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# Storm Water Services Program

City Council Environment Committee

March 26, 2018

## Presentation Outline

- 1) Review of Previous Meeting
- 2) Proposed Revisions to Cost Share Pilot Program
- 3) Requested Action by Committee





# Purpose of Committee Review

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Review the Storm Water Services Program to determine if it has the correct scope of work and consider any possible changes.



# Recent Council Activity

Date	Event	Note
6/12/17	Budget Adoption	2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive 0% fee increase and referral to committee
8/14/17	Environment Committee #1	Review of program goals
9/18/17	Environment Committee #2	Review of unfunded projects: C's and private property work
11/13/17	Environment Committee #3	Fee relationship to unfunded projects
2/2/18	Council Retreat	Preview of Storm Water Services budget needs
2/19/18	Environment Committee #4	Abbreviated program review
3/5/18	Environment Committee #5	Consider elimination of C's as a modification to program scope
3/26/18	Environment Committee #6	Consider elimination of C's as a modification to program scope
3/29/18	Budget Committee	Present funding options based on program scope
4/11/18	Budget Workshop	





# Previous Staff Recommendation

## Previous Staff Recommendation (3/5/18)

1. Remove 'C' requests from regular minor repair list, and
2. Create a pilot cost-share program for 'C' requests funded at \$5M over 5 years.  
(based on 8% fee increase)



# Cost Share Pilot Program Key Terms

- Program is funded with \$5M over two years (\$2.5M in FY19 and FY20)
- Program funds will be used to partner with property owners to repair 'C' projects identified prior to June 30, 2015
- Final cost allocation between the City and the citizen will be on a sliding scale that considers how long a project has been on the list, and how severe the problem is
- Staff will use 6 months to make initial contact with citizens and determine an appropriate cost allocation



## Cost Share Pilot Program Key Terms (cont.)

- Staff will notify citizens on the 'C' repair list who still own the property (approximately 2,000 out of 4,205), beginning with properties on the list the longest
- In order to participate in the pilot program:
  - Citizens must share in entire cost of project
  - Donate all necessary easements
  - Pay an application fee for staff to begin work on request
  - Repairs that may create new problems on other properties, or cause impacts that outweigh benefits will not be eligible. Application fee would be refunded in this case.



# Pilot Program Evaluation

## Evaluating Success:

- 1) What level of citizen interest is there in the pilot?
- 2) What feedback are we getting from citizens?
- 3) Are we creating equitable outcomes?
- 4) What impact is the cost share pilot having on the rest of the Storm Water Services Program?



# Impacts to Higher Priority Work

- Funding the cost share pilot at \$2.5M per year requires a 4% fee increase to offset the cost to the Storm Water Services program
- \$5M funds approximately 50 A and B requests



# Look Ahead

## Next Steps

- The Environment Committee's action on the proposed pilot cost-share program will help inform the Budget Committee and Budget Workshop presentations.
- Following the budget process, staff will consider proposing a new program benchmark for unfunded work, based in part on a review of other cities and the possibility of an additional residential fee tier.



## Recommended Action

### Staff Recommendation

Create a pilot cost-share program for 'C' requests (lowest priority requests on private property) funded at \$5M over 2 years and notify eligible citizens of new program.