



Legislation Text

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Tri-City Good Neighbor Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

No action requested at this time.

BACKGROUND:

The cities of Oregon City and Gladstone have been working with Clackamas County's Water Environmental Services (WES) to advance new opportunities for environmental restoration, economic development, water quality improvements and community education in the Tri-City Wastewater Recovery region. The outcome of this partnership is to build a greater community together through strategically agreed upon projects that support our economy, ecology and the community through funding provided by WES. The goals as outlined in the draft intergovernmental agreement (IGA) are:

1. Connect communities of Oregon City and Gladstone through improved recreational opportunities, such as pathways, parks and trails;
2. Enhance fish and wildlife habitat and riparian areas;
3. Create opportunities for collaboration and leveraging resources between the two cities and/or WES; and
4. Enhance public knowledge on wastewater treatment and surface water management and what they can do to protect water quality through education and special projects.

The draft IGA (attached A) outlines the terms of the agreement and will create the WES "Good Neighbor Fund", which will receive a deposit of \$250,000 per year beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending after 10 years, which will be used for projects within the Tri-City Resource Recovery Area (IGA exhibit A). The funds will be allocated to each jurisdiction based on the number of equivalent dwelling units (EDU) from each city, with the initial allocation being 80% (\$200,000) to Oregon City and 20% (\$50,000) to Gladstone. This percentage will be updated annually based on the EDU's from each city.

The proposed project list includes capital and/or one-time expenses and maintenance and ongoing expenses within the Tri-City Resource Recovery Area. Potential Oregon City projects include: asphalt/concrete repair of parking lots and pathways, street lighting, North Park master plan and future improvements, trail lighting, gravel bar dredging, de-paving within Clackamette Park, clean up and maintenance (attachment B).

The Commission is scheduled to participate in a joint work session on the proposed IGA with the Gladstone Council and WES Board at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 21st, 2019 at the WES Office (150 Beaver Creek Road, Development Services Building, room 432).

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: Approximately \$200,000 in additional funding

FY(s): 2019 - 2028

Funding Source: WES Good Neighbor Fund