MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Bill No. 19-107

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 009/2019, Wetland Naming – Foothills Wetland Preserve

DATE: 05/14/2019
DEPT: Parks & Recreation
CONTACT: Mike Farrell
PRESENTER: Mike Farrell
ITEM: Announcements/Presentations #2

Discussion: 04/09/2019, 04/18/2019 Monroe Park Board; 05/14/2019

Attachments:
1. Resolution No. 009/2019
2. Naming contest Top 5 Submissions
3. Everett Herald article dated 4/4/2019: "Monroe wetland needs a name, but maybe not from Fortnite."

REQUESTED ACTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 009/019, designating Foothills Wetland Preserve as the name of the City-owned property located north of US-2 and east of Roosevelt Road within the City of Monroe.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
The policy question for the City Council is what to formally name a City-owned open space property in accordance within the Scope of Work - Community Building - Task 3.3 of the State Conservation Commission grant accepted by the City in 2016.

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND
The naming contest is part of an educational component to a $109,000 State Conservation Commission grant award in 2016 for restoration of the wetland fed by Cripple Creek. The project included the planting of over ten thousand willow stakes in 2018. Monroe has partnered with lead agency Snohomish Conservation District to achieve this important environmental improvement.

Students from our Monroe School District have participated in a naming contest for the City-owned wetland preserve located north of US-2 and east of Roosevelt Road. Snohomish Conservation District staff received one hundred and sixty-eight submissions from Monroe students, narrowed it down to the best twenty out of that list. A review board of community members, including: Janelle Drews of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Mike Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director, Alison Branz, Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor at Monroe High School, Darcy Cheesman, Legislative Aide to Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low and Monroe School Board Member, Phil Spirito, Monroe Library Director and Vince Bertrand, Stormwater Compliance Coordinator, voted on what they felt were the top five names. The top five names were reviewed by the Park Board during their April 18, 2019, meeting, with a unanimous recommendation made to the Monroe City Council of naming the area: Foothills Wetland Preserve.

FISCAL IMPACTS
None.

TIME CONSTRAINTS
The naming contest is a requirement of the awarded State Conservation Commission grant that expires in December, 2019.
ALTERNATIVES
1. Move to approve the resolution.
2. Take no action; and provide staff with direction for additional changes/request additional information be presented prior to action.
3. Select one of the other top five submissions.
4. Take no action; and do not consider a resolution at this time.
CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION NO. 009/2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MONROE, WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING FOOTHILLS
WETLAND PRESERVE AS THE NAME OF THE CITY-
OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF US-2 AND
EAST OF ROOSEVELT ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF
MONROE

WHEREAS, Students from our schools are participating in a naming contest for
the City-owned wetland preserve located north of US-2 and east of Roosevelt Road; and

WHEREAS, The naming contest is required as part of an educational component
to a $109,000 State Conservation Commission grant award for restoration of the
wetland fed by Cripple Creek; and

WHEREAS, The grant project included the planting of over ten thousand willow
stakes last year and the City of Monroe has partnered with lead agency Snohomish
Conservation District to achieve this important environmental improvement; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish Conservation District staff received one hundred and
sixty-eight submissions from Monroe students, which were then narrowed down by a
review team of community members who selected a top list of names: Foothills Wetland
Preserve, Evergreen Wetland Preserve, M. Town Wetland Preserve, Sunrise Wetland
Preserve, Mejor Agua Wetland Preserve, Monroe Wetland Preserve, and Naturaleza
Wetland Preserve; and

WHEREAS, The Monroe Park Board reviewed the top list of names and made a
recommendation to the Monroe City Council of Foothills Wetland Preserve as a name
for the City-owned wetland preserve located north of US 2 and east of Roosevelt Road
within the City of Monroe, Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE DOES
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Designation. Foothills Wetland Preserve is hereby designated as
the name for the City-owned wetland preserve located north of US-2 and east of
Roosevelt Road within the City of Monroe, Washington.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon
passage.
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this ___ day of May, 2019.

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor
(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk
When you name something you give it a special meaning. Friends have names, so we think wetlands should, too!

After all, they are like the kidneys of our environment, playing a vital role by filtering pollutants out of water and reducing flooding while providing habitat for birds and wildlife.

Submissions due: April 9, 2019

Make submissions online: https://snohomishcd.org/monroe-wetland-naming-contest

We’re looking to students like YOU to help us officially name one of Monroe’s largest unnamed wetlands located next to the BP Gas Station off of HWY 2.

Submission Guidelines
- Contest is open for Monroe youth between the ages of 9 to 14.
- Name must be in the following format: “__________ (can be 1-3 words in the blank) Wetland Preserve” For example, “Wriggly Worm Wetland Preserve” or “Blue Wetland Preserve” would be eligible submissions.
- If you have art that you’d like to include with the submission (not a requirement, but welcomed) please submit the form online and then email lcason@snohomishcd.org with the art attachment.
- Submit your name suggestion online no later than April 9, 2019.

The name chosen by a special committee will be officially adopted by the City of Monroe’s Parks and Recreation Department.

Questions? Contact Lily Cason: 425-377-7023 | lcason@snohomishcd.org
Monroe Wetland

Naming Contest

The Review Board’s Top Five

1. Foothills Wetland Preserve
2. Evergreen Wetland Preserve
3. M Town Wetland Preserve
4. Sunrise Wetland Preserve
and a THREE way tie for 5th place:
5. Mejor Agua Wetland Preserve
5. Monroe Wetland Preserve
5. Naturaleza Wetland Preserve

The Review Board was made up of community members in Monroe:

Janelle Drews
Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Mike Farrell
Parks and Recreation Director

Alison Branz
Agriculture Instructor & 
FFA Adviser at Monroe High School

Darcy Cheesman
Legislative Aide to Councilmember Sam Low & 
Monroe School Board Member

Phil Spirito
Library Manager Monroe Library

Vince Bertrand
Stormwater Compliance Coordinator
“Foothills Wetland Preserve”

“I picked this because the neighborhood next to it is the Foothills. I lived there so I think it would be cool if it was named that.”

“I think this would be a good name because the foothills neighborhood is right next to that Wetland so I think that they should name it after that.”

“We are at the foothills of the mountains, and we are by a neighborhood called the foothills.”

“The wetland is right next to the foothills”
Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Evergreen Wetland Preserve”

“This name will help because since it is next to the evergreen state fairgrounds, they should name it after that. Also, I think Evergreen would be a nice name for the wetland. During the summer, there could be a special fundraiser event sponsored by the Evergreen State Fairgrounds to donate money to help the wetland.”

“I think that this name would be a good idea because this is the Evergreen State and the Evergreen fairgrounds is really close to the wetlands.”

“This name shows us that wetlands are green and can stay that way if we help the plant life.”

“One of the most popular events of the year in Monroe is the Evergreen State Fair (in my opinion). This wetland is not too far away from that so it would just be a interesting suggestion.”

“Because the Evergreen state fair has been part of Monroe’s town’s history for decades and the wetland is just nearby.”
Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“M Town Wetland Preserve”

“M Town is the way we represent Monroe. We do cheers at football games that say “who are we” and the fans say “M Town” and it’s repeated. M Town is a way we show our spirit to Monroe. M Town is a family. Those are my reasons.”
Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Sunrise Wetland Preserve”

“I think that Sunrise is the perfect name for the wetland, because when I saw the pictures of it I thought that everyone would want to try and protect that precious land, if they saw a picture of the whole thing with a magical sunset behind it to complete that beautiful piece of nature. From trees on a hill to pretty creeks, where animals live. I think that Sunrise would be an awesome name and I hope you think so as well!”
"Mejor Agua Wetland Preserve"

"Mejor agua means ‘Best Water’ in English. This would be a great name because there is a large latina population in Monroe/Snohomish County."
“Monroe Wetland Preserve”

“I think that this would be a good name because it is in Monroe and that would be a good name for something that is in Monroe.”

“Because it is a wetland conservation and we are in Monroe and we are preserving it.”

“It’s in Monroe so it makes sense.”
“Naturaleza Wetland Preserve”

“Naturaleza means nature in Spanish and the wetland has nature.”

“Wetlands are homes to many different types of animals, like frogs, and since Monroe has such a high Hispanic/Latino population, then this would be a perfect name!!!”
“Barbra Wetland Preserve”

“My grandma Barbra Cunningham died of cancer 3 days before Christmas last year. She meant a lot to my family and her husband, my grandfather is really sad about her passing. She was the love of his life and I think that if people know that it is kind of a memorial to her they will learn the beauty of nature and better take care of the wetland. My grandma loved being outside. Whenever she went outside she would be so happy. Looking at all the animals and organisms she would be so happy! If you choose this name my grandma and a lot of people would appreciate it and learn to love special things like life and the wetlands.”
Runners Up

Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Holland Wetland Preserve”

“I chose Holland Wetland Preserve because Mr. Holland taught our class about wetlands, and how to keep our wetlands clean.” (referring to Scott Holland at Park Place Middle School)
“Jumping Geoffrey Wetland Preserve”

“Because wetlands are always jumping with life, Monroe’s mayor’s name is Geoffrey, and it is alliteration.”
Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Moisty Mire Wetland Preserve”

“Because it’s a very well known name in the world, plus it’s an actual wetland!!! It was very big and very popular but it got destroyed. It is big and it would make sense for it to be named Moisty Mire!!!!”

“This name would help promote conservation for wetlands because people like Fortnite so people would respect the wetland.”

“We should name this wetland Moisty Mire because it is really cool. All of the kids love it. Also, many kids would love to help out with this wetland if it was named that it is also an amazing name. “

“this name is a very noticeable name and will attract a lot of attention to our lovely town.”

“just please choose the name its great”
Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Rainier Wetland Preserve”

“I choose Rainier Wetland Preserve because Mt. Rainier is the jewel of Washington State. I love how on a beautiful clear day everyone can get a nice view of Mt. Rainier. People always recognize the mountain because of its beauty and white top with snow. It always brings a smile to my face when I see it or read something about Mt. Rainier so I think it would be a good name that identifies Washington and Monroe.”
Runners Up

Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Kaci Wetland Preserve”

“I think this would be a good name because a little girl named Kaci at the age of 6 died in a car crash with her grandma her two brother and grandpa survived but she didn’t make it. She was my little sisters best friend. I would love to have this wetland named after her so she would be forever remembered.”
Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Waterbird Wetland Preserve”

“People like birds, so they would want to help conserve their habitats so there will be more birds around.”
Runners Up

Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Lost Wetland Preserve”

“I believe this name should be chosen to bare as a reminder as to why we should not allow our wetlands/lakes/forests to be lost in the ghastly growing and destructive world. When the name is seen it will serve as a reminder to not let it become true to its name, to not let that become true for any of the nature we love.”
Runners Up

Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Mr. Clean’s Wetland Preserve”

“Because a wetland cleans the germs in the water and cleans faster than any other water thing.”

“This should be chosen because it is very clean”
Runners Up

Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Insect Galaxy Wetland Preserve”

“It would be a good name because it is basically saying that it is full of alien like insects from a different world. And galaxy is very catchy and very friendly.”

“Because the Galaxy movie theater plays a big role in the community of Monroe and is a cool name that kids can be interested in.”
“Shimmer Streams Wetland Preserve”

“When people think wetland, they think water at first. Water can sound very beautiful when you word it correctly. Shimmer is a word that invokes interest and curiosity. It makes people think well of wetlands and their supposed shimmery quality. People would want to see these beautiful wetlands when they hear “Shimmer streams”. I chose this name because of all the interest it invokes in people. Streams sounded better than rivers or falls paired with the word shimmer.”
“Misty Marshes Wetland Preserve”

“I am choosing this name because the Wetland Preserve is located right next to lake Tye, and during the winter the area fogs up, causing there to be mist. It is very Humid then, and the wetlands get rained on, making the ground marshy and swampy. Therefore, I wish to name the area the Misty Marshes Wetland Preserve.”
Name and description of why this name would help promote conservation and appreciation for wetlands in Monroe:

“Burgonya Wetland Preserve”

“Burgonya means potato in Hungarian I think this would be a good name because its the Wetland is right next to the Jack in the Box and they use potatoes to make french fries and im Hungarian so I put it in Hungarian.”
Restoration work has been under way at a large wetland in Monroe. The Snohomish Conservation District is soliciting names for it. (Snohomish Conservation District)

Monroe wetland needs a name, but maybe not from ‘Fortnite’

A group of local folks will whittle down the submitted suggestions, which include “Moisty Mire.”

By Rikki King
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:04pm

MONROE — It needs a better name than “where you see the pink flags.”

For years, restoration work has been under way at a large wetland in Monroe, between Roosevelt Road and the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, including 14,000 tree plantings.

Local children, ages 9 to 14, are invited to submit names for the wetland until April 9.
As of Tuesday morning, more than 100 suggestions had come in, said Lily Cason, a youth education coordinator with the Snohomish Conservation District.

“We are hoping naming it will connect people to it and also draw attention to the wetland and the importance of the wetlands,” she said.

Some of the ideas are touching, such as names in memory of loved ones who have passed.

At least two creeks flow into the wetland, and French Creek flows out of it. (Snohomish Conservation District)

There also were quite a few references to “Fortnite,” the hugely popular online video game.

“Apparently there is a wetland in ‘Fortnite’ that was destroyed, so that wetland was named the Moisty Mire, so we’ve had quite a lot of submissions proposing we name it the Moisty Mire,” Cason said.
The contest has been part of the conservation district's education efforts in Monroe schools, touching on topics such as wetlands, ecosystems and future career paths. Several teachers have created lessons that complement that mission, Cason said.

A group of local folks will whittle down the names to a handful of finalists that will go before the city parks board. A decision is expected before the end of the school year.

At least two creeks flow into the wetland, and French Creek flows out of it. The area is home to pink salmon, coho salmon, bull trout and steelhead.

The new trees will provide shade, cooling down the water while the roots stabilize the soil. The city owns the land, which covers roughly 30 acres.

The restoration is funded through a grant from the state Department of Ecology. The planting crews have included the Washington Conservation Corps and the Veteran Conservation Corps.
Give it a try

Monroe-area children, ages 9 to 14, are invited to submit names for the wetland.

The Snohomish Conservation District says, "Friends have names, so we think wetlands should, too. After all, they are like the kidneys of our environment, playing a vital role by filtering pollutants out of water and reducing flooding while providing habitat for birds and wildlife."

Applicants are welcome to include original artwork as well.

More info: Visit snocd.org/wetland or contact Lily Cason at 425-377-7023, lcason@snohomishcd.org.
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