



City Council

Special Recognition - Nature's Scorecard Update

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize Olympia's continued designation as a Green Star Community by Nature's Scorecard, a joint project of the Puget Soundkeeper and Washington Environmental Council.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a briefing on a recent update to the Nature's Scorecard

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Background and Analysis:

In 2016, the Washington Environmental Council and Puget Soundkeeper created the "Nature's Scorecard" to report on whether cities and counties were complying with state stormwater requirements. Nature's Scorecard specifically rates communities on their efforts to make low impact development (LID) "the preferred and commonly used approach" in their communities, as required under state rules.

In the first Nature's Scorecard, Olympia was one of the few communities in the state to receive a "Green Star" - the highest rating. Green Stars are awarded to cities and counties that "went above and beyond the permit requirements and truly embraced LID in their codes." The Scorecard refers to Green Star communities as "champions...creating livable, resilient communities that will protect our waterways for generations to come."

In a recent update of the Nature's Scorecard, Olympia again received a designation as a "Green Star" community, one of only twelve in Western Washington (letter and scorecard update attached).

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

Attachments:

Letter

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