

TO: City Council
FROM: Meredith Greer, Water Resources Educator
DATE: January 4, 2022
SUBJECT: Pioneer Park Restoration Grant Agreement

1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests City Council make a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Pioneer Park Restoration Grant Agreement, which will enable the City to acquire the necessary funding to complete a riparian restoration project at Pioneer Park to improve water quality and salmonid health. The agreement was recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee at their December 9, 2021 meeting.

2) Background:

Part of the southwest portion of Pioneer Park's shoreline is rapidly eroding away, washing approximately 2,380 cubic yards of fine sediment every year into the Deschutes River, which is home to a critical stock of coho salmon. In addition to high levels of fine sediment, the Deschutes River also has high water temperatures in the area due in part to very little shade along the stretch of river, a target of the recent Total Maximum Daily Load regulatory program to improve water quality. The City of Tumwater received grant funding from the Department of Ecology to design, permit, and construct a riparian restoration project to stabilize the slope and improve habitat conditions along that stretch of the Deschutes River.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority F - Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability, specifically

- Enhance salmon runs

4) Alternatives:

☐ Request changes to the proposed grant agreement.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This project is anticipated to cost \$450,781.33 to complete. The City received \$338,086.00 from the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Combined Funding Program and the Storm Drain Fund will pay the remainder of this work. An amount of \$175,000 has been allocated to SD-3 Deschutes Habitat Restoration Projects in the 2020-2026 Capital Facilities Plan.

6) Attachments:

A. Pioneer Park Restoration Grant Application Agreement