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Shoreline Council moves two projects forward at April 10 meeting

At its April 10 meeting, Shoreline City Council took action on two important topics:

- Approved the professional services contract for preliminary design of the Thornton Creek Corridor Project; and
- Extended the moratorium on cutting trees in critical areas.

Thornton Creek Corridor Project

Shoreline City Council approved a professional services contract for RW Beck, Inc. to provide preliminary engineering design for the Thornton Creek Corridor Projects, one of several capital improvement projects near Ronald Bog identified in the Stormwater Master Plan and 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program.

Over the past five years, several capital improvement and maintenance projects have been implemented in the Upper Thornton Creek basin to address flooding. The focus of the Thornton Creek Corridor Project is to evaluate flooding problems downstream of Ronald Bog, recommend solutions and identify opportunities for implementing project features that provide a water quality, habitat and community benefit. The result of this project will be a 30% design that will be submitted to the regulatory permitting agencies by October 2006 for review.

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Extension of Hazardous Tree Exemption Moratorium

Following a public hearing, the Shoreline City Council extended the moratorium on cutting hazardous trees in critical areas until July 2006 to allow time for staff to draft and Council to adopt permanent tree regulations.

On Jan.3, Council adopted Ordinance No. 407 establishing a four-month moratorium on development regulations that exempt the cutting of hazardous trees from the requirement for a clearing and grading permit. Ordinance No. 407 also adopted an interim control in place of the prior exemption provision.

During the extended moratorium, staff and the Planning Commission will work with the community to draft permanent tree regulations. The Planning Commission will have a workshop on Thursday, May 4, and a public hearing on Thursday, May 18, to take public comment on developing permanent hazardous trees regulations and a critical areas stewardship plan. Both meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Rainier Room of the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 First Ave. NE. These two Planning Commission meetings will be videotaped and rebroadcast on cable channel 21.

Based on public comment, the Planning Commission will forward recommendations for hazardous trees regulations and a critical areas stewardship plan to the City Council for consideration and adoption.

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