

City of Tumwater & Thurston County

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Tumwater Islands Annexation Interlocal Agreement

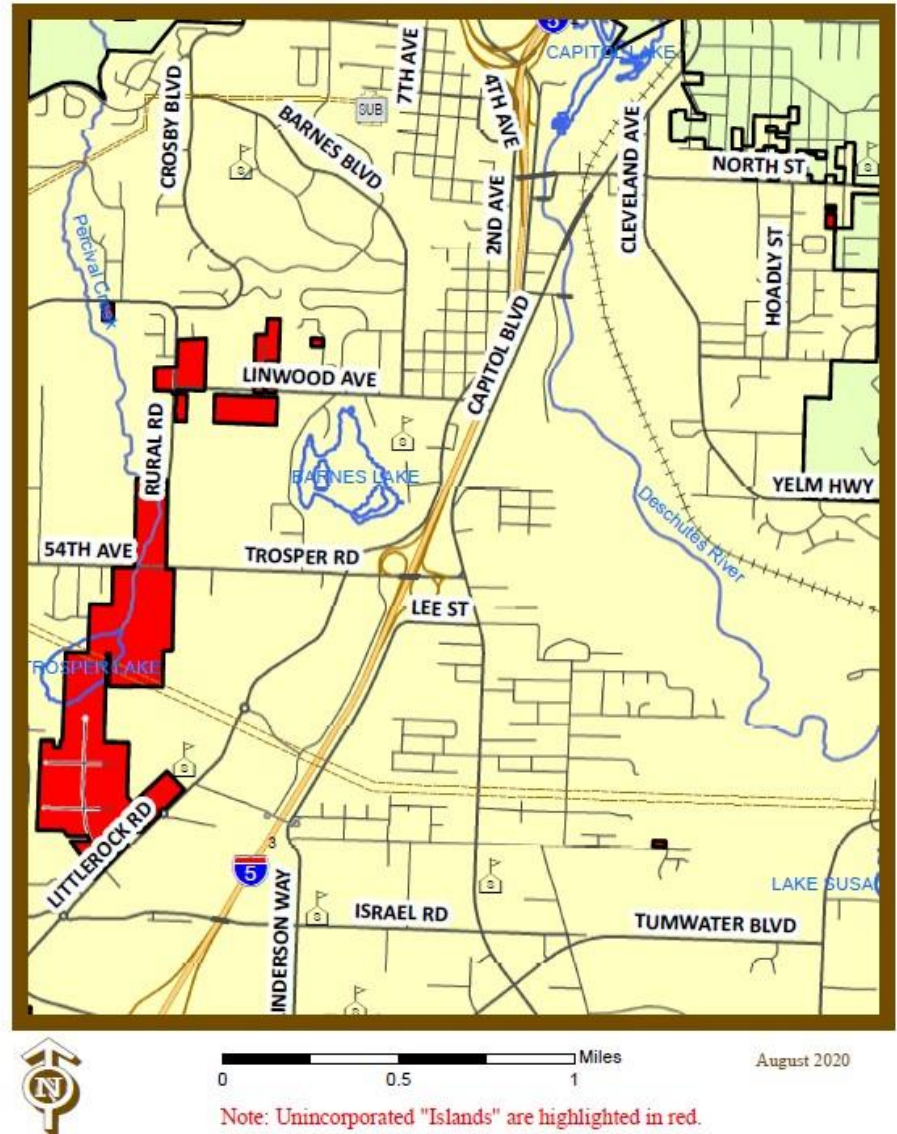
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Tumwater has 12 unincorporated County “islands” surrounded by the City.

UNINCORPORATED "ISLANDS" IN TUMWATER



Urban Growth Areas

Urban Growth Areas are:

- Established under the Growth Management Act.
- County areas identified through the City-County Joint Plan planning process that are intended to be eventually be annexed by the City.

Profile of the 12 Islands



- 160 parcels
- 161 acres
- 7 islands have 2 lots or less
- Trospen Lake Island represents 111 parcels and 132 acres
 - Trospen Lake Island will be annexed with one ordinance.
 - The other 11 islands will be annexed with another ordinance.

County and Local Fire District Services

- Police and Fire
- Roads and Stormwater
- Building and land use permits
- Code Enforcement
- Separate Voter Pamphlets

RCW 35A.14.296

Recognizing that County islands cause inefficiencies for the delivery of public services, in 2020 the Legislature passed a new law that allows cities and counties to annex these islands through a jointly approved Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

Legislative Findings

“The legislature finds that city annexations of unincorporated areas within urban growth areas will be more efficient and effective if the county and city develop a jointly approved interlocal agreement so as not to create illogical boundaries or islands of unincorporated territory.”

What is the Process?

City and County staff jointly draft Interlocal Agreement

- This was completed over the last 6 months.

City Conducts Open House to present proposed annexations to residents and provide information

- This occurred on December 1, 2021

The City and County hold a joint public hearing to consider adopting Interlocal Agreement

- **This is where we are now, January 18, 2022.**

If BOTH the City and County approve the Interlocal Agreement, then City will hold public hearings to consider adopting annexation ordinances.

- The first 11 islands hearing is scheduled for March 15, 2022.
- The Trosper Lake Island hearing is scheduled for May 17, 2022

When Would the Annexations be Final?

- If, following a public hearing, the City Council adopts the annexation ordinance, the annexation would take effect upon adoption.
- Based on the current timeline for the public hearings, if the ordinances are adopted, the annexations would occur on the following dates:
 - **First 11 islands – March 15, 2022**
 - **Trosper Lake Island - May 17, 2022**

Public Notice

- In November 2021, post cards were mailed to property owners and residents in the proposed annexation areas letting them know about proposed ILA and the open house.
- On December 1, 2021 the City held a virtual open house to present information regarding the proposed ILA and annexation process.

Public Notice

On December 3, 2021 the City:

- Published a Notice of Availability of the Interlocal Agreement in The Olympian. This notice was published weekly four times.
- Sent a Notice of Availability to property owners and residents in the proposed annexation areas.
- Published the Notice of Availability and a draft of the Interlocal Agreement on the City's Annexations web page.

Public Notice

On January 6, 2022 the City and County:

- Published the ILA Hearing Notice in *The Olympian*.
- Mailed the ILA Hearing Notice to property owners and residents in the proposed annexation areas.
- Published the ILA Hearing Notice on the City's Annexations web page.

Public Comment Opportunities

January 18, 2022: Joint City-County hearing to consider approval of ILA.

March 15, 2022: City of Tumwater hearing to consider annexation ordinance for 11 islands.

May 17, 2022: City of Tumwater hearing to approve annexation ordinance for Trosper Lake Island.

**Dates are tentative and may be subject to change.*

Public Comment Opportunities

City Contact: Brad Medrud, Long Range
Planning Manager

- e-mail: bmedrud@ci.tumwater.wa.us
- Mail:

City of Tumwater Community Development
Department
555 Israel Road SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

Public Comment Opportunities

County Contact: Jeremy Davis, Operations Manager

- e-mail: Jeremy.davis@co.thurston.wa.us
- Mail:

Thurston County Community Planning and
Economic Development Department
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98502

Resources Available

City of Tumwater Annexation webpage

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Pre- and post-annexation cost comparisons
- Proposed annexation area legal descriptions and maps
- Dates of upcoming meetings or events
- Draft of the ILA

www.ci.Tumwater.wa.us/IslandAnnexation