

“As the city continues its transition from a small town to a large city, it is imperative that the City leads the way to provide equitable access to services and increase governmental efficiency in a fiscally responsible manner through the development of a new inclusive civic campus located in the central part of the city,” said Lake Stevens Mayor Brett Gailey. “The campus will act as a hub to continue the revitalization of Lake Stevens’ economy by improving access to services and exploring appropriate private enterprises on the site to share development costs.”

As Lake Stevens continues to grow in area and population, the demand for new and improved services also increases. The temporary buildings housing City Hall and the Permit Center are inadequate to provide space for all necessary city services and functions. Additionally, as part of the downtown redevelopment, the current City Hall site would be incorporated into the final phases of North Cove Park, an anchor of the downtown redevelopment.

“Sno-Isle has been honored to serve the Lake Stevens Community out of the building on Main Street for the past 35 years,” said Lois Langer Thompson, Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director. “We are excited to see what the future holds and appreciate the City & Sewer District’s collaboration in seeking the best solution to meet the needs of the community and Lake Stevens Library.”

"Our Lake Stevens community continues to grow, and the current Lake Stevens library is bursting at the seams and unable to welcome all of our local families. The early learning services that our children get at the library is invaluable. Studies show that children explore and investigate their world and can start learning at a younger age, and we really want to embrace that sort of learning and discovering," said State Representative John Lovick, who represents Lake Stevens, Snohomish and Mill Creek. "This past legislative session I secured \$150,000 in State funding to begin site preparation for a new Lake Stevens early-learning focused library. Our community needs a civic campus with a library, and I'm heartened that the City, Sewer District, and Sno-Isle Libraries have come together to explore that opportunity."

The current 2,500 square foot Sno-Isle Libraries facility in Lake Stevens (located at 1804 Main Street) welcomed nearly 94,000 customers in 2019. The library building is anticipated to be demolished as part of the City’s North Cove Park Project. The City and Sno-Isle Libraries remain committed to working together to provide library services in a new location.

Tonya Christoffersen, General Manager of the Lake Stevens Sewer District stated “The Lake Stevens Sewer District has been serving the Lake Stevens community since 1957, and our commitment to our customers is stronger than ever. The District continues to build infrastructure to support our ever-growing city. The District Management and Commissioners believe it is important to evaluate potential costs savings that a shared location may provide as well as potential benefits for customers who need to do business with either entity. We look forward to completing the RFP and to see where the future leads us in this possible venture with the City of Lake Stevens and Sno-Isle Libraries.”

Lake Stevens, Sno-Isle Libraries and Lake Stevens Sewer District wish to explore the feasibility of consolidating services, in proximity to major transportation routes, the transit center and growing population. The key objectives are to provide public facilities and buildings that deliver municipal and community services effectively, while maintaining a strong community identity. An outcome of this planning effort would be to construct modern and efficient civic buildings for the enjoyment of all residents and in a financially sustainable manner through a public private partnership.

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