



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Parks and Community Services Board

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SUBJECT: Watershed Management Plan Update

Action Required at this Time

None. This is an information briefing only.

Background

In December 2015, Council approved the Storm and Surface Water System Plan. This Plan lays out the path for operating the Storm and Surface Water system for a 10-year period. To align with the City's customer service, environmental, and property protection goals, several Strategic Initiatives were identified to help inform future actions by the City of Bellevue, including:

- Citywide Watershed Management Plan
- Open Streams Condition Assessment

The Open Streams Condition Assessment data collection was completed in Fall 2020 and supports the development of a Citywide Watershed Management Plan (WMP). The goal of the WMP is to improve the health of the city's streams. The WMP will identify and prioritize the City's stormwater utility investments, including capital projects, operations/maintenance, programs, policies, and potential regulatory changes. This includes investments to improve stream health, focusing on waterways, fish habitat, water quality and watershed hydrology, as well as minimizing the risk and damage to Bellevue's urban streams.

This informational briefing will provide an update on the status of the WMP development, including the project framework, project status, public engagement process, upcoming work, and the steps required to complete the Plan. Utilities staff will provide future opportunities for discussion and input from the Parks and Community Services Board during this project in 2022.