



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: Pattee Creek Restoration Letter of Agreement

Date: June 16, 2022

Sponsor(s): Tracy Campbell

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:
Approve the agreement with DEQ

Recommended Motion(s):
I move the City Council: Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Agreement to accept grant funds of \$5,000 with the State of Montana, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	June, 22, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	June 27, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:
The City of Missoula Stormwater Utility and Missoula Conservation District are hosting a Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) member, Mackenzie Tenan, for the service term year of 2022. Big Sky Watershed Corps is an AmeriCorps grant funded program that is a collaboration of Montana Conservation Corps (MCC), Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC), and Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD). The program focuses on watershed and water quality health and uses these members to carry out tasks for different host sites such as local government entities and watershed groups.

Pattee Creek is a waterbody that is part of the larger Pattee Creek Watershed. It is a tributary to the impaired Bitterroot River and has been deemed as a “stream of concern in the Bitterroot watershed” due to impairments such as alterations in streamside and littoral vegetative covers, sedimentation, and temperature. These have all been caused by significant residential development. This creek has often been overlooked to have a need of restoration. Through two grants awarded from MWCC and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) of \$5,308 and \$4,975 respectively, Mackenzie will lead a restoration effort through revegetation of the riparian areas, education, and outreach. Specifically, the grant from MWCC is named “BSWC NPS Project Support” to award her grant money to complete a nonpoint source pollution-related

project in her term of service. This project that she is leading is a foundational beginning for a long-term goal of restoring the entirety of Pattee Creek so it can be restored to a more “natural function.”

Financial Implications:

\$5,000.00 revenue to the Stormwater Enterprise Fund

Links to external websites: