



# Lake Pend Oreille School District #84

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DATE: September 13, 2022

FROM: City of Ponderay

SUBJECT: Greenbelt Easement

**SUMMARY:** The City of Ponderay is requesting that Lake Pend Oreille School District grant a greenbelt easement across the east 20-feet of the parcels located along Triangle Drive, consistent with the City's adopted Greenbelts and Pathways plan. Grant of this easement will allow for improved drainage in the area and access to stormwater facilities for maintenance and improvements.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:** None

**BACKGROUND:** On December 19, 2016 the Ponderay City Council unanimously approved file CA16-011, which accepted the Ponderay Greenbelts and Pathways plan and added it as an appendix to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The adopted plan outlined priority projects and connections that would shape the City's future growth and is used as a guiding document for land use development. The area associated with this easement request was identified as a proposed path/enhanced drainage way. For the last several years the city has been working towards this goal, through a combination of newly developed sites, community development projects, and land exchanges. I am pleased to say that we have acquired or are in the process of acquiring nearly all of the needed connections through this corridor. A community development project is currently underway, which will result in the acquisition of not only right-of-way which will provide for and a second way in and out of the Larkspur neighborhood and park land, but also a key stormwater facility in this drainage corridor. This stormwater facility abuts the Lake Pend Oreille School District administrative facility, directly to the east. It is the last stop before the water from the Triangle area passes under the railroad and Highway 200 before heading out to the lake. Unfortunately, it is currently very overgrown and contains obstructions that affect its functionality. While acquiring this stormwater facility is the first step in improving its condition, access to the facility is not feasible from the Mountain View Apartment site due to the location and orientation of the existing apartment structures. By LPOSD granting the requested easement the City will be able to cross the City owned parcel to the north and along the easement to access the stormwater facility for maintenance and improvement. Additionally, this space will be used for stormwater improvements and conveyance as this area is improved. This helps the City to direct the water down a chosen greenbelt, shifting the maintenance and responsibility for these drainages from the landowner to the City.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The City of Ponderay has prepared the draft easement document which describes the proposed easement.

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

PROPOSED MOTION: I make a motion to adopt the easement as presented.

ATTACHMENTS: Ponderay Green Belts and Pathways Plan, Aerial identifying key locations and the draft easement.