



## Staff Report – Meeting Item

Backyard Habitat Certification Program  
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**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY:** This is a renewal of an existing program that started in 2019. Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington has teamed up with Portland Audubon and Columbia Land Trust to bring the Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP) to Clark County. The intent of the BHCP is to provide technical assistance, financial incentives, encouragement and recognition to people that want to create natural, low-maintenance gardens that support people, wildlife, and the planet. This program will help reduce the urban footprint and meet the City's Stormwater NPDES Permit requirements.

The Watershed Alliance visited a number of sites in the City of Camas this last year and there is still many eager participants on the waiting list.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** \$5,579 expenditure from the Stormwater Capacity Grant received from the Department of Ecology in 2019. There will be no direct budget impact to the Stormwater Fund.

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.