



# Committee of the Whole

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## Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-1797

**Motion:** 25-271

### Type:

☒ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

### Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

### Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

### Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

### Approved as to

#### Form:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

### Subject:

Declaration of Covenant Agreement with the City of Granite Falls for Inspection and Maintenance of Privately Maintained Storm Drainage Facilities.

### Scope:

The City of Granite Falls requires Snohomish County, as the owner of the property, to sign a Private Stormwater Maintenance agreement prior to development of the 1.78-acre parcel of land for materials storage. This includes:

- Maintenance of the approved storm drain system as shown on the City approved construction plans or City approved changes in compliance with the O&M Standards in WDOE Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.
- Maintenance records retained for 3-years, including inspection reports.
- Access to the storm drainage system at reasonable times for regular inspection by the City of Granite Falls or authorized representative.
- The City shall give 30-days' notice if maintenance or repairs must be performed either by the City or others.
- If Snohomish County has not nor is diligently pursuing the repair or maintenance of the system, then the City or their agent shall perform the work, and the County will assume responsibility for the cost.
- If the City determines that the storm drain poses a hazard, the City may take measures necessary to eliminate the hazardous situation.
- The County shall provide the City with updated contact information.

**Duration:** NA.

### Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year

☐ Multi-Year

☒ N/A

There are no Fiscal Implications. Snohomish County Public Works staff are already performing the required maintenance as part of the County's NPDES Phase 1 requirements.

**Authority Granted:** Approve and authorize the County Executive to sign the City of Granite Falls Agreement for Inspection and Maintenance of Privately Maintained Storm Drainage Facilities, under County Charter 2.20.

**Background:** Snohomish County Public Works acquired the subject property in 2021 from Snohomish County Fire District #17. The Department of Public Works has plans to improve the site as a satellite materials storage yard for the Road Maintenance Division. This purchase and improvements are funded by the sale of the Sand Hill Pit property on the Mountain Loop Highway.

This type of agreement is standard between jurisdictions to ensure that stormwater facilities placed on private property be maintained to standards consistent with federal and state requirements and protect against future maintenance liabilities.

**Action Requested:** For Council to consider the motion.