

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



<u>Meeting Date:</u>	January 6, 2025	
<u>Name of Agenda Item:</u>	Extend Interlocal Agreement with Bertrand Watershed Improvement District and North Lynden Watershed Improvement District	
<u>Section of Agenda:</u>	Consent	
<u>Department:</u>	Public Works	
<u>Council Committee Review:</u>	<u>Legal Review:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Reviewed
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
<u>Attachments:</u>		
Interlocal Agreement		
<u>Summary Statement:</u>		
<p>The City of Lynden remains committed to its agricultural heritage and the farming that continues outside our City limits. Many City businesses exist because of that farm economy. It is also the case that development in the City can negatively affect agricultural production outside its urban boundary. This is especially true with stormwater management, where urbanization redirects stormwater into farm fields. This interlocal agreement between the City of Lynden, the Bertrand Watershed Improvement District, and the North Lynden Watershed Improvement District lays out a cooperative approach to managing stormwater originating in west Lynden and collecting on fields in the lower Duffner and Bertrand basins.</p> <p>This work was first approved by Council in 2021. It has established a framework for and is working toward collaborative stormwater solutions between the City and the surrounding Water Improvement Districts. The prospects of success are higher than ever.</p> <p>The Public Works Committee discussed this Interlocal Agreement at their meeting on December 4, 2024, and agreed to recommend approval by City Council.</p>		
<u>Recommended Action:</u>		
That City Council approve the extension of the interlocal agreement with Bertrand Watershed Improvement District and North Lynden Watershed Improvement District and authorize the Mayor's signature on the agreement.		