

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DATE: July 16, 2019

REQUESTED ACTION: Request approval to use Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 2 in the amount of \$25,000 in 2019 and \$25,000 in 2020 to fund a project for eradication of milfoil at Vancouver Lake, in partnership with Friends of Vancouver Lake.

 X Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

Clark County Public Works currently maintains Vancouver Lake Regional Park and it has been brought to our attention that non-native Eurasian milfoil has been spreading in the lake. Milfoil has the potential to take over the lake causing disruptions to public use. Milfoil notoriously clogs waterways and blocks boating and swimming opportunities. It grows rapidly and spreads by fragmentation. That means any boat, swimmer, or fish and wildlife breaking up the plant contributes to its advancement. Dense growth of milfoil can also have a negative impact on fish by obstructing space for larger fish, which ultimately disrupts normal feeding patterns. Lake users noticed milfoil two years ago. This year it began encroaching into boating lanes. Milfoil is a very invasive, non-native plant and is predicted to fill the lake completely by 2021, strongly harming the recreational potential of the lake and having an adverse effect on the ecosystem.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This issue was brought up at Council time on 6/12/19. Council unanimously supported having the County partner in the treatment program of milfoil in Vancouver Lake.

Clark County Council is willing to assist with this endeavor by utilizing \$50,000 of REET 2 funds. The Port of Vancouver has committed to provide \$50,000 to Friends of Vancouver Lake. None of these monies include the existing funds in the Vancouver Lake Watershed partnership.

This request is to ask Council for approval to use REET 2 to enter into an agreement with the Friends of Vancouver Lake to assist with the endeavor to eradicate milfoil. The decision package will be provided in the fall supplemental of 2019 for \$25,000. During the 2020 budget process, we will prepare a decision package for the additional use of REET 2 of \$25,000 towards eradicating the milfoil.

Clark County Public Works also partnered recently with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on a grant application to the Washington Department of Ecology for developing an aquatic vegetation management plan. When developed, this plan will help to address milfoil management long-term. Clark County Public Works will also submit a future grant application to assist with control measures.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Discussions have occurred between the County and the Friends of Vancouver Lake.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS


| YES | NO | |
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| | X | Action falls within existing budget capacity. |
| | X | Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation |
| X | | Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager. |

BUDGET DETAILS

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Local Fund Dollar Amount | \$25,000 in 2019 and \$25,000 in 2020 |
| Grant Fund Dollar Amount | |
| Account | 3083 – REET 2 |
| Company Name | |

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APPROVED: 
 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
 CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

DATE: 7/16/19

SR# 89-19



APPROVED: _____
 Shawn Hennessee, County Manager

DATE: _____

BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation

I. A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information

This request allows for a transfer of REET 2 funds of \$25,000 into Parks. Parks will then work with the Friends of Vancouver Lake to enter into an agreement for assisting with the treatment program for milfoil at Vancouver Lake.

A decision package will be created for the 2020 budget process to move \$25,000 of REET 2 into the Parks & Land Division/Fund 1032 to fund this partnership with the Friends of Vancouver Lake.

Part II: Estimated Revenues

| Fund #/Title | 2019 Annual Budget | | 2020 Annual Budget | | 2021 Annual Budget | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| | REET 2 | Total | REET 2 | Total | REET 2 | Total |
| 1032/Parks | \$25,000 | | \$25,000 | | | |
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| Total | \$25,000 | | \$25,000 | | | |

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

The revenue will come from REET 2 and be deposited into the Parks & Land Division, fund 1032.

Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III. A – Expenditures summed up

Parks will contribute \$25,000 towards the partnership with the Friends of Vancouver Lake to assist with the endeavor to eradicate milfoil in Vancouver Lake.

| Fund #/Title | FTE's | 2019 Annual Budget | | 2020 Annual Budget | | 2021 Annual Budget | |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| | | Parks | Total | Parks | Total | Parks | Total |
| 1032/Parks | | \$25,000 | | \$25,000 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total | | \$25,000 | | \$25,000 | | | |

III. B – Expenditure by object category

| Fund #/Title | 2019 Annual Budget | | 2020 Annual Budget | | 2021 Annual Budget | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Parks | Total | Parks | Total | Parks | Total |
| Salary/Benefits | | | | | | |
| Contractual | \$25,000 | | \$25,000 | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Other controllables | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlays | | | | | | |
| Inter-fund Transfers | | | | | | |
| Debt Service | | | | | | |
| Total | \$25,000 | | \$25,000 | | | |

Decision Package Request Form

Requesting Dept/Office: Public Works – Park and Lands

Request Type: Choose an item.

Package Number: PWK-XX-19FL

Priority: (please prioritize your budget requests using 1 for from most urgent and progressing to least urgent)

Package Title: REET 2 \$25,000 for Vancouver Lake
Limited to 50 characters for use in reports to County Council

Contact info: *name:* *email:* *phone:*

Requested Action: (Specific request including funding source, ongoing v one-time, and amount - 600 character limit)

To request Council approval for using Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 2, in the amount of \$25,000 in 2019 and \$25,000 in 2020 to partner with the Friends of Vancouver Lake in eradicating milfoil in Vancouver Lake.

(FYI, there is no spell check in the text boxes)

Justification: (Explain why this request is necessary and wasn't included in the adopted budget – 600 character limit)

Milfoil clogs waterways and blocks boating and swimming opportunities. It grows rapidly and spreads by fragmentation. Any boat, swimmer, or fish and wildlife breaking a piece contributes to its advancement. Dense growth of milfoil can have a negative impact on fish by obstructing space for larger fish, ultimately disrupting normal feeding patterns. Lake users noticed milfoil two years ago. This year it began encroaching into boating lanes. It is predicted to fill the lake in three years, strongly harming the recreational potential of the lake and having an adverse effect on the ecosystem.

Cost Estimate/Other Comments: (Provide support for cost estimate – 600 character limit)

Clark County is willing to assist with this endeavor by utilizing \$50,000 of REET 2 funds. The Port of Vancouver has committed to provide \$50,000 to Friends of Vancouver Lake. None of these monies include the existing funds in the Vancouver Lake Watershed partnership. The decision package will be provided in the fall supplemental of 2019 for \$25,000. During the 2020 budget process, we will prepare a decision package for the additional use of REET 2 of \$25,000 towards eradicating the milfoil.

Impacts/Outcomes if not approved: (Explain how programs will be affected – 450 character limit)

If this is not approved, there is the risk of having milfoil take over Vancouver Lake completely by 2021.

Vancouver Lake

Treatment program for milfoil

Clark County Public Works

July 16, 2019



Treatment program for milfoil

- Milfoil is a very invasive, non-native plant. It grows rapidly and spreads by fragmentation. So any piece that is broken off, contributes to its advancement. Milfoil notoriously clogs waterways and blocks boating and swimming opportunities.
- Milfoil is currently predicted to fill Vancouver Lake completely by 2021, which will strongly harm the recreational potential of the lake and have an adverse effect on the ecosystem.
- This request is for Council to contribute \$50,000 of REET 2 money, \$25,000 in 2019 and \$25,000 in 2020 for a partnership with the Friends of Vancouver Lake. Currently, the Port of Vancouver has committed \$50,000 to the Friends of Vancouver Lake for this endeavor.



Recreation in Vancouver Lake

