



BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brown's Creek Watershed District Board
FROM: Karen Kill and Hannah Peterson
RE: Brown's Creek Restoration Project – Interpretive Signage
DATE: May 8, 2026

Background

The Brown's Creek Restoration Project was completed (aside from additional maintenance and plantings) in 2025. In the 2026 budget planning process, BCWD budgeted \$15,000 to develop three interpretive signs to educate the community about different aspects of the project at three different locations along the restoration site. BCWD staff will design three 36 x 24" signs for the following locations and content:

1. **Brown's Creek Park:** Native plants/habitat, buckthorn removal, reconnection to floodplain, overall project benefits
2. **ADA-Accessible Fishing Pier:** Get out more grant, cold-water fishery, pools and riffles, re-meandering
3. **Stair Access:** Macroinvertebrates/stream species, stormwater

BCWD can save on costs compared to the budget estimate by designing in-house with some graphic and installation support from Emmons & Olivier Resources. Staff would aim to have the signage installed by the September 19, 2026, Community Watershed Celebration and Bird Festival at Brown's Creek Park.

Estimated Costs

Description	Not to exceed
Design & Installation Support by EOR	\$5000
Sign Printing and Installation Materials from Vacker Sign	\$5000
TOTAL	\$10,000

Requested Action

Approve the design, printing, and installation of restoration project signage not to exceed a total of \$10,000 from account 910-0000 Education and Outreach.

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