

Section 10: Implementation

The adoption of a WWCP must align with the requirements of Ecology and Kitsap County, while ensuring compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The following sections outline the steps necessary for implementing the plan, as well as recommendations for future updates to the WWCP.

10.1 Plan Adoption

The preparation, review, and adoption of WWCPs are governed by established local and state procedures. WWCPs should be updated and produced on a five-year cycle. Once prepared, the plan is reviewed by Ecology. Other entities granted access to the WWCP include Kitsap County, neighboring sewer systems, water purveyors, local libraries, and other stakeholders. Adoption by the City Council is required prior to plan implementation.

10.2 Coordination with Kitsap County

Kitsap County maintains a county-wide comprehensive plan, which was most recently updated in December 2024. The City of Bremerton supports the objectives outlined in the County's Comprehensive Plan and maintains active participation through the Director of Public Works and Utilities in the County Utility Coordinating Committee. Bremerton recommends the following guidelines for the County's Comprehensive Plan:

- Ensure environmental impacts, regulatory concerns, and public health and safety are addressed and funded through a consistent and unified approach.
- Utilize sound engineering and economic principles to delineate service boundaries, forecast future usage and capacity, manage growth, and establish infrastructure and service standards.
- Develop an area-wide plan, inclusive of urban areas within the County.

10.3 Environmental Impact

Under SEPA (RCW 43.21C), environmental documentation is required for proposals related to legislation and other significant actions that may have a potential for adverse environmental impacts. Moving forward, it is expected that both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and SEPA requirements will be addressed on a project-specific basis. Additionally, it is anticipated that new developers will bear the costs of environmental impact studies as needed.

10.4 Financial Standing

It is recommended that as the City delivers capital improvements and meets identified O&M goals, it evaluates the need for rate increases and changes to capital improvement priorities. Performing an annual assessment of capital expenditures and ratepayer expenses is

recommended to help the City meet its near term and long-term improvement goals, and to help stay current in identifying grants and loans that can ease ratepayer burden.

10.5 Future Additions to the WWCP

It is recommended that Bremerton periodically review progress it has made in implementing the WWCP before the next WWCP is developed. Bremerton should assess the effectiveness of its improvements to biosolids production, CSO reduction, basin pump station and conveyance improvements, developments in wastewater reuse opportunities, and expansion of conveyance and plant capacities. Current population, population projections, and current and future financial resources should be reviewed and adjusted as necessary to reflect actual conditions and accommodate future project implementation.

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