

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Resolution No. 275 in Support of Joint Lake Ballinger Basin Plan
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Mark Relph, Public Works Director Jesus Sanchez, Operations Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

At the Monday, April 7th Study Session, Council reviewed and discussed a proposed resolution regarding the development of a drainage master plan for the McAleer Creek Basin, including Echo Lake and Lake Ballinger. Staff was directed to return the resolution for formal action by Council.

The resolution (Attachment A) directs staff to continue working collaboratively with the Cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and Lake Forest Park, plus Snohomish County, the State of Washington and the federal government to address water quality and quantity issues within the McAleer Creek Basin. Following the adoption of the resolution, staff would begin to discuss a formal Inter-local Agreement (ILA) with the involved entities defining the project responsibilities, financial commitments and schedule. This ILA would be approved by the City Council at a future date yet to be determined.

At the Study Session, the Council asked how the adjacent drainage basin of Lyon Creek may be part of this effort and thereby, part of this resolution. The City of Lake Forest Park did experience considerable flooding problems in the December, 2007 storm as a result of high water in both McAleer Creek and Lyon Creek.

The Lyon Creek basin is located adjacent and east of the McAleer Creek basin (Attachment B). A tributary of Lyon Creek emanates from Mountlake Terrace and passes through the City of Shoreline. This tributary crosses the county line near 24th Ave NE and traverses the northeast corner of the City of Shoreline on its way to Lake Forest Park, where both McAleer and Lyon Creek enter Lake Washington approximately ¼ mile from each other. At their closest points (near Lake City Way by the Lake Forest Park Town Center), the creeks are less than 400 feet apart.

Mountlake Terrace and Lake Forest Park are joining in a secondary effort to ensure that both Lyon Creek Basin and McAleer Creek Basin are carefully evaluated to develop a long-term plan to address concerns regarding both flooding and water quality. The cities of Lynnwood and Edmonds have not joined in the Lyon Creek effort and have clearly separated their intent from their commitments on McAleer Creek. This is probably the case, since the drainage basin of Lyon Creek is not within these two cities.

Only the City of Lake Forest Park has passed a formal resolution to address the issues of Lyon Creek basin.

The resolution in Attachment A provides a basis for the City's future support in the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Basin. Staff would suggest a future but separate resolution for the Lyon Creek basin once we understand the details of the McAleer Creek Basin ILA and the demands upon our own City resources.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None at this time

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Council adopt Resolution No. 275 joining together with neighboring jurisdictions to promote the stewardship of the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek basin. Staff would also suggest a future but separate resolution for the Lyon Creek basin once we understand the details of the McAleer Creek Basin Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) and the demands upon our own City resources.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Resolution No. 275

Attachment B - Map of the McAleer Creek and Lyon Creek Basins

RESOLUTION NO. 275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND DEVELOPMENT OF A GREATER ECHO LAKE/LAKE BALLINGER /MCALEER CREEK WATERSHED BASIN AND ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek watersheds are vital to the communities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, and Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ballinger accepts waters that flow from Echo Lake, Hall Lake, and Chase Lake and also receives stormwater runoff from many area roads and highways such as Aurora Ave N and SR 104; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ballinger is headwaters to McAleer Creek, a Chinook bearing stream, which flows from Mountlake Terrace through Shoreline and Lake Forest Park to Lake Washington and subsequently to Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, that stormwater runoff negatively impacts the water quality, salmon habitat, riparian areas, and also causes severe city infrastructure and personal property damage due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, many problems from runoff are caused by pollution such as toxic chemical pollution from fertilizers and pesticides, heavy metals, fecal coli form, and sedimentation which contribute to poor water quality and health problems for residents and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, these municipalities consider it a high priority to collectively work to improve the condition of all the water bodies mentioned and the quality of life for their residents with clean water and a better environment so that these waters are eventually "fishable and swimmable," and have been working diligently to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned cities are all subject to the MPDES Phase II municipal stormwater permit issued by the Department of Ecology in February of 2007 and recognize that there are advantages in terms of cost effectiveness and successful program outcomes to complying with the permit requirements through collective action to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, the State of Washington, and the Counties of King and Snohomish, are also are required by their laws to protect the water quality of Echo Lake, Lake Ballinger, McAleer Creek Lake Washington, and Puget Sound; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE,
WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City of Shoreline supports regional efforts to address stewardship of the Echo Lake / Lake Ballinger / McAleer Creek Watershed.

Section 2. The City of Shoreline is committed to working and meeting with other city and county officials in creating an interlocal agreement to support regional efforts addressing the stewardship issues of the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek watershed.

Section 3. Shoreline City Council directs staff to build upon and continue their considerable effort to work collaboratively with other cities, Snohomish County, the State of Washington and the federal government to address these issues, and work on developing an "Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Watershed Basin and Action Plan" for future review, with the intent of addressing stewardship issues of the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek watershed.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 28, 2008.

Cindy Ryu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey, City Clerk

Legend

- Natural Stream
- Intentionally Created Stream
- Piped Water Course
- Stream Outside City Limits
- ▨ Wetlands
- WL-S Wetland ID
- MC1 Reach ID
- Reach Start Point
- Fish Passage Barrier
- ▲ Detention Pond
- Parks
- Lyon Creek Basin
- McAleer Creek Basin
- Waterbodies
- ▭ Shoreline City Limits
- Interstate
- State Route
- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Collector Arterial
- Residential Street

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For regulatory purposes, segments within a reach are classified on a site-specific basis. The mapping in this document provides a general guide to classification.

