



February 2, 2018

Olympia City Council  
PO Box 1967  
Olympia, WA 98507

Dear Mayor Selby and Council members:

**SUBJECT: Draft Storm and Surface Water Plan**

While there is no regulation requiring the Storm and Surface Water Utility to develop and maintain a master plan, the Utility recognizes the value of the road map outlined in its current version. The draft plan contains policy and financial direction to guide the operation, maintenance and improvement of its core services and programs.

The Utility has outlined both the core and enhanced services it proposes to deliver during the ten-year life of the master plan.

The Storm and Surface Water Utility is responsible to:

- Reduce the frequency and severity of flooding so hazards are eliminated.
- Improve surface water quality.
- Protect, enhance, and restore aquatic habitat functions provided by wetlands, streams, lakes, marine shorelines, and riparian areas.
- Ensure reliable functioning of the built and natural storm water infrastructure.
- Manage Utility finances responsibly and recover costs equitably.

Members of the public have had several opportunities to consider and shape the draft plan through an online survey, habitat focus group, community open house, and ongoing review on the City's Website.

The Utility Advisory Committee [UAC] performs a key role by evaluating the major planning efforts that guide the City's water-related utilities. The members of the UAC have carefully considered the draft Storm and Surface Water Plan.

The UAC agrees with public comments recognizing the impediment associated with depending on the public to help rain stay where it falls. The UAC acknowledges that steps have been taken and are proposed--the implementation of low impact design requirements and the inclusion of a set of strategic service public outreach and education enhancements - to undertake this considerable challenge.

This plan outlines carefully considered core and enhanced service delivery actions the Utility will take to achieve its goals. The UAC recommends the Storm and Surface Water Plan to the City Council for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Wilson".

Roger Wilson

Chair, Utility Advisory Committee