



## RESOLUTION NO. 41861

1 A RESOLUTION relating to stormwater and wastewater; authorizing the execution  
2 of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce Conservation  
3 District, in an amount up to \$50,000, budgeted from Stormwater and  
4 Wastewater funds, for administration of sustainability small grant utility  
5 funding for a one-year period, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

6 WHEREAS the original interlocal agreement (“ILA”) with Pierce  
7 Conservation District (“PCD”) was adopted by Resolution No. 41583 in  
8 December 2024 to assist with the implementation of green stormwater  
9 infrastructure and low impact development projects, co-manage the open space  
10 volunteer program, and to help grow the City’s urban tree canopy, for a two-year  
11 period beginning January 1, 2025, and

12 WHEREAS this amendment places wastewater and stormwater  
13 Sustainability Small Grant funding under PCD’s administration, enhancing the  
14 accessibility and effectiveness of these funds with the goal of accelerating  
15 community greening projects, particularly in overburdened communities within  
16 the City, and

17 WHEREAS these funds are already budgeted for the 2025-2026 biennium  
18 and were previously administered by the Office of Environmental Policy and  
19 Sustainability and Environmental Services (“ES”), and

20 WHEREAS ES sought PCD’s support in administering these funds, in line  
21 with the approach already successfully used with ES’s Make a Splash small grant  
22 program under the subject ILA, and PCD agreed to administer the funds, contingent  
23 on identifying a funding source for additional staff capacity to do so, and  
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1           WHEREAS PCD, ES, and Pierce County then partnered to successfully  
2 secure a \$400,000 Department of Ecology Neighborhood Stormwater Education  
3 grant that funds: (1) a PCD full-time position to administer the \$50,000 in  
4 Sustainability Small Grant funds, and (2) community outreach work in South and  
5 East Tacoma under ES national award-winning Community Ambassador Program,  
6 and  
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8           WHEREAS PCD will use these grant-funded program elements to achieve  
9 more equitable, rapid, accessible, and effective deployment of community greening  
10 small grant projects in the City, with a focus on the neighborhoods that are most in  
11 need of greening due to lack of tree canopy and associated urban heat and air  
12 quality inequities, and  
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14           WHEREAS these funds will be made available to the community through  
15 PCD's Green Stormwater Infrastructure Mini Grants program, and  
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17           WHEREAS the full scope of the ILA supports compliance with the Phase I  
18 Municipal Stormwater Permit and City goals stated in the City's Climate Action  
19 Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, and the Urban Watershed Protection Plan  
20 to ultimately relieve pressures on our stormwater infrastructure and our urban  
21 natural areas, and  
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23           WHEREAS this amendment to the ILA will streamline the City's reach and  
24 ability to preserve and improve the natural environment by implementing green  
25 stormwater infrastructure and low impact development projects, stewarding open  
26 spaces, reconnecting communities to nature, providing trees and preserving tree



1 canopy to improve ecosystem function and reduce heat island effects, and  
 2 additionally, this amendment will enhance and expand the City’s existing  
 3 collaborations with Pierce Conservation District allowing for increased efficiency;  
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5 Now, Therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

7 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an  
 8 amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce Conservation District, in an  
 9 amount up to \$50,000, budgeted from Stormwater and Wastewater funds, for  
 10 administration of sustainability small grant utility funding for a one-year period,  
 11 retroactive to January 1, 2026, as more specifically set forth in the document on  
 12 file in the office of the City Clerk.  
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 15 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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 18 Mayor

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 20 Attest:

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 22 City Clerk

23 Approved as to form:

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 25 Deputy City Attorney  
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