



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 28 for 2024 – Stormwater Master Plan

Preferred Agenda: December 10, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: Comprehensive Plan

Towards Council Goal: Infrastructure, Be an Effective & Efficient Government, Rejuvenate Essential Services, Economic Strength, Image Building

Attachments: City of Sweet Home Stormwater Master Plan

Purpose of this RCA:

To seek City Council approval and adoption of an updated Stormwater Master Plan for the City of Sweet Home.

Background/Context:

The City’s current “Master Storm Drainage Plan” was adopted in 1980. Since that time, Sweet Home has seen significant growth and change. Typically, master plans are developed to cover a 20-year timeframe, necessitating an overdue update to the stormwater plan for the City. Adoption of the plan is also required in order to remain compliant with the City’s Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan as filed with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Failure to adopt a new plan may result in penalties to the City of Sweet Home, including fines.

The proposed Stormwater Master Plan was developed in partnership with Civil West Engineering Services, Inc., who utilized public input as part of the information-gathering process. Two community meetings were held on April 13, 2022, and a public survey was circulated in March and April 2022. City Council was provided the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan in August 2023, but the final draft has not yet been adopted by City Council.

The Challenge/Problem:

The City’s current plan is based on outdated data and does not provide a viable path forward to improving drainage and water quality in the City of Sweet Home. City Council and staff do not currently have a consistent way to evaluate needs, prioritize projects, or plan for future funding needs in a guided way.

The proposed Stormwater Master Plan was developed using a comprehensive analysis which included public outreach, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, and site evaluation based on current and future anticipated impervious cover modeling. Projects were identified based on these evaluations and grouped into three priority categories based on current, future, and development-contingent conditions.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

Adoption of the plan does not commit the City of Sweet Home to any of the projects or costs outlined in the plan – it simply serves as a guiding document to inform future Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs) and budget discussions. The estimated cost for all three priority categories in the plan is \$21,455,844. Funding for these projects will need to be identified and approved in future budgets.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A fiscally responsible method to improve living conditions and quality of life for all residents.

Options:

1. Do nothing: The City will continue to operate under an outdated plan that does not reflect current conditions, industry best practices, and community needs.
2. Amend the plan: Suggest changes to the final draft. Because the consultant is no longer assigned to the project, additional charges may be incurred or City staff will need to perform the additional modifications.
3. Adopt the plan: Move to adopt the revised City of Sweet Home Stormwater Master Plan as proposed.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 3: Move to adopt the revised City of Sweet Home Stormwater Master Plan as proposed.