

**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA OF THE
SPOKANE CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**

**MEETING OF Thursday, June 12, 2025
2:00 P.M. – CITY HALL COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER
AND
3:30 P.M. – 930 W. SPOKANE FALLS BLVD.**

The Spokane Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board will be holding a Special Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025, in the City Hall Council Briefing Center, 808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA, followed by a 3:30 p.m. tour of the City's CSO 26 Tank located at 930 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and discuss items on the attached agenda and to tour the City's CSO 26 Tank.

The special meeting will be open to the public. The meeting portion can be attended in-person or virtually via the Teams link on page 2 of the agenda. The public is welcome to join the tour at the below location. Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting for anything not on the agenda either in-person or via Teams.

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA

Itinerary for Tour

3:30 p.m. – Walk from Spokane City Hall Briefing Center to the Place of Truth Plaza at 930 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA to meet for the tour.

3:35 p.m. – Begin tour

4:15 p.m. – CSO Tank tour ends



Spencer Gardner
Planning Service Director

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Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Agenda

Special Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025
2:00 PM

Hybrid - Council Briefing Center / Microsoft Teams
Offsite Tour Beginning at 3:30 PM
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201

Virtual Meeting Link - See Below for Information

TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Public Comment Period:

3 minutes each | Citizens are invited to address the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board on any topic not on the agenda.

Board Briefing Session:

2:00 – 2:15	1. Roll Call	Planning Staff
	2. Approve 5/22/2025 meeting minutes	All
	3. Chair Report	Amanda Parrish
	4. Secretary Report	Tirrell Black
	5. Approval of current agenda	All

Workshops:

2:15 – 2:45	1. Climate Planning – Phase One Wrap-up	Maren Murphy
2:45 – 3:30	2. Master Water Conservation Plan Update	Kristen Zimmer / Marlene Feist
3:30 – 4:15	3. Offsite CSO 26 Tank Tour (All times are approximate and subject to change) <i>It is recommended for everyone attending the tour to wear comfortable closed-toe shoes as there will be some walking up and down of stairs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leave City Hall at 3:30 PMMeet at CSO 26 Tank at the Place of Truth Plaza, 930 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WATour ends at 4:15 PM	Rob Jamison

Adjournment: The next regularly scheduled CRSB meeting will be held Thursday, July 10, 2025.

* Items denoted with an asterisk may include final action taken by the Board. Written public comments will be accepted at eracrsb@spokanecity.org on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Verbal testimony may also be accepted during the meeting.

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Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting Information

Thursday, June 12, 2025

The Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board will be held in a hybrid in-person / virtual format. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at City Hall or online using the following information.

Microsoft Teams

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Please note that public comments will be taken during the meeting, but the public is encouraged to continue to submit their comments or questions in writing to: eracrsb@spokanecity.org. Written public comments will be accepted on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting.

The audio proceedings of the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board meetings will be recorded and are available online.

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board

Upcoming Agenda Items (All items are subject to change)

July 10, 2025 Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (180 minutes available) Hybrid		
Workshop		
Time	Item	Presenter
2:00-2:15	Briefing Session	
2:15-	Jon Budget Update	Jon Snyder
	Potential presentation on GU Sharp Project report back on permeable pavement update	Mark Papich
	SAP Update	Jon Snyder
20-30 minutes if possible	Climate Planning – Public Engagement	Maren Murphy

August 14, 2025 Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (180 minutes available) Hybrid		
Workshop		
Time	Item	Presenter
2:00-2:15	Briefing Session	
2:15-3:45	Climate Planning – Policy Development	Maren Murphy
	TOD 101	Colin Quinn-Hurst

September 11, 2025 Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (180 minutes available) Hybrid		
Workshop		
Time	Item	Presenter
2:00-2:15	Briefing Session	
2:15-3:45	Climate Planning – Policy Development	Maren Murphy

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Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board - Special Meeting Minutes Draft

Thursday, May 22, 2025

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 3:16 PM by Brian Henning

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- None

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Brian Henning, Amanda Parrish, Kerry Brooks, Claire Cooney, Kevin Fagan, Elyse Hochstadt, Larry Luton, Kit Parker, Hala Zahalqa
- Board Members Not Present: Kathryn Alexander, Ryan Arnold, Happy Avery, Bob Lutz, Lea Molina
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Jon Snyder, Tirrell Black, Emily King, Maren Murphy, Logan Callen, Nicole White, Chris Averyt

Minutes: Minutes from 5/8/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report** - Brian Henning
 - Brian mentioned that he will not be in attendance at the June meeting. Amanda Parrish will lead the meeting in his absence.
 - He also encouraged board members to look at materials being produced by the County planning process. The County is going through the process of including a climate element as well. These are the first documents we have at the County level for climate planning.
- **Secretary Report** - Jon Snyder
 - Jon reported that for next month's meeting, we are looking at doing a tour for the second part of the meeting. We are planning to do a tour of the CSO tank right behind the downtown library. The first half of the meeting will be a regular meeting.
 - Jon also let everyone know that he will not be at the June meeting.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Climate Planning Technical Update #3 – Final CRVA
 - Presentation provided by: BERK Consulting & Maren Murphy
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Community Change Grant Resolution
 - Presentation provided by staff member: Jon Snyder
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Gonzaga and City Joint Statement and Letter attached to the end of the minutes.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:27 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

DRAFT

Gonzaga University and City of Spokane Urge Reinstatement of Climate Resilience Funding Ahead of Extreme Summer Heat

Erin Hut, Communications Director, ehut@spokanecity.org & Senior Director of Strategic Communications, Gonzaga University, aitkenj@gonzaga.edu

Friday, May 16, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Gonzaga University and the City of Spokane are calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to rescind the agency's May 2 notice to terminate a \$19.9 million federal grant awarded to support local climate resilience, public health, and workforce development. As the Inland Northwest enters its heat and wildfire season, termination of the Community Change Grant jeopardizes vulnerable community members and undermines efforts to prepare for increasingly severe climate-related events.

The grant, awarded through the Climate and Environmental Justice Community Change program, funds critical community-based initiatives in Spokane and the Inland Northwest. These include the installation of high-efficiency HVAC and air filtration systems in 300 low-income homes, the development of five Community Resilience Hubs to serve as safe spaces during extreme weather, the re-granting of \$2.6 million to local nonprofits and faith-based organizations, and job training programs in clean energy and energy efficiency.

More than 94% of the grant is allocated for direct services and community infrastructure — resources designed to protect lives, reduce energy costs, support small businesses, and build long-term resilience. With Spokane facing rising temperatures and increased wildfire smoke exposure, the loss of this funding poses immediate risks to public health and safety.

"We are concerned not only about the process by which this decision was made, but even more so about its very real consequences for the people we serve," said Dr. Thayne McCulloh, president of Gonzaga University. "Our mission is to educate and serve. This grant enables our community to learn how to deal with dangerous climate conditions and help the thousands of community members who lack the ability to protect themselves from the extreme heat and wildfire smoke that is all too common in the Inland Northwest today."

"This work has already begun in good faith under a legally binding agreement," said Spokane Mayor Lisa Brown. "The decision to terminate this grant puts lives at risk and undermines locally led solutions to climate and public health challenges. Make no mistake, recent history shows just how critical this funding is to ensure the health, safety, and economic stability of so many Spokane families."

Gonzaga and the City of Spokane believe the termination lacks legal justification and contradicts the terms of the cooperative agreement. Courts have already issued preliminary rulings against similar efforts to halt climate-related funding under the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, citing concerns about overreach and constitutional violations.

The goals of the program — improving energy efficiency, reducing public health risks, and expanding economic opportunity — align with bipartisan policy objectives and are rooted in data-driven, community-focused strategies.

“This is not about politics,” Brown said. “This is about people. It’s about protecting neighbors and investing in a healthier, safer future for Spokane.”

Gonzaga and the City call on its legislators representing the many community members impacted by the grant’s termination to intervene for their constituents by urging immediate reinstatement of the grant; affirming the importance of this funding for Spokane’s health, economy, and safety; and requesting a formal explanation from the EPA regarding the legal basis for the termination and the impact on other grants in Washington State.

The risks are real. Four years ago, 19 area residents died from the effects of extreme heat and smoke. Every day without funding -- without high efficiency air conditioning and filtration in homes, community cooling centers, and life-saving resources – places thousands of Spokane area families at unnecessary risk once again. Gonzaga University and the City of Spokane urge moving beyond a political agenda, immediately reinstating funding for the Community Change Grant, and completing this life-saving program for our residents now, and for years to come.



Mayor Lisa Brown

April 7, 2025

The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
154 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Michael Baumgartner
U.S. House of Representatives
124 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Letter of Support to Release EPA Community Change Grant Funding #02J85301

Dear Senators Murray and Cantwell and Representative Baumgartner,

On behalf of our organizations and the broader Spokane community, we are writing to request your assistance with the timely release of our legally obligated EPA Community Change Grant funding.

We partnered on this Community Change Grant program to protect residents in Eastern Washington from the hazards of extreme heat and wildfire smoke. This critical \$19.9 million program will bring considerable benefits to our community – your constituents – across the Spokane region. Specific benefits of the program include:

- *Improving human health through the installation of higher efficiency heat pumps and HVAC systems benefitting low-income families.*
- *Strengthening community resilience through the creation of five Community Resilience Hubs in low-income communities to provide physical safety during natural disasters, increase community awareness of emergency preparedness and build resilience during extreme weather events and intense wildfire smoke.*
- *Improve air quality through the installation and improvement of HVAC systems in 300 homes and one community center.*
- *Increasing public awareness and preparedness through community resilience trainings.*
- *Certification and training of Gonzaga students to help build resilience.*

Unfortunately, our EPA grant account has been listed as “suspended” without any explanation. We are unable to draw down funds. We are highly concerned that the federal government may not honor its contracts, and we fear that our project has been caught up in a broader set of suspensions, despite the broad-based community support and clear set of actions to protect our residents and support critical investments in regional infrastructure and family financial health.

Losing or delaying this grant funding would cause harm to the communities that we serve and undermine many of the policy objectives that we know you share.

A Better Way Starts Here

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Mayor Lisa Brown

Thank you for your time and consideration. We would sincerely appreciate your assistance contacting the EPA in support of our grant so we can help the communities that we serve. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide additional information.

We have attached some additional information on our project for background.

Sincerely,

Lisa Brown
Mayor, City of Spokane

Thayne M. McCulloh
President, Gonzaga University

Amber Johnson
Chief Operating Officer, SNAP

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City of Spokane
Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board
6/12/2025

Note to presenters: The CRSB is interested in having workshops with about 2/3 presenter time and 1/3 of a workshop reserved for questions and discussion.

Subject:

The City of Spokane is completing Climate Planning Phase 1, as part of the Plan Spokane 2046 comprehensive plan periodic update. The workshop will review the work completed over the year, highlight recent engagement as part of the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, and share an overview of major phases for Phase 2, which will begin in July 2025.

Background:

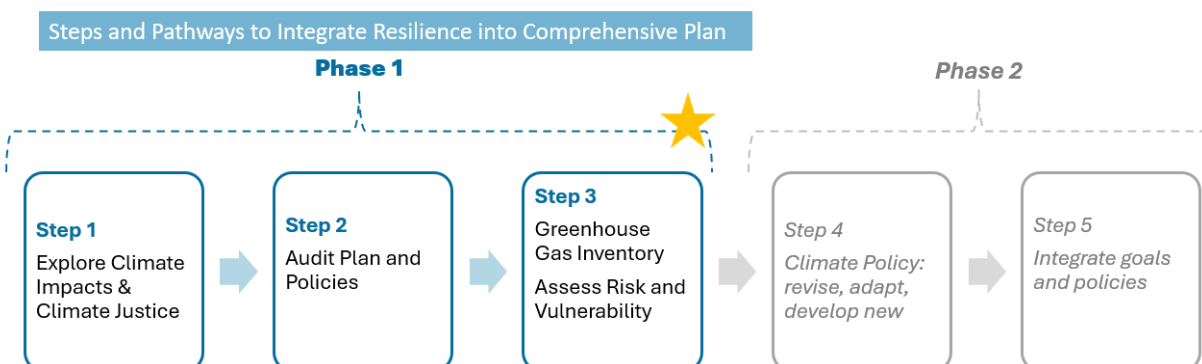
The City of Spokane is developing climate planning under HB 1181 to enhance community resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and prioritize environmental justice to avoid worsening environmental health disparities. Climate planning is part of the City's general periodic update requirement for the Comprehensive Plan, which is due in 2026. This work is supported by WA Dept. of Commerce climate planning grant which is funded from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board is serving as the Climate Policy Advisory Team for climate planning element.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

The City of Spokane is required under the Growth Management Act to have a climate element as part of the Comprehensive Plan. The climate element will be integrated throughout the Comprehensive Plan elements such as housing, transportation, land use, utilities, and natural environment. Integration of climate into the comprehensive plan was also identified in City Council's Sustainability Action Plan.

Timeline/ Further Action:

See below for timeline for climate planning. The CRVA is the final technical document to be completed for Phase 1 before moving on to Phase 2. Phase 2 focuses on using the technical reporting and community engagement from Phase 1 to inform climate policy development and integration into Comprehensive Plan updates in 2026.



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Relevant Climate Planning Links:

City of Spokane	
Spokane Climate Planning Project Page	my.spokanecity.org/climate-planning/
Spokane Climate Vulnerability Index	https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/f6e4fae1a4eb400bab2c236ce63b75da
Spokane Climate Planning Engage	engage.spokane.gov/hub-page/planning-services
PlanSpokane 2046 Periodic Update	planspokane.org
Spokane Comprehensive Plan	my.spokanecity.org/shapingspokane/comprehensive-plan/
Spokane GHG Reporting	my.spokanecity.org/publicworks/environmental/
Spokane Parks Master Plan	my.spokanecity.org/parksrec/master-plan/

WA Dept. of Commerce	
Commerce Climate Planning Website	www.commerce.wa.gov/growth-management/climate-planning/
Commerce Guidance for Climate Planning	deptofcommerce.box.com/s/fpg3h0lbwln2ctqjg7ig802h54ie19jx
Commerce Climate Policy Explorer	https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/dd012fae9fad4a309b0d89e3c13016e5/page/Basic/

BRIEFING PAPER: 5-year Update to the Water Conservation Master Plan
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Note to presenters: The CRSB is interested in having workshops with about 2/3 presenter time and 1/3 of a workshop reserved for questions and discussion.

Subject:

The City of Spokane Water Conservation Master Plan details the City Water Department's work to promote water conservation on the demand (customer) side. The Master Plan is due for its first five-year update, and staff would like to have the Climate Resilience & Sustainability Board serve as the External Advisory Group for the update.

Work to update the plan should include review of high-level goals and strategies and an understanding of the actions and activities that are being employed. Additionally, we would like to explore some possible companion policy changes. Not all of these would happen on the same time track as the master plan update. Some ideas include:

- A possible revision to the **Water Consumption Tier Structure(s) for Commercial Customers**. This should include an assessment of the types of customers in the commercial class and possible structure options.
- Establishment of **irrigation and landscape standards** for City operations and for new development to promote lower water use.
- Ways to promote appropriate water use at **parks and schools** as they continue to provide needed green space for residents.
- Evaluation of the **Indoor Water Use Credit** to make sure we are incentivizing the right things.
- **Other recommendations** that come out of the process.

At the June meeting, we'd also like to tell you about a study we are doing to quantify how conservation could impact capital infrastructure needs.

Background:

The current Water Conservation Master Plan was adopted by City Council resolution in July 2020. The work to develop the plan followed the Council's adoption of an ordinance (ORD 35630) that detailed work related to water intertie agreements and required more specific water conservation planning efforts. That ordinance was adopted in May 2018.

Since 2003, state law has placed requirements on public water systems to create and maintain water use efficiency programs. The City of Spokane adopted its first water stewardship program in 2006. The current Water Conservation Master Plan built on those past efforts.

Since the Master Plan's adoption, the City Council also has adopted more specific code requirements around conservation. In 2022, Council adopted two levels of water conservation for summertime use that require no watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., every other day watering, and other limitations. The City also has a water-wastewater credit for the 20 percent of Water customers who have the lowest winter water use.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

The Water Conservation Master Plan helps deliver on the water conservation goals of the Sustainability Action Plan and the City's Water System Plan. The work is consistent with the

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Facilities Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Conservation efforts also will tie into the new climate planning work that is being incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Timeline/ Further Action:

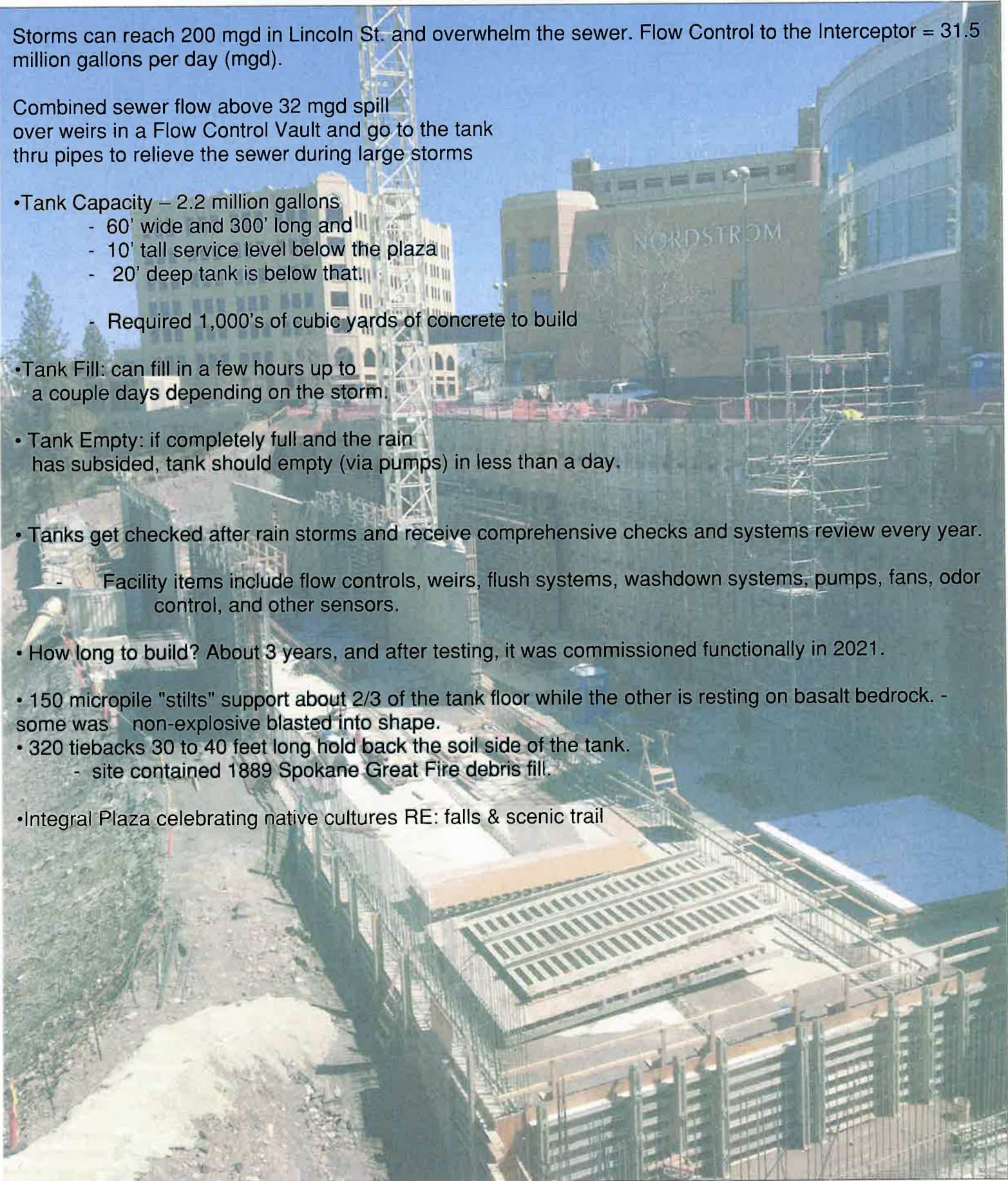
Staff is proposing an approximate 6-month effort to update the plan with multiple touches with the CRSB, the City Council, the Mayor and administration officials, and the public. We would like to incorporate conservation plan public engagement in the larger Comp Plan public engagement efforts.

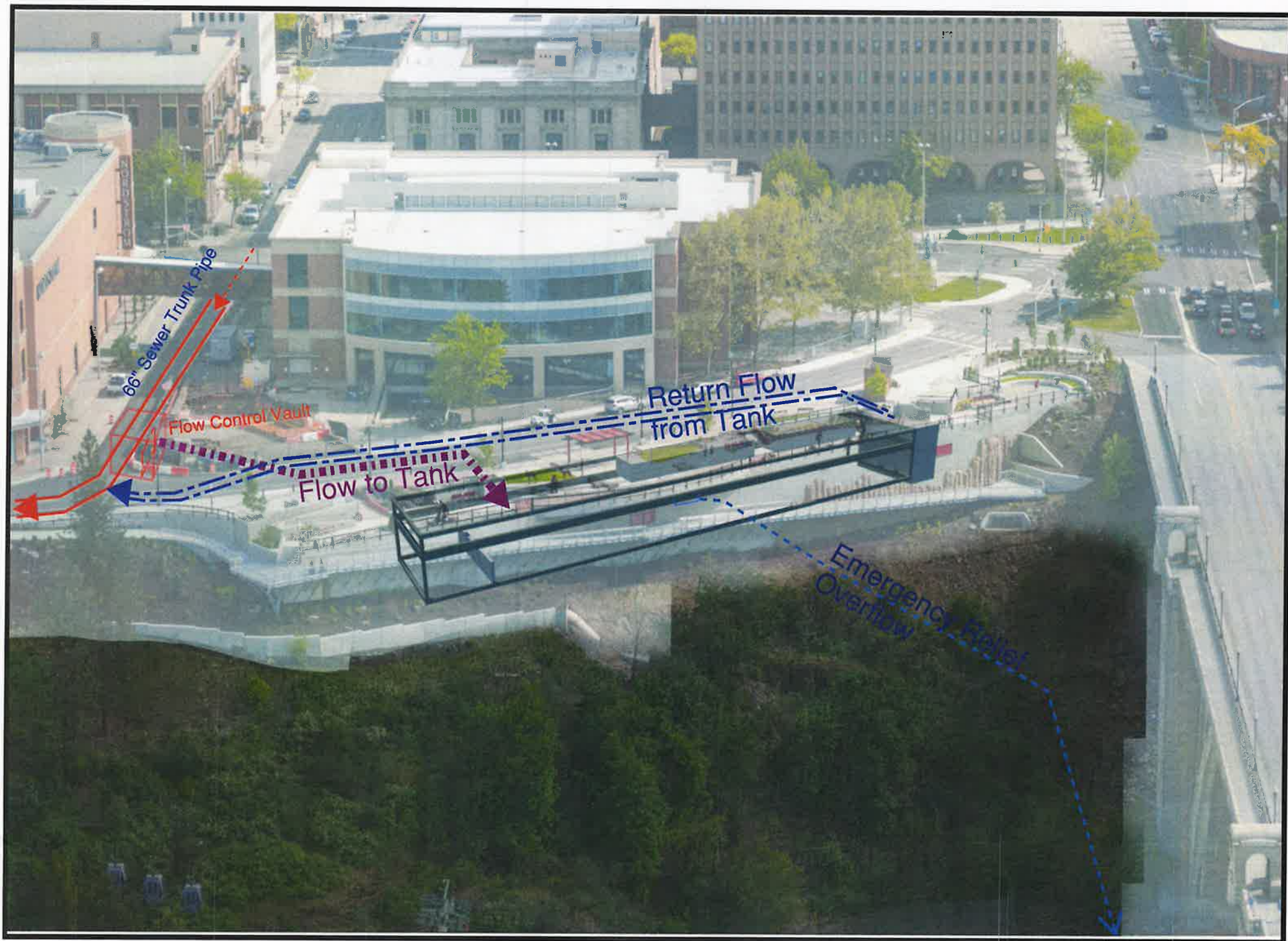
FLOW PATHWAYS & TANK FACTS

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Combined sewer flow above 32 mgd spill over weirs in a Flow Control Vault and go to the tank thru pipes to relieve the sewer during large storms

- Tank Capacity – 2.2 million gallons
 - 60' wide and 300' long and
 - 10' tall service level below the plaza
 - 20' deep tank is below that.
 - Required 1,000's of cubic yards of concrete to build
- Tank Fill: can fill in a few hours up to a couple days depending on the storm.
- Tank Empty: if completely full and the rain has subsided, tank should empty (via pumps) in less than a day.
- Tanks get checked after rain storms and receive comprehensive checks and systems review every year.
 - Facility items include flow controls, weirs, flush systems, washdown systems, pumps, fans, odor control, and other sensors.
- How long to build? About 3 years, and after testing, it was commissioned functionally in 2021.
- 150 micropile "stilts" support about 2/3 of the tank floor while the other is resting on basalt bedrock. - some was non-explosive blasted into shape.
- 320 tiebacks 30 to 40 feet long hold back the soil side of the tank.
 - site contained 1889 Spokane Great Fire debris fill.
- Integral Plaza celebrating native cultures RE: falls & scenic trail





City of Spokane

CSO 26 TANK Flows