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Council Approves Funding for McAleer Creek Enhancements

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE — The City Council approved an additional \$45,000 in funding for Phase II of design services and permitting for the McAleer Creek Culvert Removal and Stream Bank Enhancement Project.

This project has been identified as a high priority for both the Mountlake Terrace City Council and the Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Watershed Forum, in which the city is a member.

Culverts in McAleer Creek between the Lake Ballinger weir and Interstate 5 on Nile Golf Course property partially block fish passage, create a maintenance issue with accumulated sediment and debris and can restrict flow of the creek during large storm events resulting in upstream flooding on Lake Ballinger.

Installation of bridges to replace up to three culverts along with stream bank vegetation enhancements will assist with fish passage, provide habitat improvements, reduce in-stream maintenance needs and provide major storm flood mitigation for Lake Ballinger. The project requires obtaining permits from the city, state and federal agencies. In addition, specialized expertise for work in the creek, habitat restoration and construction techniques will be needed to complete project permitting and design.

The benefits of completing the McAleer Creek Culvert Project in 2012 include lower costs and less disruption to the Nile Golf Course. A flood mapping project scheduled for 2013 would be deferred to make the funding available.

For more information on the McAleer Creek Culvert Removal and Stream Bank Enhancement Project, please visit www.cityofmlt.com.

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