



PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 07, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Snoqualmie City Hall, 38624 SE River Street & Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Catherine Cotton

Councilmembers: Dan Murphy

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENTS (online public comments will not be taken).

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes dated March 18, 2026

AGENDA BILLS

DISCUSSION

2. NPDES Stormwater Permit - Annual Update
3. Urban Forest Improvements Program Update

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT



PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2026

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Cotton called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: CM Daniel Murphy were present.

Mayor James Mayhew attended as well.

City Staff:

Dena Burke, City Attorney; Jeff Hamlin, Parks and Public Works Director; Robert Thrall, Deputy City Clerk; Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant; Jimmy Betts, IT Support; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Dylan Gamble, CIP Project Manager; Phil Bennett, Parks and Public Works Deputy Director; and Hind Ahmed, Project Engineer.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The agenda was approved as provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

MINUTES – The minutes dated February 18, 2026, were approved.

AGENDA BILLS –

1. AB26-006: Cottonwood and Hoff Park Playground Replacement

Gamble provided an overview of the playground replacement project, noting the City has successfully used the same vendor for the Centennial and Splash Pad projects and values their warranty program. Two additional pocket parks, South Creek and Thompson, were identified, with most metal components to be recycled. Existing playgrounds are roughly 20 years old and largely unsalvageable, though some smaller features may be reused. For Cottonwood Park, the plan retains the existing ramp and bark chips, resulting in a more modest update compared to all-access parks. Members discussed the cost of maintaining 40 parks and multiple playgrounds, acknowledging the need to right-size amenities. The item was approved to move forward on the Council consent agenda.

DISCUSSION

2. Council Waste Management Presentation -

The committee approved having Waste Management provide an annual report to the Council. The outreach coordinator, operations manager, and project manager will present findings and updates from the past year.

3. Snow Website Presentation –

Staff presented an updated snow-and-ice web page, including a revised plow map with clearer priority routes, an updated removal plan, FAQs, and guidance on what residents can expect during storms. A new de-icing section will be added to address recurring deep-freeze locations. Staff noted that past efforts to clear individual driveways were unsustainable and diverted resources from road clearing. The Mayor highlighted the significant work behind the updated communications, praising PPW staff for producing materials ahead of the recent storm and noting the strong positive public response. A similar “flood page” is in the works. A short presentation will be provided to the full Council, with more updates to come, and the item was approved to be added to an upcoming Council agenda.

4. Grant Application Summary – Meadowbrook Bridge

Staff reported that, at Congresswoman Schrier’s urging, the City submitted a 2027 grant application for approximately \$2.6 million for Meadowbrook Bridge repairs and restoration. The application builds on the prior year’s bridge grant materials and would require a local match. If the application advances past the first round, staff will have an opportunity to revise details and provide additional information. This item was approved to be added to a future Council agenda.

5. Pavement Management Plan Update

Staff provided an overview of the pavement management planning process, explaining that project priority is based on more than PCI score alone and may include maintaining higher-scoring streets to preserve the overall network condition. Staff reviewed historical pavement data from 2021 to present, budgeted and completed projects from 2023 and 2024, the 2026 preliminary paving list, and examples of pavement conditions by PCI category. Staff also described the use of StreetSaver software, five-year PCI surveys, coordination of related projects when possible, utility restoration planning, and the influence of regional conditions such as weather, solar radiation, and soil. The presentation will be posted publicly on the website and was approved to be added to a future Council agenda.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.

Minutes prepared by Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the _____, 2026, Parks & Public Works Committee Meeting.



2025 NPDES Stormwater Report

April 7th, 2025

Parks & Public Works

PURPOSE



Educate the committee on NPDES Stormwater Permit requirements, accomplishments, and upcoming projects

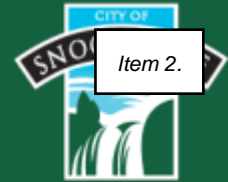
Background

- EPA - Clean water act (1972)
- DoE manages permits for Wa Cities
- Ph. II Permittee (<100,000 pop.)
- Ecology Stormwater Management Manual For Western Washington
- 2024-2029 Permit Cycle ←

Stormwater Management Manual
for Western Washington



2025 Stormwater Highlights



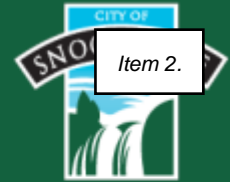
- Inspected 1569 Catch basins. Cleaned 366
- Inspected all 62 facilities. Performed maint. On 51
- Created Ed & Outreach plan
- Inspected 3 construction sites
- Performed 25 business inspections, resulting in 4 corrective action letters
- Received \$135k in grants - biannual



Bio-Swale Clearing

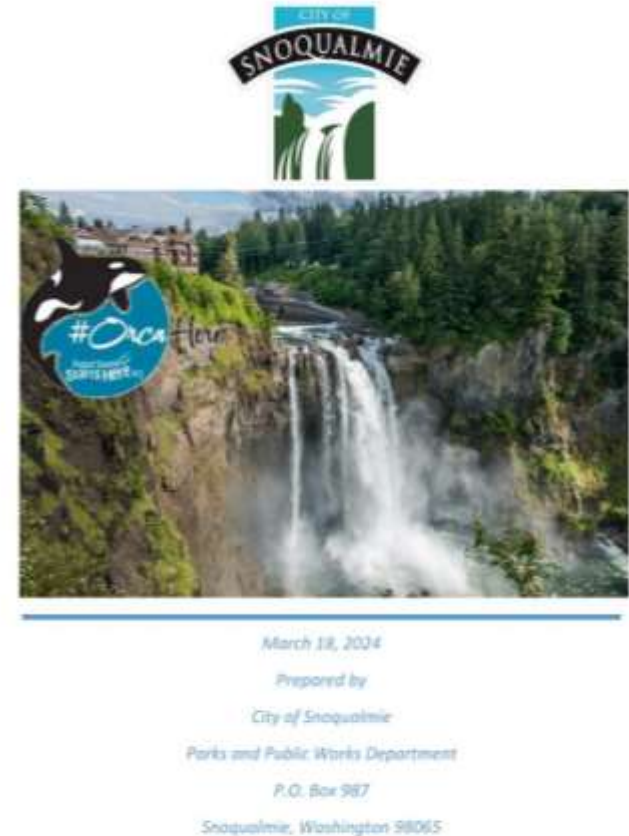


NPDES Stormwater Permit

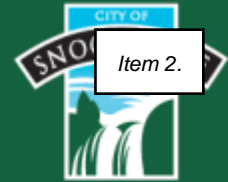


2024-2029 Permit Cycle Components

1. Stormwater Planning
2. Public Education and Outreach
3. Public Involvement and Participation
4. System Mapping and Documentation
5. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
6. Controlling Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment & Construction Sites
7. Stormwater Management for Existing Development (SMED) & (SMAP)
8. Source Control for Existing Development
9. Operations and Maintenance



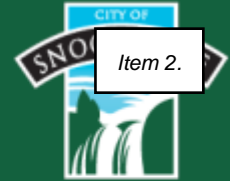
General Ongoing Items



- Ongoing Implementation of Ed & Outreach programs
- Promote stewardship activities
- Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination Program
 - Maintain hotline and response for illicit discharges
 - Field screen 12% of MS4/ yr
- Educate & inspect 20% of businesses for potential stormwater runoff annually
- Operation & Maintenance
 - Inspect all 62 City owned facilities annually
 - Perform maintenance accordingly
 - Inspect 100% of ~3100 Catch basins every other year
 - Clean out if 40% full or more (~400 per year)
- Ensure New Development meets Stormwater Code
 - Review all site plans for compliance
 - Inspect all construction sites
 - Verify maintenance plan in place accordingly



New Permit Items



2025 - Completed

- Develop Social Marketing campaign based on 2024 evaluation
- Begin social marketing campaign

2026

- Submit locations of all MS4 outfalls
- Begin identifying tree canopy

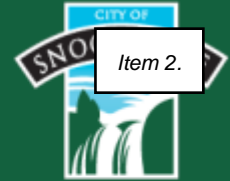
 = Resource Heavy Item

 = Already being done

2027

- Implement procedures to reduce PFAS spread during firefighting procedures
- Track costs to implement permit
- Coordination with long range plan updates
- **SMAP (Stormwater Management Action Plan) for at least one new priority catchment area or additional actions for existing SMAP (Kimball Creek)**
- Adopt updated stormwater design manual: Stormwater Manual for Western Washington → King County Surface Water Design Manual

New Permit Items Cont.



2027 - Continued

- Update Illicit discharge ordinance
- Develop and implement municipal street sweeping program
- Update source control ordinance and/ or enforceable documents
- Update SOPs to address PCBs in City-owned buildings

2028

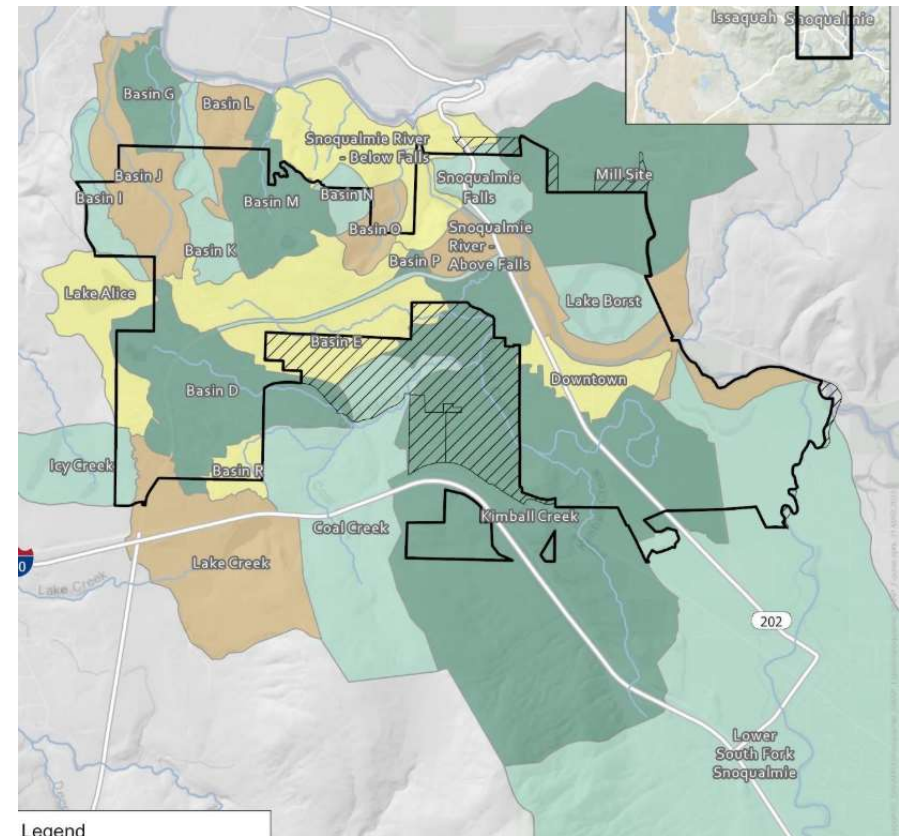
- Map and assess acreage of MS4 basins to 24"+ outfalls and estimate area managed by stormwater treatment and flow control facilities
- S5.C.7.c – Stormwater Management for Existing Development (SMED)
- Adopt and implement tree canopy goals
- Map overburdened communities in relation to stormwater

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Stormwater Management Action Plan

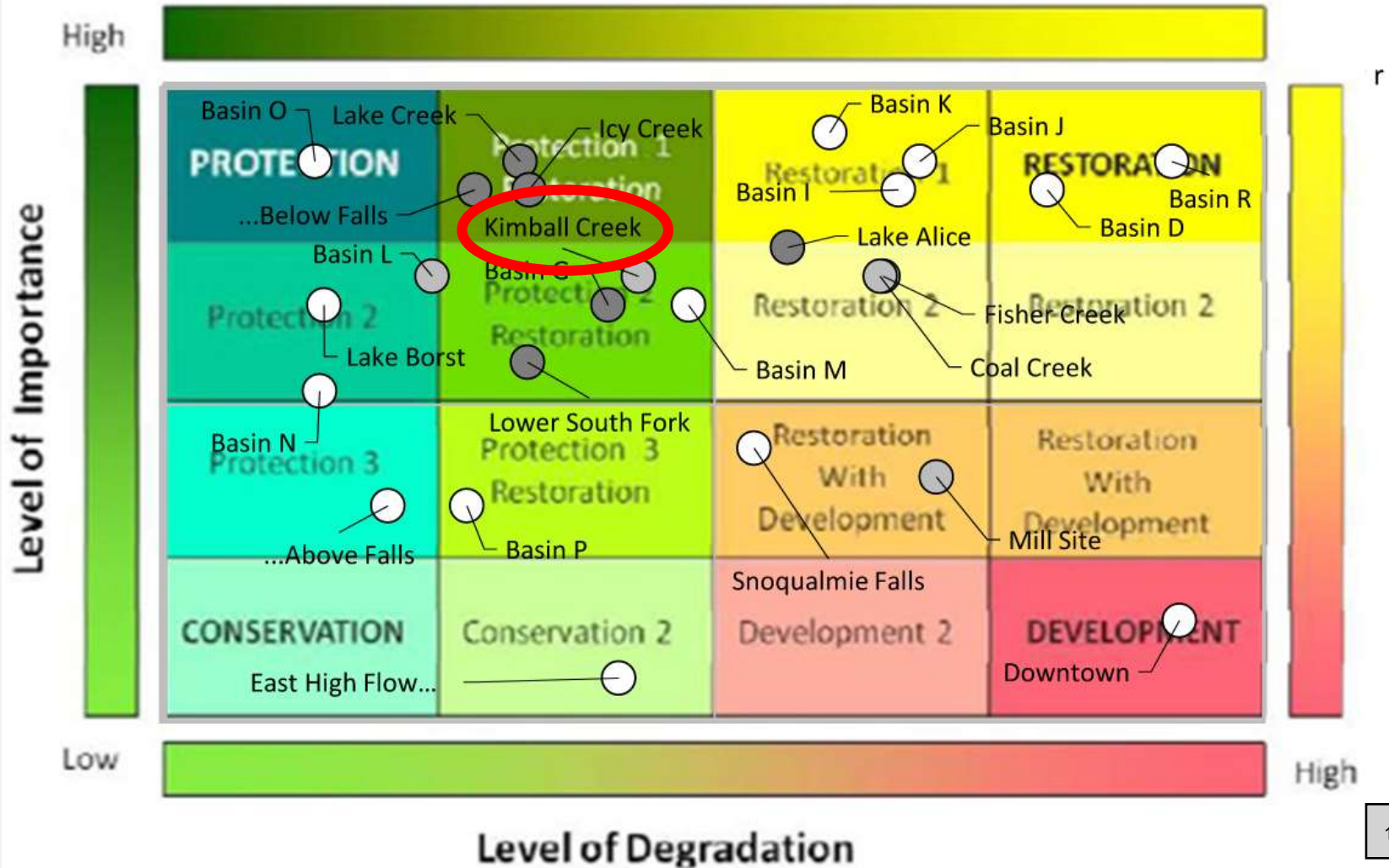
- Perform citywide watershed assessment
 - Prioritize watersheds for retrofits and other stormwater actions
 - Create list of potential projects for watershed
 - Develop a Stormwater management action plan
- 2024 SMAP selected Kimball Creek as Priority watershed



SMAP

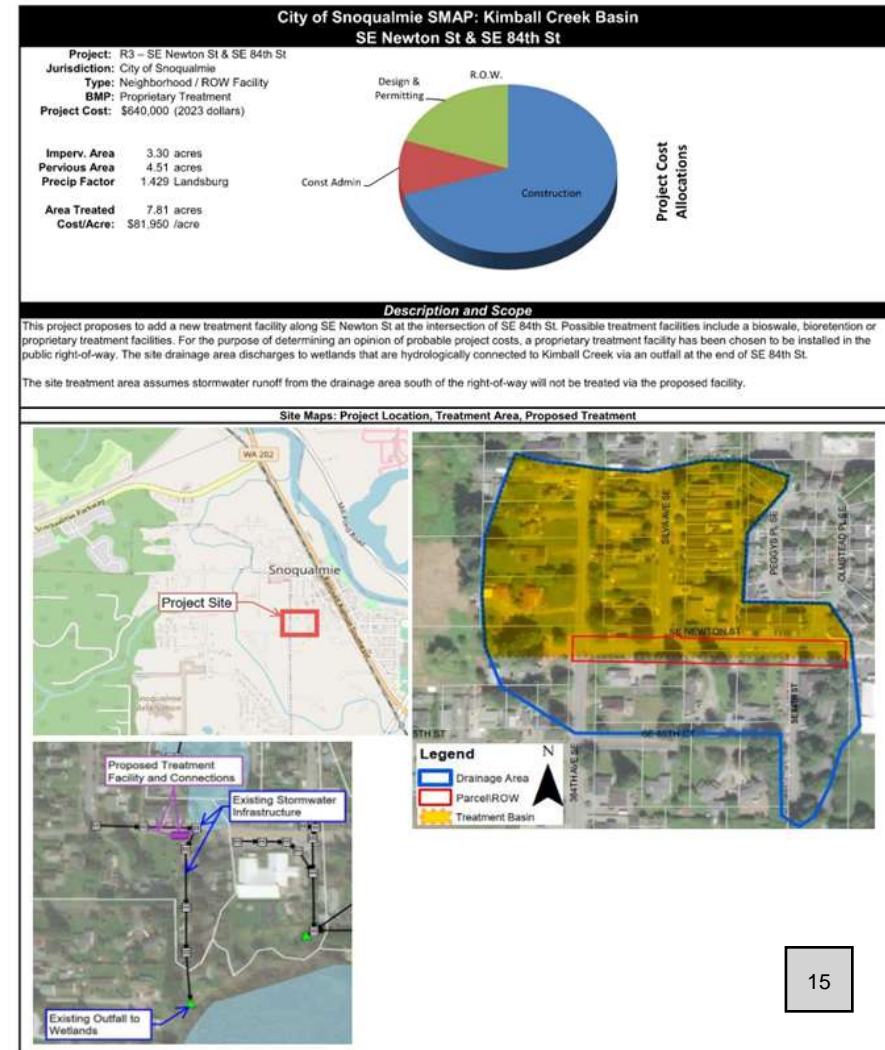


Stormwater Management Action Plan



Stormwater Management for Existing Development

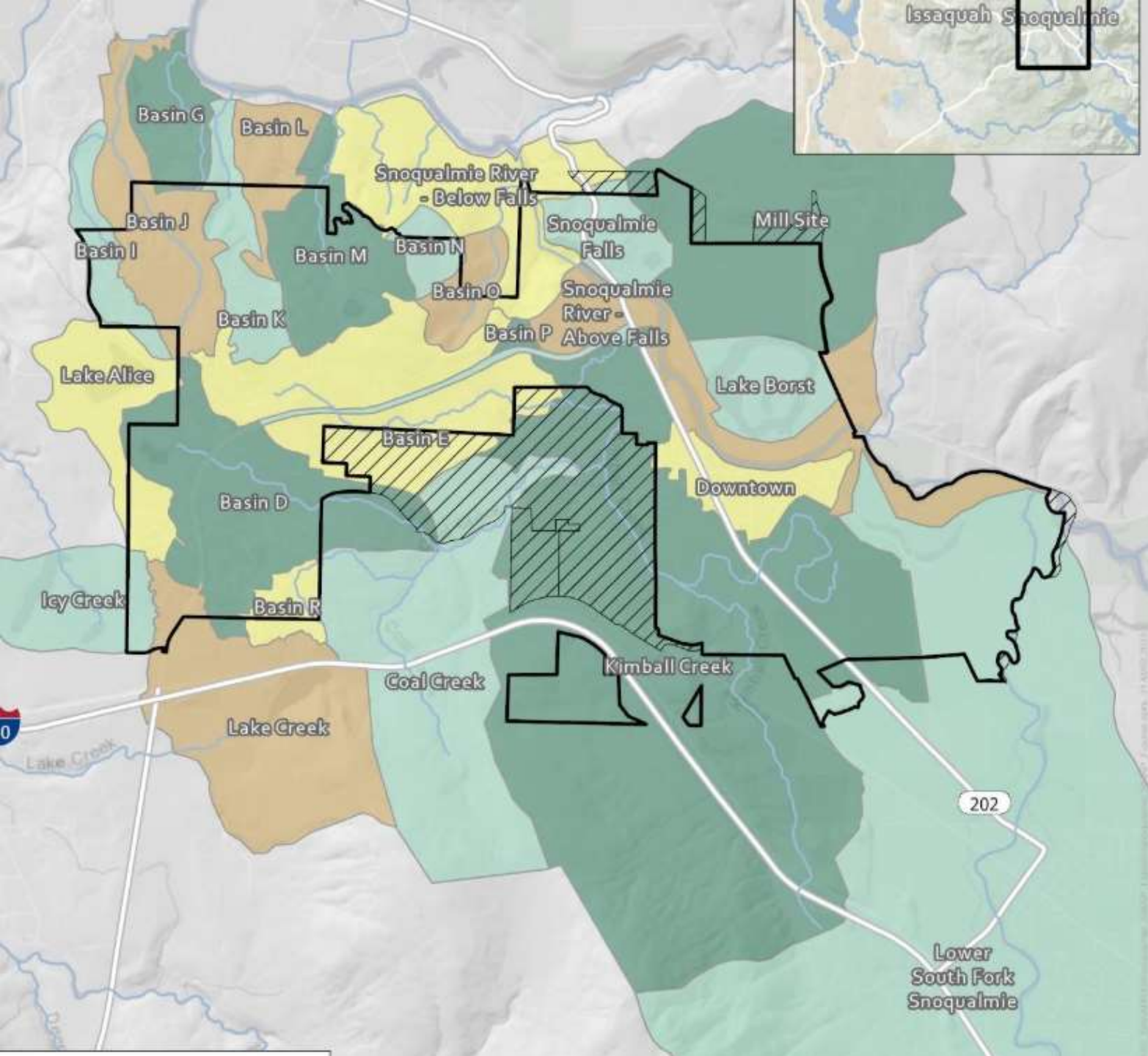
- Implementation of the SMAP
- By 2028 - Fully fund/ start construction that restores 2.3 acres of Kimball Creek basin
- Report the amount of estimated or projected equivalent acres managed by stormwater retrofits for the next Phase II Permit
- CIP item Kimball Creek Riparian Restoration covers this cost





**Thank You
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Questions?**





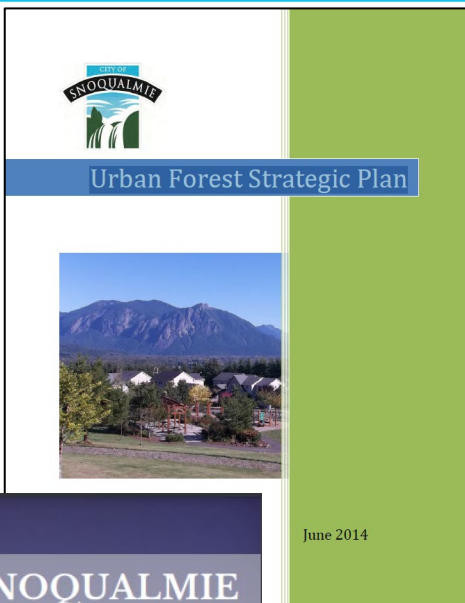
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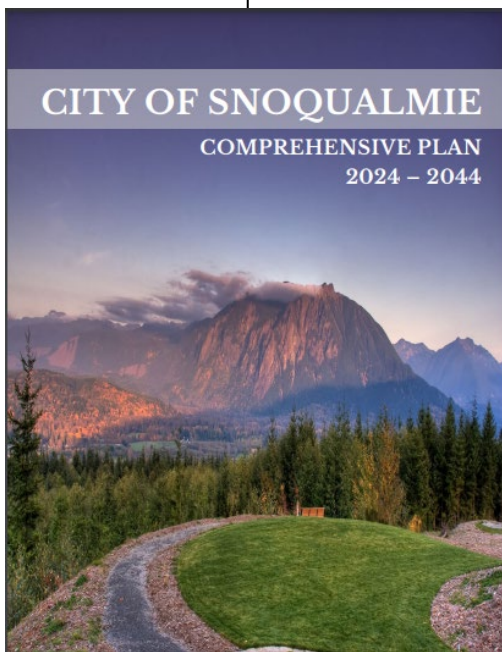
Urban Forest Improvements Program & 2026 Street Tree Replacement Project



Why do we have this program?



“Promote tree planting, preservation, and maintenance on public and private lands to enhance the city’s beauty, environmental health, wildlife habitat, and to take advantage of the economic value contributed by urban forests.”



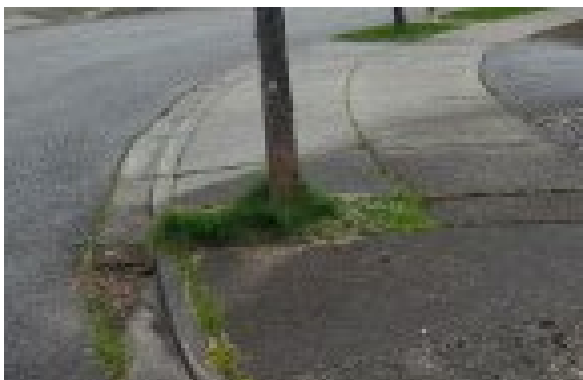
“Policy P&R – 7.4: “Plant street trees on all new streets and ensure street trees are prioritized in improvement plans for existing city streets...”

What problem are we solving?



- 110 Streets in SR1 **do not have sufficient soil volume or drainage** in the planter strip to support healthy tree growth.
- This has led to slow rates of tree growth, early death, sidewalk damage and trees uprooting in storms.
- If we do nothing, canopy cover on Snoqualmie Ridge will **decrease** as trees fail, resulting in a loss of benefits including:
 - Stormwater retention
 - Property values
 - Energy costs

Hindsight: *Had we been here 20 years ago*



- The soils within Snoqualmie Ridge (SR1) planter strips *would be specified to meet fundamental requirements*
- **Each tree** should have 300 cubic feet of soil to provide:
 - High rates of growth
 - Extended lifespan
 - Minimal storm failures
 - Minimal infrastructure conflicts
- **Proper drainage installation** would be prioritized knowing that glacial-till soils create glacial-till bathtubs
- **We would have planted suitable tree species** to increase their environmental, economic and social Services.

What we have done so far



1. A **street tree replacement priority criteria** for Snoqualmie Ridge (SR1) was developed to determine where resources should be used first.
2. Engineering specifications and designs, and program cost estimates were developed.
3. The **Urban Forest Improvements Capital Program** was started in 2020 – funded by the Stormwater Utility.
4. 4 streets in SR1 have been replaced since 2020

We are constantly working on program effectiveness with every individual project.

Updated Program Criteria in 2026



We have learned new things from experience on the ground and updated the criteria accordingly:

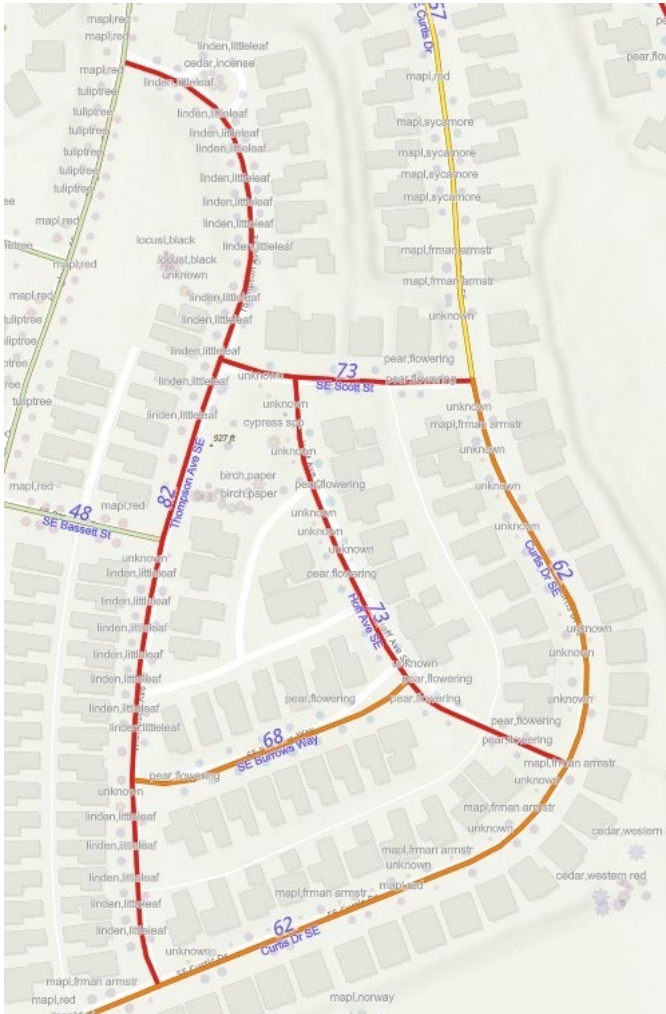
- 1) Multiple problematic species per street scored higher due to additive nature of rubric
- 2) Residents let us know that negative aspects of certain tree species were undervalued **(aphids)**
- 3) Existing canopy cover in surrounding area was not considered in the original assessment
- 4) Data was not updated to reflect many new empty sites from storm failures/sidewalk conflicts

Updated Prioritization in 2026

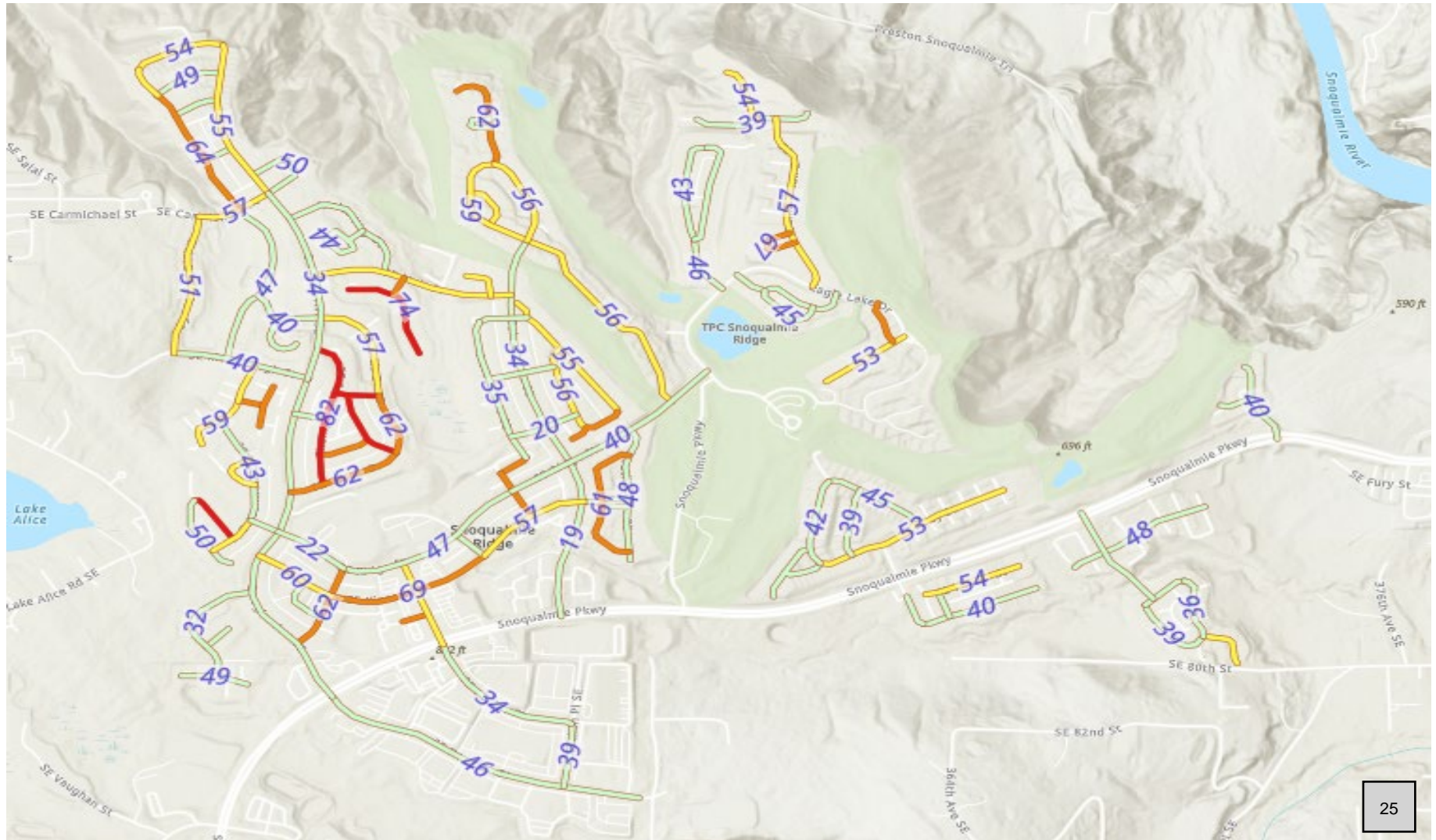


Driven by 3 questions/factors:

- **Existing Tree Quality**
 - Which trees are worth keeping for now?
- **Infrastructure Damage**
 - Which trees are causing expensive repairs and replacement of gray infrastructure?
- **Urban Tree Canopy Coverage – the lack thereof...**
 - Where can improvements have the most impact?



Updated Priority for SRI Replacements



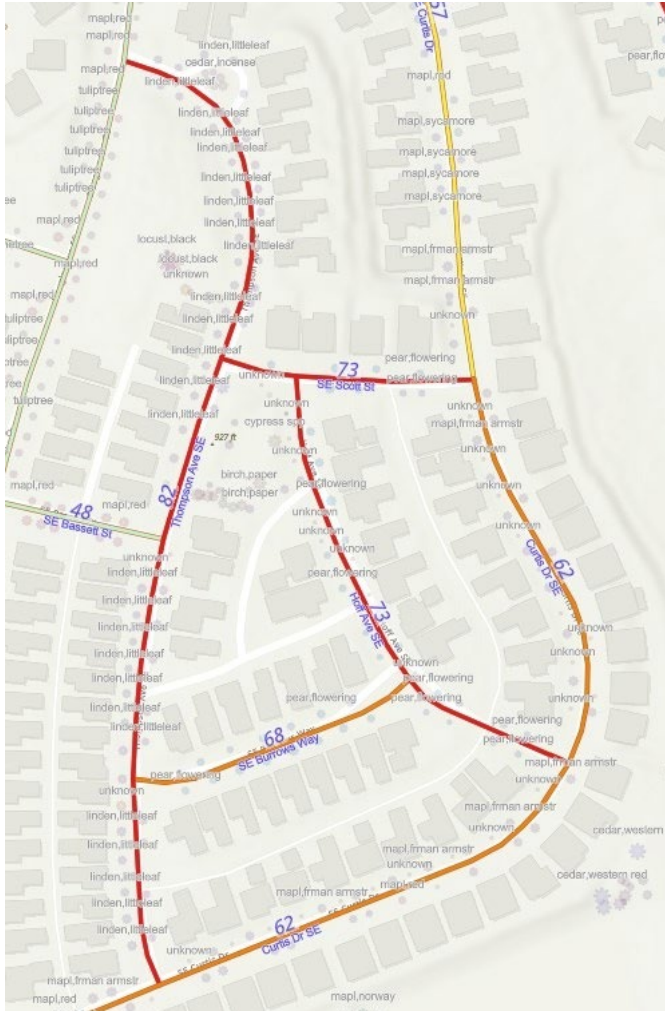
Planned Project for 2026



Thompson Avenue Score of 82 = Priority 1

The Plan:

- 1500 linear feet of planter strip improvements.
- 60 – 80 new trees
- Fix poor drainage
- Repair sidewalk damage
- Increase tree canopy coverage
- **END** the Aphid issues on Thompson

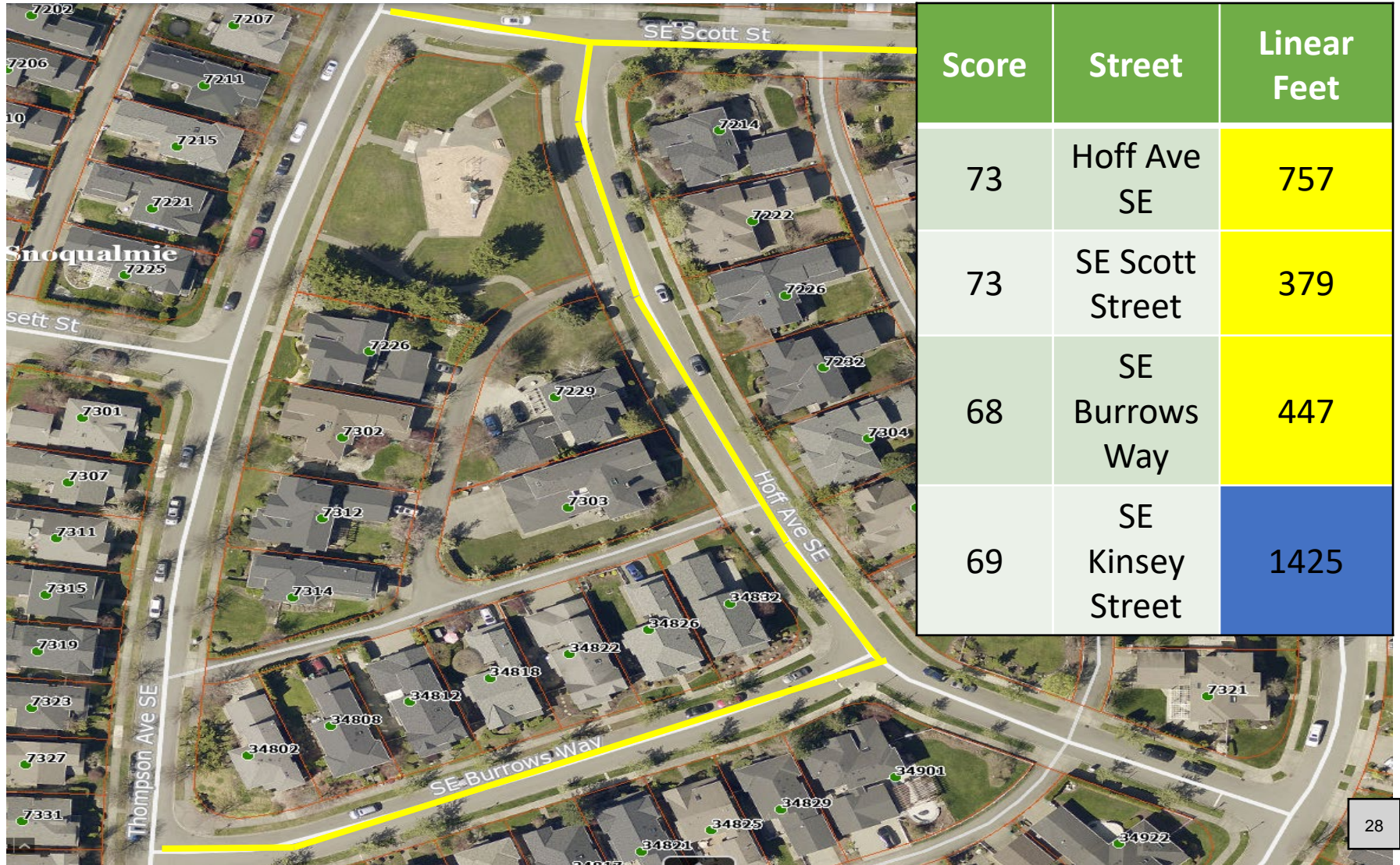


Projects Planned for 2026 - 2032



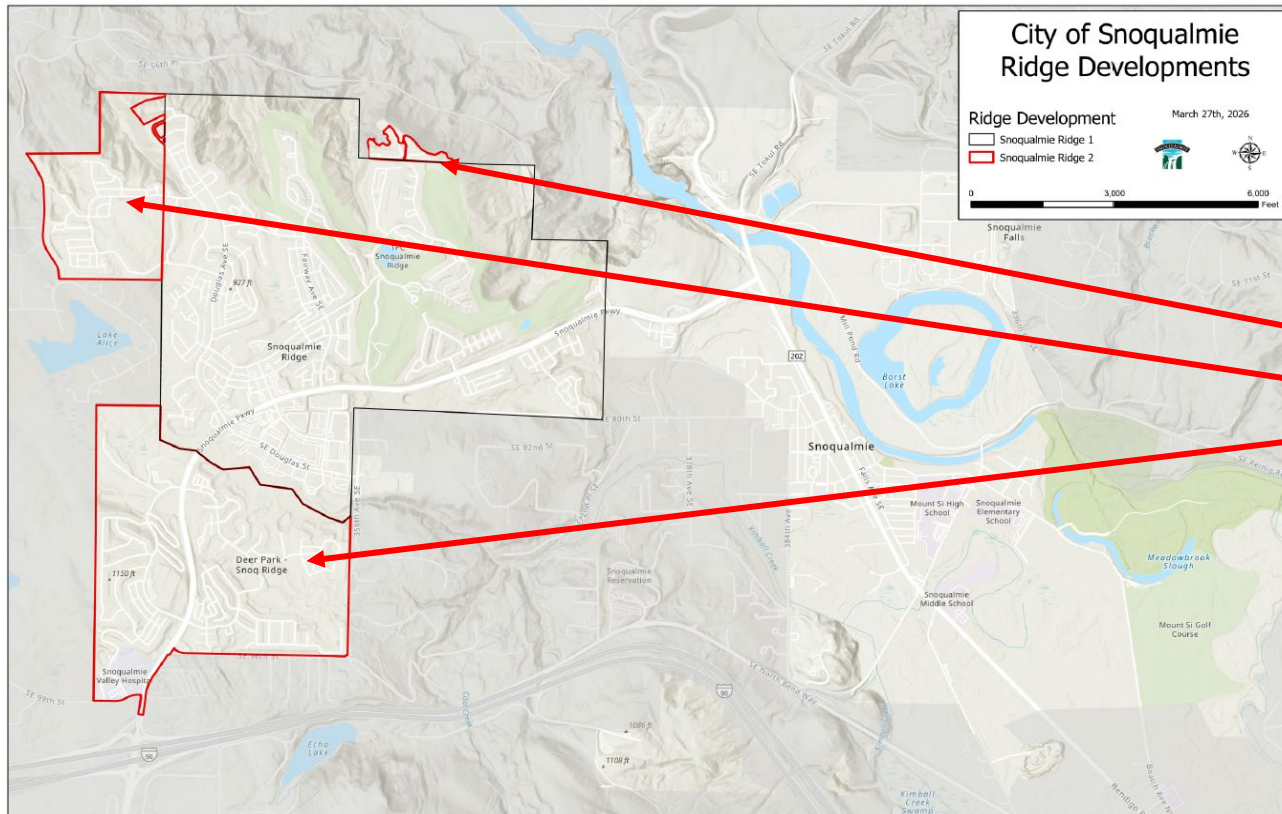
Total Replacement Score	Street	Date	Approximately 1500 Linear Feet per Project
82	Thompson Ave SE	2026	1497
77	Raven Ave SE	2028	521
74	Rhododendron Ave SE	2028	1045
73	Hoff Ave SE	2030	757
73	SE Scott Street	2030	379
68	SE Burrows Way	2030	447
69	SE Kinsey Street	2032	1425

Ordinal Vs. Proximal



What about SR II?

SR II landscape standards are superior to SR I: The soils are better, trees will live longer, and can be replaced by our own staff at less cost than SR I trees **without extensive soil improvement**



Trees will be replaced annually, based on priority/available resources.

Thank you for your time and support!

