



Staff Report

December 1, 2025 Council Workshop Meeting

Lacamas Watershed Council Annual Update

Presenter: Lacamas Watershed Council

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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BACKGROUND: The Lacamas Watershed Council (LWC) is a nonprofit, community-led organization dedicated to improving the health of the Lacamas Creek watershed through water-quality monitoring, public awareness, and education. The group currently samples five sites across Lacamas, Round, and Fallen Leaf Lakes and shares results publicly on their website (lacamaswatershed.org). Formed out of community concern for lake safety, LWC has expanded its monitoring efforts upstream to better understand contributing sources and actively engages high-school students and volunteers in hands-on watershed science and stewardship activities.

SUMMARY: The Lacamas Watershed Council (LWC) will provide an overview of their current activities and outline their focus areas for 2026. Their update will cover plant sampling efforts, mid-lake monitoring, ongoing watershed investigations, support work related to Vancouver Lake, and continued public awareness, education, and outreach initiatives. LWC will also highlight emerging projects such as their floating island pilot, along with how these efforts contribute to understanding and improving overall watershed health..

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: LWC's efforts improve community understanding of local water quality, support environmental stewardship, and provide data that help guide long-term watershed health initiatives.

STRATEGIC PLAN: This presentation supports the Strategic Plan goal of "Vibrant Community Amenities" by contributing to the long-term health and usability of the City's lakes and recreation areas.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: This is for Council's information only.