



TO: Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services
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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Pierce Conservation District to manage the Depave and Orcas Love Raingardens Programs – April 16, 2019
DATE: March 27, 2019

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Pierce Conservation District (PCD), in the amount of \$85,000, budgeted from the ES Wastewater, Surface Water, and Solid Waste Funds and the City Council Contingency Fund, to manage the Depave and Orcas Love Raingardens (OLR) programs in Tacoma in partnership with the Tacoma Public School District.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Beale requested support of the OLR program at the January 23, 2019 Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting and at the February 5, 2019 City Council Study Session.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The following strategic policy priorities are best aligned to these actions:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

These programs will increase stewardship of the natural environment, provide hands-on education, opportunity for volunteers and collaboration with students at schools where pavement is removed and raingardens are installed.

BACKGROUND:

“Depave” is a PCD program promoting the removal of unnecessary pavement and overly compacted lawn from urban areas to create community green spaces and mitigate stormwater runoff. Through community partnerships and volunteer engagement, Depave strives to overcome the social and environmental impacts of pavement with the use of action-oriented educational events, community stewardship, and advocacy to empower Tacoma neighbors to take action and improve their neighborhoods.

The “Orcas Love Raingardens” program is a collaborative partnership between the City and PCD and between the PCD and Tacoma Public School District to install one or more raingardens providing stormwater quality and infiltration benefits to the City. This partnership will further promote water quality education by providing students and their families access to educational, interactive raingardens with opportunities to learn about the role of Green Infrastructure in protecting orcas.

ISSUE:

Currently the City does not provide these services directly and PCD is better prepared to cost effectively deliver projects and manage the programs. Staff recommends utilizing the PCD to manage the programs, since they currently manage the existing Depave program and have completed several projects in and around Tacoma. PCD is cost effective in managing the programs, they coordinate with volunteers, and leverage other partners and funding to complete the projects.



ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatives would be not to implement these programs and contract out the work to a consultant and a contractor, or hire additional staff. Neither would be efficient or cost effective for the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4200 ES Solid Waste Fund	512007	5416060	7,500.00
4300 ES Wastewater Fund	523400	5210500	22,500.00
4301 ES Surface Water Fund	521600	Various	45,000.00
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	5310100	10,000.00
TOTAL			\$ 85,000.00

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4200 Solid Waste	512000	Various Rates	7,500.00
4300 Wastewater	523900	Various Rates	22,500.00
4301 Surface Water	521900	Various Rates	45,000.00
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	6311010	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$ 85,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$85,000.00

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes