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SUBJECT: Asset Mapping Project
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PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Foreterra has been studying and mapping public lands in Tacoma for the Joint Municipal Action Committee (JMAC) over the last year to improve collaborative real estate and land use decision-making among JMAC agencies to maximize public benefits for Tacoma residents. This briefing will demonstrate the tool, provide recommendations, and explore policy options for future discussion.

BACKGROUND:

The project started at the request of Council Member Ibsen to better coordinate public assets in Tacoma. To fund the project, the partners each put in \$10,000 and Foreterra brought \$17,000 in private foundation support. The partners were:

- City of Tacoma
- Pierce County
- Metro Parks
- Tacoma Housing Authority
- Tacoma School District

The map shows only public lands with potential for redevelopment. The tool was designed for use internally by agencies but can be publically available. The data itself is only a snapshot in time and needs to be updated, and could be inaccurate if the source data was inaccurate.

ISSUE:

There has been no coordination of public lands in the past and emerging issues among all agencies bring to the forefront the need for mapping these assets to better inform land use and policy decisions.

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:



Based on the work by Foreterra, the following is recommended:

- Focus coordinated efforts on a selection of areas within the city where opportunities for multiple benefits exist – for example downtown, Hilltop.
- Use existing processes and decision-making structures to share information and collaborate in real estate planning efforts.
 - Could be JMAC meetings – perhaps quarterly include a review of opportunities
- Create communications guidelines for coordinating among agencies – planning calendars, grant cycles, work plan development, budgeting.
- Institutionalize use of community asset map.