## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 7 | **Name:** | Mike Reed |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2019-0489 | **Date:** | February 26, 2020 |

**SUBJECT**

Authorizes execution of an interlocal agreement to participate in the development and management of “Stormfest”, a stormwater education program.

**SUMMARY**

The Executive is recommending execution of an interlocal agreement that would authorize County participation in an annual “Stormfest” stormwater education program, directed at 6th grade students in the Highline School District in South King County. The program is a cooperative effort with regional municipalities, including the cities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park and Sea Tac.

**BACKGROUND**

The Stormwater Services Section of the Water and Lands Resources Division, which manages the regional stormwater program for King County, operates the program under the Western Washington Municipal Stormwater Permit, issued under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit program. Local municipalities also have stormwater responsibilities under the Western Washington Municipal Stormwater Permit, including education and outreach efforts that require permittees to:

* Build general awareness about methods to address and reduce impacts from stormwater runoff;
* Effect behavior change to reduce or eliminate behaviors and practices that cause or contribute to adverse stormwater impacts;
* Create stewardship opportunities that encourage community engagement in addressing the impacts from stormwater runoff[[1]](#footnote-1).

The Executive is proposing to address public outreach needs through a joint project with other area municipal stormwater permittees, including the cities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, and SeaTac. The participants would sponsor an annual stormwater education program with the Highline Public School District at Des Moines Creek Park in the City of Des Moines in South King County. The program is intended to be a hands-on, interactive event for 6th grade students in the Highline School District. According to the Executive, the program is intended to accomplish the following:

* Engage youth in hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and activities, and build student confidence to develop and achieve long-term professional aspirations;
* Increase student understanding of environmental impacts of stormwater runoff and empower them to make personal changes to improve the health of local watersheds;
* Provide youth professional development opportunities to learn leadership and professional skills and ultimately apply them in transferring that knowledge to younger peers in an educational setting;
* Build local capacity to engage students by training city, county, and nonprofit staff and volunteers on best practices; and
* Provide a scalable model and toolkit that can be implemented across other communities and school districts within King County.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-0489 authorizes the execution of an interlocal agreement that defines the responsibilities of the participants in the Stormfest stormwater education program. Key provisions of the agreement include:

* Each jurisidiction is responsible for a share of project costs equal to the percentage-share of student enrollment in the Highline School District from that jurisdiction;
* The parties will participate in a Project Management Team, with representation from each of the parties, whose function is to develop, implement, manage, and evaluate Stormfest;
* The City of Burien will serve as the administrator of the agreement. Burien’s administrative tasks will include providing leadership in organizing the Stormfest event; providing day-to-day project management; scheduling and facilitating Team meetings, hiring consultants; processing monthly consultant invoices; and similar tasks.
* Total project costs will include costs for educators, translators, consultant costs, interpreters’ supplies, parking costs, and materials.

The term of the agreement is from the date of execution by each party through December 31st, 2024; the agreement may be extended upon mutual agreement of all parties.

The agreement also includes provisions for termination, modification, alternative dispute resolution, written notice, hold harmless, non-discrimination, and severability.

The agreement includes a Project Cost Allocation Document that specifies the costs share for each of the parties. For the 2019-2020 period, the cost shares are as follows:

**Table 1. Costs/Cost Shares**

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| **Jurisdiction** | **Annual Cost Share** | **Estimated Cost****Shares \*** |
| Burien | 28% | up to $26,619.86 |
| King County | 27% | up to $25,669.15 |
| SeaTac | 22% | up to $20,915.61 |
| Des Moines | 20% | up to $19,014.19 |
| Normandy Park | 3% | up to $2,852.13 |
| Total | 100.00% | up to $95,070.94 |

**Legal Review**

The Council’s legal counsel has reviewed this agreement, and recommended a revision to specify that funding commitments for the coming years for King County are contingent upon Council appropriation. An amendment has been prepared to address this recommendation.

**INVITED**

* Josh Baldi, Director, Water and Land Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks
* Matt Goehring, WRIA 9 Planning and Technical Coordinator, Water and Land Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2019-0489 and its attachments
2. Amendment 1 and its attachments
3. Transmittal Letter
4. Fiscal Note

1. Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit S5.C.2 https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-general-permits/Western-Washington-Phase-II-Municipal-Stormwater [↑](#footnote-ref-1)