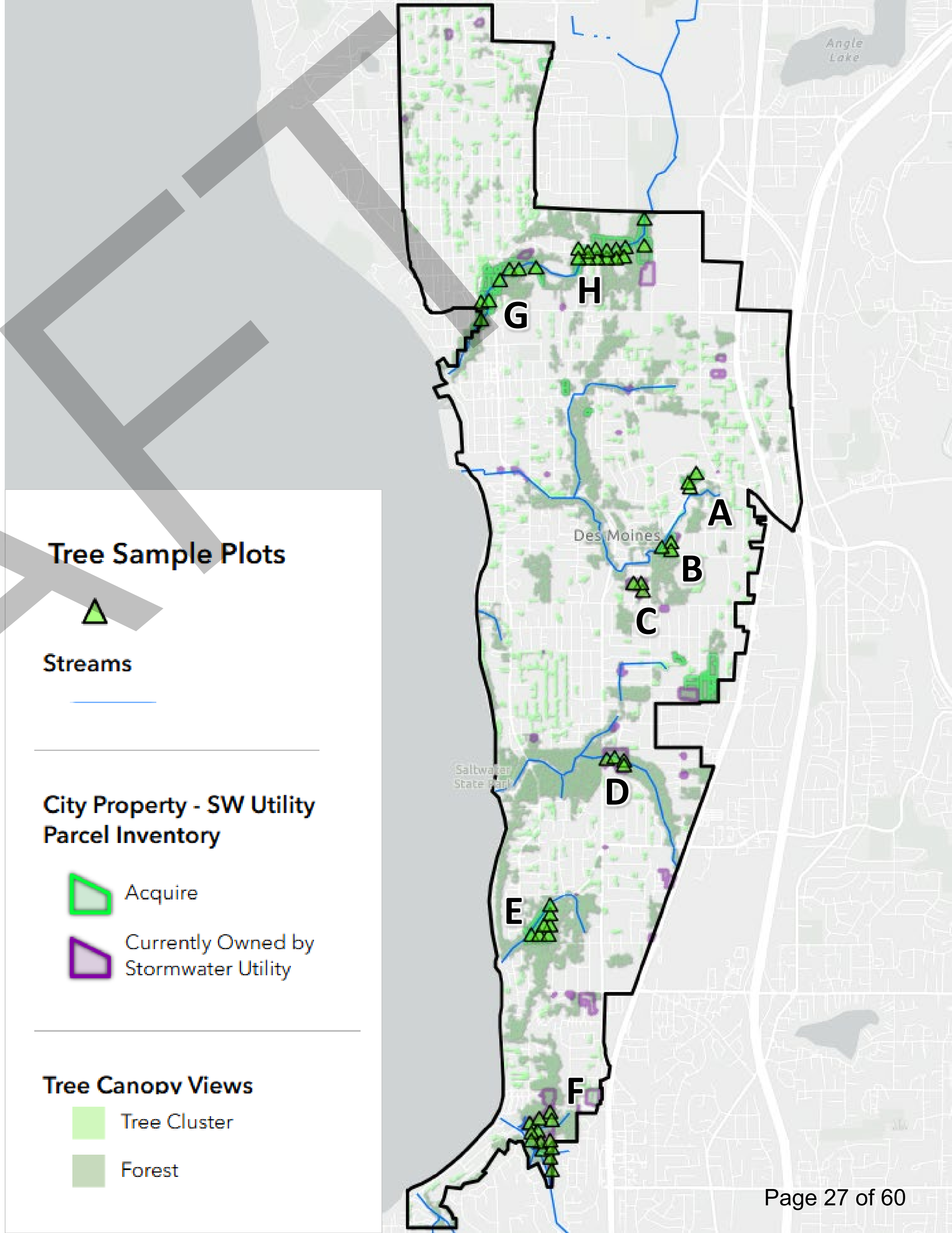


Grant Outcomes Overview

1. Arborist-Led Tree Canopy Field Assessment
2. Preservation Operation and Maintenance Priorities
3. Cost Analysis
4. Forest Preservation Standard Operating Procedures (under development)



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1. Arborist-Led Tree Canopy Field Assessment

- 54 plots surveyed across 8 City-owned parcels
- Very good mature tree canopy cover, especially bigleaf maples and red alders.
- Widespread climbing ivy - increases tree mortality, fall hazards.
- Widespread invasive plants – prevents regeneration and maintenance access.
- Steep slopes – access challenges.
- Lack of mature & understory evergreen trees.

Example Data Summary of Tree Assessment Data

TREE SAMPLING ASSESSMENT
SITE F

Location: East of Wooten Park
Parcel ID (Size): 3222049115 & 3222049019 (16.43 ac)
Assessment Date: 7/9/2026
Sample Plots: 13 (Plots 21-33)

SITE MAP & SAMPLE PLOT LOCATIONS

FOREST MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

MANAGE ENGLISH IVY	Prioritize ivy treatment in Plots 21, 26, 30, 32, and 33, where climbing or understory ivy is severe. Remove ivy from trunks and follow with forest-floor control.
ENHANCE EVERGREEN COMPONENT	Establish native conifers where evergreen canopy and seed sources are limited, particularly where canopy openings provide adequate light.
SUPPORT NATIVE REGENERATION	Protect existing native regeneration and use targeted invasive control to create establishment space rather than broadly clearing native understory.
CONTROL WOODY INVASIVES	Remove or contain holly and other woody invasives before they become more established, particularly in Plots 26 and 31.
ASSESS TREE CLEARING	Further assess the substantial tree cutting observed at Plot 32 to determine appropriate restoration and whether additional management action is needed.

MAJOR TAKEAWAYS

- Mature bigleaf maple dominates much of the site; evergreen canopy is limited except in localized areas.
- English ivy is the primary invasive concern and is severe in several plots.
- Regeneration is generally low and often limited by ivy, shade, or lack of evergreen seed sources.
- Steep slopes are common but generally show little evidence of significant erosion.
- Plot 32 contains substantial historic tree clearing and warrants additional assessment.

SITE SUMMARY

Site F is a mature, predominantly native forest dominated by bigleaf maple, with western hemlock and other conifers occurring in portions of the site. Evergreen representation varies considerably, from nearly absent in many plots to dominant in Plot 31. English ivy is the primary management concern and is severe in several plots, where it blankets the forest floor and climbs mature trees. Regeneration is generally sparse and limited by invasive pressure, low light, or lack of an evergreen seed bank. Steep slopes are common but generally stable, and Plot 32 warrants additional assessment due to evidence of substantial historic tree clearing.

CANOPY PLOT SUMMARY

Plot	Dominant Canopy	Cover	Evergreen	Native	Maturity	Crown	Regen Density	Regen Richness	Climbing Invasives
21	BLM	80-100%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Good	0	0	Severe
22	BLM	60-80%	20-40%	80-100%	Mature	Good	2	1	Moderate
23	BLM	80-100%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Good	1	1	Low
24	BLM	60-80%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Fair	2	2	None
25	Red alder	60-80%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Good	4	3	Low
26	BLM	60-80%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Good	3	1	Severe
27	BLM	80-100%	20-40%	80-100%	Mature	Good	1	1	Low
28	BLM	80-100%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Good	8	3	Moderate
29	Red alder	80-100%	0-20%	80-100%	Overmature	Good	3	1	Low
30	BLM	80-100%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Good	3	2	Severe
31	Western hemlock	80-100%	80-100%	80-100%	Mature	Good	3	2	None
32	BLM	80-100%	0-20%	80-100%	Early	Good	0	0	Moderate
33	BLM	80-100%	0-20%	80-100%	Mature	Good	0	0	Severe

Abbreviations: BLM = bigleaf maple

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2. Preservation Operation and Maintenance Priorities

<u>Priority Issues</u>:

1. Climbing ivy – severe risk to tree health.
2. Heavy invasive plants in understory – preventing healthy forests.
3. Evergreens are scarce – needed for healthy streams.
4. Limited access – thick vegetation and no trails.

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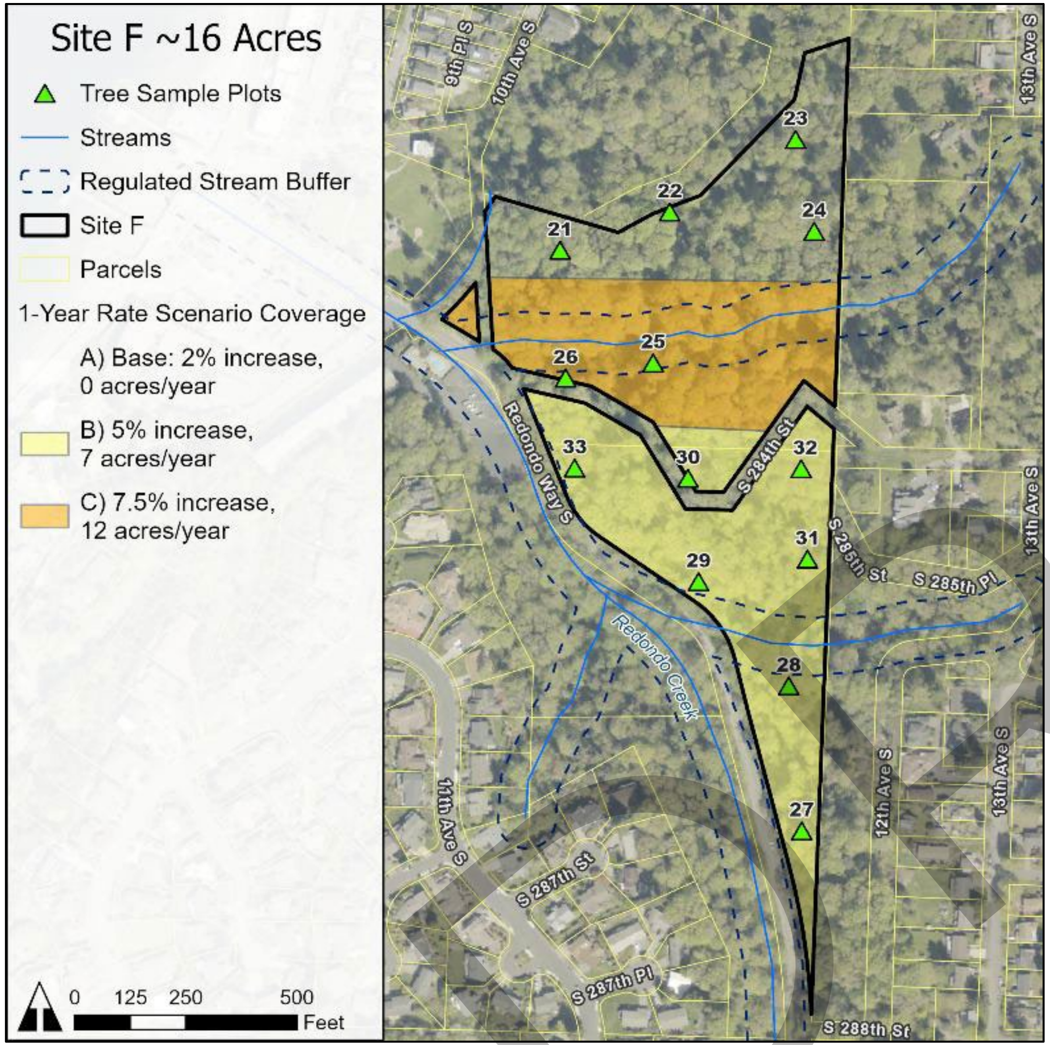
3. Cost Analysis

1. Annual Baseline Costs (Reactive) (approx. $750/acre):
    - Property taxes and utilities.
    - Routine removal of hazard trees.
    - Homeless encampment cleanup.
    - Total Annual Costs: $100,000.
2. Preservation Program Costs (Proactive) (~$30k per acre):
    - Manage invasives.
    - Replant evergreens.
    - Establish maintenance access.
    - Total First Cycle Preservation Costs: $3,240,000.


Encampment - Canopy Field Assessment Plot 2


Climbing Ivy - Canopy Field Assessment Plot 2

3. Costs: Rate Increase Scenario Comparison



- Scenario A: 2% increase, $100K

  (Covers base costs, only.)

- Scenario B: 5% increase, $300K

  (Covers $200k of annual proactive maintenance.)

- Scenario C: 7.5% increase, $450K (Covers $350k of annual proactive maintenance.)

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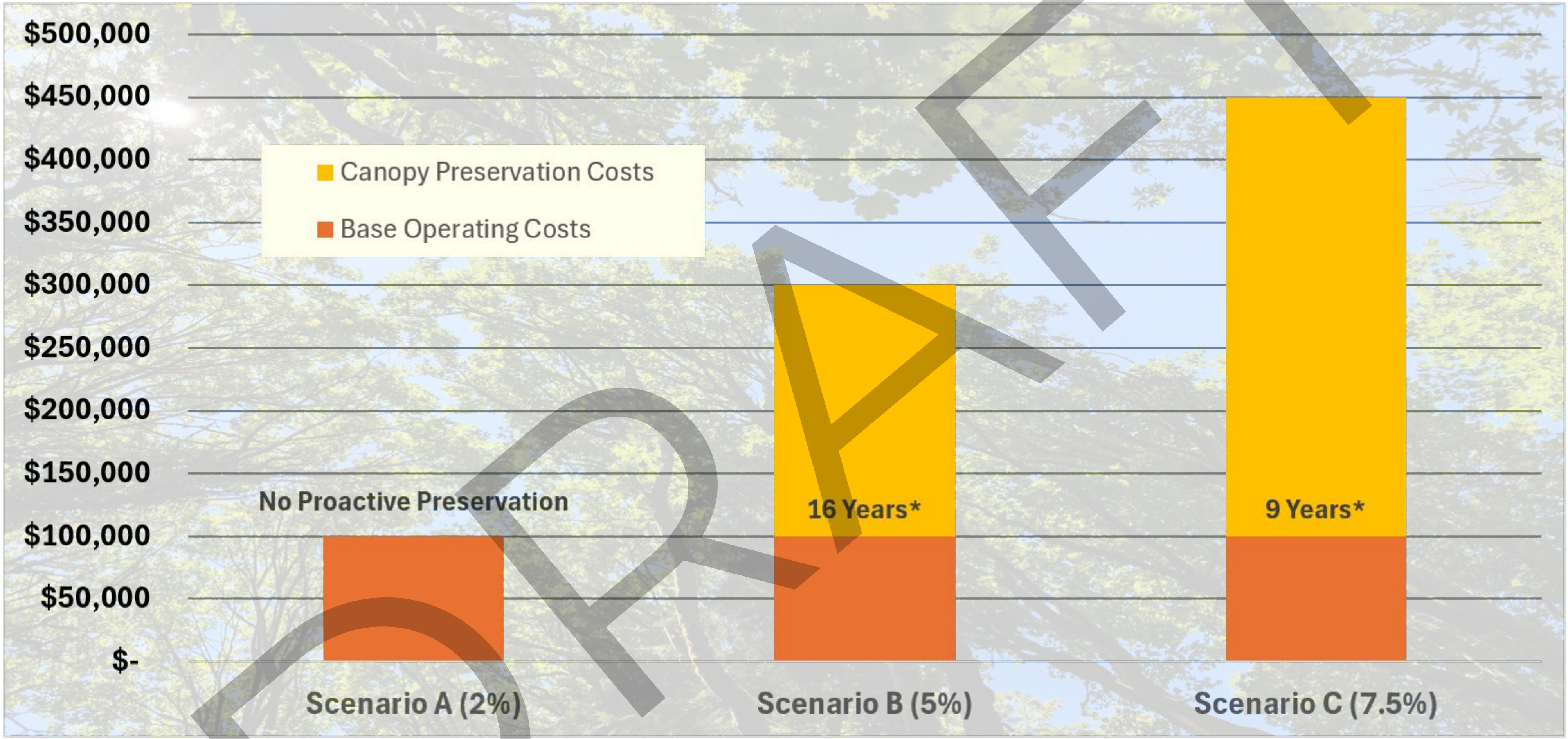

* Length of time for first cycle of invasive plant management and evergreen planting across all proposed SWM Utility parcels.

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3. Costs: Impacts to Rate-Payers

2027 Surface Water Management Utility Rates (DMMC 11.12.020)

SWM Utility rates will receive an inflationary 2.46% increase from the 2026 rates

Rate Tier	Impervious Area (square feet)	2027 Monthly Rate	2027 Annual Rate
	Less than 500	$0.00	$0.00
Single Family - R1	500 to 2,800	$24.84	$298.04
Single Family - R2	2,800 to 4,350	$32.73	$392.71
Single Family - R3	4,350 to 7,500	$46.68	$560.17
R4/Multifamily/ Commercial/Non-Profit	R4 Greater than 7,500	$32.73 per 3,450 SF Impervious	$392.71 per 3,450 SF Impervious

Rate Tier	2027 Annual Rate (2% Additional Increase)	2027 Annual Rate (5% Additional Increase)	2029 Annual Rate (7.5% Additional Increase)
	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Single Family - R1	$304.00	$312.94	$320.39
Single Family - R2	$400.56	$412.34	$422.16
Single Family - R3	$571.37	$588.18	$602.18
R4/Multifamily/Commercial/Non-Profit	$400.56 per 3,450 SF Impervious	$412.34 per 3,450 SF Impervious	$422.16 per 3,450 SF Impervious

Typical Single Family 2027 Increase: 2% - $ 7.85 annually
5% - $19.63 annually
7.5% - $29.45 annually

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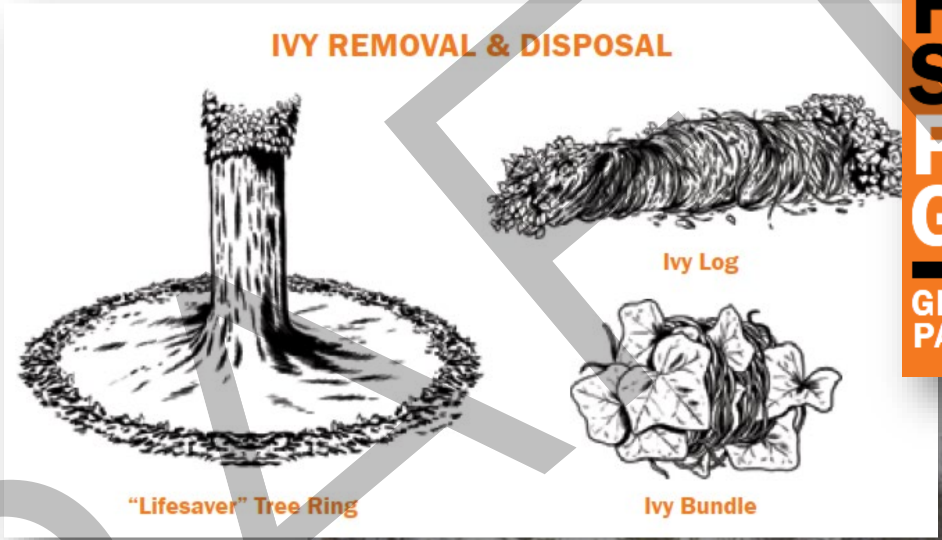
4. Forest Preservation SOPs

- Will focus on priority needs:
  - Invasive management.
  - Evergreen replanting.
- To be curated from existing sources, for example:
  - Green City Partnership/Forterra.
  - City of Portland.
  - USDA Forest Service.
- Plan will identify starting location(s) and priority actions.



Reforestation on the Lolo National Forest. (*USDA Forest Service photo*)

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Canopy Preservation Program Summary

Implementation Actions:

1. Manage invasives.
2. Replant evergreens.
3. Establish maintenance access.

Funding Scenarios:

Rate Increase Scenario	One-Time Rate Increase	Annual Budget Provided	Proactive Canopy Preservation Provided	Program Cycle (One Round of Preservation)
Scenario A	2%	$100K	None	N/A
Scenario B	5%	$300K	7 acres/year	16 years
Scenario C	7.5%	$450K	12 acres/year	9 years

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Next Steps

- Formal Council approval of parcel transfers to SWM Utility.
- Formal Council approval of rate increase.
- Implementation of Canopy Preservation Program in 2027 – actual actions will depend on rate increase approved by Council.

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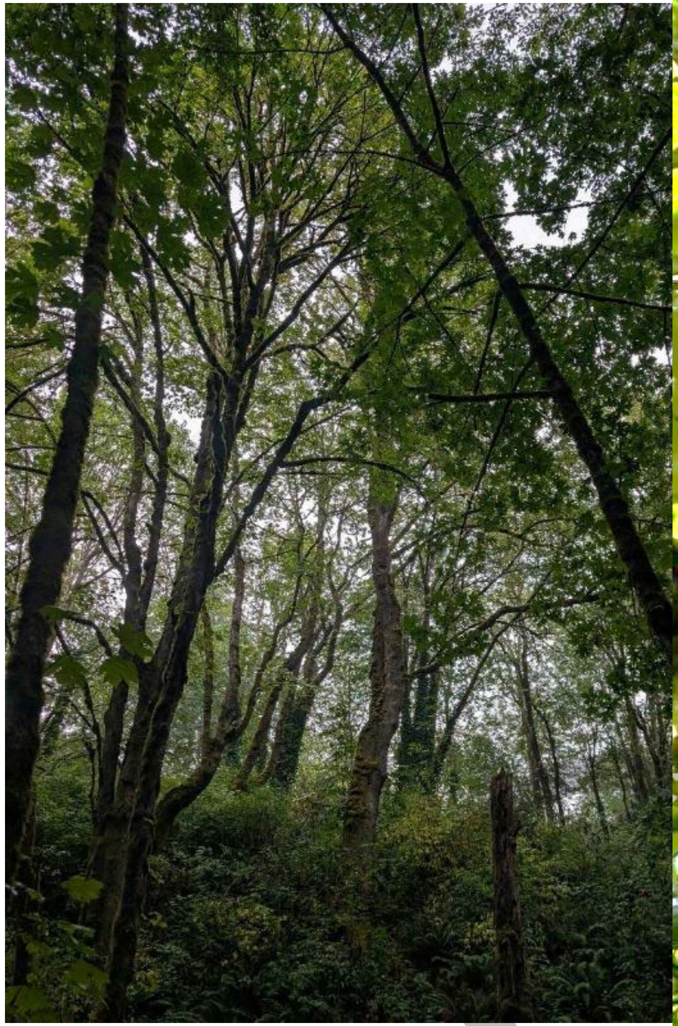
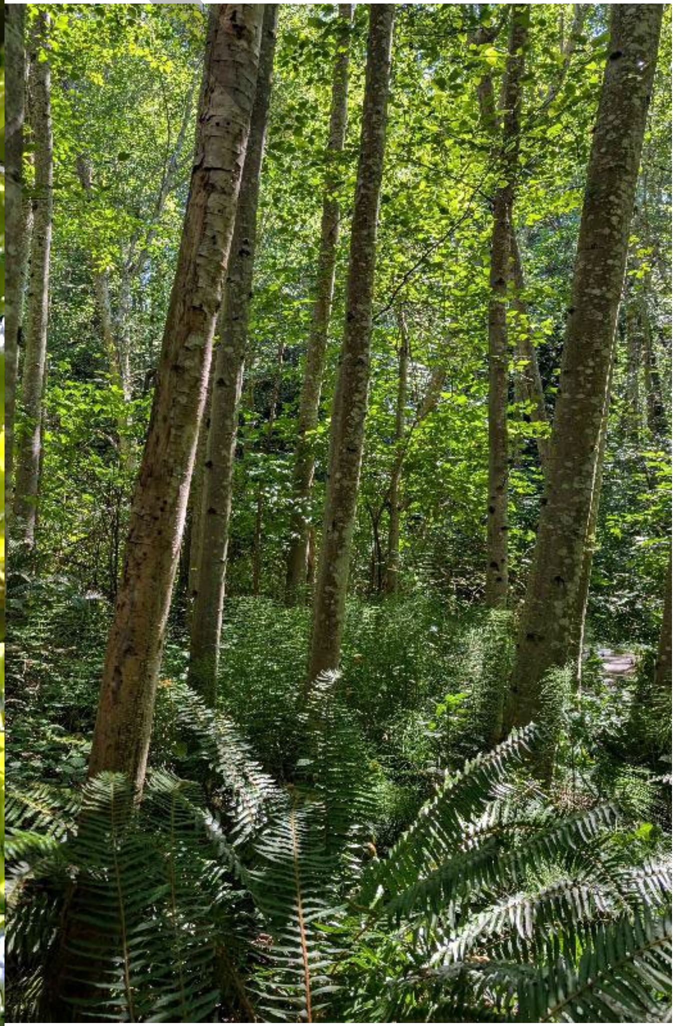
Discussion and Questions





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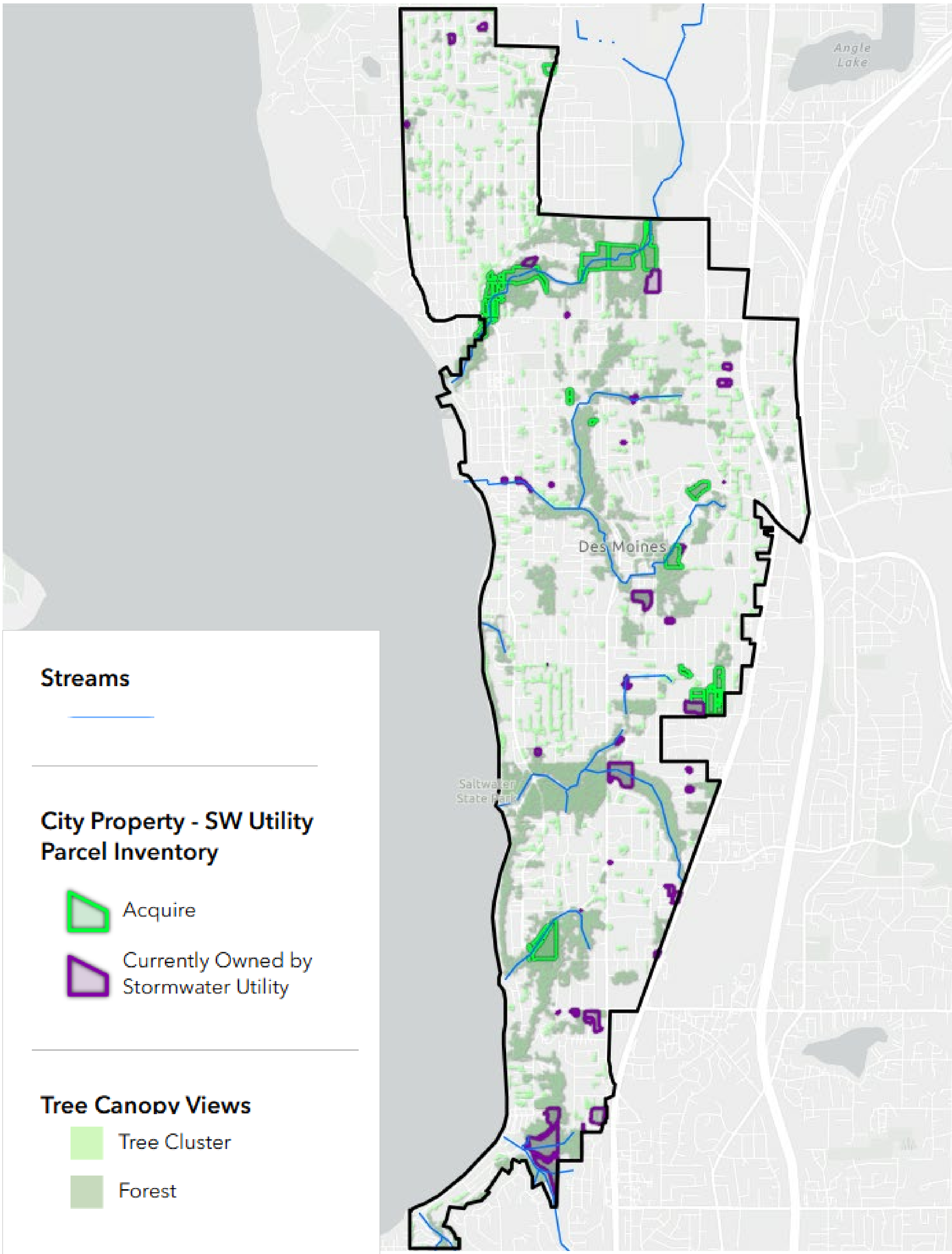

City Council
AGENDA ITEM

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: **2027 and 2028 Human Services Funding Recommendations**

ATTACHMENTS:
1. HSC Background
2. 2027 & 2028 Human Services Funding Recommendations
3. Human Services Agency Recommendations PowerPoint-Updated 9.25.2026. DRAFT

FOR AGENDA OF:
October 1, 2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN:
Administration

DATE SUBMITTED:
September 18, 2026

CLEARANCES:

Purpose and Recommendation
The purpose of this agenda item is to present the Human Services Committee's recommendations for agency funding in the 2027–2028 biennial budget.

Motion: "I move to approve the 2027-2028 Human Services funding recommendations and authorize the City Manager to sign contracts with the non-profit agencies identified in the attachment, dependent on the approval of the City's budget."

Strategic Plan Priority
Engaged and Thriving Community

Background
The City of Des Moines provides funding to nonprofit agencies that deliver essential human services to residents. As part of the biennial Human Services Grant Program, the Citizen's Advisory Board Human Services Committee reviews applications and provides funding recommendations to the City Council based on established funding priorities.

Historically, the City has used the following criteria to guide recommendations:

- **Housing and food** — Access to safe, stable, and affordable housing and adequate food.

- **Community safety** — Safety from violence within families, neighborhoods, and the broader community.
- **Health and well-being** — Physical and mental health and well-being.
- **Education and employment** — Education and job skills that support access to living-wage employment.
- **Children and youth** — Early childhood education and youth success.

For the 2025–2026 biennium, $150,000 was allocated to the program annually. Agencies awarded funding must submit quarterly performance reports, which staff review to confirm compliance with funding agreements.

At the April 9, 2026, City Council meeting, the Human Services Committee presented the criteria used to develop its recommendations and sought additional input and guidance from the Council. The Council affirmed the funding priorities, supported conducting a needs assessment during 2027, directed that priority be given to Des Moines-based organizations and organizations serving Des Moines residents, and expressed a preference for funding fewer organizations at higher award amounts.

Reviewing applications and developing recommendations is a lengthy process, undertaken by members of the Citizen's Advisory Board who volunteer their time to this effort.

Discussion

Funding for a needs assessment has been included in the proposed 2027–2028 budget, separate from the funding set aside for direct aid to nonprofit agencies. A human services needs assessment is a structured process used to identify the services a community lacks and the resources already available to address those gaps. City staff plan to retain a consultant to conduct the assessment in 2027 and will work with the Human Services Committee throughout that process.

Applications are received through Share1App, the shared online grant portal used by the Human Services Funding Collaborative, a partnership of cities across King County. The portal allows nonprofit agencies to submit a single common application to request funding from multiple participating cities at once, with applications opening in the spring of even-numbered years for the following two-year funding cycle.

The City of Des Moines received 79 applications through this cycle. The Committee met ten times between June and September 2026 to review each of them, and the recommendations in the attachment reflect its consideration of all funding requests, evaluated against the funding priorities identified above. The Committee also discussed at length whether to reduce the number of agencies funded, consistent with the direction received from the Council at the April 9, 2026, meeting, but concluded that it did not have adequate information to make those determinations at this time.

The Committee is therefore recommending one-year funding agreements with the agencies listed below, so that the needs assessment can be completed during 2027 and its findings used to develop funding recommendations for 2028. If the Council supports this approach, staff will prepare the City's 2027–2028 budget with $150,000 set aside each year for human services and with agencies identified for 2027. When the 2028 budget is amended in late 2027, the Committee will provide a list of agencies to be funded in 2028 based on the information gathered through the needs assessment.

Alternatives
The Council can reject or modify the recommendations of the Human Services Committee.

Financial Impact
The proposed 2027–2028 budget includes $150,000 in human services funding each year. The agencies and funding agreements for 2027 would be established now, while the 2028 funding would be appropriated without specific agencies identified. Those 2028 recipients would be determined later, informed by the needs assessment.

Recommendation

Human Services Committee Qualifications

Diane Hoyer

- Ten years of experience in education and thirteen years in finance. For thirteen years, Diane led an LLC, **Women Helping Women with Finances**, dedicated to helping women strengthen their financial knowledge and confidence.
- 2011 Diane was one of the founders of and appointed to and served on the **Fairfax County, Commission for Women** in Virginia and has held the role of President. The name was later changed to The Center for Improving Women's Lives, (CIWL) in Northern Virginia, improvingwomenslives.org CIWL's mission is to support and promote the well-being and prosperity of women and girls. CIWL works closely with community partners to empower women and girls to heal and grow personally, succeed economically and thrive professionally.
- Served on Des Moines City Human Services Committee 2020 to present.

Victoria Andrews

- Prior to moving to Seattle, served as Education Specialist for The National PTA in Chicago (grant writer, administrator, leadership conferences, coalition building, etc.).
- Spent 10+ years as Executive Director of two social service statewide non-profits (including writing and administering large grants) and 9+ years with the City of Kent's Park Planning & Development division, including grant-writing for new park play spaces.

MaryEllen Laird

- As a manager for six years I was responsible for overseeing the grant/contract administration unit of the Employment Security Department (ESD). This included evaluating submitted proposals submitted by ESD to ensure the proposal addressed/met the core criteria in the Request For Proposals (RFP).

- For 4 years, as the Chief Operating Officer of WorkForce Central, I supervised the staff who were responsible for our contracting process. This included assisting in the writing of RFPs, reviewing responses, selecting recipients and overseeing the monitoring of contractors to ensure legal, fiscal and program compliance and program quality. I also participated in writing responses to RFPs

Lisa Franz

- Employed with WA State DSHS from 2000 to present. Currently, I am a Workfirst Program Supervisor. In addition to managing DSHS employees, I coordinate services with community partners and other state agencies to maintain and implement programs and activities for economically disadvantaged families. I oversee the Workfirst Support Services budget.

- Prior position as DSHS - Workfirst Program Specialist for 16 years. Provided ongoing case management for economically disadvantaged families. Promoted and assisted diverse clients in removing barriers and achieving self-sufficiency.

Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark, MSW

- Employed with Washington State, DSHS, from 1972 until 1985 doing entry level roles, for two years then worked as caseworker in Child Welfare/Children's Protective Services.
- Received a Master's in Social Work 1987, employed as a School Social Worker from 1987 - 2010 working with students receiving regular and Special Education.
- Served as President of Washington Association of School Social Workers 1988-1994, assisted in formation of the National School Social Workers Association (SSWAA), served in the positions of Secretary for one term and President for two terms until 2005.
- Retired in 2010 formed and operated a training and consulting business 2010 - 2015. Employed by Eastern Washington University from 2013 - 2021 teaching graduate level Social Work courses in School Social Work, Leadership skills, Community Resources and Trauma Informed assessment and treatment.
- My primary experience and skills are in community resources and organization, assessment of resources and Trauma informed treatment and education.
- Served on Des Moines City Human Services Committee 2020 - present

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2027/2028 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

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3. Lighthouse Northwest	Sacha's House is a trauma-informed, holistic approach for women and children to break the cycle of abuse, heal, and build thriving lives they love.	$7,000	$28,022	$10,000
4. St. Stephen Housing Association	Provide rental assistance and utility shut off prevention services to households at risk of homelessness or loss of utilities	$20,000	$25,000	$10,000
5. Youth Experiential Training (YETI)	Nature-Based Outdoor Recreation Programming for Under-Served Youth	N/A	$20,000	$10,000
6. Communities of Rooted Brilliance-RISE Program	Mental/Behavioral Health Services for Youth	N/A	$30,000	$7,500
7. Mary's Place-Housing	Reducing homelessness for King County families with direct client assistance and through shelter, outreach, and prevention programs.	N/A	$10,000	$7,500

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HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Background

During budget process, funding for nonprofit agencies is awarded for human services

Human Services Committee (part of CAB) reviews applications and issues recommendations

Criteria:

- Housing and food
- Community safety
- Health and well-being
- Education and employment
- Children and youth

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Background

- At April 9, 2026 City Council meeting, the Council affirmed the criteria used for selection and provided the following additional recommendations:
  - Support for conducting a Needs Assessment in 2027
    - *Is included in proposed 27/28 budget in amount of $50,000*
  - Priority given to Des Moines-based organizations and serving Des Moines residents
  - Preference for funding fewer organizations at higher award amounts

  - Human Services Committee found it difficult to accomplish the last directive without a Needs Assessment
  - HSC recommending awarding total of $150,000 for 2027 to 15 organizations. Will use findings of Needs Assessment to inform 2028 awards (funding will be held in budget)

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Who We Are

The Human Services Subcommittee Members:

- Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark, Chair
- Victoria Andrews
- Lisa Franz
- Diane Hoyer
- Mary Ellen Laird

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The Process

Des Moines participates in the South King County Human Services Consortium (SKHSC) funding process using the Share1App.

To be considered for funding, agencies must:

- Meet one or more of the funding priorities
- Have 501(c)(3) status, or have a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor in place by the time the application period closes
- Have a nondiscrimination policy in place
- Meet minimum insurance requirements
- Be willing and able to accept reimbursement for funds based on service unit completion if funded, regularly track and submit required reports regarding services and demographics, as well as undergo regular monitoring

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Recommendations

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