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RE: City of Independence 2020 TMDL Implementation Annual Report

This year's report came with many challenges due to the ongoing pandemic of Covid19. Our City did its best in the situation we were in and present a summary of the work completed to execute the City's Willamette TMDL Implementation Plan during the December 2019 – November 2020 reporting period.

The City of Independence 2020 TMDL Implementation Annual Report is organized to clearly present the work that the city has completed that are related to each of the tasks identified in the City's 2018 updated 5-year implementation Plan. In addition to the summaries presented in the body of the report, the completed and/or scheduled activities related to each task are presented in the enclosed task activity spreadsheet.

- Task # 1** **Apply 25 ft setback requirement to named and unnamed tributaries to Ash Creek**
Public Works design standards have been updated and added to the City website.
- Task # 2** **Provide support and recommendations for community riparian tree planting projects**
A Public Works employee contacted Luckiamute Watershed Council to schedule a tree planting event for arbor day. It was not a possibility this year, we are hoping to in 2021.
- Task # 3** **Provide information and links on City Website that address the connection between shading of water courses and temperature.**
Our City website currently has our storm brochure with shading information. We also informed residents with the information on our social media page.
- Task # 4** **Continue to enhance riparian corridor along proposed Ash Creek Trail**
Open communication is present between entities working on the riparian corridor.
- Task # 5** **Increase participation in LWC activities.**
Increased participation did not happen as much as the City hoped it would. Due to Covid19, many of LWC activities were cancelled. Our TMDL Coordinator managed to attend zoom meetings and events LWC hosted. The City budgeted funds for the 1st time for TMDL related activities inside City limits.

- Task # 6** **Provide fiscal support for LWC to maintain staffing to work on temperature reduction strategies.**
Budget of \$2500 was approved for fiscal year 2020-2021, fiscal years budget was paid early summer and was used for landowner workshops, volunteer events, workshop supplies and ring and spot sprays.
- Task #7** **Continue pet waste bag program**
Two new pet waste stations were added, the City now has 15 in total. Pet Waste Stations are emptied when needed during daily morning rounds and refilled with additional bags. The pet waste bags are ordered multiple times a year to keep up with the demand.
- Task # 8** **Educate Public about pet housing and domestic livestock area maintenance and waste management.**
An updated informational flyer was made in house and posted on the City's Facebook page to educate the public about pet waste management as well as inform residents where all pet waste stations are, in the City. In addition to the informational flyer, a map of the pet waste stations was updated to the City's website under the Parks & Rec page.
- Task # 9** **Report number of storm water treatment devices constructed as part of new development annually.**
Liberty II Subdivision installed 10 public catch basins in spring of 2020 and connected system to existing storm water detention area.
- Task # 10** **Report number of storm water infiltration mechanisms constructed as part of new development annually.**
Multiple infiltration mechanisms were constructed this year, infiltration detention areas at the Tokola apartments on Osprey lane in the summer of 2020 and one at Osprey Point. The Gate community center constructed a detention basin in the spring of 2020.
- Task # 11** **Create storm water system map.**
When staff time is available, Public Works Lead Storm Operator is working on a new storm water system map. Map has been updated and PW is working on inspection reports for open ditches and major inlets.
- Task # 12** **Incorporate storm drain marking into school science curriculum and have students place the markers.**
This task has significantly been affected by Covid19. Schools were closed in March and do not look to open until sometime 2021. We hope that next year we can start this program.
- Task# 13** **Develop a grading permit program.**
We are currently working on funding and the permit process. We are applying new Public Work Standards that were updated in June 2020 and adopted in August 2020In.
- Task # 14** **Inform developers of requirement to obtain 1200-C permits for new developments over 1 acre.**
Two 1200-C permits were approved during this reporting period
- Task # 15** **Continue cooperative program with ACWCD to prevent littering along Ash Creek.**

Garbage's along Ash Creek are emptied by Public Works when needed during daily morning rounds.

- Task # 16** **Promote County Hazardous Waste collection event through cooperation with LWC and at City events.**
Late February, the Clean Up day committee move the event day from May to April. Things were planned and set with a new flyer created, supplies bought, and public outreach sent. Due to the pandemic, the Police Dept cancelled 2020's Clean Up Day Event. Supplies that were bought will be used for next years event.
- Task # 17** **Attend sponsored IDDE training events. Implement an IDDE Program**
No training due to the pandemic and our Lead Sewer Operator will be working on implementing an IDDE program soon.
- Task # 18** **Oversight and reporting for leaf collection program.**
A new flyer and handout were made inhouse to keep costs down. We continue to operate the leaf pick up and outreach program and report the results in our annual TMDL report.
- Task # 19** **Maintain low mercury levels in WWTP effluent.**
Local lab testing company mailed DEQ the Mercury test report in January. The two Dental Offices in the City are compliant with the State.
- Task # 20** **Plan, design, and construct water reuse project.**
The 5-million-dollar project is 95% completed, it will be operational in the Spring of 2021.
- Task # 21** **Ongoing effort to facilitate and incentivize projects that incorporate LID features.**
Independence Public Works Design Standards were updated and adopted early summer.
- Task # 22** **Provide fiscal support for Inspiration Garden Project (Polk County Master Gardeners)**
Polk County Master Gardeners had a change of personnel in Jan. This shifted the working relationship that MG & the City had, not in a negative way but there was less communication. The City budgeted another \$35,000 to this year's budget to finish the walking path. The City & MG hope to improve communications & continue a great working relationship. The City has budgeted additional funds for projects related to TMDL.

Overall, the City of Independence has met or exceeded the expectations outlined in the City's TMDL Implementation Plan.

We appreciate your support and understanding with everything our State and World is going through this year. Please contact me at 503-837-1190, should you have any questions and/or comments regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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