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Presentation – City of Puyallup Elodea Task Force

- The City of Puyallup gave a presentation on the Elodea Task Force:
 1. The task force discussed Clarks Creek elodea, evaluated contributing factors, reviewed past and current efforts and proposed short-term and long-term solutions.
 2. Members included: Puyallup Capital Stormwater Staff & Councilmembers, EPA, Ecology, WDFW, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, WSU-Puyallup, Pierce Conservation District, Legislative Representatives, and local citizens.
 3. Process developed short and long-term solutions, evaluated solutions for feasibility, developed Solutions Memorandum and these solutions were presented to Council for approval, and authorization to proceed with planning and seeking funds.
 4. Produced Clarks Creek Elodea Task Force Solutions Memorandum – Exhibit A
<http://www.cityofpuyallup.org/files/library/952a46b720fdf5fc.pdf>
 5. City of Puyallup supporting projects discussed.
 - 15th Street SW trunk line
 - Porous Alley Initiative
 - Clarks Creek Outfall Retrofits
 - 8th Ave NW LID Retrofit
 - Local Source Control Program
 - Elodea Management Program
 - Deadman’s Pond acquisition
 - Puyallup’s Rain Garden Program
 - Silver-Meeker Creek Riparian Restoration
 - Streamside property donations & restoration
 - Meeker Creek Stream & Riparian Restoration
 - Green Puyallup Partnership
 - Capital LID Retrofit Program
 - Upper Clarks Creek in-stream stabilization
 - Silver Creek in-stream stabilization project
 - Aggressive Street Sweeping Program
 - Comprehensive storm system cleaning
 - Riparian planting on private stream-side properties
 - Clarks Creek Park Riparian Restoration & Porous Maintenance Road

Question/Comments/ General Discussion

- Stakeholders discussed the riparian/shade section of the BMP chart. They identified current projects underway on large map of the watershed created by WSU and printed by EPA. The initial goal was to map and identify future projects sites using the Shade Memo and to prioritize them and have them ready for grant application process.
- The discussion lead to issues/roadblocks associated with riparian work (Beavers and reluctant private landowners).
- Currently planting everywhere possible and have planting funds - need access to land.

- Need to focus future efforts on education and outreach to change perceptions around riparian enhancement work (EPA agreed to summarize thoughts in a riparian implementation document). *See attached Document*

General

- WDFW has hired Doug Wiedemeier to replace the vacant Biologist position for the Clarks Creek Watershed.
- Ecology has hired new staff to replace Cindy James. Brett will remain TMDL lead through public comment process
- WSU Puyallup working on Stormwater conference and hiring new LID education staff

Next Meeting

- April 14, 2014 (Brett will confirm - EPA has conflict and need to touch base with Char)
- Will discuss sediment implementation projects