



City of Kenmore
City Council Regular Meeting
Agenda
Monday, June 15, 2026
7:00 PM

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1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER - 7:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the City of Kenmore is situated upon the ancestral lands of the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Sauk-Suiattle, Duwamish, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Suquamish, Muckleshoot, and other tribes who are part of the Coast Salish Peoples. We recognize and express our deepest respect for their enduring stewardship and profound relationship with this land, which they have cherished and protected since time immemorial. We honor the First Peoples, acknowledge their vibrant cultures, and commit ourselves to learning from their wisdom in our journey to promote justice, equity, and mutual understanding. We pledge to stand alongside these communities in acknowledging past injustices and working towards a future that respects and celebrates the diverse heritage of this land.

4. FLAG SALUTE

5. AGENDA APPROVAL

6. PROCLAMATION

A) Juneteenth - June 19, 2026

1. Proclamation Juneteenth - June 19, 2026

7. WHERE'S THE FUN?

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Welcome to the Council's meeting. Please address your comments to the Mayor and Council. You'll have three minutes to speak. If there are more than 20 speakers, time will be reduced to two minutes per speaker. The Clerk will call your name when it's your turn. The Presiding Officer may choose to alternate between in-person and online comments. Please state your name and city of residence and keep within the allotted time. To make every person feel welcome and safe here, please refrain from booing, clapping, heckling, yelling, or other interruptions. Please note: Under Washington State law (RCW 42.17A.555), public comment time may not be used to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures. Thank you for keeping remarks focused on City business. The meeting is recorded for transparency. Thank you for being here, and for sharing your input respectfully.

- A) **VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT PRE-REGISTRATION:** To provide public comments virtually, please fill out the [Virtual Public Comment Request Form](#) in advance of the meeting. The form opens Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon and closes Mondays at 12:00 Noon. You will be confirmed by the City Clerk's Office. If you are having difficulty, please reach out to the City Clerk's Office at clerks@kenmorewa.gov.

9. BUSINESS AGENDA

- A) Adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 26-0644, November 2026 General Election Ballot Measure City of Kenmore Proposition No. 1 Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy, *presented by Teri Killgore, City Manager, Melinda Merrell, Finance and Administration Director, and Tshilaba Verite, Senior Budget & Fiscal Analyst*
1. Agenda Bill - Ordinance No. 26-0644
 2. Attachment 1 - ORD 2026 Levy Lid Lift
 3. Attachment 2 - Presentation

10. STAFF REPORTS

- A) Environmental Monitoring (Water) Update, *presented by Debbie Bent, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director, Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director, and Samantha Loyuk, Development Services Director*
1. Agenda Bill - Environmental Monitoring
 2. Attachment 1 - Staff Memo
 3. Attachment 2 - Presentation
- B) Other - City Manager Teri Killgore

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) Confidential Session of the Council - Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), the City Council will now enter an executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate. This executive session is slated to last 15 minutes. No final action is expected.

13. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE:

- A) Monday, June 22, 2026 7:00 PM - City Council Regular Meeting
- Monday, July 13, 2026 7:00 PM - City Council Regular Meeting
- Monday, July 20, 2026 7:00 PM - City Council Regular Meeting

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL QUORUMS

- A) [Click here for information about Potential Quorums of the City Council](#). Now found on the City website under City Council Meetings.

City of Kenmore, Washington Proclamation

WHEREAS, on the first day of January in the year 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a momentous decree known as the Emancipation Proclamation, a pivotal step in the long and arduous journey to abolish the inhumane institution of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the culmination of this struggle, the cessation of slavery, gave birth to a day of profound significance, known as Juneteenth. This day is acknowledged as the oldest recognized public commemoration of the cessation of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is not only a commemoration of the liberation of African Americans from the bonds of slavery but also serves as a grand celebration of the strides made towards improving education and increasing opportunity within the African American community. It honors the courage, resilience, and determination that led to their freedom and progress; and

WHEREAS, on a broader scale, the celebration of Juneteenth serves as a poignant reminder for every person of the hallowed promises that form the bedrock of the American Dream: freedom, equality, and the opportunity for all to pursue their ambitions without hindrance or prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth was officially declared a state-wide holiday on May 13, 2021, and in alignment with this declaration, the Kenmore City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-381, thereby affirming Juneteenth as an official City Holiday, a testament to the city's commitment to remembering our history and promoting equality; and

WHEREAS, despite over 155 years having passed since the formal conclusion of chattel slavery in the United States, the nation continues to grapple with the deeply ingrained and pervasive remnants of discriminatory systems and structural racism that still affect many aspects of our society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore is steadfastly dedicated to creating a city where all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, or background, feel safe, respected, and loved in their place of residence, fostering a culture of inclusivity and unity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nigel Herbig, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 19, 2026**, as a day to commemorate and celebrate **JUNETEENTH** throughout the City of Kenmore. We urge all our residents to unite with the City Council in this meaningful observance, to honor the past, celebrate progress, and work together towards a future of true equality and justice for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this 15th day of June 2026.

Signed: _____ Attested: _____
Nigel Herbig, Mayor Scott Passey, City Clerk



Subject/Topic:	Proposed Council Action/Motion:
<p>November 2026 General Election Ballot Measure City of Kenmore Proposition No. 1: Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy</p> <p>Department: Finance & Administration City Manager’s Office</p> <p>Prepared by: Tshilaba Verite Senior Budget & Fiscal Analyst Michelle Kang Interim Assistant to the City Manager</p> <p>Attachments: Attachment 1: Proposed Ordinance No. 26-0644</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discuss <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Authorize <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </p> <p>Adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 26-0644, November 2026 General Election Ballot Measure City of Kenmore Proposition No. 1 Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy</p>

Approvals:

Department	City	Finance	City	
Head	Attorney	Director	Manager	Optional
Initials & Date	DR 6/5/26	MM 6/5/26	DB 6/5/26	Initials & Date

Summary/Background:

At the May 4 City Council Study Session, the City Council gave Staff direction to return to a future Council meeting to present and discuss a draft resolution/ordinance and packaged information based on the results of the May 4 study session and to potentially adopt a resolution/ordinance to put a ballot measure on the November 3, 2026 General Election.

The proposed ordinance (Attachment 1) discusses the purpose of the proposed levy lid lift as supporting and funding programs and services related to Climate and Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services.

If the proposed ordinance is adopted by the City Council, staff and the City Council will work with King County Elections to meet the August 3 deadline to get Proposition No. 1, Climate & Environment Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy ballot measure on the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Information about Proposition No. 1 can be found on the City’s website at: kenmorewa.gov/prop1.

If the proposed ordinance is adopted by the City Council at the June 15 Council Meeting, the applications for the Pro/Con Committees will go live for residents to apply shortly after. The Kenmore City Council will appoint Pro/Con committee members at approximately the July 20 Council Meeting.

Previous Council Action(s):

Monday, February 23, 2026 Special Meeting Study Session: Financial Forecast Update and Discussion

- [Council Meeting Agenda Packet and Materials](#)
- [Timestamped Council Meeting Video Recording](#)

Saturday, March 21, 2026 City Council Retreat Day One: Fiscal Strategies and Issues Discussion

- [Retreat Agenda Packet and Materials](#)
- [Timestamped Retreat Video Recording](#)

Sunday, March 22, 2026 City Council Retreat Day Two: Fiscal Issues and Strategies Discussion, cont.

- [Timestamped Retreat Video Recording](#)

Monday, April 6, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Study Session: Fiscal Strategies and Revenue Measures

- [Council Meeting Agenda Packet and Materials](#)
- [Timestamped Council Meeting Video Recording](#)

Monday, May 4, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Study Session: November 2026 Ballot Measure

- [Council Meeting Agenda Packet and Materials](#)
- [Timestamped Council Meeting Video Recording](#)

Fiscal Consideration:

The 2026 ballot measure will impact 2027-2028 biennial budget planning and financial forecasting into 2032 and beyond.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Consideration:

[DEIA Strategic Plan](#) | [City's Equity Framework Toolkit](#)

Goal 2: Plans Policies & Budgets – Promote accountability to ensure our plans, policies, and budgets incorporate our foundational and core values so that we equitably address the needs of our communities.

City Council Priorities or Budget Objective Being Addressed:

Preamble: Safeguarding the City's finances.

2026 City Council Priority #1: Ensure financial sustainability through revenue enhancement and cost-cutting measures.

**CITY OF KENMORE
WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 26-0644**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF KENMORE AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO LEVY REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES IN AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED IN RCW 84.55.010 TO FUND CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND HUMAN SERVICES; SETTING FORTH THE FORM OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO; DIRECTING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore is an optional code City, located in King County, Washington, duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically adopted balanced budgets and maintained healthy fund balances over the years; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Biennial Budget for 2025-2026 includes a fiscal policy to maintain General Fund balance reserves at a level at least equal to 20% of the total General Fund budgeted revenue, excluding certain items; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, Kenmore has faced increasing costs to provide programs and services, and has seen inflation rise by an average of 5% over the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, similar to other Washington cities, Kenmore has a structural revenue problem due to the state-mandated 1% annual growth limit on regular property tax under Chap. 84.55 RCW, which has not kept up with inflation and costs of providing programs and services; and

WHEREAS, similar to other Washington cities, Kenmore faces potential decreases in governmental funding due to Federal and State budget shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained responsible fiscal policies and carefully managed a balance budget despite restrictive property tax caps; and

WHEREAS, to plan for the City's long-term fiscal sustainability, the City Council authorized the 2024 Financial Sustainability Plan ("FSP"), which was prepared by the Financial Sustainability Task Force with community input; and

WHEREAS, the FSP forecasts that the City will not meet its reserve goal of 20% by 2029 and will have a cumulative operating deficit of approximately \$20.2 million by 2032 if steps to obtain additional revenue are not taken; and

WHEREAS, the FSP also identifies potential revenue sources to address the deficits, including a potential ballot measure authorizing a “lift” of the state mandated 1% annual growth limit of property tax under Chap. 84.55 RCW, referred to as a “levy lid lift”; and

WHEREAS, the City has spent considerable time, effort and resources providing programs and services for its residents relating to Climate and Environmental Stewardship, Human Services and Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, to continue to fund and implement the programs and services relating to Climate and Environmental Stewardship, Human Services and Affordable Housing, the City Council finds it necessary to seek voter approval to increase the state-mandated 1% annual limit to property tax growth; and

WHEREAS, the City’s current property tax rate is \$0.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation and existing maximum property tax rate is \$2.66 per \$1,000 assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the voters of the City to authorize an increase above the levy limitations established in RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s No. 1 priority for 2026 is to “ensure financial sustainability through revenue enhancement and cost-cutting measures”; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of the City, and address the FSP’s forecast of significant budget deficits by 2032, the Council met at the May 17, 2025, February 23, 2026, March 21-22, 2026, April 6, 2026, and May 4, 2026, public meetings to discuss financial sustainability and potential revenue measures and after much discussion and deliberation, at the May 4, 2026, meeting, the City Council directed staff to bring forward a proposed ordinance asking voters to consider a ballot measure at the November 3, 2026 election to increase the City’s regular property tax levy above the state-mandated 1% annual levy lid limit; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 requires that the ballot measure for the proposed levy lid lift state the aggregate maximum regular property tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to be levied in the first year of the levy lid lift, taking into consideration the City’s regular levy for its general purposes, any allowable increases, and the proposed incremental increase; and

WHEREAS, the Kenmore City Council desires to request the voters to approve or reject a proposition under RCW 84.55.050(2), which would authorize the City Council to increase the City’s regular property tax in an amount that exceeds the incremental limit factor that would otherwise be prescribed by RCW 84.55.010;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Election for Levy Lid Lift Called For.

- A. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2) and RCW 29A.04.330, the Kenmore City Council hereby calls for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the City asking whether the City shall increase its regular property tax levy in excess of the limitation established in RCW 84.55.010.
- B. The Director of King County Elections, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, Washington (the "Director"), is hereby requested to call an election in the City of Kenmore on November 3, 2026.
- C. The proposition submitted to the qualified voters of the City for their approval or rejection would increase the City's regular property tax levy by approximately \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, for a total rate not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, for collection in 2027; set the limit factor for the City's total regular property tax levy for 2028-2032 to 6%; and approve the use of the dollar amount of the 2032 levy as the basis for computing the maximum levy amount that may be imposed in years following 2032.
- D. The taxes authorized by this proposition would be in addition to the maximum amount of regular property taxes the City would have been limited to by RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this Ordinance, plus other authorized lid lifts, if any.

Section 2. Purposes for levy lid lift. The purposes for the proposed levy lid lift are to support and fund programs and services related to Climate and Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services, including, but not limited to:

- A. Climate and Environmental Stewardship: Programs and services relating to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, community preparedness for climate impacts, and preservation of natural resources. Programs and services center on, but are not limited to, energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, electric vehicle charging, tree planting and canopy growth, maintaining habitat and open space, waste diversion, community education, and youth internships and community partnerships;
- B. Affordable Housing: The City is a member and provides funding to A Regional Coalition for Housing ("ARCH"), a coalition of several East King County cities and King County focused on increasing and preserving affordable housing for low and moderate income households. City funding provided to ARCH and other affordable housing opportunities, includes but is not limited to, support for development of housing policies, strategies, and regulations; administration of housing programs; assistance to people looking for affordable rental and ownership housing; and coordination of investments and/or acquisitions in affordable housing development; and

C. Human Services: Programs and services the City funds by contracting with agencies who provide support services to families, seniors, youth and other vulnerable populations, in categories including but not limited to, assistance with food, utilities, housing, transportation, physical and behavioral health and education.

(collectively, "Programs and Services"). If approved by the voters of the proposition set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance, the City may use proceeds of such levy to pay for the costs of the Programs and Services more particularly described above.

The City Council may prioritize, modify, alter, make substitutions to and amend any component of the Programs and Services, and allocate levy proceeds among the various Programs and Services as it determines is in the best interests of the City. If the City Council determines that it has become impractical to fund all or any portion of the Programs and Services by reason of changed conditions, costs substantially in excess of the amount of tax levies and other City funds estimated to be available, the City shall not be required to implement, operate or maintain such portions of the Programs and Services.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The City Clerk is here by authorized and directed to certify to the Director, as *ex-officio* supervisor of elections, a copy of this Ordinance and the proposition to be submitted at the election on November 3, 2026, in substantially the following form:

CITY OF KENMORE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

**CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP,
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY**

Kenmore City Council passed Ordinance 26-0644 regarding funding for programming and services. To fund Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services, this proposition increases Kenmore's maximum regular property tax levy rate to \$1.25/\$1,000 for collection in 2027; sets the limit factor for Kenmore's regular property tax levy increases in 2028-2032 to 6%; authorizes the 2032 levy amount as the basis to calculate subsequent levies (RCW 84.55); and exempts qualifying seniors, veterans, and others (RCW 84.36).

Should this proposition be approved?

YES?.....

NO?.....

Section 4. Minor Adjustments For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates the City Clerk and City Attorney as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided. The City Attorney and City Clerk are each authorized individually to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Director, and take such acts as are necessary or required by law to submit the proposition to the electors at the November 3, 2026, election.

Section 5. Exemption. If the ballot proposition set forth herein is approved by the voters, as authorized by RCW 84.36.381, senior citizens, disabled veterans, and other people with disabilities (as defined in RCW 84.36.381) shall be exempt from the tax increase resulting from such levy lid lift.

Section 6. Levy. In the event the proposition set forth in Section 3 above is approved, the City Council shall levy and there shall be collected a regular tax on real property in the City at the rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2027 and in compliance with the approved proposition.

Section 7. Voter's Pamphlet. The preparation and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on the foregoing ballot measure is hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include an explanatory statement and arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measure, if any. In accordance with RCW 29A.32.280, the arguments advocating approval and rejection of the ballot measure shall be prepared by committees appointed by the City Council. Each committee shall be composed of not more than three persons; however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. The committee advocating approval shall be composed of Kenmore residents known to favor the ballot measure, and the committee advocating rejection shall be composed of Kenmore residents known to oppose the ballot measure.

Section 8. Findings. The City Council incorporates the recitals set forth above as findings in support of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Severability; Ratification. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance or of the levy or collection of the taxes authorized by this proposition. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of the publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A MEETING THEREOF ON THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2026.

CITY OF KENMORE

Nigel Herbig, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Scott Passey, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Dawn Reitan, City Attorney

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
ORDINANCE NO.: 26-0644
DATE OF PUBLICATION:
EFFECTIVE DATE:



Proposition 1

Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy



Tonight's Agenda



- ✓ Background
- ✓ Proposition 1: Overview and Funding Purposes
- ✓ Next Steps
- ✓ City Council Discussion and Direction

2026 Timeline

Feb 23

Study Session:
Financial Forecast
and Potential
Revenue Measure

Mar 21-22

Council Retreat:
Fiscal Issues and
Planning

Apr 6

Study Session:
Fiscal Strategies
and Revenue
Measures

May 4

Study Session:
Discussion of
Potential
November 2026
Ballot Measure

June 15

Tonight:
Potential Adoption
of Ordinance No.
26-0644,
Proposition 1 for
November 2026
Ballot Measure

Financial Sustainability Plan (FSP) Task Force:

- 2020
- 2024

Background: Financial Sustainability

- The 2024 Financial Sustainability Plan (“FSP”) indicates that the City will not meet its reserve goal of 20% by 2029.
 - *Given recent inflation, may not meet reserve goal as early as 2028.*

City Council’s No. 1 Priority for 2026:

Ensure financial sustainability through revenue enhancement and cost-cutting measures.

Background: Revenues & Expenditures



WHY - INFLATION OUTPACING REVENUES

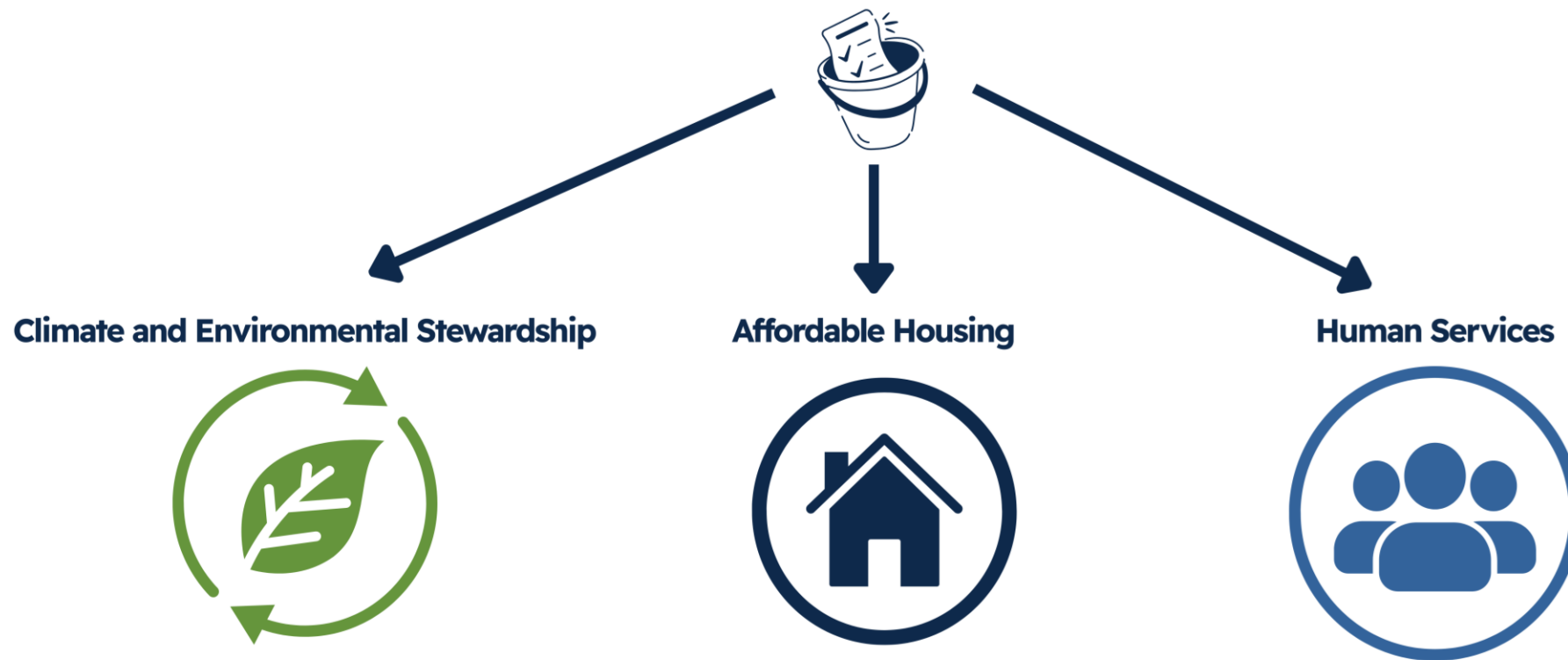
Costs rise 5% annually
on average
Property tax revenues
grow 1% annually

Kenmore has a "structural deficit" in the budget meaning ongoing expenses are growing faster than ongoing revenues.

Proposition 1 Overview



The purpose of Proposition 1 is to support and fund programs and services related to:



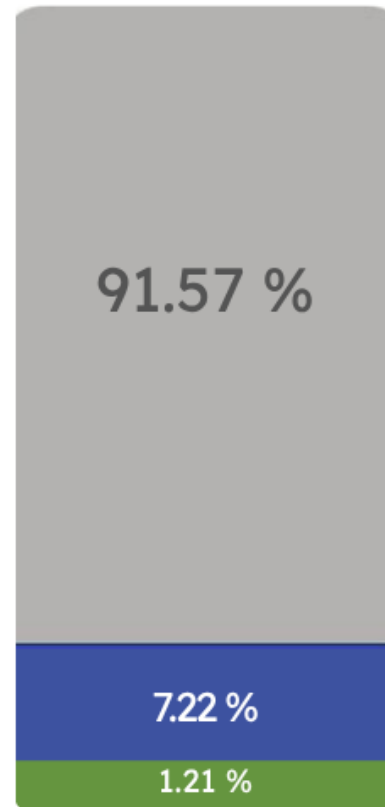
Distribution of Property Taxes



WHERE DO MY PROPERTY TAXES GO?

Less than 10% to Kenmore, remainder to other taxing districts

100 %
OF PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR
0 %



91.57 %

ALL OTHER DISTRICT LEVIES

Northshore Schools	30.49%
State School Fund	23.30%
King County	15.08%
Port, Flood, Library, EMS, Hospital, NSPRSA	12.69%
Shoreline Fire RFA	8.37%
Sound Transit	1.64%

7.22 %

CITY OF KENMORE OPERATING
Supports City services such as public safety, parks, streets, permit review, community programs, and more.

1.21 %

WALKWAYS & WATERWAYS BOND
Supports sidewalks, bike lanes, and waterfront access and improvements.



Proposition 1 Overview



- A levy lid lift on the November 2026 election ballot.
 - *Does not generate municipal debt.*
- Would add 36 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.
 - Approximately \$30 per month for the owner of a \$1,000,000 home.

INCREASED COST ESTIMATE PER ASSESSED VALUE

Property Assessed Value (\$0.36 per \$1,000)	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost
\$700,000	\$21.00	\$252
\$800,000	\$24.00	\$288
\$900,000	\$27.00	\$324
\$1,000,000	\$30.00	\$360
\$1,100,000	\$33.00	\$396
\$1,200,000	\$36.00	\$432
\$1,300,000	\$39.00	\$468
\$1,400,000	\$42.00	\$504
\$1,500,000	\$45.00	\$540



Proposition 1 Overview



If approved by voters, this measure

- Increases Kenmore's maximum regular property tax levy rate to \$1.25/\$1,000 for collection in 2027
- Sets the limit factor for Kenmore's regular property tax levy increases in 2028-2032 to 6%
- Authorizes the 2032 levy amount as the basis to calculate subsequent levies



Proposition 1 Funding Purpose

Climate & Environmental Stewardship



Programs and services relating to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and community preparedness for climate impacts including:

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy programs
- Electric vehicle charging
- Tree planting and canopy growth
- Maintaining habitat and open space
- Waste diversion
- Community education, youth internships and community partnerships



Proposition 1 Funding Purpose

Affordable Housing



City funding provided to ARCH and other affordable housing opportunities, includes support for development of:

- Housing policies, strategies, and regulations
- Administration of housing programs
- Assistance to people looking for affordable rental and ownership housing
- Coordination of investments and/or acquisitions in affordable housing development



Proposition 1 Funding Purpose

Human Services



Programs and services the City funds by contracting with agencies who provide:

- Support services to families, seniors, youth and other vulnerable populations
- Assistance with food, utilities, housing, transportation, physical and behavioral health and education

Next Steps



Tonight 6/15

Potential adoption of Proposed Ordinance No. 26-0644

Monday 7/6 4:00 PM

Pro/Con Committee Applications Close

Tuesday 8/4 Deadline

Last day to file for general election

Pro/Con Committee appointment form due

Explanatory Statement due

Tuesday 6/16

Open applications for Pro/Con Committees

Monday 7/20

Council Meeting: Council appoints Pro/Con Committee members



City Council Discussion + Direction



Proposed Motion:

- Adopt proposed Ordinance No. 26-0644, providing for the submission of Proposition No. 1: Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy to qualified voters of the City of Kenmore at an election to be held on November 3, 2026, and directing property city officials to take necessary actions





THANK YOU

For additional information, visit:

kenmorewa.gov/prop1





Subject/Topic:	Proposed Council Action/Motion:
<p>Environmental Monitoring (Water) Update</p> <p>Department: Environmental Services</p> <p>Prepared by: Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director; Debbie Bent, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director; Samantha Loyuk, Development Services Director</p> <p>Attachments: 1. Memo</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide Direction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Authorize</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>

Approvals:

Department Head	RS, DB, SL 6/5/26	City Attorney	n/a	Finance Director	n/a	City Mgr 6/5/26 (acting CM)	Optional	Initials & Date
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Summary/Background:

Following the October 27, 2025, environmental monitoring presentation, the City Council requested semi-annual updates on Kenmore’s environmental health. While the previous October session provided a broad overview, the update on June 15 focuses specifically on water quality, and the next update in the fall will address air quality.

Previous Council Action(s):

None.

Fiscal Consideration:

None.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Consideration:

[DEIA Strategic Plan](#) | [City’s Equity Framework Toolkit](#)

Objective 4.1: Improve accessibility and inclusivity of communications across all channels.

[City Council Priorities](#) or Budget Objective Being Addressed:

Priority 2: Continue to implement the adopted Climate Action Plan and promote environmental stewardship, including water, air, forest, and habitat restoration and preservation.



City of Kenmore, Washington

Memorandum

Date: June 15, 2026

To: Teri Killgore, City Manager

From: Debbie Bent, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director;
Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director; and
Samantha Loyuk, Development Services Director

Regarding: Environmental Monitoring Update (Water)

Summary: Staff update regarding environmental monitoring as of June 2026. This update includes 1) Lakepointe, 2) Water Quality Monitoring, 3) Glacier NW Dredging (Private), and 4) Army Corps of Engineering Dredging.

Background: Staff provided an update to City Council regarding environmental monitoring on October 27, 2025, (link: [City Council Special & Regular Meeting of Monday, October 27, 2025 • City of Kenmore Agendas and Minutes • CivicClerk](#)). The previous update included the following:

- **Cadman Asphalt Plant Compliance:** Staff reported that the facility resumed operations after successfully passing stack and opacity tests in 2023 and 2025, confirming it is currently in compliance with its Notice of Construction (NOC) permit.
- **Odor Monitoring Partnership:** The update clarified the City's Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), which allows Kenmore to investigate local odor complaints while PSCAA retains enforcement authority.
- **Lakepointe Historical Data:** Council was briefed on past studies of the 44-acre Lakepointe site, which indicated that chemicals of concern are not migrating into adjacent waterways and that PCBs were not detected at levels of concern.
- **EPA Brownfield Grant:** Staff highlighted the receipt of a \$500,000 EPA grant in 2025 to perform site assessments, sampling, and analysis plans for Lakepointe and three other local sites.
- **Air Quality Monitoring Limitations:** The briefing addressed existing air monitoring via the PSCAA station in Lake Forest Park, noting that while particulate matter is tracked, the City does not currently have an in-house program to monitor site-specific pollutants like VOCs.

Section 1: Lakepointe

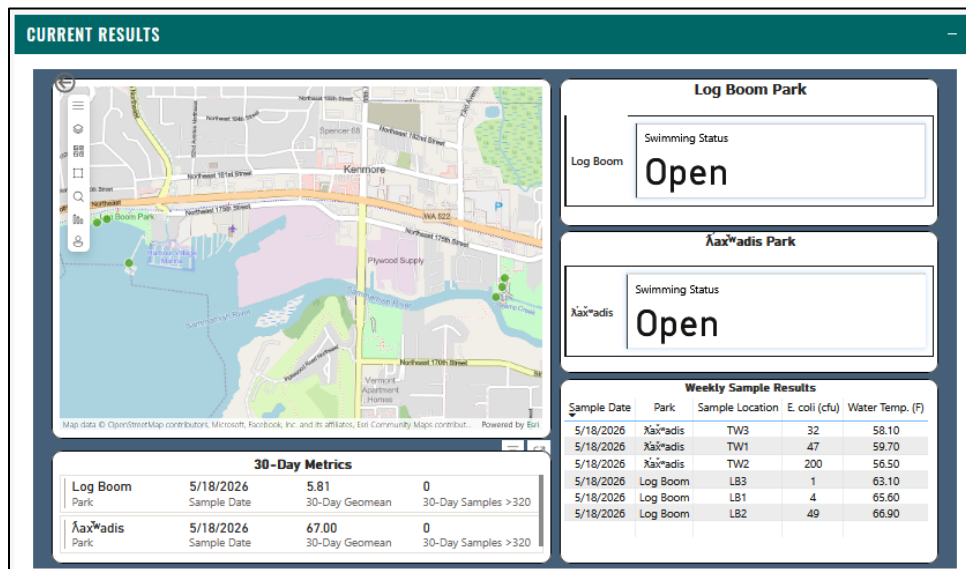
Background on the Lakepointe project including environmental information can also be found on the City’s webpage at the following link [Lakepointe Development | City of Kenmore Washington](#).

The City and Lakepointe property owner have had preliminary discussions about City acquisition of a portion of the Lakepointe property for shoreline restoration and/or park development. No agreement has been reached regarding property acquisition. If the City reaches an agreement with the property owner, testing or site assessments will be conducted on the Lakepointe site prior to property acquisition. The City would, in partnership with the Department of Ecology, conduct due diligence including testing for contaminants. The City would hire a consultant expert to develop a scope of work to conduct the testing. The scope of work would determine the testing locations, types of tests to be conducted and contaminants to be measured.

Section 2: Water Quality Monitoring

Seasonal Monitoring

Staff sample and monitor water at Log Boom Park and Xaxwadis Park for bacteria levels, temperature and presence of toxic algae weekly from May to October each year when public use is highest. The city models its seasonal monitoring program after King County’s lake swimming beach monitoring program ([website link](#)) and follows the same sampling and reporting protocols as used on all Lake Washington beaches. Water is sampled at three locations at each park every week and results are posted on the City’s [website](#). If bacteria concentrations reach levels of concern, staff post appropriate signage at the park and online until concentrations are acceptable.



EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant & Previous Water Quality Monitoring

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In 2025, the City was awarded a \$500K grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct assessments along Lake Washington and Sammamish River shorelines to determine if potential brownfield sites are present, which are sites that contain hazardous substances, pollutants or contamination. If any are identified, the grant provides for development of cleanup plans and further actions as well as eligibility for future grants.

The City identified areas in the vicinity of Log Boom Park, the Lakepointe property, and Waxadis Park for assessment. To conduct these assessments, city staff will solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified environmental firms to perform the work. To date, staff have been waiting for an agreement with Lakepointe owners to include work on this property, however, in the absence of an agreement as of June 2026, staff have determined that proceeding with an RFP to start work in other areas is the best course of action to stay on schedule with grant requirements. This does not preclude the addition of Lakepointe at a later date when an agreement is reached.

In 2012, with financial support from Washington State Department of Ecology, the City hired the consulting firm Anchor QEA to develop a sediment and water quality sampling plan to 1) support sediment characterization required by the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct dredging of the Kenmore Navigation Channel and 2) conduct additional sampling to evaluate the potential presence of chemicals of concern along the shoreline and 3) provide information to Washington State Department of Health to prepare a Health Consultation report for public health, safety, and environmental concerns in human-use areas, including Log Boom Park. The sampling was conducted in November 2012 and included six locations along the shore of Log Boom Park and several other sites stretching from Lake Forest Park to the boat launch located on Sammamish River. The work conducted for this EPA grant will utilize and build upon this past effort and any other known previous sampling and monitoring actions.

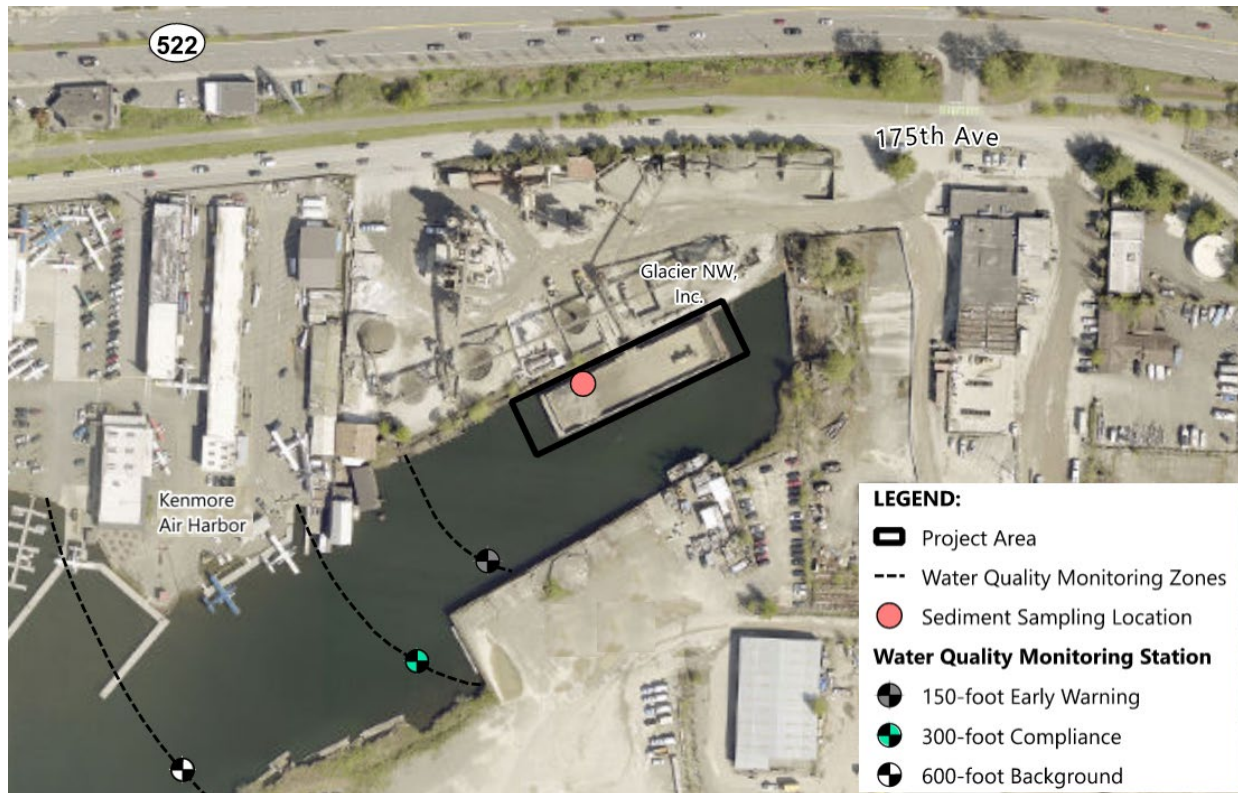
Section 3: Glacier NW Dredging (Private)

On January 17, 2026, Glacier Northwest, Inc. (doing business as CalPortland) successfully concluded in-water maintenance dredging at its ready-mix plant and aggregate yard, located at 6431 NE 175th Street. This maintenance involved removing approximately 800 cubic yards of sand, gravel, and sediment across a 16,000-square-foot berth area to restore and guarantee safe navigational access for vessels and barges at the northern end of Lake Washington.

The successful completion of this project was the culmination of a permit and public outreach process that began in April 2023. To secure necessary permits, the project underwent a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Shoreline Permit Review; reference file numbers SSDX23-0025 and SEPA23-0027.

Throughout the project's duration, the applicant adhered to all mandated regulatory parameters. In alignment with the City's SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) decision, the operator conducted sediment testing for heavy metals, dioxins, PCBs, and arsenic, strictly following the guidelines in the Washington State Department of Ecology's Dredged Material Evaluation and Disposal Procedures (DMMP) User Manual. The Department of Ecology reviewed and accepted the sediment characterization report, and copies were provided to the City and published online in accordance with the City's permit conditions.

During active in-water operations, the final monitoring report recorded three minor turbidity exceedance events. In each instance, the applicant adhered to established safety protocols by immediately notifying regulatory agencies, stopping operations, and deploying targeted Best Management Practices (BMPs). With these actions, the applicant has fully satisfied all applicable local SEPA reporting requirements, and there are no outstanding compliance issues.



The City successfully fulfilled its statutory obligations under SEPA while upholding a commitment to public transparency. Exceeding standard public notice requirements, the department and the applicant co-hosted a voluntary public meeting. Additionally, City staff met directly with concerned community members, including representatives from People for an Environmentally Responsible Kenmore (P.E.R.K.).

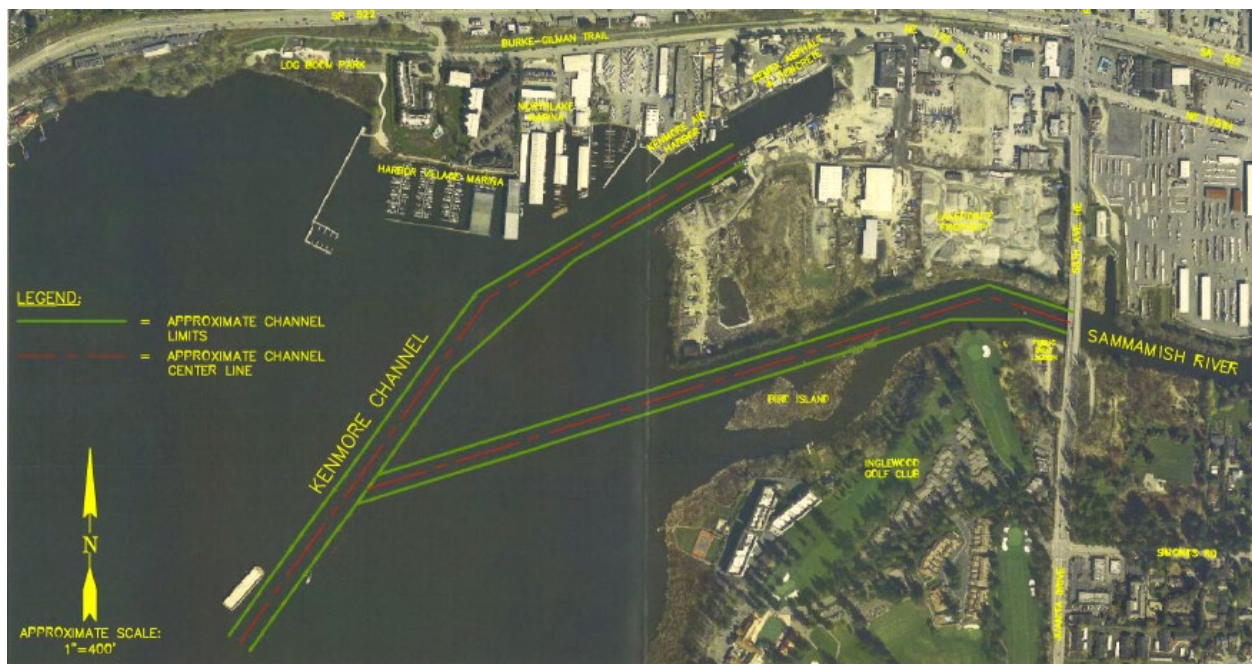
To keep the public informed, the department consistently updated the project webpage as milestones were achieved, posting all received water quality monitoring and

sediment characterization reports. While no further updates will be made now that the project is complete and all final reports have been submitted, the webpage will remain active for informational purposes to continue serving the community. You can still access these public records on the City's website at <https://www.kenmorewa.gov/our-city/projects-in-the-city/current-projects/glacier-nw-dredging>.

Section 4: Army Corps of Engineers Dredging

City staff have connected with appropriate Army Corps of Engineering (ACOE) and King County staff to begin discussions regarding the dredging of 1) the Kenmore Navigation Channel and 2) the Sammamish River Channel (see map below). To date, staff have had introductory conversations with these agencies and are working to gather information on what the appropriate next steps are. Developing and implementing a dredging project of this scale will be at least a 5-year endeavor involving multiple agencies.

The Kenmore Navigation Channel was most recently dredged in 2020 and there are no records of any recent dredging in the Sammamish River Channel. ACOE has confirmed that despite efforts in the 1960s, the Sammamish River Channel has never been authorized for dredging. The City has a few options to pursue dredging, such as 1) start a new Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Section 107 process, 2) pursue a change in project authorization through Congressional action via the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) or other legislation, or conduct dredging utilizing City or County funds under an approved ACOE regulatory permit. Staff will continue researching options and develop a recommendation for City Council.



Environmental Monitoring Update

City Council Meeting
June 15, 2026



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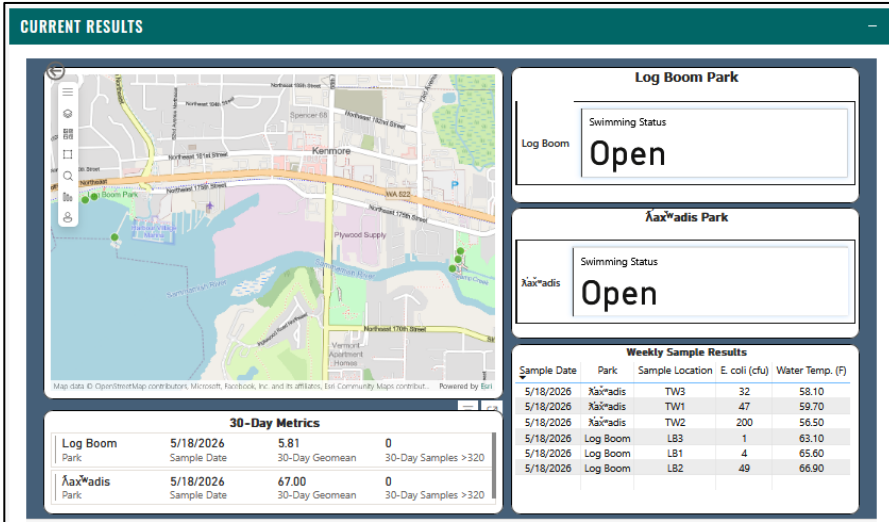
Lakepointe



Status Update/Next Steps

- No current agreement for City acquisition of the shoreline area or area for a future park.
- Discussions with owner

Water Quality

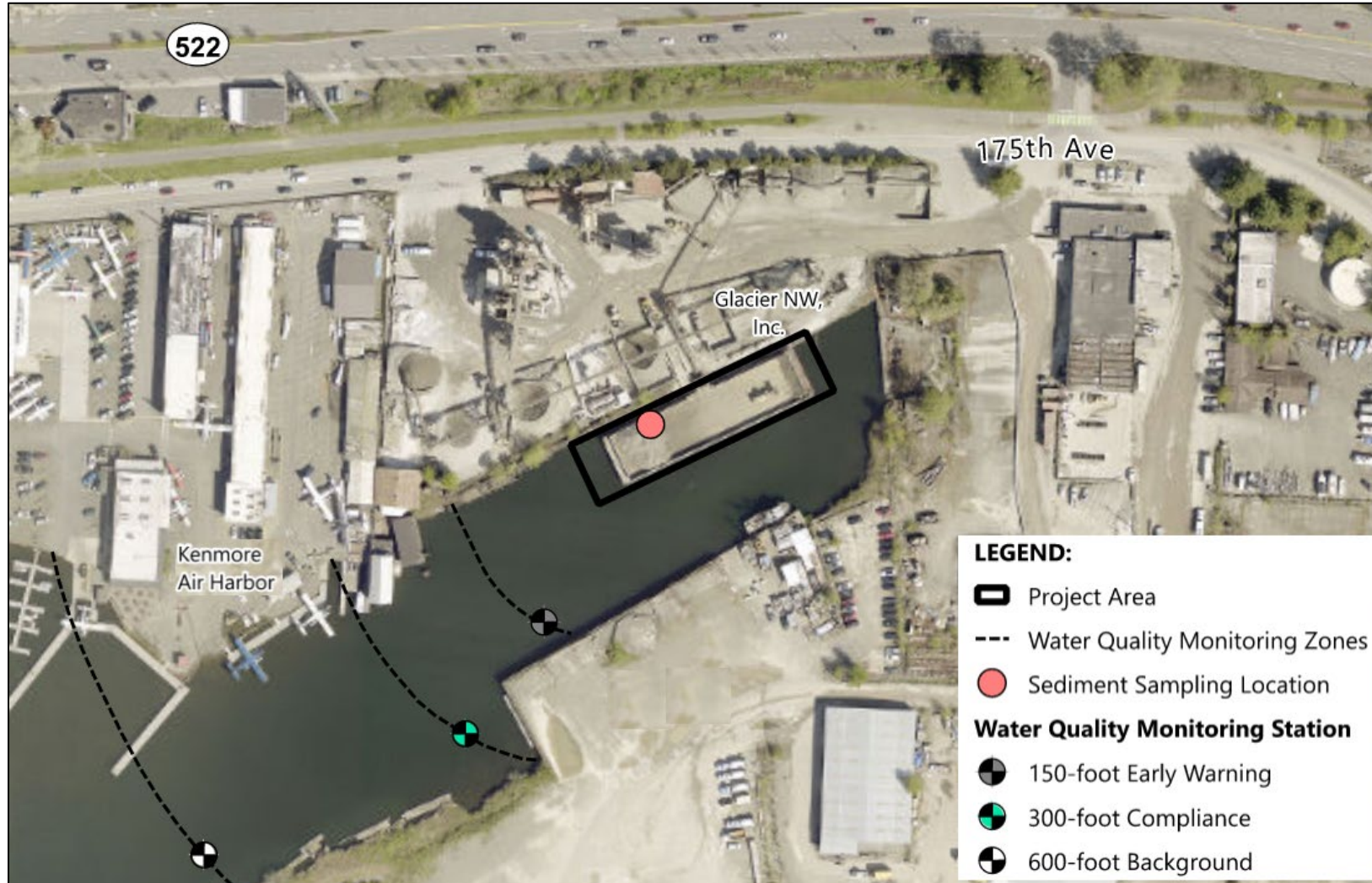


- Seasonal Monitoring at Log Boom Park and Łaxwadis Park
- Bacteria/Temperature Protocols and Notification

- EPA Grant
- Current Status
- Next Steps

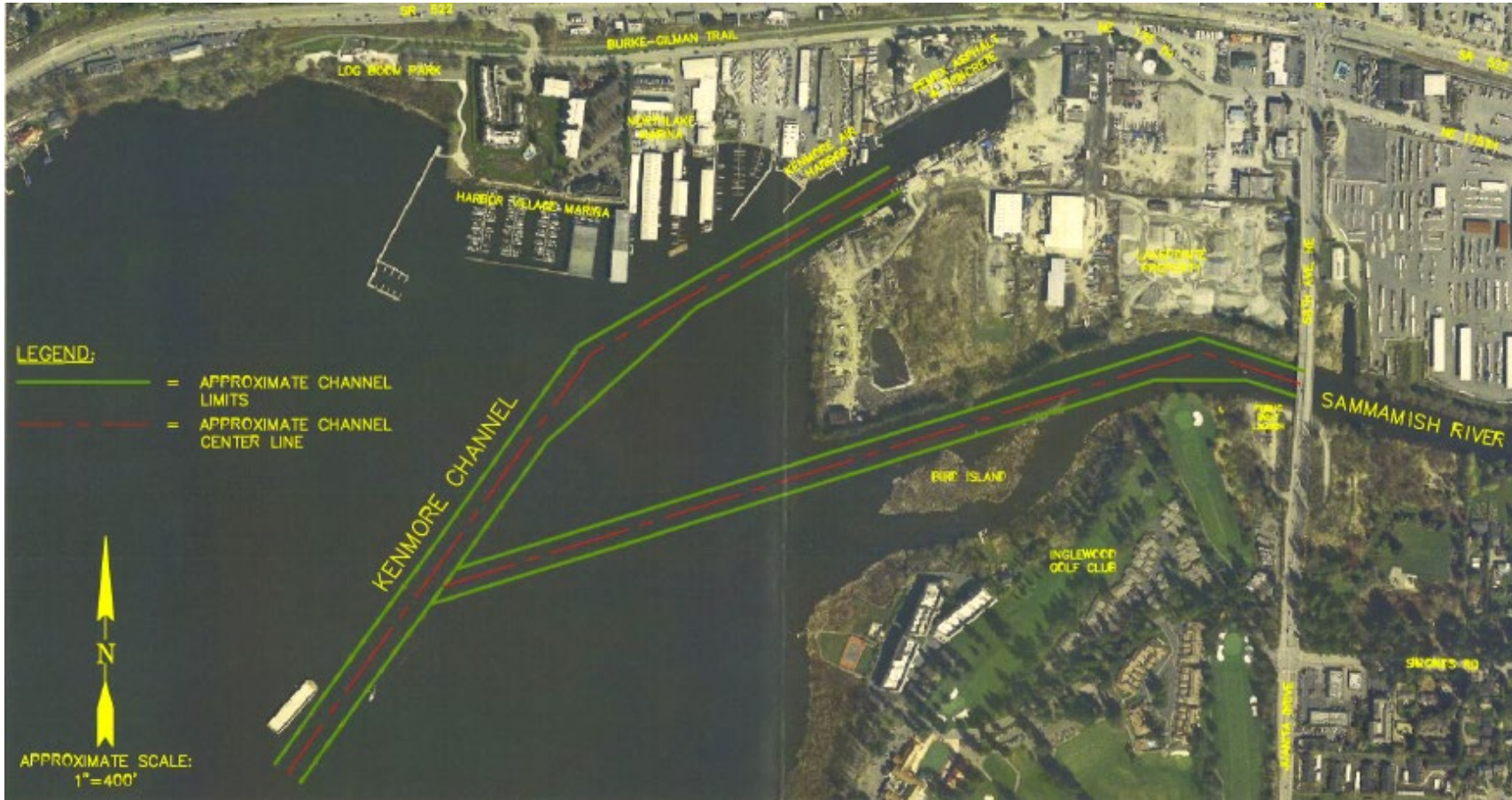


Glacier NW Dredging



- Dredging Complete
- Sediment Testing
- Reporting Complete
- Compliance

City Dredging



- History
- Army Corps of Engineers Authorization
- King County Role
- Next Steps

Thank you

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