



Staff Report

July 15, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting

Stormwater Partners Interlocal Agreement

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: The City of Camas' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) for stormwater requires that there is an Education and Enforcement program to build general awareness about methods to reduce stormwater runoff, change behaviors to reduce or eliminate behaviors and practices that cause or contribute to adverse stormwater impacts, and create stewardship opportunities that encourage community engagement in addressing the impacts from stormwater runoff.

Stormwater Partners of SW Washington is an independent coalition of jurisdictions, agencies and non-profit organizations working together to protect water quality and watersheds in SW Washington. Camas has been participating in the Stormwater Partners efforts for a number of years.

SUMMARY: The County and cities within Clark County recognize that collaborating through Stormwater Partners to meet Education and Outreach requirements can result in more effective and consistent products that benefit from efficiencies of scale. The objective of Stormwater Partners is to support the County and cities in meeting Education and Outreach requirements in their respective NPDES Permits. The purpose of the attached agreement, which runs through June 2029, is to fulfill two main priorities: 1) supporting each partner in meeting the NPDES Permit education and outreach requirements and 2) creating high quality and consistent resources, messaging and programing for Clark County audiences.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: Continue to reinforce that dumping substances in the street or other areas where the dumped material could enter a catch basin can have an adverse affect on the receiving body of water.

BUDGET IMPACT: The total cost of the project is \$120,000 which will be shared between Clark County and five cities. Each jurisdiction shall pay \$20,000. Camas has sufficient stormwater funds to cover the \$20,000 expense.



Figure 1: Curb inlet with Camas medallion



Fig. 2 Illegal Dumping to curb inlet

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that this item be placed on the August 5, 2024, Regular Council Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.