# FY2015-2021 Capital Investment Program

# **D-81 Fish Passage Improvement Program**

Category: Department: Storm Drainage

**Utilities** 

Status: Ongoing

Location: Various fish production streams throughout the City

Programmed Expenditures								
Programmed	Appropriated	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Expenditures	To Date	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
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This ongoing program provides funding to remove fish passage barriers such as impassable culverts, debris jams, or accumulated sediment, allowing access to critical spawning and rearing habitat for salmon populations. Typical projects include culvert replacement or modification, debris removal, or installation of logs and boulders to improve access at low stream flows. Grant money is pursued to supplement Bellevue's investment whenever possible. Projects planned for this CIP window are on Kelsey Creek at 140th Ave NE; on Yarrow West Tributary; on Newport Creek; at Mercer/Alcove Creek, and on Yarrow East Tributary.

#### Rationale

State standards for culvert replacement are becoming increasingly stringent. This program allows salmon access to existing functional habitat, one of the quickest methods to increase salmon populations. It supports the community's vision for fishable waters, and regional efforts to protect and enhance salmon populations. Bellevue is obliged by state law to provide fish passage at all road crossings. Historically, enforcement of the regulations has occurred primarily when modifications were needed at road culverts.

### **Environmental Impacts**

Projects in this ongoing program will increase the potential for erosion and siltation during construction. An environmental checklist (SEPA) and Critical Areas permit, a Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and US army corp permits are typically required. Riparian vegetation will be removed and replaced in order to construct the improvements. New fish passage designs allow stream processes, such as movement of wood and sediment, to occur more naturally.

## Operating Budget Impacts

Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	2000 - 2021	5,962,895

Schedule of Activities

**Total Budgetary Cost Estimate:** 

5,962,895

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Funding Source	Amount			
Federal Grants	50,000			
Interlocal Contributions	50,000			
Judgements/Settlements	135,000			
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000			
Utility Rates/Fees	5,726,895			

**Total Programmed Funding: Future Funding Requirements:**  5,962,895

Comments