




Jon Hutchings  
DIRECTOR

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, County Executive and  
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director 

**FROM:** Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager

**DATE:** June 22, 2020

**RE:** Ordinance establishing the Silver Beach Creek Fund, Project Based  
Budget and Supplemental Budget request for Phase 1 of the Silver Beach Creek  
Stormwater Improvements

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Please find attached for approval an ordinance establishing the Silver Beach Creek Fund, project based budget and supplemental budget request from Public Works Stormwater for the Silver Beach Creek Phase 1 Stormwater Improvement project.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This project has been adopted as part of the prioritized list of Capital Improvement Projects of Appendix 2: Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Requirements of the 2019-2024 Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit and is listed as the second highest priority Lake Whatcom capital on the 2019-2024 Six Year Water Resources Improvement Plan for construction in 2020.. As a Permittee, Whatcom County must implement permit requirements specific to the Lake Whatcom TMDL to improve water quality of the lake. This project has been identified as a specific action in attaining compliance with the TMDL. It will substantially reduce the discharge of phosphorus and other pollutants to Lake Whatcom. Runoff along North Shore Drive, from a developed portion of the Silver Beach Creek sub-basin will be collected and treated prior to discharge into Lake Whatcom.

This supplemental budget request includes costs for design, easement acquisition and construction of this project. Site analysis/project feasibility review has been conducted and survey has been completed. The project is scheduled for construction Summer of 2021 subject to approval of the requested funds.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This request, in the additional amount of \$780,000, will be funded by a transfer from the REET fund (\$695,000) and Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility funds (\$85,000).

Please contact Kraig Olason at extension 6301 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

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