



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
CITY OF BELLINGHAM
AND
AFSCME Local 114**

I. PURPOSE:

To memorialize an agreement between the City of Bellingham and AFSCME Local #114 regarding the Bellingham Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments' intent to use the Whatcom County Offender Work program to perform certain maintenance activities for the City of Bellingham.

The City of Bellingham and AFSCME Local #114 want to collaboratively assist the County and greater community in meeting its criminal justice goals and objectives.

II. SCOPE:

This Letter of Understanding covers maintenance work falling under the various programs, funds and activities managed and under the responsibility of the City of Bellingham Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments.

III. AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES:

Section 1

Public Works Department:

The City will utilize the Whatcom County in-custody work crew to perform regular and routine maintenance of grounds, right of way, streets, alleys, and sidewalks consistent with the locations and types of activities including the following:

Sidewalk/Curb Sod/Grass Cleaning

1. Alabama (Cornwall to Birch Street)
2. Alabama (Birch Street to Northshore Drive)*
3. F St (Cornwall to Holly)
4. Northshore Drive (Poplar to Academy)*
5. Barkley Dr (Carrington to Golf Ball Driving Range)
6. Barkley Dr (Carrington to Britton)*
7. Lakeway Dr (Ellis to City Limits)
8. Yew St (Lakeway to City Limits)
9. Woburn (Illinois to Iowa Drive)
10. Lincoln (Meador to Lakeway)
11. Northwest Ave (Elm to McLeod)
12. 32nd (Old Fairhaven Pkwy to Fielding)
13. Old Fairhaven Pkwy (12th to I-5)
14. 21st St (Bill McDonald Pkwy to Donovan)
15. Sunset Dr (Orleans to West Illinois)
16. Meridian (Broadway to Kellogg)
17. Electric (Bloedel to Dakin)
18. Illinois (Cornwall to NW Ave)
19. Cornwall Ave (Illinois to Ohio)
20. Birchwood Ave (Northwest Ave to Meridian)
21. Elm St (North to Broadway)
22. Roeder Ave (Squalicum to C St) including Parkway
23. Orleans St (Texas to Sunset)
24. Meador (James to Lincoln)
25. Iowa (James to Moore)

*Watershed area can only be cleaned from June 1st thru Sept 30th.

Tree Well Weeding

1. Alabama St (Cornwall to Birch St)
2. Alabama St (Birch St to Northshore Dr)*
3. Barkley Dr (Carrington to Golf Ball Driving Range)
4. Barkley Dr (Carrington to Britton)*
5. Cornwall Ave (Ohio St to E. North St)
6. Dupont St (Broadway Ave to Pickett Bridge)
7. F St (Holly St to Cornwall Ave)
8. Girard St (Broadway Ave to A St)
9. Harris Ave (Ferry Terminal to 13th St)
10. James St (Sunset Dr to Iowa St)
11. Ivy St Connector
12. Lakeway Dr (Ellis St to Silver Beach Rd)
13. Meridian St (Illinois St to E. Victor St)
14. Meridian St (Orchard St to Horton Rd)
15. Mill St (10th St to 11th St)
16. N. State St (James St to Laurel St)
17. Ohio St (Cornwall Ave to James St)
18. Potter St (King St to Lincoln St)
19. Puget St (Potter St to Gladstone St)
20. Roeder Ave (Squalicum Truck Route to C St)
21. Sunset Dr (Lincoln St to Orleans St)
22. 10th St (Mill St to Donovan Ave)
23. 11th St (Mill St to Larrabee St)
24. 12th St (Harris Ave to Larrabee St)
25. Downtown (All of CBD)

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Lift and Pump Stations

1. Geneva Gate House (4800 Lakeway Dr)
2. 38th St. PS/Padden Res.(2600 38th St.)
3. 40th St. Res.(1399 40th St)
4. Balsam Ln. PS/Dakin Res (3900 Balsam Ln)
5. Consolidation PS/Res (2500 Yew Street Rd)
6. James St. PS (4185 James St Rd)
7. Marietta Res (1404 Marietta Ave)
8. Otis PS (1119 Otis St)
9. Reveille Res / PS (2400 Yew St Rd (Res) 2421 Yew St Rd (PS)
10. Short PS (200 Short St)
11. College Way PS/Res (Was Sunset) (231 Highland Dr)
12. Woburn PS (2838 Woburn St)
13. Northshore LS(914 Northshore Dr)
14. Oak St. LS(102 Oak St)
15. Willow LS / Edgemoore Gen.(103 Willow Rd)

Roundabouts and Traffic Calming Islands

1. Northwest Avenue and I-5 (North of I-5)
2. Northwest Avenue and McLeod Road (South of I-5)
3. Cordata Parkway and Westerly Road
4. Wharf Street Roundabout
5. Texas Street and Queen Street
6. Texas Street and Toledo Street
7. Texas Street and Michigan Street
8. Nevada Street and Whatcom Street
9. Nevada Street and Edwards Avenue
10. Ellis Street and Connecticut Street
11. Ellis Street and Maryland Street
12. Cordata Avenue and Horton (dead end of Horton)
13. New roundabouts as constructed

Street Islands and Vegetation Strips

1. Lakeway Drive (I-5 to Ellis Street)
2. Barkley Drive (Rimland Drive to Britton Road)
3. East McLeod Road (Sunset Drive to Chandler Drive)
4. Bakerview Road (I-5 to Cordata Avenue)
5. Railroad Avenue (Chestnut Street to Magnolia Street)

Street Division Work

1. Cleanup of transient camps throughout the City of Bellingham. This entails cleaning up camps under bridges and other various places (litter and garbage pickup).
2. Maintenance of city sidewalks, pathways and multi-use trails. This includes scraping and shoveling sod and weeds where the sidewalk meets the curb line and where vegetation is encroaching at the back of the sidewalk.

Natural Resources Items

Stream clean up/ trash removal	Whatcom Cr	crews would pick up trash along Whatcom Creek from Woburn St to mouth on regular basis
Stream clean up/ trash removal	Squalicum Cr	crews would pick up trash along Squalicum Creek from Bug Lake to the mouth
Stream clean up/ trash removal	Padden Cr	crews would pick up trash along Padden Creek from I-5 to mouth on regular basis
Spread mulch at various project sites	City creeks and Lake Whatcom watershed	spread mulch around existing native tree and shrub plantings
Euclid Park		Vegetation Management
Invasive Removal	Agate Bay Preserve	Large scale blackberry removal (5+ acres total)
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Section 2

Parks and Recreation Department:

The City will utilize the Whatcom County in-custody work crew to:

Park Operation Work

Cleanup of transient camps throughout the City of Bellingham. This entails cleaning up camps under bridges and other various places (litter and garbage pickup).

Vegetation management (removal of invasive species including ivy, blackberries, clematis, and others) in undeveloped open space and natural areas in the following locations:

1. Chuckanut Community Forest (Fairhaven Park)
2. Sehome Arboretum
3. Salmon Woods
4. Whatcom Creek Greenway corridor, including undeveloped areas of Whatcom Falls Park
5. Arroyo Park Natural Area
6. Squalicum Creek Greenway corridor
7. Cordata Open space and trails
8. Bear Creek Open Space (Riley property)
9. Interurban Greenway corridor
10. Euclid Open Space
11. Undeveloped areas of Little Squalicum Park
12. Viewpoint Trail at Woodstock Farm

The weekly use of the Whatcom County Offender Work Program will become a regular on-going practice. The City agrees to not use the Offender work program at developed areas of City Parks or similar real property (for instance, the Library, Public Works Operations, Police Department, etc.) unless the location is noted in this document. At no time shall the City supplant or replace work currently performed by Union members with this agreement.

Section 3 Term of Agreement

The term of this Agreement shall be from the date signed through the duration of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and may be extended and/or amended upon mutual agreement by the parties in writing.

Section 4 Dispute Resolution

A dispute over alleged violation(s) of this Agreement shall resolved through Article 17, Grievance Procedure of the current collective bargaining agreement.

Section 5

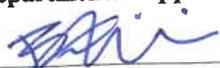
By entering into this LOU, each party reserves its rights regarding the bargaining unit status of the maintenance activities covered by this LOU. Specifically, the Union understands the City's position that portions of the work are currently being performed by non-bargaining unit members. By entering into this LOU, the City does not intend to change the status of such work and waive any legal rights. The Union also reserves all of its legal rights.

DATED this 9 day of May, 2018 for AFSCME Local 114.


 AFSCME 114 President


 WSCCCE Staff Representative

Departmental Approval:


 Deputy Administrator


 Public Works Director