

ORDINANCE No. 183914

Establish GreenBucks to solicit voluntary donations for the construction, maintenance, repair and improvement of sustainable stormwater facilities located on public school properties within the City (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. In many Portland neighborhoods, a combined sewer system mixes untreated sewage and stormwater runoff in a single pipe. On rainy days, runoff from buildings, streets, and other hard surfaces fills these combined sewers to capacity and they overflow into the Willamette River.
2. For many years, the Bureau of Environmental Services has developed and implemented projects that help to remove stormwater from the piped sewer system by directing stormwater flows to landscaped facilities such as rain gardens, swales, and ecoroofs. These facilities slow the flow of stormwater, reducing flooding and erosion, destruction of fish and wildlife habitat, and the incidents of combined sewer overflows (CSOs).
3. The Bureau has partnered with public schools within the City of Portland for over 10 years to promote the development and installation of sustainable stormwater facilities. These public schools have provided coordination and logistical support. BES and non-profits have provided funds for construction in the form of grants, technical assistance and classroom educational programs.
4. These facilities benefit the public sewer system, help to improve general watershed health, promote greener, healthier public schools, and provide additional learning opportunities for public school students. Furthermore, the stormwater facilities help meet City goals to reduce combined overflows and the districts qualify for stormwater user fee discounts under the City's Clean River Rewards program.
5. In order to operate effectively, these facilities must be properly maintained. Proper maintenance includes keeping them free of debris, conducting periodic pruning and weeding, and replacing plants as needed.
6. The Bureau recognizes the need for consistent and cost effective maintenance for these facilities to ensure that they function properly and efficiently and remove stormwater from the City's sewer pipes, improve public school property and are aesthetically pleasing to the community.
7. Public school districts are facing unprecedented financial challenges that severely restrict their ability to effectively maintain stormwater management facilities. New strategies are needed to ensure that these stormwater management facilities are properly and effectively maintained.
8. The Bureau proposes a new program to help underwrite the costs of effective maintenance of stormwater facilities on public school properties located with the City. "GreenBucks" will allow City sewer and stormwater ratepayers to make regular voluntary donations through their City water/sewer utility bills. Ratepayers will be able to select donations of \$1, \$2 or \$5 based on a simple check-off feature on their utility bill. The City will distribute collected funds proportionally to all participating public school districts within the City for use in maintaining,

modifying and improving stormwater management facilities. The Parties intend to commence the program no later than July 1, 2010.

9. The Bureau expects GreenBucks to generate between \$50,000 and \$100,000 annually to help support maintenance cost of certified stormwater facilities at public school locations within the City.
10. GreenBucks will be governed by intergovernmental agreements with participating public school districts to specify the full terms, rights and obligations of the parties with regard to the marketing of the voluntary donation program, the registration and certification of qualifying stormwater management facilities, and the method to be used by the Bureau to allocate program funds. In addition, the Bureau may adopt administrative rules to further guide program implementation.
11. The Bureau will allocate GreenBucks annually to each participating public school district based on amount of available GreenBucks on hand, and the estimated annual cost of regular maintenance for certified stormwater management facilities. In addition to maintenance allowances for participating public school districts, the Bureau will set aside 5% of annual balances for program administration, and set aside a reserve of excess proceeds to be used to finance enhancements of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities.
12. The Bureau will conduct random inspections annually to assure that certified stormwater facilities are functioning properly and comply with the City of Portland Stormwater Management Manual.

NOW, THEREFORE, the council directs:

- a. The Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services is hereby authorized to solicit and collect voluntary GreenBucks donations from City ratepayers via the City utility billing system, and allocate donations, less 5% for marketing and administration, to participating public school districts pursuant to intergovernmental agreements.
- b. The Commissioner of Public Affairs is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City Intergovernmental Agreements with Portland Public Schools and the Centennial, David Douglas, Parkrose, Reynolds and Riverdale School Districts, substantially in the form of the attached Exhibit A.
- c. The Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services is hereby directed to present a report to Council on the performance of GreenBucks no later than August 31, 2012. The report shall include findings and recommendations regarding the continuation of the program, including program alterations and refinements.

Passed by the Council, JUN 16 2010
Dan Saltzman
Commissioner of Public Affairs

Vicki Grudzinski
May 24, 2010

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland
By



Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Dan Saltzman	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUN 04 2010</u>
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BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Environmental Services Bureau Head: Dean Marriott <i>Dean Marriott</i> Prepared by: Vicki Grudzinski Date Prepared: May 24, 2010 Financial Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Council Meeting Date June 9, 2010 City Attorney Approval <i>PC</i>	ACTION TAKEN: JUN 09 2010 PASSED TO SECOND READING JUN 16 2010 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 10 AM Total amount of time needed: 15-20 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion) CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: 20 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
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FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
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1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Leonard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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