



City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Land Acknowledgement

We, the City of Lacey, are on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as they have today. We recommend that community members read the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Worksession minutes of March 11, 2025
- B. Council minutes of March 18, 2025
- C. Approval of payment of claims, wages and transfers for March 7 through 21, 2025.

6. Proclamations

A. Fair Housing Month

Mark Kitabayashi, President, Thurston County Realtors Association

B. Earth Day

Ali Brown, Water Resources Specialist

C. Arbor Month and Tree Presentation

Chris Vaccaro, Building Official, City of Yelm

7. Public Comment

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

8. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1166 - Lacey Metropolitan Park District

Rick Walk, City Manager

9. Mayor's Report

10. City Manager's Report

A. Climate and Sustainability Efforts

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

11. Boards, Commissions and Committee Reports

A. Mayor Andy Ryder:

1. Mayors' Forum
2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee
3. Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

B. Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller:

1. Economic Development Council (EDC)
2. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)
3. Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking (TCCAT)
4. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM)

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911
3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

D. Councilmember Michael Steadman:

1. Nisqually River Council
2. Thurston County Law & Justice Council
3. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)

E. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

1. LOTT Clean Water Alliance
2. Regional Housing Council
3. Intercity Transit Authority

F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative
2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

1. Thurston Thrives

2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

12. Adjourn

Attendance and Public Comment

Attend Remote or In-Person

The public may attend the meeting in-person, or you may view or listen to the meeting using one of the following platforms:

In-Person	Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
Zoom:	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ccmG1cyaQj20_T2wabJseA
Website:	https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/cityoflacey
YouTube:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wW-C9z44oz0
Cable:	Channel 77 with your local cable provider
Phone:	(888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 833 2532 4718)

Verbal Public Comment

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the City
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

Those wishing to provide verbal public comment may do so in-person or by Zoom:

In-Person:	Use the sign-up sheet located in the Council Chambers.
Zoom:	Preregister using the following Zoom link no later than two hours prior to the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ccmG1cyaQj20_T2wabJseA

Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.

Written Public Comment

Public comments may also be submitted by email to PublicComment@cityoflacey.org. The commenting period will close two hours before the meeting time. Written comments will be provided to the City Council electronically prior to the meeting. Comments will not be addressed during the Council meeting; however, comments received will be added to the official record.



Lacey City Council Worksession Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Michael Steadman (present after 6:14 p.m.)

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager (present after 6:01 p.m.)

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Robert Almada, Chief of Police

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Tom Stiles, Development Review Manager

Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda as published.

Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

One (1) person signed up to speak at the meeting.

Shelly Nicholson, Lacey Chamber of Commerce, commented on the Council and Command BBQ Throwdown event at the South Sound BBQ Festival.

No one registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

One (1) written public comment was received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Regional Transportation Plan

Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager, Thurston Regional Planning Council

Van Every presented an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is a regional roadmap for a complete and high-functioning transportation system over the next 25 years, and is updated by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) every 5 years. The RTP considers various modes of transportation, regional goals and policies, recommendations, financial forecasts, and future conditions; and emphasizes safety, equity, climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, maintaining current systems, and projects that continue to enhance transit options, system efficiency, strategic system expansion, and plans for local state roads as a cohesive system.

Van Every indicated that the region's planned land use and roadway capacity improvements alone will not be sufficient to meet regionally adopted targets, goals, or level of service standards; however, progress can be made to help reduce the level of service failures expected in the future. Van Every presented anticipated regional demographic changes, regional goals and targets, and projects applicable to the City of Lacey.

A draft RTP is expected to be completed in March, which will be followed by a 30-day public review period, before Transportation Policy Board recommendation and Council action.

B. Public Safety Update

Robert Almada, Chief of Police

Almada provided the annual Public Safety Update for the City of Lacey. This update included details about the City's policing philosophy; response to homelessness; agency staffing, employee demographics, and statistics and analysis on police activity.

In 2024, there were over 42,000 incidents in the City of Lacey. There was a decrease in the overall crime rate, injury collisions, police collisions, and police pursuits, and an increase in arrests, traffic-related citations, and Driving under the

influence (DUI) arrests.

The 2025 strategic priorities include staffing, retention, and training; crime reduction with a proactive emphasis; fleet maintenance and enhancements; and Project 222, which aims to modernize logistics, procurement, and equipment management.

C. Development Guidelines and Public Works Standards Briefing

Tom Stiles, Development Review Manager

The Development Guidelines and Public Works Standards (DG&PWS) is a regulatory document used for development within the City and the Urban Growth Area, aiming to provide direction for requirements for development and public works standards. The current DG&PWS is being revised to remove the "development guidelines" portion, to focus on providing Public Works development standards. All chapters with proposed revisions, excluding Chapter 1: Planning issues, have been presented to the Planning Commission for review and questions, and is currently in the public review and final internal review stage.

The following revisions were discussed in detail:

Chapters 3: Public Works Considerations

- Removal of the Memorandum of Understanding for development with the City of Lacey Urban Growth Area.
- Plan review deposit requirement

Chapter 4: Transportation

- Street tree placement restrictions identified.

Chapter 5: Storm Water

- Open Space requirements addressed in other city code locations were removed.
- Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Notes found in the Stormwater Design Manual were removed. Direction to the Stormwater Design Manual was added.

Chapter 6: Water

- Accessory Dwelling Unit options for additional water service are provided.

Chapter 7: Sewer

- A financial guideline as to when an On-Site Septic Systems (OSS) may be repaired if repair costs are too expensive is added.
- Setbacks for locations of S.T.E.P. and grinder tanks are provided.
- Maximum bedroom count for single family residential (or single family residential with an Accessory Dwelling Unit) S.T.E.P. and grinder systems is identified.

7. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Mayor Andy Ryder
Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the flag salute.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of January 30 & 31, 2025, Council Retreat
- B. Approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2025, Worksession
- C. Approval of the Minutes of March 4, 2025, Council
- D. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for February 10, through March 7, 2025

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. Motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Lacey Youth Council Report

Lacey Youth Council Representatives

The following representatives presented reports:

- Sophia Allard, Timberline High School
- Eliana Allin, Pope John Paul II High School
- Luka Froehlich, Home School
- Kieran Sills-Powell, Summit Virtual Academy
- Dior Trinh, River Ridge High School
- Lydia Neat, Northwest Christian High School
- Sydney Lee, North Thurston High School
- Joel Whipple, Lacey Youth Council

7. Proclamations

A. Transgender Day of Visibility

Lucas Miller, PFLAG Olympia Board Member
Quinn Snow, New BoyZ Club

Mayor Ryder and the City Council proclaimed March 31, 2025, Transgender Day of Visibility. Miller and Snow were present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak at the meeting in person or remotely, and there was no written public comment.

9. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1165: Council Policies and Procedures Chapter 7 Updates

Rick Walk, City Manager

Walk presented Resolution 1165, which would amend the Council Policies and Procedures to provide for an additional monthly regular meeting of the City Council under the category Informational Dinner Meeting. These meetings will be provided in person only and will meet the requirements of open public meeting laws for agenda and notice publication. No final actions are intended to be taken during the meetings. The first meeting is planned for April 1, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Subsequent meetings will be held at the same location and time on the first Tuesday of the month.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Resolution 1165 as presented. Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder moved to reappoint the following volunteers to their respective advisory boards:

- Malcolm Miller, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Hilary Dykstra, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board

Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint the following volunteers to their respective advisory boards:

- Jennifer Mangione, Planning Commission
- Oz Annwn, Library Board
- Michelle Gipson, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board
- Annette Roth, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board
- Evette Temple, Human Services Commission

Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report

Walk reported on Management Analyst Sadie Siglin's graduation from the Northwest Women's Leadership Academy. Siglin described the academy, which seeks to advance women working in local government into leadership roles.

12. Boards, Commissions and Committee Reports

A. Mayor Andy Ryder:

1. Mayors' Forum
2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee
3. Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Mayor Ryder provided a report from the Mayors' Forum.

B. Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller:

1. Economic Development Council (EDC)
2. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)
3. Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking (TCCAT)
4. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM)

Deputy Mayor Miller did not provide any reports.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911
3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

Councilmember Greenstein was excused and no reports were provided.

- D. Councilmember Michael Steadman:
1. Nisqually River Council
 2. Thurston County Law & Justice Council
 3. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)

Councilmember Steadman was excused and no reports were provided.

- E. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:
1. Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston Clean Water Alliance (LOTT)
 2. Regional Housing Council
 3. Intercity Transit Authority

Councilmember Cox provided reports from the Intercity Transit Authority and LOTT.

- F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:
1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC)
 2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
 3. Thurston County Board of Health

Councilmember Vazquez provided a report from TRPC.

- G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:
1. Thurston Thrives
 2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
 3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

Councilmember Dunning and Mayor Ryder provided reports on the National League of Cities' Congressional City Conference held March 10-12, 2025, in Washington, DC.

13. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- At 6:52 p.m., the City Council recessed to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss matter(s) pertaining to current or potential litigation. Mayor Ryder announced that the executive session would start at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately 15 minutes, after which the City Council would reconvene the regular meeting at or shortly after 7:15 p.m. Mayor Ryder did not participate in the

executive session, which was chaired by Deputy Mayor Miller. Legal counsel was in attendance and no final actions were taken during the executive session.

14. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder reconvened the City Council public meeting and immediately adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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LACEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Disbursement Approval

RECOMMENDATION: By motion, approve payment of claims, wages, and transfers.

STAFF CONTACT: Troy Woo, Finance Director *TW*
Alix Turcotte, Senior Accountant *AT*
Carrie Bode, Accounting Technician *CB*

ORIGINATED BY: Finance Department

BACKGROUND:

The action requested of the City Council is by motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for 03/07/2025 through 03/21/2025. The disbursements consist of the following:

Checks:	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Beg. Check No.</u>	<u>End. Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	3/14/2025	279008	279102	279,389.20
	3/21/2025	279103	279169	153,150.89

Electronic Transfers:	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	3/7/2025	28.50
	3/7/2025	4,502.18
	3/10/2025	10.00
	3/10/2025	30.00
	3/11/2025	119.60
	3/12/2025	136,917.47
	3/14/2025	4,104,136.99
	3/17/2025	914.37
	3/18/2025	369.57
	3/20/2025	160.51
	3/21/2025	603,537.17

Significant Disbursements:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Department of Revenue	\$ 136,917.47	February 2025 Excise Taxes
Badger Meter, Inc.	\$ 173,580.50	Meters
Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai	\$ 106,735.52	Police Cars
Forma Construction Company	\$ 2,661,083.20	New Police Station
Pacific Civil & Infrastructure	\$ 937,751.74	Madrona & Westside pH
Heritage Bank	\$ 125,436.45	Forma Construction Pay Est. 12
Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai	\$ 106,735.52	Police Cars
Western United Civil Group	\$ 327,903.17	2023/2024 Manhole Rehabilitation

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, passed into federal law to eliminate racial segregation and end housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, and national origin, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lacey is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, our social fabric, economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

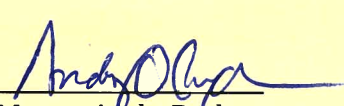
WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and creating barriers to equal housing opportunity are contrary to a common sense of decency and fairness for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as

Fair Housing Month

in the City of Lacey, and I encourage all community members, businesses, and organizations to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all.




Mayor Andy Ryder
April 1, 2025

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, Earth Day was created 55 years ago, recognizing the importance for everyone to protect the planet on which we live; and

WHEREAS, all life forms on Earth have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as environmental degradation, global health issues, climate change, food, and water shortages; and

WHEREAS, all of us have an obligation to preserve the Earth's beauty as well as its resources; this obligation extends not only to today's generation but also to the future generations who will inherit our planet from us; and

WHEREAS, Lacey exemplifies the ethos of Earth Day by its continued commitment to conserving water and energy, reducing carbon emissions and waste, and maintaining its Tree City USA designation; and

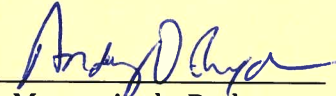
WHEREAS, as we proclaim Earth Day, we recognize our obligation to live up to the significance of environmental stewardship every day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as

Earth Day

in the City of Lacey, and I encourage all community members to be aware of their impacts on our environment and to participate in stewardship opportunities to preserve local resources.





Mayor Andy Ryder
April 1, 2025

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

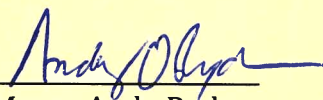
WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as

Arbor Month

in the City of Lacey, and I encourage all community members to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to plant trees to provide beautification for future generations to enjoy.





Mayor Andy Ryder
April 1, 2025

CITY OF LACEY STAFF REPORT

Council Regular Meeting

April 1, 2025



Subject: Resolution 1166 Lacey Metropolitan Park District Ballot Measure

To: Lacey City Council

Prepared by: Rick Walk

Department Director: Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, & Recreation Director

City Manager Review: Rick Walk



Purpose: Action Item

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt Resolution 1166 providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the City of Lacey at a general election to be held on August 5, 2025 for the approval or rejection of the creation of a metropolitan park district pursuant to Chapter 35.61 RCW.

Brief: During the March 25, 2025 City Council Worksession, City staff presented to the City Council a draft resolution for the purposes of proposing the creation of the Lacey Metropolitan Parks District to the voters of the City of Lacey. Based on Council direction, the draft resolution calls for the measure to be placed on the August 5, 2025 general election, the boundary of the district to be commensurate with the city municipal boundary, the levy rate be up to \$.45 per 1,000 of assessed valuation. The purpose of creating the Lacey Metropolitan Park District is to provide ongoing funding to acquire, maintain, operate and improve parks, natural spaces, trails, recreational facilities, and programs.

The City Council review and discussed the draft resolution in detail and directed staff to make revisions to strengthen the following whereas recitals:

"Whereas, the City will ~~"desires to"~~ utilize these funds to expand maintenance "and programs", create new facilities and operate those facilities to supplement, not supplant, existing parks and recreation funds; and....."

Staff revised the draft resolution based on City Council direction attached as attachment 1, Draft Resolution 1166. City Council will have the opportunity to continue review of the draft resolution and if appropriate, take action to adopt the resolution or direct staff to make additional revisions before formal action.

Alternatives:

1. Adopt draft resolution 1166 as presented in attachment 1.
2. Direct staff to make additional revisions and schedule for Council review and action at the April 15, 2025 regular meeting.

Prior Review:

City Council Worksession – April 23, 2024

City Council Worksession – May 28, 2024

City Council Meeting – June 4, 2024

Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup – August 19 through December 9, 2024

City Council Meeting – December 17, 2024

City Council Worksession – January 14, 2025

City Council Retreat – January 30 & 31, 2025

City Council Meeting – March 4, 2025

Advisory Board Recommendation(s):

- See attached PIFW Recommendation

Fiscal Impact:

Budgeted Item: Yes

Amount: \$110,500 (Thurston County Auditor estimated based on one issue on ballot)

Funding Source: 001-0401-511.58.18

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution 1166
2. PIFW Recommendation
3. 03-04-2025 Worksession Staff Report
Lacey Metropolitan Park District

Policy or Legal Alignment:

1. RCW 35.61 Metropolitan Parks District

Attachment 1

Background: See attachment 3 03-04-2025 Staff Report



RESOLUTION No. 1166

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LACEY AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2025, FOR THE APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF THE CREATION OF A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 35.61 RCW.

WHEREAS, the City currently acquires, operates, and maintains its parks, natural spaces, trails, recreational facilities, and programs substantially using general fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, the provision of parks, natural spaces, trails, recreational facilities and programs is an important function of city government and increases the quality of life within a city; and

WHEREAS, City staff, the Parks, Culture & Recreation Board (Parks Board), and a special Parks Outreach Team engaged in an extensive two-year public outreach and engagement process, which efforts resulted in establishing community priorities for parks improvements as identified in the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and associated Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, the City Council passed Resolution No. 1148 creating a temporary ad-hoc Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup (Workgroup), the purpose of which was to review parks expansion and replacement projects identified in the six-year PCIP, analyze all available funding options, and recommend to the Lacey City Council a funding package identifying funding sources, including recommended amounts, to implement a prioritized list of parks capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the Lacey City Council selected, and on August 6, 2024 appointed 15 community members with a wide range of voices and perspectives to serve on the Workgroup; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2024 the Workgroup provided a recommendation to the Lacey City Council recommending the creation of a metropolitan park district (MPD) as authorized by Chapter 35.61 RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.020 authorizes cities to adopt a resolution submitting a ballot proposition to create a metropolitan park district to the voters of the area proposed to be included in the district at any general election, or at any special election which may be called for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.030 provides that the resolution shall choose a name for the MPD;
and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.050 provides that the resolution shall designate the composition of the board of the metropolitan park commissioners and that the ballot proposition shall clearly describe the designated composition of the board; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.050 provides that when the boundaries of an MPD will be the same as a city's corporate limits, the city council may serve as the ex officio board of parks commissioners; and

WHEREAS, an established MPD has the authority to levy a maximum of \$.75 per \$1,000 assessed property value to provide desired parks and recreation services in the City of Lacey; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified projects to meet specific goals and accomplish key community themes articulated in the Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan by only levying a maximum of \$.45 per \$1,000 assessed property value; and

WHEREAS, the City will use these funds to expand maintenance and programs, create new facilities, and operate those facilities, the intent being to use these funds to supplement, not supplant, existing parks and recreation funds; and

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the impact of cuts in services to citizens using Lacey parks and recreation facilities and programs, and in order to maximize the ability of the City to acquire and construct additional parks and recreational facilities in the future, the Lacey City Council desires to place a proposition on the ballot during the General Election on August 5, 2025, which calls for the creation of an MPD pursuant to Chapter 35.61 RCW;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Proposed Metropolitan Park District. The Lacey City Council proposes that a metropolitan park district be created, that the district be called, "Lacey Metropolitan Park District," that its boundaries be the same as the Lacey corporate limits, and that the Lacey City Council serves as the ex officio board of parks commissioners. While state law authorizes an established metropolitan park district to levy a maximum of \$.75 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, the Lacey Metropolitan Park District would only impose a property tax in an amount up to \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the district may use proceeds of such property tax for the purpose of paying or financing the costs of district projects and operations.

Section 2. Call for Election. Pursuant to RCW 35.61.020, the Lacey City Council hereby requests that the Thurston County Auditor include in the local voters' pamphlet produced as part of the August 5, 2025 General Election, in the manner provided by law, for the purpose of submitting to

the qualified voters of the City of Lacey, Washington, Proposition No. 1, asking whether a metropolitan park district should be created and governed.

Section 3. Auditor to Administer Election. The Thurston County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Thurston County, Washington, is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct such election to be held within the City on August 5, 2025, and to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Thurston County Auditor is authorized to make corrections to the Ballot Title necessary to comply with Washington State Law.

Section 4. Official Ballot Proposition. The City Clerk is hereby directed, no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 2, 2025, to certify the following proposition, together with the required Resolution Cover Sheet to the Thurston County Auditor in substantially the following form, with such changes as may be approved by the City Attorney:

CITY OF LACEY
PROPOSITION NO 1.
FORMATION AND FUNDING OF
NEW LACEY METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

City of Lacey Proposition No. 1 concerns formation of the Lacey Metropolitan Park District, a metropolitan park district.

This proposition would create the Lacey Metropolitan Park District to provide ongoing funding to acquire, maintain, operate, and improve parks, natural spaces, trails, recreational facilities, and programs; set district boundaries as the city's corporate limits; designate the Lacey City Council as ex officio board of parks commissioners with all powers set forth in Chapter 35.61 RCW; and authorize the park board to set the maximum general tax levy rate at an amount up to \$.45 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Shall the Lacey Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

() For the formation of the Lacey Metropolitan Park District, to be governed by the Lacey City Council as ex officio board of parks commissioners.

() Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON,

this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL

By _____
Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

City Attorney



2024

Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup

Recommendation

Prepared for:
Lacey City Council

Voting Members: Chair Evette Temple, Vice Chair Rachel Murata, Mark Brown, Cathy Cook, Jim Eychaner, Karen Ideker, Brooklyn McReynolds, Phillip Roybal, Cheri Wilkins

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Executive Summary

The Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup (Workgroup) was formed by the Lacey City Council's enactment of Resolution No. 1148 then Resolution No. 1156 to review parks expansion and replacement projects identified in the six-year Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP), analyze all available funding options, and recommend to the Lacey City Council a funding package identifying funding sources, including recommended amounts, to implement a prioritized list of parks capital projects.

The Workgroup is comprised of fifteen community members—nine voting members and six non-voting members.

The Workgroup's charge highlights funding challenges in the Lacey Parks system as the City of Lacey balances the need for park improvements amidst aging infrastructure, increasing maintenance needs, and a growing population, thus pointing to a need for a dedicated and sustainable funding.

Throughout eight meetings and one tour of select Lacey parks, the Workgroup received several presentations from City of Lacey staff on various aspects and challenges of operating, maintaining, and developing a parks system; discussed the community's priorities and needs as identified in the Lacey Parks Culture and Recreation (LPCR) Comprehensive Plan; reviewed the projects on the PCIP; and analyzed various types of funding mechanisms that could meet the needs of the City in maintaining the Lacey Parks system.

The Workgroup arrived at the conclusion that establishing a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) would leverage a stable and predictable property tax levy for parks funding, and recommends Lacey City Council draft a ballot measure for voter approval.

The Workgroup also recommends staff continue to seek funding through a variety of sources such as reviewing existing parks reserves, pursuing sponsorships and grants, assessing program, vendor and rental fees, pursuing Washington State Legislature funding, and that City Council review Lodging Tax priorities.

The combination of an MPD and diversifying the City of Lacey's parks funding amongst various sources would provide the funding needed to complete the projects on the PCIP while providing flexibility for maintenance and operation needs of the parks system.

Further, the Workgroup established a prioritized ranking of the PCIP projects by considering top-requested amenities, maintenance needs, service gaps, staff resources to manage capital projects, and community priorities.

Methodology

As the City of Lacey considered parks, culture and recreation funding and the challenges and opportunities presented in the Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, the Lacey City Council sought to establish a workgroup of diverse and collaborative community members to provide park funding strategy recommendations to the Lacey City Council.

The Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup (“Workgroup”) comprises fifteen diverse and collaborative community members, some of whom serve on other City of Lacey advisory boards, thus drawing expertise from those boards to serve the Workgroup. The Workgroup contains nine voting members and six non-voting members. While only voting members cast final votes on actionable items, all members participated in meaningful discussions and group activities to inform the Workgroup’s recommendation.

- Voting Members: Chair Evette Temple, Vice Chair Rachel Murata, Mark Brown, Cathy Cook, Jim Eychaner, Karen Ideker, Brooklyn McReynolds, Phillip Roybal, Cheri Wilkins
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Workgroup Members held public meetings approximately twice monthly from August through December 2024 to fulfill their assigned purpose. The structure of each meeting often contained subject-matter expert presentations from City of Lacey staff (staff), discussion amongst Workgroup Members, polls, and breakout activities.

August 19, 2024 Meeting

This meeting provided a framework for the expectations of the Workgroup and a roadmap for future meetings.

Staff provided the following presentations to the Workgroup.

- Advisory board stipend program and demographic survey
- Open public meetings and public records training
- Advisory Board Handbook overview
- Parliamentary Procedures overview
- Draft Rules of Procedure

- Workgroup goals, deliverables, and an overview of the future meeting schedule and meeting themes

September 16, 2024 Meeting

The Workgroup elected presiding officers and adopted the Workgroup Rules of Procedure. The Workgroup took a survey, similar to previous surveys given to community members, to assess how the Workgroup's priorities initially align with community priorities. Staff provided the following presentations to the Workgroup.

- An overview of the 2023 Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan process and community engagement efforts which identified the community's top priorities as a public swimming pool; access to and preservation of outdoor open space and natural areas; spray parks, indoor recreation opportunities, expanded walking trails; and development of the sports fields the City of Lacey has planned.
- Maintenance and operations overview and challenges
- Introduction to the Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP)

September 30, 2024 Meeting

This meeting highlighted the challenges set forth for the Workgroup.

- Existing funding sources necessitate the identification of new sources of revenue
- Predictable and stable revenue sources are needed for new and existing facility maintenance and operation costs.
- The capacity for new revenue resources is limited, so prioritizing the PCIP will be challenging.

Staff reviewed potential new funding sources, including the challenges and benefits of each. Workgroup Members participated in a group activity to further consider funding solutions.

- Program, vendor, and rental fees
- Sponsorships
- Grants and donations
- City of Lacey's General Fund Revenue
- Lodging Tax
- Committed and assigned reserves within the City of Lacey's Governmental Funds
- Excess property tax levy: General Obligation Bonds
- New Public Facilities District
- Metropolitan Park District (MPD)
- Impact Fees
- Cultural Access Program

October 4, 2024 Parks Tour

Staff led Workgroup Members on a tour of the following select Lacey Parks associated with projects on the PCIP. This provided an opportunity for the Workgroup to see some of the park system's amenities and needs first-hand while connecting PCIP projects to the

community's priorities as identified in the LPCR Comprehensive Plan. A summary of each PCIP project and the associated costs can be found in *Appendix A*.

- Brooks Park
- Rainier Vista Community Park
- Wonderwood Park
- Wanschers Park
- Depot Park
- Homann Park
- Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
- Woodland Creek Community Park
- Meridian Neighborhood Park
- Greg Cuoio Community Park

October 14, 2024 Meeting

Staff provided an overview of the City of Lacey's capital projects, design process, and existing projects in the extensive City-wide queue. The Workgroup Members who attended the tour shared their insights/highlights. Staff provided a detailed review of all the projects on the PCIP, which included:

- Project descriptions and photos
- Capital costs and ongoing maintenance and operational costs
- Benefits to the community
- How the project meets community needs as identified in the Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation (LPCR) Comprehensive Plan

The PCIP project overview demonstrated the challenge for the Workgroup of prioritizing projects since all projects would fill a significant community need.

October 28, 2024 Meeting

Workgroup members preliminarily ranked the PCIP in small groups then reported their top projects to the Workgroup. The activity allowed the Workgroup Members to collaborate and understand different perspectives, demonstrating that each group had different prioritization approaches. Discussion topics and considerations included:

- Why projects rank high or low
- Previous community input
- Consideration for new vs. replacement projects
- Overall project costs

November 4, 2024 Meeting

Staff presented additional information to connect the PCIP projects to the major themes in the LPCR Comprehensive Plan derived from public input.

- Aquatics & Indoor Recreation: Pool and Indoor Playground, Spray Park #1(Central Lacey), Spray Park #2 (Southwest Lacey), Spray Park #3 (Northeast Lacey), Spray Park #4 (Southeast Lacey)
- Indoor Recreation: Pool and Indoor Playground, Lacey Museum & Cultural Center
- Trails, access to open space and preservation of natural areas: Greg Cuoio Park Next Phase, Long Lake Park Development, Meridian Campus North Park Development, Wonderwood Park Trails Resurfacing
- Development of the sports fields the City of Lacey has planned: Meridian Park Sports Fields Development, Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) Infield Turf Replacements, RAC Soccer Netting
- Outdoor amenities favored by the public (disc golf, pickleball, skate park/pump track and playgrounds): Meridian Parks Potential Pickleball Courts, Skate Features and/or Pump Track; Rainier Vista Park Pickleball Courts & Outdoor Table Tennis, RAC Playground Replacement - Baseball Complex, RAC Playground Replacement - Large Central Playground, Rainier Vista Park Playground Replacement, Thornbury Park Playground Replacement, RAC Playground Replacement - Soccer Fields

Staff provided a review of all available funding mechanisms. The Workgroup assessed which options were viable, long-term, stable revenue sources for the top ten projects identified from the group's activity during their October 28th meeting. The revenue options selected by the Workgroup included an MPD funding mechanism; reassigning some of the committed reserves from the City of Lacey's Governmental Funds; and a recommendation to continue pursuing a breadth of additional funding mechanisms to diversify revenue sources, leveraging City funds where possible.

The Workgroup determined these options were not well-suited based on the Lacey Parks system's current needs:

- City of Lacey's General Fund Revenue: limited funds available combined with an abundance of needs across City of Lacey operations
- Excess property tax levy: General Obligation Bonds: sunseting funds that are unable to support maintenance and operation needs
- New Public Facilities District: can only be used for a regionally agreed upon project(s) and would require a regional partnership
- Impact Fees: unpredictable source of revenue that does not provide a long-term solution and cannot be used towards maintenance and operation needs

- Cultural Access Program: not legally applicable to City operations as funds are directed to non-profits

November 18, 2024 Meeting

The Workgroup confirmed their intent to recommend an MPD with a continued commitment from the City Council of General Fund for LPCR and Parks Maintenance; potentially reassigning committed reserves from the City of Lacey's Governmental Funds; and for LPCR staff to continue to pursue diverse, smaller funding options.

Staff presented various MPD levy rate options, potential revenue generated by each option, the associated impacts to taxpayers, and the potential to issue debt through MPD revenue. The Workgroup took non-binding surveys on maintenance and operations funding allocations and ranked the PCIP projects. The outcomes from the surveys created a starting point for group consensus on:

- Ranking the PCIP
- Selecting an MPD levy rate
- Selecting projects to fund by reassigning some of the committed reserve funds in the City of Lacey's Governmental Funds
- Selecting an MPD revenue allocation for maintenance and operation needs

December 9, 2024 Meeting

Workgroup Members reviewed and discussed the Draft Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup Recommendation. The recommendation was adopted unanimously on December 9, 2024.

Recommendation

The culmination of the Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup was to provide a formal recommendation to the Lacey City Council and fulfill the Workgroup's purpose of recommending a funding package with identified funding sources, including recommended amounts, to implement a prioritized list of parks capital projects. The Workgroup's intent is to generate additional funding for LPCR.

Funding Mechanisms

- Establish a Metropolitan Park District (MPD)
After considering numerous funding options, the Workgroup determined that establishing an MPD is the most viable path to providing predictable and dedicated funding to manage, maintain, and improve Lacey Parks. Local examples of MPD

success in other jurisdictions provide a model for implementation. The Workgroup encourages the Lacey City Council to draft a ballot measure for voter approval accordingly.

- **Continued Commitment**
If the Lacey City Council elected to pursue an MPD, the Workgroup encourages the City Manager and Council to continue a commitment to support LPCR, and Parks Maintenance through the City of Lacey's General Fund.
- **Tax Rate**
The Workgroup initially considered a \$0.40 levy rate per \$1,000 assessed value but determined that rate would not generate enough revenue over five years to fund the Workgroup's top-five prioritized new capital projects on the PCIP. After considering a \$0.50 levy rate per \$1,000 assessed value, the Workgroup was concerned the potential impact on taxpayers would be too high.

To balance the revenue needed for the parks system and the potential impact on taxpayers, the Workgroup recommends the ballot measure reflect a \$0.45 levy rate per \$1,000 assessed value. At that rate, an MPD is projected to generate \$5,942,891 annually. With an average residential property assessment of \$500,000, the annual property tax is estimated at \$225.

Understanding that inflation will adversely affect the revenue generated from an MPD over the lifetime of the levy, the Workgroup encourages the City Manager and City Council to consider a phased increase up to the maximum levy rate.

- **Debt Issuance**
The Workgroup acknowledges the benefits and limitations of utilizing MPD revenue to issue debt through General Obligation bonds. Debt issuance would reduce spending flexibility due to long-term debt repayment obligations but would allow for an influx of immediate funding. Without the utilization of a debt issuance, the revenue would maintain a higher-level of spending flexibility but could delay projects due to limited initial cash flow. Taxpayer tolerance should be considered in this decision.
- **Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Needs**
To account for deferred parks facility maintenance and replacement needs, outstanding capital replacement projects, and potential future unexpected maintenance costs— a fixed percentage of MPD revenue should be allocated to maintenance. Initially, forty percent of MPD revenue should be allocated to M&O, leaving sixty percent for new capital projects. Over time as new projects are built it is expected the percentage allocated for new parks facility maintenance needs will increase.

- Community Education

Given the impact on taxpayers and the establishment of an MPD contingent on voter approval, the Workgroup encourages the Lacey City Council to allow ample time for community education after the ballot measure is finalized, before election day. The City of Lacey should directly engage in community education opportunities as appropriate.

- Diversify Revenue

While an MPD is the most viable option for sustainable and dedicated parks funding, the Workgroup also recommends staff continue to seek funding through a variety of sources.

- Existing Reserves Committed for Parks Facilities

The Workgroup recommends the Lacey City Council coordinate with staff to reassign select existing reserves committed or assigned for parks facilities in the City of Lacey's General Fund to the following projects on the PCIP. These projects are deferred maintenance needs, relatively low-cost, and one-time in nature—making them an appropriate fit for reserve funding. Funding should be reassigned from the existing reserves committed to the *Trail System – Bike/Ped Plan* (\$250,000) and the *Parks Comp Plan Priorities* (\$93,750) given the applicable nature of the intent of each of those reserve categories towards the PCIP projects identified below. The Workgroup requests that the Lacey City Council and City Manager identify other potential reserve funds that could be committed or assigned to cover the remaining funding gaps for these projects.

- Homann Park Picnic Area Renovation (\$324,000)
- Wonderwood Park Trails Resurfacing (\$200,000)
- Lakepointe Park Tennis & Basketball Court Renovation (\$40,000)
- RAC Irrigation Control Update (\$44,800)

- Sponsorships and Grants

The Workgroup encourages staff to evaluate their capacity to leverage sponsorships and grants further to generate additional revenue, including Community Development Block Grants.

- Program, Vendor, and Rental Fees

The Workgroup encourages staff to continue to regularly assess their fee structures for revenue generation. Fee structures should also remain competitive, affordable, and inclusionary.

- State Legislature Funding

The Workgroup encourages the City to strategically consider projects for Washington State Legislature Direct Appropriation Funding. Workgroup Members noted past successes of the City and other jurisdictions in acquiring funding for a variety of parks projects, including senior centers.

- **Lodging Tax (LT)**

The Workgroup acknowledges an opportunity for the City Council to prioritize additional LT funds for operation of parks facilities that draw visitors from outside the county and generate hotel stays such as the RAC, Lacey Museum, and future Greg Cuoio Park. In addition, staff should strategize applications to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to optimize potential funding from LT towards the most appropriate needs within the Lacey Parks system.

Prioritized Parks Capital Improvement Program

To best suit the needs of the Lacey Parks system, the Workgroup determined that the revenue generated from an MPD should include a dedicated allocation towards both *new capital projects* and *maintenance and operation needs*. Consequently, the Workgroup ranked the two categories on the PCIP separately.

The Workgroup prioritized projects with consideration of the community's top-requested amenities, maintenance needs, service gaps, and community priorities. While prioritizing projects, the Workgroup gave preference to ensuring an assortment of amenities requested in the LPCR Comprehensive Plan were listed high in the ranking to be inclusive of the variety of Lacey Parks users. For example, the top five new capital projects selected by the Workgroup meet several community priorities identified in the LPCR Comprehensive Plan and listed here:

- Park development in under-served areas
- Leverage partnerships to bring opportunities to community members
- Increases to outdoor water access
- Indoor recreation opportunities
- Increases to indoor water access
- Additional trails and preservation of natural spaces
- Additional sports fields in the spaces the City of Lacey already has planned

A summary of each PCIP project and the associated costs can be found in *Appendix A*.

- New Capital Projects

1. Meridian Park Potential Pickleball Courts, Skate Features, and/or Pump Track
2. Spray Park #1, Central Lacey
3. Pool & Indoor Playground (Potential Partnership)
4. Greg Cuoio Park Next Phase
5. Meridian Park Sports Field Development

6. Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center Phase 3 Development & Parking Lot
 7. Rainier Vista Park Pickleball Courts Expansion & Outdoor Table Tennis
 8. Meridian Campus North Park Development
 9. Long Lake Park Development
 10. Brooks Park Development
 11. Lacey Depot Park Parking Lot Expansion
 12. Lacey Museum & Cultural Center
 13. Spray Park #2, Southwest Lacey
 14. Spray Park #3, Northeast Lacey
 15. Spray Park #4, Southeast Lacey
- Replacement / Maintenance and Operation Projects
 1. Huntamer Park Playground Replacement
 2. Homann Park Picnic Area Renovation
 3. Wonderwood Park Trails Resurfacing
 4. RAC Infield Turf Replacements (Fields 1 & 2)
 5. RAC Baseball Complex Playground Replacement
 6. RAC Baseball Complex Concrete Improvements
 7. Lakepointe Park Tennis & Basketball Court Renovation
 8. RAC Irrigation Control Update
 9. RAC Large Central Playground Replacement
 10. RAC LED Fields Lights Conversion
 11. Rainier Vista Park Playground Replacement
 12. RAC Soccer Fields Netting
 13. Thornbury Park Playground Replacement (5-12)
 14. RAC Soccer Fields Playground Replacement

Appendix A

Parks Capital Improvement Program Project Overview

The Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup reviewed and prioritized twenty-nine projects from the Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP). The projects were identified in the 2023 Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and total \$56,938,240.

Some projects on the PCIP were not included in the Workgroup's review because funding was identified for the project or partnerships necessary for the project have not been confirmed.

New Capital Projects - \$48,484,200 (M&O \$1,891,880)

Meridian Park Potential Pickleball Courts, Skate Feature, and/or Pump Track

\$600,000

Develop the park with a skate feature, pump track, and/or outdoor pickleball courts.

Spray Park #1 Central Lacey

\$522,000 (M&O \$56,000)

Develop a spray park in Central Lacey, possibly at the North Thurston Public Schools Young Child and Family Center site.

Pool and Indoor Playground

\$5,000,000

The project cost is pending a stable funding source and partnership at the NTPS Young Child and Family Center site. The recreation components of the project could include an indoor pool, indoor playground, outdoor spray park, and/or nature playground. The City of Lacey would likely contribute toward the pool and/or indoor playground portion of the capital project.

Greg Cuoio Park Next Phase

\$6,920,000 (M&O: \$362,880)

Develop Phase 1B to include restrooms, utilities, frontage improvements for safety, landscaping with irrigation, and additional trails to include a cross-country course, a dog park and/or playground zipline.

Meridian Park Sports Field Development

\$2,864,000 (M&O: \$56,000)

Develop the sports fields identified in the original master plan which included a soccer field and two softball fields.

Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center Phase 3 Development & Parking Lot

\$5,060,000 (M&O: \$62,000)

Develop Phase 3 building and parking lot expansion due to overcrowding. The senior center parking lot is often full, resulting in the use of the community center parking lot. It isn't practical or safe for seniors – often with mobility constraints - to walk such a long distance to access the senior center.

Rainier Vista Park Pickleball Courts Expansion and Table Tennis

\$988,000

Develop four pickleball courts, two outdoor table tennis courts, and safety netting. The additional pickleball courts will alleviate the long wait times and could generate additional revenue from tournaments.

Meridian Campus North Park Development

\$3,172,000 (M&O: \$56,000)

Create a master plan and develop the 5-acre parcel located in Northeast Lacey. The property is undeveloped and located within the under-served Meridian Campus neighborhood.

Long Lake Park Development

\$7,832,000 (M&O: \$112,000)

Update the master plan and develop Long Lake Park, incorporating the 1.8-acre adjacent parcel purchased in 2022. Improvements to the existing park site include decreasing the beach slope, changing the beach material to sand, and improving ADA access to the beach.

Brooks Park Development

\$636,000 (\$11,000)

Create a master plan and develop the park, focusing on adding amenities for the site. Currently, the park is a small 1-acre green space with no amenities.

Lacey Depot Parking Lot Expansion

\$270,000

Develop an additional parking lot as part of the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center project. This project is needed in the near term to accommodate the activities and events currently held at the Lacey Depot.

Lacey Museum and Cultural Center

\$13,000,000 (M&O: \$1,008,000)

Develop the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center (LMCC), a project that has been among the City of Lacey's long-term goals for over 2 decades. The LMCC will provide an opportunity for education, equity, and inclusion. The LMCC will provide indoor recreation opportunities through cultural classes, events, and rental opportunities.

Spray Park #2 Southwest Lacey

\$540,000 (M&O \$56,000)

Develop a spray park in Southwest Lacey, possibly at Rainier Vista Park.

Spray Park #3 Northeast Lacey

\$540,000 (M&O \$56,000)

Develop a spray park in Northeast Lacey, possibly at Meridian Park.

Spray Park #4 Southeast Lacey

\$540,000 (M&O \$56,000)

Develop a spray park in Southeast Lacey. A park site has not been identified.

Replacement /Maintenance and Operations Projects - \$6,505,160 (M&O \$56,000)

Huntamer Park Play Area Replacement

\$486,000 (M&O: \$56,000)

Replace the 19-year-old climbing structure that has fiberglass damage. Each feature is a single piece. Once there is significant damage to the structure, the entire piece must be removed, resulting in fewer amenities.

Homann Park Picnic Area Renovation

\$324,000

Replace the asphalt in the picnic area that is cracked, buckling, and creating a safety hazard. Two large Douglas Fir trees in the picnic area have grown too large for the enclosure and will die from girdling in the near future. This project can be done proactively, saving the trees from dying. If the trees die, the project will still be necessary to excavate and remove the stumps.

Wonderwood Park Trails Resurfacing

\$200,000

Resurface the trail from Stikes Drive to Brentwood Drive, which has experienced significant wear and tear. The asphalt is buckling from tree roots, creating a hazard for park users.

RAC Infield Turf Replacements

\$496,000

Replace the synthetic turf on softball fields 1 and 2. Depending on the amount of use, synthetic turf needs to be replaced every 9-10 years. These fields were the first replaced and will be ready for replacement again soon. Maintaining the RAC at a high level is essential to attract tournaments.

RAC Playground Replacement - Baseball Complex

\$406,000

Replace the playground that is out of warranty and becoming more challenging to maintain. Because of the use of sports complex visitors and regular park visitors, the RAC playgrounds are the heaviest used playgrounds. The heavy use has degraded the toys at a more rapid rate than any other playground. While they are not the oldest, they have the most repairs.

RAC Baseball Complex Concrete Improvements

\$360,000

The baseball complex has porous concrete, allowing water to pass through and reducing runoff. Over time, dirt has clogged the pores. A long-term solution is needed because annual maintenance costs are now \$10,000 - \$15,000.

Lakepointe Park Tennis and Basketball Court Surfacing

\$40,000

Improve the courts by adding acrylic surfacing to the existing asphalt and repair large cracks on the basketball, pickleball, and tennis courts.

RAC Irrigation Control Update

\$44,800

The irrigation control update will optimize water use, save staff time, and allow for remote control. The manufacturer stopped producing parts for the existing controllers.

RAC Playground Replacement - Large Central Playground

\$504,000

Replace the playground that is out of warranty, and becoming more challenging to maintain. Because of the use of sports complex visitors and regular park visitors, the RAC playgrounds are the heaviest used playgrounds. The heavy use has degraded the toys at a more rapid rate than any other playground. While they are not the oldest, they have the most repairs.

Regional Athletic Complex LED Field Lights Conversion

\$2,160,000

Replace the current lights with more energy-efficient LED lighting. The conversion to LED is a logical step for long-term cost savings and should be done before the existing warranty expires in 2028-2029, depending on use.

Rainier Vista Park Playground Replacement

\$600,000

Replace the playground that is over 21 years old and out of warranty. Replacement parts are not available. As a result, rather than repair or replace parts of play structures, they are removed entirely.

RAC Soccer Netting

\$199,360

Add netting to three of the soccer fields to keep balls within the play area. This is a safety issue for park users walking around the soccer fields and frustrating for players when they have to chase out-of-bounds balls.

Thornbury Park Playground Replacement

\$406,000

Replace the playground equipment for ages 5-12. Originally installed in 1997, it is among one of the City of Lacey's oldest play areas. It is out of warranty, and replacement parts are not available. As a result, rather than repair or replace parts of play structures, they are removed entirely.

RAC Playground Replacement - Soccer Fields

\$280,000

Replace the playground that is out of warranty, and becoming more challenging to maintain. Because of the use of sports complex visitors and regular park visitors, the RAC playgrounds are the heaviest used playgrounds. The heavy use has degraded the toys at a more rapid rate than any other playground. While they are not the oldest, they have the most repairs.



LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

March 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Park District (MPD)

DISCUSSION: Briefing and discussion regarding next steps for Lacey MPD

STAFF CONTACT: Rick Walk, City Manager *RW*
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director *JB*

ORIGINATED BY: Parks, Culture and Recreation Department

ATTACHMENTS: 1 – Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup Recommendation

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

**WORK PLAN GOAL
AND STRATEGY:**

Vibrant Place to Live, Work, & Play: C. Complete Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways – Phase 1 A (M&O)

Vibrant Place to Live, Work, & Play: E. Continue initiatives to advance indoor recreation & cultural opportunities

Vibrant & Diverse Economy: F. Focus on RAC Phase III & other sport facility developments

PRIOR REVIEW: City Council Worksession – April 23, 2024
City Council Worksession – May 28, 2024
City Council Meeting – June 4, 2024
Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup – August 19 through December 9, 2024
City Council Meeting – December 17, 2024
City Council Worksession – January 14, 2025
City Council Retreat – January 30 & 31, 2025

BACKGROUND:

The Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup (PIFW) recommendation was presented to the City Council at the December 17, 2024 [Council meeting](#). After the presentation and discussion, the City Council directed the recommendation be scheduled for the January 14, 2025 City Council Worksession.

At the January 14, 2025 [worksession](#) staff provided an overview of current parks, culture, and recreation funding, past community engagement results and community feedback, the PIFW process and recommendation and framework of a Metropolitan Park District (MPD). The goal of the worksession was to inform the City Council, address questions and receive Council direction, specifically on the following:

1. Confirm or amend the recommended Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP) order of priorities.
2. The appropriate levy to fund the identified priorities.
3. Direction on whether to move forward a ballot measure.
4. The appropriate date to propose a ballot measure.

After discussion, the Council confirmed the need to move forward with a ballot measure proposal, and identified August 5th, 2025 as an appropriate date to propose the ballot measure and informally confirmed the levy recommended by the Workgroup, \$5,942,851. The Council had a robust conversation around the park capital improvement and replacement program (PCIP) about projects to be prioritized and emphasized. The conversation focused on aquatics projects and projects that could be realized quickly, providing community benefit, if a measure is approved. After a robust discussion of community, workgroup and council priorities, direction was given for staff to develop a draft informational and communication plan to inform the next conversation regarding the PCIP in relation to the proposed ballot measure.

Council also discussed the boundary of the proposed MPD and whether the boundary should extend beyond the city limits and include the entire unincorporated urban growth area. After discussion of potential pros and cons, Council asked staff to conduct some research and bring additional information to the next discussion regarding the MPD.

On January 30, 2025, the first day of the City Council retreat, the Council revisited the question of the boundary of the proposed MPD. The Council held a robust discussion of the opportunities, benefits and challenges of either an MPD that is coterminous with the city's jurisdictional boundary or a boundary that also includes the full unincorporated urban growth area. At the conclusion of the discussion, Council voted to direct staff to proceed with a resolution for the MPD conterminous with the City limits. Council also re-affirmed scheduling the proposed ballot measure for August 5, 2025.

With the previous decisions by Council on the MPD boundary and the ballot date, the purpose of the March 4th Council Worksession is to focus on the following four items:

1. Review MPD ballot project timeline and key dates.
2. Confirm the levy amount to place before the voters.

The Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup reviewed the PCIP and associated maintenance responsibilities. The Workgroup recommended a levy of \$5,942,851. Their recommendation is based on their assessment that a levy rate of \$0.45 per 1,000

assessed valuation would fund the top 5 capital projects and top 5 replacement projects on the PCIP, and associated maintenance and operation costs.

3. Confirm priority projects.

Based on levy discussion, review the PCIP and have Council weigh in on the list of projects and which ones should be emphasized. Council and Workgroup discussions have been focused specifically on projects. Another way to convey value is to transition to themes. The project themes would cover a) Aquatics & Indoor Facilities; b) Trails & Preservation of Outdoor Spaces, and c) Outdoor Amenities. Individual project examples would be listed under the corresponding themes.

Staff will provide informational presentations on each of the above items with the goal of having Council discussion and ultimately direction on the MPD timeline and milestone dates, proposed levy amount, and priority projects. If time allows, staff will provide a brief overview and status of the communication strategy to set the stage for the next Council discussion.



LACEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Climate and Sustainability Efforts - Update

RECOMMENDATION: As part of the City Manager's Report, receive an update on climate and sustainability initiatives/programs. No formal action is recommended.

STAFF CONTACT: Rick Walk, City Manager *RW*
Vanessa Dolbee, Director of Community and Economic Development *VD*
Ryan Andrews, Community Planning Manager *RA*
Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator *LF*

ORIGINATED BY: Community and Economic Development Department

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 Lacey TCMP Workplan
2. 2025-2026 TCMC Proposed Budget

FISCAL NOTE: Energize Thurston program is supported by State HEAR Funding of \$418,000. Climate Planning is supported by State Climate Planning Grant of \$350,000. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative support and Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan implementation is funded through the Climate Implementation Budget in the 2025 Budget approved by Council.

WORK PLAN GOAL AND STRATEGY: Environmental Stewardship
Continue Implementation of Climate Mitigation Efforts (K)

PRIOR REVIEW: None.

BACKGROUND:

The City is a partner jurisdiction of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC), which works together to implement regional initiatives and cost-share ongoing work for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP). The City of Lacey invests time and budget into the TCMC while also implementing city-specific actions. These actions often correspond to actions in the TCMP but may not require regional support. These programs and plans are divided below.

Energize Thurston:

The Energize Thurston campaign officially launched March 3rd, 2025. Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Tenino are partnering to provide subsidies for the purchase and installation of heat pump space heaters and heat pump water heaters. The City will utilize \$418,000 of our HEAR grant funding to provide full and partial subsidies for income-qualified Lacey residents. City and program staff are expecting to be able to upgrade around 40 homes (roughly 22 fully-subsidized and 18 partially-subsidized). Group purchase discounts will be available for non-subsidized participants of at least 10%. All participants will receive a free home assessment and information about electrification rebates. Thurston County has contracted with four installers to complete this work: AirGanic LLC, Alpine Ductless, Resicon, and Sunset Air.

The City of Lacey will host an Energize Thurston workshop on April 22nd at the Timberland Library starting at 6:30 pm. This workshop is mandatory for residents who want to apply to Energize Thurston. There will also be an online workshop for residents who cannot attend in person and all workshop registrations can be completed online at the Energize Thurston webpage.

Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Implementation:

The City continues to implement actions in the TCMP and all partner jurisdictions have published their 2025 workplan. Projects to be completed by Lacey this year can be found in attachment 1 of this staff report.

As a partner jurisdiction, the City will participate and provide funding for agreed upon TCMC projects and cost associated with the signing of the TCMC 2030 Interlocal Agreement. Attachment 2 includes the estimated budget for 2025-2026 TCMP implementation. This list below is the 2025 TCMC staff team work plan:

- Energize Thurston - Group purchase and rebate program. This was one of the 2024 regional initiatives. This year (2025) is the implementation phase.
- Home Energy Score Model Ordinance - The TCMC developed a model ordinance for home energy scores as one of the 2024 regional initiatives. The model ordinance has been approved by the Executive Committee and is now ready for individual jurisdiction review and potential adoption. CED staff will place this on the 2026 work program for consideration by the Council.
- 2025 Regional Initiative - The staff team is currently requesting approval from the TCMC Executive Committee to delay the 2025 Regional Initiative until 2026 as it requires the jurisdictions to adopt updated Comprehensive Plans. This regional initiative would conduct a gap analysis of regional and jurisdictional plans and policies that aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Transportation Sector by reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT).
- 2025-2026 Administrative Updates to the TCMP - The staff team will work with a consultant to conduct minor updates to the TCMP. The TCMC will create a scope of work for these updates at the 2025 annual retreat.

The TCMC is excited to bring on a new firm, EXP, to conduct administration tasks on behalf of the collaborative including meeting facilitation, communication, note-taking, and other administrative duties.

The TCMC staff team was recently recruited to fill three open seats on the Community Advisory Workgroup (CAW), one of those being a dedicated youth seat. The staff team received 19 applications and three new CAW members were selected Lorenzo Larios (youth seat), Alec Anderson and, Ashley Houston to serve after staff review. A full list of CAW members can be found at the thurstonclimatecollaborative.org website.

Comprehensive Plan Updates:

The City has been working with our consultants since September of 2024 to create a Climate Element for our plan update to be adopted later this year. The Climate Element will include a GHG Emissions reduction sub-element and a Climate Resiliency Sub-Element. Both sub-elements are currently drafting goals and policies and expect these to be completed by June 1st, 2025.

Community and Economic Development (CED) staff have conducted outreach with the planning commission, council, community members, and community-based groups on the draft goals and policies. This included the large open house on February 12th that gave our community the opportunity to speak with staff, provide comments to draft language, and give broader input on the current comprehensive plan elements. CED staff also attended a community information session hosted by the Thurston Climate Action Team. This community information session gave CED staff a chance to connect with community-based organizations working in Thurston County and to collect feedback on our draft goals and policies.

The feedback collected at these events is currently being incorporated into draft goals and policies where appropriate and applicable.

NEXT STEPS:

Option 1: Review only, no action needed.



Lacey 2025 Jurisdiction Work Program

Version Date: January 31st, 2025

Staff Contact: Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

Work Program Dates: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

The Jurisdiction Work Program describes activities that are intended to be undertaken by one of the four jurisdictions in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative to advance the implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. The inclusion of a project or initiative in this document does not guarantee that it will be brought to completion during the defined time frame.

Summary Table:

#	Project Name	Sector	TCMP Strategy	Timeline	Budget
1	Home Energy Score Model Ordinance	Buildings and Energy Sector	B1	2025-2026	Staff Time
2	Energize Thurston	Buildings and Energy Sector	B1	2025	\$533,591
3	Lacey Matching Rebate	Buildings and Energy Sector	B1	2025	\$125,000
4	LED Lighting	Buildings and Energy Sector	B2	Ongoing Yearly	
5	Clean Building Performance Standards	Buildings and Energy Sector	B2	End of 2025	Staff Time
6	Solarize Thurston-Support	Buildings and Energy Sector	B2	Spring-Summer 2025	Staff Time

#	Project Name	Sector	TCMP Strategy	Timeline	Budget
7	Comprehensive Plan Update 2025	Transportation and Land Use	T1	Adoption by December 2025	\$550,000
8	College Street Corridor Phase 3	Transportation and Land Use	T2	2025	\$ 13,500,000
9	Implementation of the 2025 TIP	Transportation and Land Use	T2	2025	*See General Fund*
10	Fleet Electrification	Transportation and Land Use	T3	Ongoing Yearly	
11	Mandatory Watering Schedule 2025	Water and Wastewater	W1/W2/W3	End of 2025	*See General Fund*
12	Installing New Water Line in Madrona Well Fields	Water and Wastewater	W1/W2/W3	End of 2025	*See General Fund*
13	Wastewater Abandonment	Water and Wastewater	W1/W2/W3	End of 2025	*See General Fund*
14	Decommission Judd Hill Water Storage Tank	Water and Wastewater	W1/W2/W3	End of 2025	*See General Fund*
15	Tree City USA	Agriculture, Forests, and Prairies	A5/A6/A7	Yearly	Staff Time
16	Greg Cuoio Park (Phase 1A)	Agriculture, Forests, and Prairies	A5/A6/A7	Completion Fall 2025	\$6,500,000
17	Urban Forestry Management Plan	Agriculture, Forests, and Prairies	A5/A6/A7	End of 2025	Staff Time (grant budget)
18	Woodland Creek Bridge Replacement	Agriculture, Forests, and Prairies	A5/A6/A7	Fall 2025	\$370,000

#	Project Name	Sector	TCMP Strategy	Timeline	Budget
19	Continue Education and Outreach	Cross-Cutting Sector	G1	2025	Staff Time

Buildings and Energy Sector

Strategy B1. Reduce energy use in existing residential buildings.

1. Project Name: Home Energy Score Model Ordinance

City/County Department(s): Community and Economic Development

Anticipated Timeline: Adoption by end of 2025

Project Description: The Home Energy Score Model Ordinance seeks to develop a regional policy to require home energy assessments at the time of listing applicable residential real estate for sale. The project includes research, stakeholder engagement, policy drafting and revisions, and the development of an associated supporting program. The intended outcome of the ordinance, should it be adopted countywide, is to provide prospective homeowners with energy efficiency and energy cost information for them to consider as part of their home-buying decision.

2. Project Name: Energize Thurston Campaign

City/County Department(s): Thurston County and the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tenino; South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity

Anticipated Timeline: March-June 2025; Evaluation and Continuation planning July-September 2025

Budget (if applicable): \$533,591

Project Description: Energize Thurston 2025 is a heat pump group purchase campaign that makes it faster, easier, and more affordable for Thurston County residents to purchase and install efficient, all-electric heat pumps and heat pump water heaters. Energize Thurston builds on the success of “Energize Olympia” and “The Switch Is On” to expand outreach and incentives for home electrification and energy efficiency throughout the Thurston region. The campaign reduces upfront costs through a group purchase discount provided by competitively selected Installers and application of all available rebates as a time-of-sale discount. The campaign also offers fully and partially subsidized installations for low- and moderate-income (LMI) households, which will be administered by campaign partner South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity and funded by grants from each partner jurisdiction.

3. Project Name: Lacey Matching Rebate Program

City/County Department(s): Lacey Community and Economic Development

Anticipated Timeline: July-December 2025

Budget (if applicable): \$125,000

Project Description: The City of Lacey intends to re-start our very successful matching rebate program that provides double the rebates through PSE's energy efficiency rebate program. This program provide double the money to Lacey home owners that live in City limits who conduct energy upgrades like insulation, doors, windows, gas to electric conversion, purchasing new gas furnace, and other upgrades.

Strategy B2. Reduce energy use in existing commercial/industrial buildings.

4. Project Name: LED Lighting

City/County Department(s): Public Works

Anticipated Timeline: Ongoing as Street Lights need replacement

Project Description: Replace streetlights with LED lights as they burn out or funding allows. This is an ongoing project.

5. Project Name: Clean Building Performance Standards

City/County Department(s): Public Works

Anticipated Timeline: 2025-2026

Project Description: The City of Lacey has one building that meets the criteria for the Clean Buildings Act under Tier 2 guidance. City Public Works staff will utilize staff resources during 2025 to meet standards per Department of Commerce guidance.

Strategy B3. Reduce energy use across building types.

No projects planned

Strategy B4. Reduce energy use in new construction or redevelopment.

No projects planned

Strategy B5. Increase the production of local renewable energy.

6. Project Name: Solarize Thurston

City/County Department(s): Community and Economic Development

Project Description: Solarize is a limited time residential solar group purchasing program that will offer residents discounted prices, vetted local installers, and special financing. The City of Lacey will continue to support Olympia Community Solar and this program through Education and Outreach and its communication team.

Strategy B6. Convert to cleaner fuel sources.

No projects planned.

Transportation and Land Use Sector

Strategy T1. Set land use policies that support increased urban density and efficient transportation networks and reduce urban sprawl.

7. Project Name: Comprehensive Plan 2025 Update

City/County Department(s): Community and Economic Development

Anticipated Timeline: Adoption by December 31st, 2025

Budget (if applicable): \$550,000

Project Description: The 2025 comprehensive plan update includes a new Climate element consisting of two sub elements: GHG emissions reduction sub-element and the climate resilience sub-element. Comprehensive plan elements that will be updated in accordance with the growth management act and HB 1181 include land-use, housing, transportation, and climate. The city is working to build an integrated comprehensive plan and will have a fully web-based platform to host the plan.

Strategy T2. Increase efficiency of the transportation system.

8. Project Name: College Street Corridor Phase 3

City/County Department(s): Transportation-Public Works

Anticipated Timeline: 2025-2026

Budget (if applicable): \$ 13,500,000

Project Description: The City of Lacey is currently designing the College Street Corridor Phase 3 project. This project will install a roundabout at the intersection of College Street SE and 16th Avenue SE, including roadway improvements from Lacey Boulevard to 22nd Avenue SE.

9. Project Name: Implementation of the 2025 Transportation Implementation Plan (TIP)

City/County Department(s): Transportation-Public Works

Anticipated Timeline: 2025-2026

Budget (if applicable): See Lacey General Budget

Project Description: The City of Lacey has adopted the 2025 TIP, please contact Linsey Fields at linsey.fields@cityoflacey.org for a full list.

Strategy T3. Increase adoption of electric vehicles.

10. Project Name: Fleet Electrification (Purchasing and Planning)

City/County Department(s): Public Works

Anticipated Timeline: Completed by 2025

Budget (if applicable):

Project Description: The City continues to work toward electrifying its fleet of vehicles, this includes the purchasing of three new electric vehicles to add to our existing fleet. Public Works created a plan to take us through 2040 to convert our entire fleet and equipment.

Strategy T4. Increase the use of public transit.

See Strategy T2 (2025 TIP Implementation)

Strategy T5. Increase use of active forms of travel and more efficient commute modes.

See Strategy T2 (2025 TIP Implementation)

Water and Waste Sector

Strategy W1/W2/W3. Increase the efficiency of water and wastewater infrastructure/Reduce water consumption/Reduce emissions from wastewater treatment operations.

11. Project Name: Mandatory Watering Schedule 2025

City/County Department(s): Public Works-Water Resources

Anticipated Timeline: June 1st –September 30th (yearly)

Project Description: The mandatory watering schedule is a yearly program which limits the outdoor watering and irrigation days for Lacey water customers. It is also known as the odd/even schedule, in which water customers are assigned three days to utilize outdoor irrigation and one full day there is no watering allowed.

12. Project Name: Installing New Water Lines in Madrona Well Fields

City/County Department(s): Public Works-Water Resources

Anticipated Timeline: Completion by end of 2025

Project Description: We have one water line project that will connect the Madrona well field directly to the 337 pressure zone. This will save energy on pumping costs by by-passing the existing pressure-reducing valves that it currently flows through.

13. Project Name: Wastewater Abandonment (#8)

City/County Department(s): Public Works-Water Resources

Anticipated Timeline: Completion by end of 2025

Project Description: We plan to gravity flow that wastewater east toward St. Martins, which would eliminate the need for that lift station (and its associated energy costs).

14. Project Name: Decommission Judd Hill Water Storage Tank

City/County Department(s): Public Works-Water Resources

Anticipated Timeline: Completion by end of 2025

Project Description: We are planning to decommission the older Judd Hill water storage tank and booster pump. Right now, well 6 pumps to the old tank, but the tank isn't tall enough to gravity flow, so the water has to get pumped twice to get into the water system. Once we decommission the tank and booster, the well can pump directly to the distribution system and we'll save energy by not running the booster pump anymore.

Strategy W4. Divert more solid waste from landfills.

No projects planned

Agriculture, Forests, and Prairies Sector

Strategy A1/A2. Reduce emissions from agricultural practices/Support agricultural practices that sequester carbon.

No projects planned

Strategy A5/A6/A7. Preserve tree canopy and manage forests and prairies to sequester carbon.

15. Project Name: Tree City USA

City/County Department(s): Community and Economic Development

Anticipated Timeline: Yearly

Project Description: The City continues with its 35th year as a designated Tree City USA city. This includes an annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway where the city gives away up to 1,000 native trees and shrubs to Lacey residents.

16. Project Name: Greg Cuoio Park (Phase 1A)

City/County Department(s): Parks and Recreation

Anticipated Timeline: Summer 2025 and Opening Fall 2025

Budget (if applicable): \$6,500,000

The project, known as Phase 1A, will include: A large playground, approximately two miles of paved and soft surface trails, an 18-hole disc golf course, a large picnic shelter, and flexible open space. In addition, the project will include general access infrastructure such as safe access and a driveway from Carpenter Road, approximately 75 parking spaces, and signage.

17. Project Name: Urban Forestry Management Plan

City/County Department(s): Community and Economic Development

Anticipated Timeline: Fall 2025

Budget (if applicable): Staff Time

Project Description: Staff in Community and Economic Development will look at updating its Urban Forestry Management Plan to align with climate goals; this includes updating its tree canopy cover estimations.

18. Project Name: Woodland Creek Bridge Replacement

City/County Department(s): Community and Economic Development

Anticipated Timeline: Fall 2025

Budget (if applicable): \$370,000

Project Description: The City of Lacey Public Works Department is proposing to replace an existing pedestrian bridge crossing over Woodland Creek located within the Woodland Creek Community Park. The existing bridge will be removed and replaced with a light bridge for use of parks maintenance vehicles and pedestrians. Restoration of the creek bank will be performed.

Cross-Cutting Sector

Strategy G1. Conduct education and outreach across climate mitigation areas.

19. Project Name: Continue Education and Outreach

City/County Department(s): Community and Economic Development

Anticipated Timeline: Ongoing Yearly

Project Description: Continue conducting education and outreach at city-sponsored events, to HOA quarterly meetings, Senior Service, and any other groups who request presentations. We will also continue to support the TCMC which includes education through programming and the TCMC website.

Strategy G4. Enhance monitoring and evaluation of climate mitigation measures and outcomes.

See Thurston County's Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory project.

Strategy G5. Advocate for climate-mitigating state and federal policy.

No projects planned

TCMC 2025 - 2026 Proposed Budget							Cost Per Partner		
#	Task Title	Description	2025	2026	TOTAL		2025	2026	
1	Administrative Support	Coordinating and facilitating the Executive Committee and Community Advisory Workgroup; Producing an Annual Climate Mitigation Progress Report; Hosting and maintaining a website for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative.	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000		\$25,000	\$25,000	
2	2025 - 2026 Regional Initiative	2025: Gap Analysis of regional and jurisdictional plans and policies that aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Transportation Sector by reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT). 2026: TBD	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000		\$0	\$12,500	\$55,000
3	Administrative TCMP Update/Start Plan Update (2026 Regional Initiative)	The TCMC Staff Team will start our 2024 administrative TCMP update in early 2025. This administrative update will include minor updates to actions and strategies. This update will set priority actions for the next two-year cycle with the intent to have major plan updates conducted in 2028. These minor updates will be conducted by the Staff Team.	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$35,000		\$2,500	\$6,250	
4	Home Energy Score (HES) Model Ordinance Supporting Program	Program development and implementation. Jurisdictions to fund compliance staffing costs and subsidies independently. **These costs would only apply if the Ordinance is adopted by all jurisdiction partners.	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000		\$25,000	\$6,250	
5	Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign Phase Phase 2 (Implementation)	Program marketing and technical support services. Jurisdictions to fund program incentives and subsidies independently.	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000		\$6,250	\$6,250	
6	Program Management Support for Regional Initiatives	Coordinating and administering the Home Energy Score Model Ordinance Supporting Program and Energy Efficiency and Electrification (EEE) Campaign. **Implementation of the EEE campaign is supported by a Department of Energy Fellow in 2025. Implementation costs increase in 2026 after the Fellow's service year is completed.	\$85,000	\$125,000	\$210,000		\$21,250	\$31,250	
	Subtotal		\$320,000	\$350,000	\$670,000				
	Per Partner		\$80,000	\$87,500	\$167,500				

TCMC 2025 - 2026 Proposed Budget							Cost Per Partner		
#	Task Title	Description	2025	2026	TOTAL		2025	2026	
1	Administrative Support	Coordinating and facilitating the Executive Committee and Community Advisory Workgroup; Producing an Annual Climate Mitigation Progress Report; Hosting and maintaining a website for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative.	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$170,000		\$21,250	\$21,250	
2	2025 - 2026 Regional Initiative	2025: Gap Analysis of regional and jurisdictional plans and policies that aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Transportation Sector by reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT). 2026: TBD	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		\$12,500	\$12,500	\$66,250
3	Administrative TCMP Update/Start Plan Update	The TCMC Staff Team will start our 2024 administrative TCMP update in early 2025. This administrative update will include minor updates to actions and strategies. This update will set priority actions for the next two-year cycle with the intent to have major plan updates conducted in 2028. These minor updates will be conducted by the Staff Team.		\$10,000	\$10,000		\$0	\$2,500	
4	Home Energy Score (HES) Model Ordinance Supporting Program	Program development and implementation. Jurisdictions to fund compliance staffing costs and subsidies independently. **These costs would only apply if the Ordinance is adopted by all jurisdiction partners.	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$150,000		\$25,000	\$12,500	
5	Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign Phase Phase 2 (Implementation)	Program marketing and technical support services. Jurisdictions to fund program incentives and subsidies independently.	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000		\$7,500	\$7,500	
6	Program Management Support for Regional Initiatives	Coordinating and administering the Home Energy Score Model Ordinance Supporting Program and Energy Efficiency and Electrification (EEE) Campaign. **Implementation of the EEE campaign is supported by a Department of Energy Fellow in 2025. Implementation costs increase in 2026 after the Fellow's service year is completed.	\$85,000	\$125,000	\$210,000		\$21,250	\$31,250	
	Subtotal		\$350,000	\$350,000	\$700,000				
	Per Partner		\$87,500	\$87,500	\$175,000				

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