

CITY OF ILWACO
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

- A. Meeting Dates: Council Workshop: 8/17/26 Public Hearing:
 Council Discussion Item: Council Business Item:
- B. Issue/Topic: **Right of Way Obstructions**
- C. Sponsor(s):
 1. *City of Ilwaco* 2. *Chief Wright*
- D. Background (overview of why issue is before council): Councilmember Rubio has asked Chief Wright about boats and trailers parking for long periods of time on the shoulder of the right of way. Large boats especially can create visual obstructions and danger for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
- E. Discussion (specific details relevant to the issue, pros/cons, alternatives and any other decision-making details)
 1. The current code does not directly reference enforcement of long term parking of boats or trailers on city streets. Chief Wright has asked for input from the city on how aggressive they want to see enforcement be. At a workshop of the council, it was discussed that an update to the city code adopting stronger enforcement language should be considered, with enforcement measures being strictly and broadly enforced.
- F. Impacts:
 1. Fiscal:
 2. Legal:
 3. Personnel:
 4. Service/Delivery: Enforcing boats to be removed from the city street would impact recreational and commercial fisherman and Port services if the boats were to be relocated to port property.
- G. Staff Comments: An example of the City of Long Beach code 12.11.5(A) is included for reference as it would be the basis for an Ilwaco code update.
- H. Time Constraints/Due Dates:
- I. Proposed Motion: **None at this time.**

12-11-5: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, CAMPING:

A. **Parking And Storage:** For purposes of these regulations, "major recreational equipment" is defined as including boats and boat trailers, recreational vehicles (RVs) and the like, and cases or boxes used for transporting recreational equipment, whether occupied by such equipment or not. All such equipment shall be stored in rear yards away from street side view or along the side yards. No major recreational equipment shall be parked or stored on any lot except in a carport or enclosed building or behind the nearest portion of a building to a street; provided, however, that such equipment may be parked anywhere on residential premises for periods not to exceed twenty four (24) hours during loading or unloading. Recreational vehicles that are parked or stored within view of the street or on a vacant lot shall be considered occupied, for purposes of subsection B of this section. No major recreational equipment shall be parked or stored on any street or way, whether public or private. (Ord. 849, 8-17-2009)

B. **Camping And Use Of RVs:** No person shall park and occupy a recreational vehicle (RV) nor shall camp, except:

1. At a duly licensed RV park or campground.
2. As a guest of a resident, and then only upon private property, and for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) continuous days, or thirty (30) days total in a calendar year.
3. On private property by the owner for his own use, but not to exceed sixty (60) days in a calendar year. An RV stored on an otherwise vacant lot shall be considered occupied for purposes of this section. An RV connected to water and/or sewer shall also be considered occupied.
4. No more than two (2) RVs may be used on a lot that is not an RV park. Such RVs may be placed upon a lot for not more than sixty (60) days' total use per year. Each day of use of each RV shall be counted as a day of use. Parking and use of more than two (2) RVs on a lot may be permitted by the City Council upon an application to the City Council for a special use permit.
5. Occupancy of a trailer or other recreational equipment not designed to be temporary living accommodations is not permitted. Occupancy of a boat regardless of whether such vessel contains living accommodations is not permitted.
6. Occupancy of an RV as a manager's unit shall only be permitted in a licensed RV park or campground.
7. Parking of all vehicles at a site, including one or more RVs must comport to the requirements of chapter 12 of this title.

C. **Camping On Public Property Prohibited:** It is unlawful and an infraction for any person to camp on any City owned or City controlled property, any public park, or any public right-of- way. (Ord. 912, 8-3-2015)

A. Meeting Dates: Council Workshop: 8/17/26 Public Hearing:
Council Discussion Item: Council Business Item:

B. Issue/Topic: **Green Stormwater Infrastructure**

C. Sponsor(s):
1. *City of Ilwaco* 2. *Salmon Recovery Commerce Grant*

D. Background (overview of why issue is before council): The city is in the second stage of its Planning for Local Salmon Recovery grant from the Department of Commerce. The goal of the grant is to identify one or two areas in the city that would benefit from Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) and complete a design in preparation for future construction.

E. Discussion (specific details relevant to the issue, pros/cons, alternatives and any other decision-making details)
1. Members of the Parks and Recreation and Planning Commission toured potential GSI locations throughout the city and identified the parking lot median and shoulders of Outer Harbor Way as a priority area for site design.

F. Impacts:
1. Fiscal:
2. Legal:
3. Personnel:
4. Service/Delivery: Site design would be completed by the city under the commerce grant funding. Future construction would be dependent upon funding opportunities likely requiring collaboration between the city and port.

G. Staff Comments: An extract describing the GSI opportunity is included. The full technical memorandum and project briefing can be found at <https://www.ilwaco-wa.gov/projects/>.

H. Time Constraints/Due Dates:

I. Proposed Motion: **None at this time.**

GSI Opportunity at Outer Harbor Way SE – Extract from Technical Memorandum

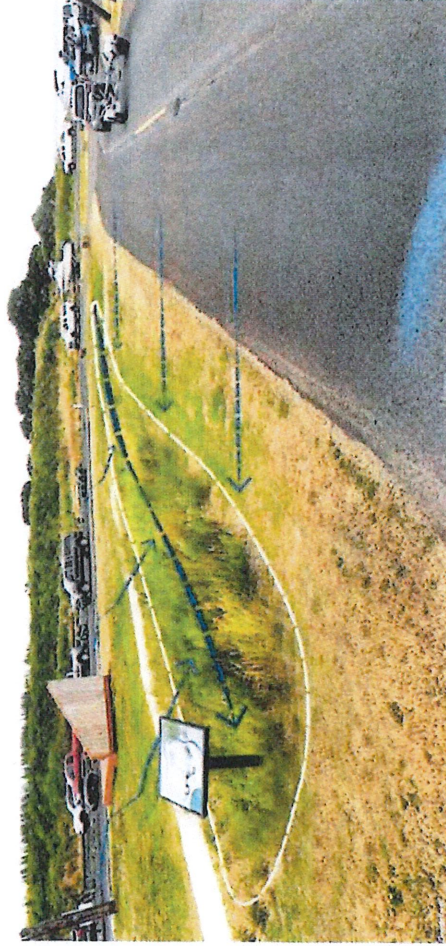
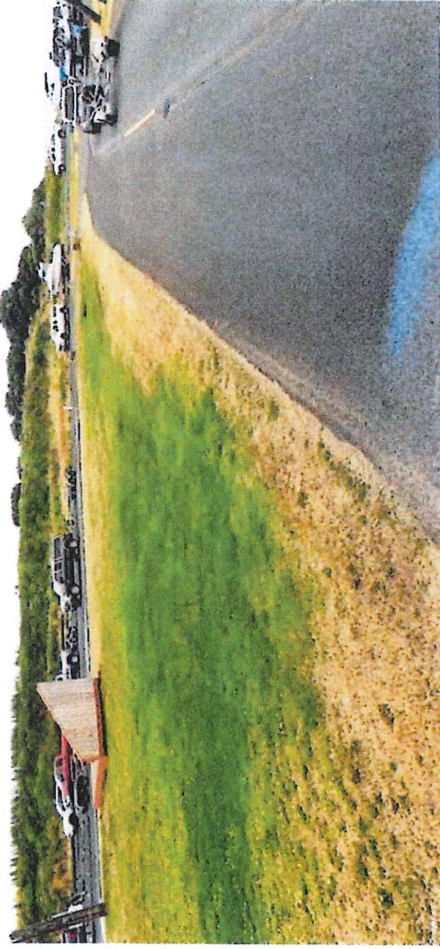


Photo 11. The parking lot median along Outer Harbor Way SE is a potential opportunity for GSI, like a bioswale, to capture and treat a large volume of sheet flow from the parking lot surface. This appears to be a viable option, while the other potential opportunity sites photographed below require further site analysis.

GSI Opportunity at Outer Harbor Way SE – Extract from Technical Memorandum

Compost-Amended Vegetated Filter Strips (CAVFS) are a valuable stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) for treating runoff from pollution-generating impervious surfaces such as roadways, particularly those adjacent to sensitive environments. As described in the SWMMWW, CAVFS enhance traditional vegetated filter strips by incorporating compost into the soil profile, which improves infiltration, pollutant removal, and vegetation health. When installed along roadways lining a marina, these systems help intercept and treat runoff before it reaches the water, reducing the transport of oils, heavy metals, and sediments into the marine environment. Proper design is essential to maintain sheet flow and ensure the compost meets specific standards for organic content and permeability, especially in areas with high rainfall and limited space.

In addition to CAVFS, other Low Impact Development (LID) techniques can be employed to manage roadway runoff near marinas. Bioretention cells can be integrated into roadside landscaping or medians to capture and treat stormwater, while media filter drains and permeable shoulders offer compact, linear solutions suitable for constrained waterfront corridors. These BMPs are particularly important in marina settings, where protecting water quality is critical for aquatic life, recreational use, and regulatory compliance. The selection of appropriate BMPs should be based on site-specific factors such as runoff volume, pollutant loading, soil infiltration capacity, and maintenance access.



Photo 12. Outer Harbor Way SE (facing East)



Photo 13. Outer Harbor Way SE (facing West)