



Issues

- ◆ Capital Facilities Charge
- ◆ Rate Credits
 - Sudden Valley
- ◆ Reserve Amounts
- ◆ Inflation Adjustment
- ◆ HIP



Reserve Amount Options

1. No Reserve – Not Recommended;
Consistent with BBWARM
2. Reserve for just new program -
\$272,000 – Staff Recommended
3. Reserve for entire Lake Whatcom
Program - \$790,000 – Advisory
Committee Recommended



Homeowners Incentive Program

- ◆ HIP 1: Piloted by the City 2010-2016 – Grant Funded
- ◆ HIP 2: 2017-present, significant changes; transition to County-led
- ◆ Current Program is stipulated in Interlocal Agreement with City of Bellingham
- ◆ Looking at other programs, e.g., Neighborhood-scale Residential Retrofit
- ◆ Goals:
 - (1) to reduce phosphorus from areas that cannot be treated with capital program
 - (2) promote watershed stewardship
- ◆ No mechanism to make homeowners retrofit properties; therefore, an incentive program
- ◆ Public Benefit; NOT a Homeowner Benefit



Homeowners Incentive Program

	2018 Expenses	2019 Budget
WCPW	\$100,000	\$100,000
City of Bellingham	\$100,000	\$320,000
TOTAL	\$200,000	\$420,000

- ◆ Two categories:
 1. Targeted: waterfront/creek-side and large lawns in Basins 1 and 2
 2. Do it Yourself (DIY): Native Landscaping supplies only in Basins 1 and 2
- ◆ Easy to get people interested; But barriers still exist
- ◆ Financial incentives not enough: People need help