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- Action**  
 **Information**  
 **Discussion**

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**TO:** Environmental Services Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Watershed Management Plan Update

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## **Action Required at this Time**

None. This is an information briefing only.

## **Fiscal Impact**

Development of the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) was funded in the current biennium through the Utilities operating budget. For the remaining three years of Plan's development, the funding is proposed in the 2021-2027 Utilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The D-112 program (Storm & Surface Water Planning) has a proposed budget of \$748,000 for 2021 through 2023. The plan, when completed and adopted, will inform future capital and operational budget proposals for the stormwater fund.

## **Policy Issues**

The WMP will identify future policies related to watershed and stormwater management for the City of Bellevue. These policies will be brought to the Environmental Services Commission for review next year and may include recommended policies for approaching in-stream restoration projects, stormwater management priorities, and incorporating a social justice lens into project selection.

## **Background**

On June 6, 2019, Utilities staff briefed the Environmental Services Commission on the background of the WMP, including the Open Streams Condition Assessment, which is the major supporting data for the WMP. That briefing informed the Commission about the WMP's efforts to improve the health of Bellevue's streams by prioritizing the City's stormwater utility investments for decades to come.

This informational briefing will provide an update on the status of the WMP development, including accomplishments over the past 16 months, opportunities, challenges, project risks, upcoming work, and the steps required to complete the Plan.