

Storm & Surface Water Plan Update



Utility Advisory Committee

March 3, 2016





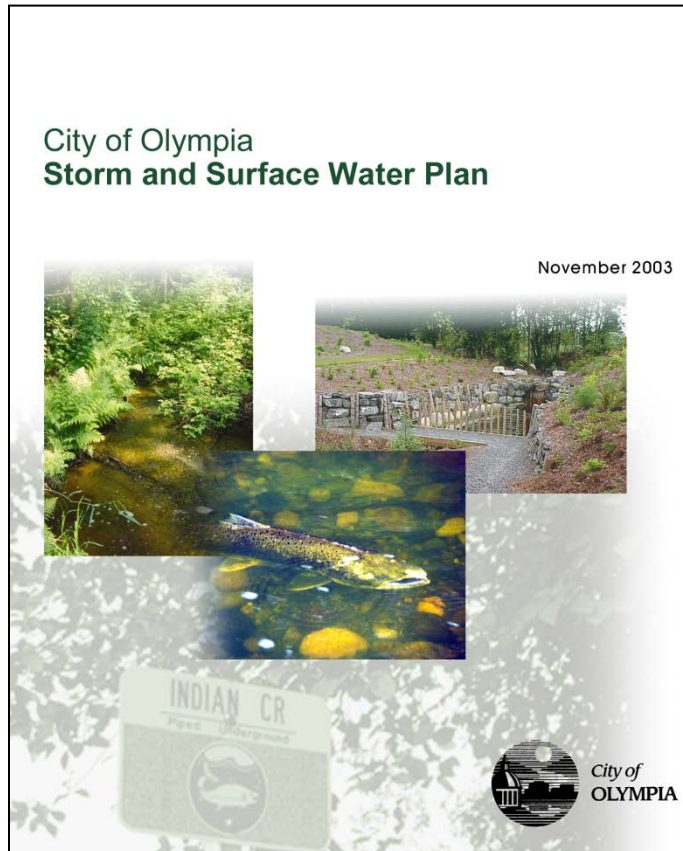
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Tonight's Agenda

- Planning Framework
- Policy Guidance
- Emerging Issues and Challenges
- **Policy Questions**
- **Draft Goals and Objectives**

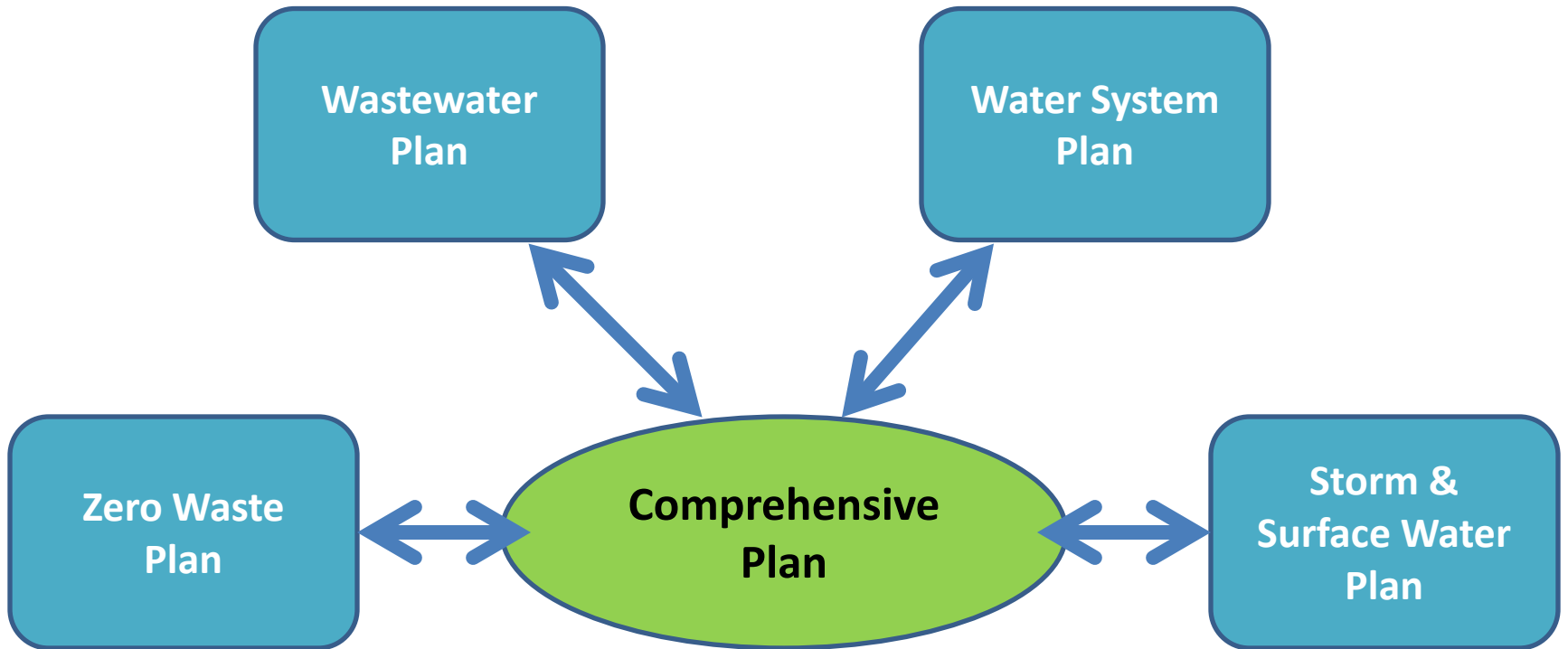
Accomplishments since 2004

- Flooding has been greatly reduced
- Performed analysis of basins to help inform project prioritization
- Implemented a new rate structure
- Restored estuary functions at mouths of Allison Springs and Mission Creek
- And much more...





Planning Framework



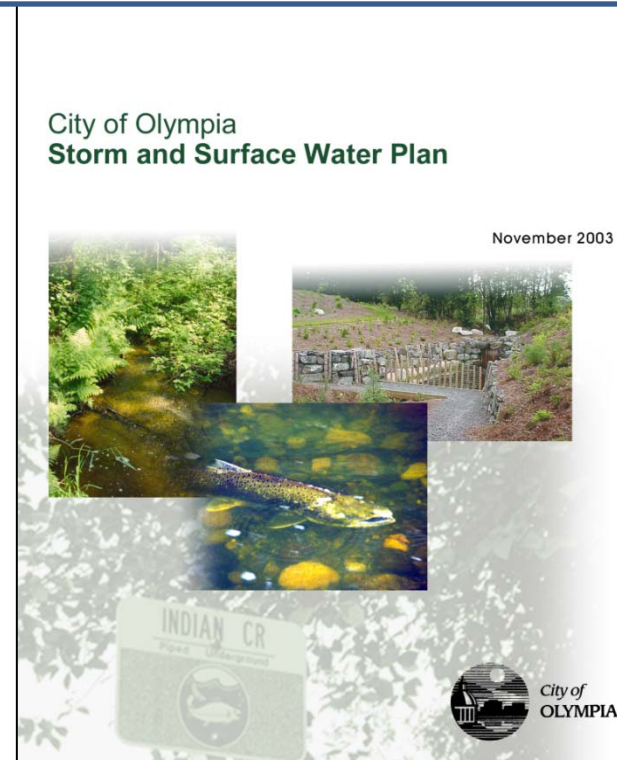
Water Resources Plans



Dept. of Health approved



Dept. of Ecology approved



No requirement



Planning Framework

Regulatory and Policy Framework for Storm & Surface Water

	Regulations and Statutes	Plans and Policies
Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Clean Water Act▪ Endangered Species Act▪ Tribal Treaty Rights▪ Surface Water Standards	
State	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit▪ Ecology's Stormwater Management Manual for Western WA▪ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda
City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Olympia Drainage Manual▪ Engineering Development and Design Guidelines▪ Olympia Municipal Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Comprehensive Plan▪ Capital Facilities Plan▪ Storm & Surface Water Plan

Olympia Comprehensive Plan

[Comprehensive Plan \(Current\)](#) > [Utilities](#)

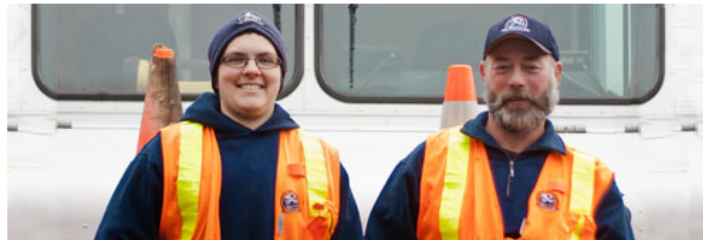
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- + **Municipal Code**
 (Current)
- **Comprehensive Plan**
 (Current)
 - + Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan
 - + Community Values & Vision
 - + Public Participation and Partners
 - + Natural Environment
 - + Land Use and Urban Design
 - + Transportation
 - + Utilities
 - + Public Health, Arts, Parks and Recreation
 - + Economy
 - + Public Services
 - Capital Facilities Plan
 - Comprehensive Plan Glossary
- + **OPD General Orders**
- + **Engineering Design and Development Standards**
 (Current)

Utilities



Public Works utility employees enjoying a day on the job

What Olympia Values:

Olympians value a drinking water supply that is owned and controlled by the City. We want wastewater and stormwater treated effectively before it is discharged into Puget Sound. We understand and value the role that 'reuse, reduction and recycling' plays in our effort to conserve energy and materials.

Our Vision for the Future:

Clean, plentiful water and significant reduction of waste.

Read more in the [Community Values and Vision](#) chapter

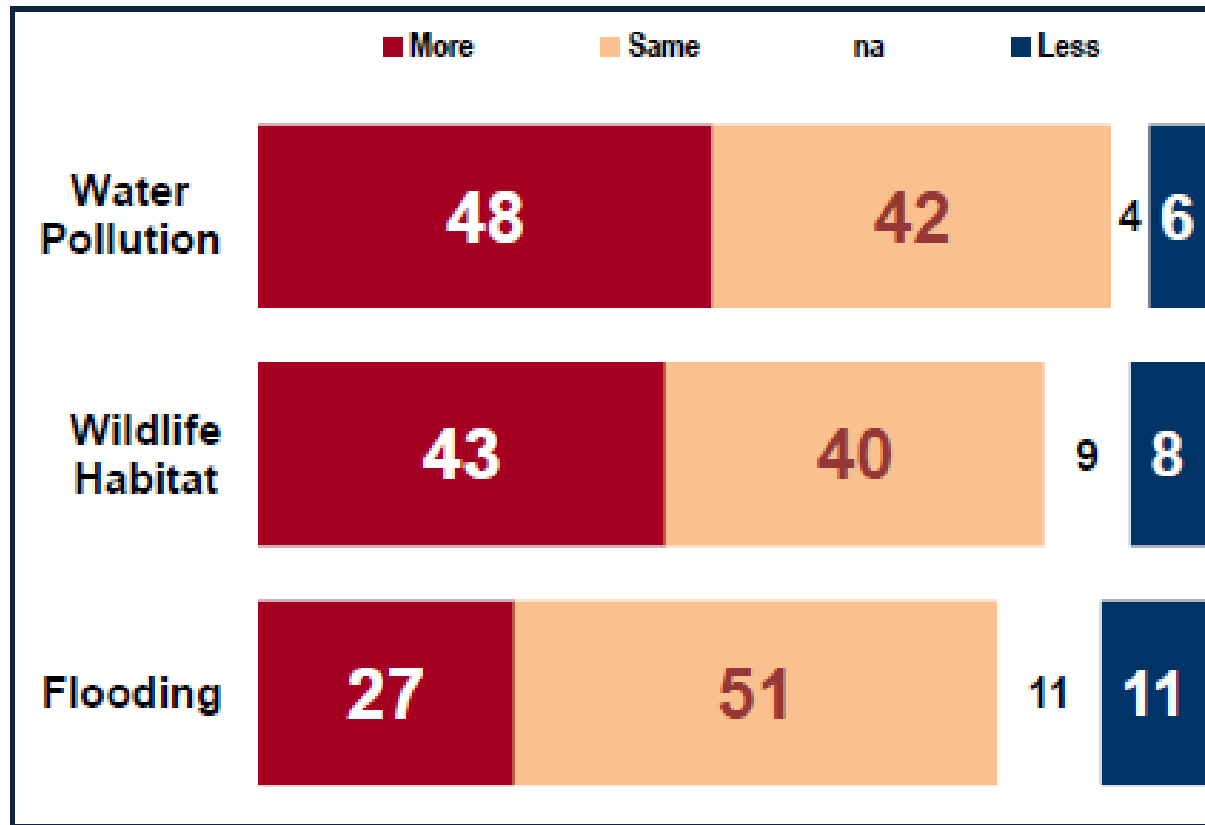
Introduction - Utilities Shape the Future

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Olympia's future ability to achieve long-term environmental, economic and social balance is influenced by how we deliver utility services to the community. To achieve

Policy Guidance

Water Pollution Tops Environmental Priority List

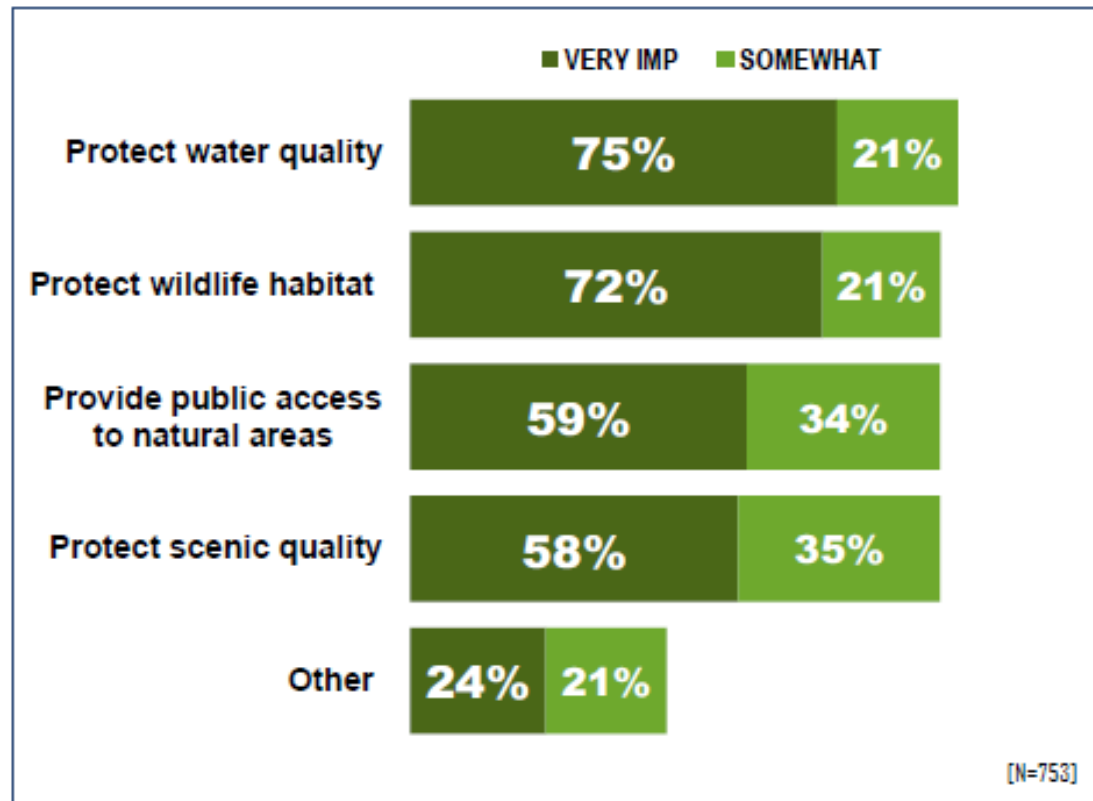


Q16A Over the next 5 years, do you think the city should put More Emphasis or Less Emphasis on the following:

- Correcting and preventing water pollution
- Protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat in local streams, lakes and wetlands
- Correcting and preventing problems arising from floods

Policy Guidance

Many Reasons to Preserve Open Space



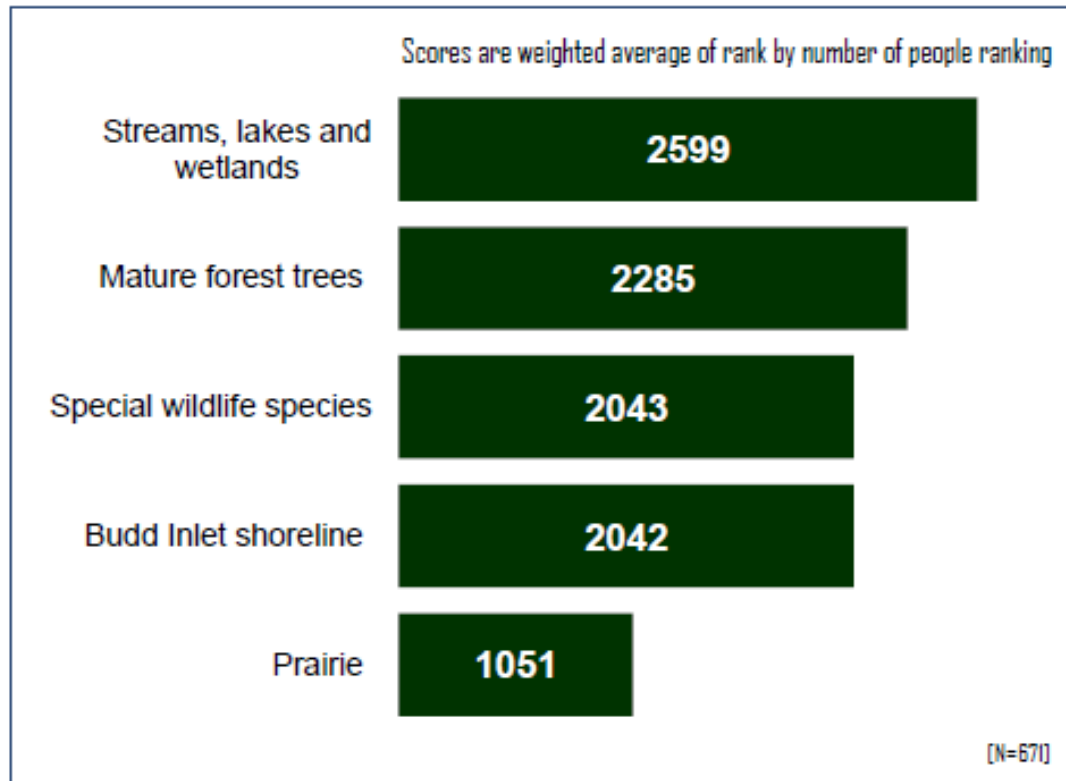
There are several reasons to acquire and preserve open space. In your own opinion, how important are the following reasons to acquire and preserve open space: NOT AT ALL...NOT VERY...SOME...VERY

- > Protect wildlife habitat
- > Protect scenic quality
- > Protect water quality
- > Provide public access to natural areas
- > Other



Policy Guidance

Riparian, Wetlands Ranked as "Most Important" Habitat Type



There are many kinds of habitat. The Parks Department has to prioritize to use its resources most effectively. If you had to rank them, how would you rank the importance of these types of wildlife habitat?

- Habitat near streams, lakes and wetlands
- Habitat with mature forest trees such as Douglas firs and Big-leaf maples
- Prairie habitat
- Budd Inlet shoreline habitat
- Habitat that supports important or special wildlife species found in Olympia



Policy Guidance



City of Olympia Storm & Surface Water Utility

**STORMWATER RUNOFF:
PUBLIC ATTITUDES, AWARENESS
AND BEHAVIOR**

May 2009



Emerging Issues

New Challenges

- Climate Change and Sea Level Rise
- Increasing state and federal regulations

Improvements in Stormwater Management

- New stormwater treatment technologies
- Low Impact Development (LID)

Gains in Scientific Knowledge

- Further understanding of Puget Sound water quality problems
- Effectiveness of different restoration techniques for various local habitat conditions

Policy Questions



Storm and Surface Water Management Plan—Policy Questions

May 13, 2014

Storm and Surface Water Utility Mission:

We provide services that protect against flooding, improve water quality, and enhance habitat.

Overarching Utility Policy Questions

- What are the community's "level of service" expectations for the Utility's key responsibilities?
- Given limited City resources and various State and federal mandates, how does the Utility best prioritize the work it does (e.g., education, capital facilities, maintenance, applied research)?
- How do we minimize potential conflicts between stormwater regulations and community economic goals?
- What are the community's preferences for how stormwater rates are structured and calculated? Should the Utility offer stronger financial incentives?
- What should be the role and future of the Utility's public education and outreach programs? How do we link our work with other community efforts?

Flooding & Infrastructure Management

- How do we best track the condition of our extensive infrastructure and make timely, cost-effective investments?
- What is the best approach for ensuring on-going maintenance of stormwater systems on private property?
- How should we respond to the risks of sea level rise and downtown flooding?
- Should the Utility prioritize separating stormwater from the wastewater pipes in the areas (approximately 122,000 feet of pipe) where they are combined?

Water Quality

- Should the Utility develop a more comprehensive pollutant source control program that works with residents and businesses to eliminate and reduce pollutant-generating activities?
- What are the community's preferences for how low impact development (LID) will be implemented and maintained in the long-term?
- What is the expected extent of water quality retrofit of our streets that currently do not have stormwater treatment before discharging to a water body?
- How much effort should the Utility put into monitoring our local water quality and improvements to it?

Aquatic Habitat

- What is the Utility's role in overall natural resource management (e.g. forestry, marine waters, critical areas management, tree canopy, contaminated sediments)?
- How should we adequately fund aquatic habitat work?
- At what level should the habitat stewardship strategy be implemented?
- How do we best coordinate our work with regional and State efforts?



Goals and Objectives

Definitions

Goals: Broad, qualitative statements of what the Utility intends to achieve.

Objectives: Specific, measurable statements of what will be done to achieve the Goals within a particular timeframe.

Strategies: General approaches or methods for achieving Objectives and resolving specific issues. Strategies speak to the question “How will we go about accomplishing our Objectives?”



Draft Goals

Goal 1. The frequency and severity of flooding is reduced so that hazards are eliminated, except during major storm events.

Goal 2. Improve water quality citywide.

Goal 3. Protect, enhance, and restore aquatic habitat functions provided by wetlands, streams, lakes, marine shoreline, and riparian areas citywide.

Goal 4. Built and natural infrastructure is sustainably protected, constructed, maintained, managed, and operated to ensure the stormwater system functions reliably.

Goal 5. Storm and Surface Water Utility finances are managed responsibly, and costs are recovered equitably.



Draft Goals and Objectives

Goal 1. The frequency and severity of flooding is reduced so that hazards are eliminated, except during major storm events.

Objective 1A. Improve the stormwater system in areas that are vulnerable to flooding.

Objective 1B. Prepare for emergency response during storm events.

Objective 1C. Mitigate the effects of urban stormwater runoff and implement low impact development techniques.

Objective 1D. Plan for the anticipated impacts of sea level rise.



Draft Goals and Objectives

Goal 2. Improve water quality citywide.

Objective 2A. Prioritize source control of pollution citywide.

Objective 2B. Retrofit stormwater treatment in areas of the City with little or no water quality treatment.

Objective 2C. Educate the community about water quality with emphasis on how they can be a part of the solution.

Objective 2D. Partner with other agencies, jurisdictions, and organizations in order to leverage water quality planning and project efforts.

Objective 2E. Comply with federal and state permits and regulations.



Draft Goals and Objectives

Goal 3. Protect, enhance, and restore aquatic habitat functions provided by wetlands, streams, lakes, marine shoreline, and riparian areas citywide.

Objective 3A. Protect intact aquatic habitat from degradation.

Objective 3B. Enhance existing impaired aquatic habitat.

Objective 3C. Restore degraded aquatic habitat to increase ecosystem function.

Objective 3D. Participate in and technically support City and regional environmental planning efforts and implementation projects.

Objective 3E. Increase community awareness of and engagement around aquatic habitat function and benefits through outreach and education.



Draft Goals and Objectives

Goal 4. Built and natural infrastructure is sustainably protected, constructed, maintained, managed, and operated to ensure the stormwater system functions reliably.

Objective 4A. Develop and implement an asset management program for the built infrastructure and natural environment.

Objective 4B. Design and construct infrastructure to ensure reliable, cost effective function.

Objective 4C. Further develop and implement the Utility's private and public stormwater system inspection programs.

Objective 4D. Continue to improve maintenance management, including preventative maintenance, repairs and replacements.

Objective 4E. Continue to improve employee training and safety programs.

Objective 4F. Plan for the anticipated impacts of sea level rise



Draft Goals and Objectives

Goal 5. Storm and Surface Water Utility finances are managed responsibly, and costs are recovered equitably.

Objective 5A. Set rates that reflect financial policies and recover the cost of providing services to each customer category.

Objective 5B. Manage Utility rates and connection fees consistent with the City's guiding principle of growth paying for growth.

Objective 5C. Use debt financing responsibly to support needed capital facility investments and "smooth" rate impacts.



Storm and Surface Water Plan Update

What we've done

- Determined list of Policy Questions
- Revisited Utility's Mission, Vision and Values
- Discussed Policy Questions with UAC & LUEC

Next steps

- Incorporate UAC input tonight on Goals and Objectives
- Develop Public Involvement Strategy
 - Online Survey – Return in May to UAC?
- Develop Plan Update Schedule
- Land Use & Environment Committee briefing – April 21

Questions and Discussion



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Olympia Population

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Population Projections

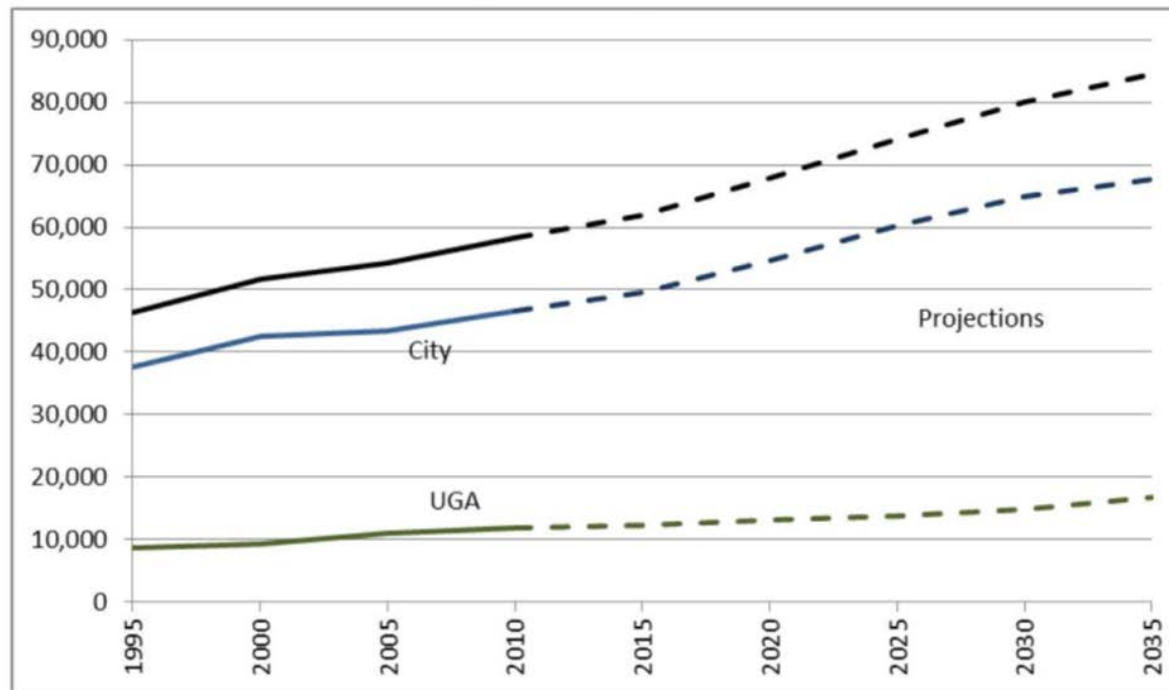


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Olympia and UGA Population Forecast

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035
City	49,550	54,609	60,133	64,983	67,725
UGA	12,273	13,237	13,896	14,962	16,671
Total	61,823	67,846	74,029	79,945	84,396



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Trails, Open Space & Maintenance Ranked as Highest Priority for New Projects

