



## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee**  
 FROM: **Hari Ponnekanti, Public Works Director/ City Engineer**  
 BY: **Brittany Robinson, Public Works Grant Analyst**  
 CC: **Mayor Ekberg**  
 DATE: **November 4, 2022**  
 SUBJECT: **Surface Water Fund – Nelsen Side Channel**  
**Project No. 91641203**  
**King County Open Spaces River Corridors Grant Award**

### **ISSUE**

Accept a King County (KC) Open Spaces River Corridors (OSRC) grant award to fund the Nelsen Side Channel Project.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Nelsen side channel is a remnant section of the Green River as it existed prior to the construction of the I-405 in the 1960s. The remnant channel is separated from the mainstem of the river by a constructed levee but offers potential as off-channel rearing habitat for threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon and other aquatic species. This project will set the levee back to create a ±1.2-acre side channel, restore an acre of riparian forest, provide additional flood storage and provide public access to the river. Currently, there is a concept design in place for this project and property transfer arrangements are underway between the City, WDNR and WSDOT.

### **DISCUSSION**

In December 2021, Council approved staff to apply for OSRC funding. The OSRC program goal is to deliver projects that help restore the natural functions of rivers and the benefits they provide to our environment and communities. The City recently received notification that it was awarded an OSRC grant award to fund Nelsen Side Channel project design and permitting.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City has been awarded \$250,000 from the King County OSRC, which requires a 20% local city match of \$62,500. The City received \$100,000 in grant funding from King County’s Cooperative Watershed Management fund, which can act as match for this grant.

	<b><u>Grant Award</u></b>	<b><u>Fund Source</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
OSRC Grant	\$ 250,000	KC CWM Grant	\$100,000
Required Match	<u>62,500</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 312,500</b>		

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council is being asked to formally accept the King County OSRC grant award in the amount of \$250,000 for the Nelsen Side Channel Project and consider this item on the Consent Agenda at the November 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

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# CITY OF TUKWILA CAPITAL PROJECT SUMMARY

2021 to 2026

**PROJECT:** Nelsen Salmon Habitat Side Channel Project No. 91641203

**DESCRIPTION:** Create an off-channel salmon rearing habitat side channel by connecting a segment of historic river channel with the Green River.

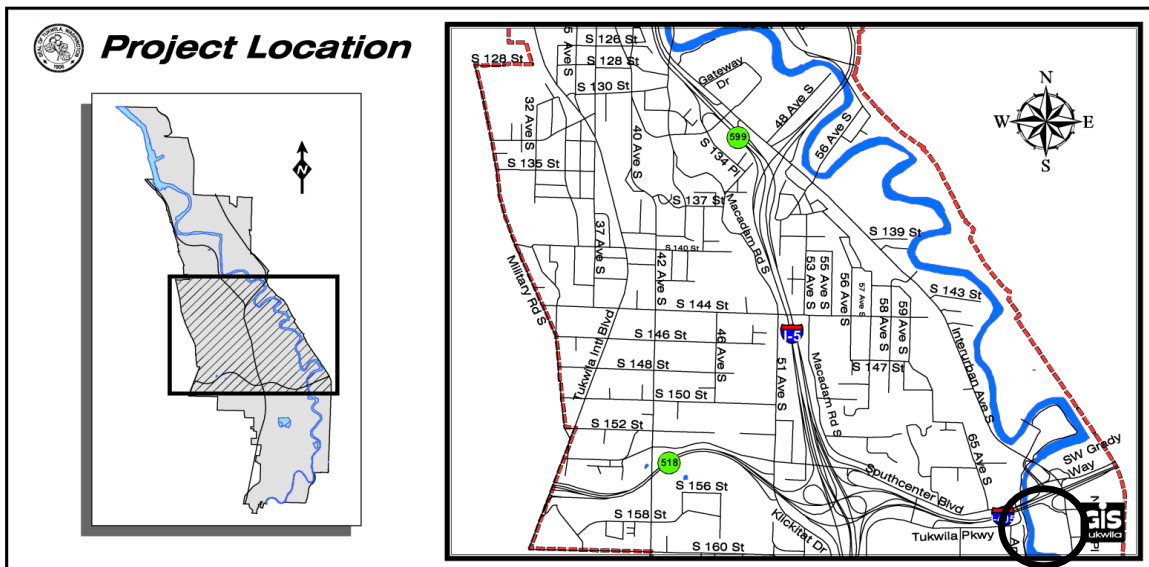
**JUSTIFICATION:** WRIA 9 has identified this project a proposed action in the Salmon Habitat Plan.

**STATUS:** The project area is primarily within State lands, but the intent is to transfer to City. The project may take place under an aquatic lease (DNR), depending on timing. Grant application for design funding submitted to Floodplains in 2020 with a low probability of success.

**MAINT. IMPACT:** Expected to increase maintenance

**COMMENT:** Property acquisition to the north could create the opportunity for a side channel and additional flood storage, or potentially combine this with Gilliam Creek Fish Barrier project depending on funding source feedback.

FINANCIAL (in \$000's)	Through Estimated									TOTAL
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	BEYOND	
<b>EXPENSES</b>										
Design		50	220	240						510
Land (R/W)		5	5							10
Monitoring										0
Const. Mgmt.					385					385
Construction					1,440					1,440
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,345</b>
<b>FUND SOURCES</b>										
Awarded Grant										0
Proposed Grant			100	218	1,232					1,550
Mitigation Actual										0
Mitigation Expected										0
City Oper. Revenue	0	55	125	22	593	0	0	0	0	795
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,345</b>



## Brittany Robinson

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**From:** King County Parks Levy <administrator@grantinterface.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:20 PM  
**To:** Brittany Robinson  
**Cc:** rmilholland@kingcounty.gov  
**Subject:** Open Space – River Corridors Program Grant Award  
**Attachments:** KC-W9.pdf; ACH\_Agreement.pdf

08/16/2022

**To:** Brittany Robinson, City of Tukwila  
**From:** Rusty Milholland, Program Manager, King County Parks

Dear Brittany,

Congratulations, your Open Space – River Corridors grant award has been approved by the King County Council! City of Tukwila was approved for Nelsen Side Channel in the amount of \$250,000.00. Your project is one of 14 grants totaling over \$5 million in investments!

Please feel free to share our King County Parks [press release](#) with your community partners.

We appreciate your patience and support through our first Open Space – River Corridors grant process. This grant program is supported by the voter-approved [2020-2025 Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy](#) which generates about \$110 million over six years for grants for parks, recreation, and open space throughout King County.

To prepare for the contracting process, please complete the following next steps by **August 31, 2022**:

- Provide us with the name and email of **signing authority**: representative authorized to sign the contract with King County

- For organizations that have not previously received funding from King County:
  - Complete and sign **W9**: required to set-up your organization within our contracting system
  - Complete and sign **ACH Form**: required for direct deposit of grant reimbursements

Once we receive this information, we will contact you to preview the next steps in developing the contract. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rusty Milholland, Program Manager, at [rmilholland@kingcounty.gov](mailto:rmilholland@kingcounty.gov) or 206.848.0299.

Thank you for your commitment and partnership to restore the natural functions of rivers and the benefits they provide to our natural environment and communities.

Sincerely,  
Rusty Milholland

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