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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Valley Creek Daylighting & Stormwater Park Economic Study
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Introduction

Futurewise is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to conduct a comprehensive economic analysis of the proposed Valley Creek Daylighting and Stormwater Park project in downtown Port Angeles, Washington. The study will evaluate the economic implications of the project in relation to the social, environmental, and community redevelopment outcomes anticipated from daylighting the lower reach of Valley Creek and developing a stormwater park. The daylighting project will support the ongoing revitalization of the downtown Waterfront District while providing recreational and educational opportunities and more. This analysis will be used to inform stakeholder decision-making, guide future design and planning, and strengthen capital funding applications.

Background

Valley Creek originates in the foothills of the Olympic Mountains and flows 4.9 miles north through forestlands and city neighborhoods before entering a 2,100-foot culvert system beneath the streets of downtown Port Angeles. This culvert blocks treaty-protected anadromous fish from accessing upstream habitat and stormwater runoff is degrading water quality.

Futurewise and City of Port Angeles are partnering to advance a vision that would:

- Daylight and re-meander the lowest culverted reach of Valley Creek
- Construct a Stormwater Park that treats up to 170 acres of urban runoff
- Restore and improve habitat to support recovery of salmon and other Tribal cultural resources
- Create accessible recreation opportunities using ADA-inclusive design
- Enhance downtown revitalization, tourism, and walkability
- Lay the groundwork for a trail connection between downtown and Olympic National Park and the other urban creeks

This project was identified as the top priority for implementation through the GreenLink Port Angeles watershed planning process under the guidance of the GreenLink Advisory Committee (GLAC), comprising Tribal representatives, environmental experts, and community stakeholders. As the first step, the GreenLink Advisory Committee Master Plan for Valley Creek was developed to synthesize and compile past planning work and convey the vision.

For more information and to view the GreenLink Master Plan please see the following:
<https://futurewise.org/local-program/greenlink-port-angeles/>



Project Objectives

The consultant will deliver an economic study that:

- Estimates the long-term economic benefits and potential negative impacts of the proposed vision to tourism, recreation, education, and economic development
- Quantifies ecosystem service values (e.g., water quality, flood mitigation, habitat restoration, climate resilience)
- Assesses project influence on property values and affected businesses
- Explores associated economic development opportunities, including restoration jobs, tourism and green infrastructure workforce pathways.
- Provides a cost–benefit analysis comparing two project alternatives:
 - **Alternative 1** – Daylighting lower Valley Creek using the City of Port Angeles South Valley Street Right of Way only
 - **Alternative 4** – Daylighting and re-meandering the lower reach of Valley Creek and constructing the Valley Creek Stormwater Park

Futurewise will provide available design concepts, feasibility information, and background materials.

Scope of Work

The consultant shall complete the following tasks:

Task 1. Project Initiation and Data Review

- Conduct a kickoff meeting with Futurewise, City of Port Angeles staff, and interested key stakeholders as determined by the project team
- Review existing plans, studies, and datasets
- Develop a refined work plan, schedule, and data needs list

Deliverables:

- Kickoff meeting summary
- Finalized work plan and schedule
- Data needs memorandum

Task 2. Define Economic Analysis Framework

- Establish the analytical framework, including:
 - Geographic scope
 - Time horizon
 - Economic indicators
 - Ecosystem service valuation methods
 - Assumptions and limitations
- Identify required models or tools

Deliverable:

- Assumptions and methodology documentation

Task 3. Economic Impact Analysis

Evaluate economic outcomes associated with each alternative, including:

- Tourism, visitor spending and economic opportunities
- Recreational use and associated economic activity





- Other downtown business impacts
- Job creation (e.g., construction, restoration, long-term operations)
- Projected maintenance costs

Deliverable:

- Supporting tables, charts, and model outputs

Task 4. Ecosystem Services Valuation

Quantify ecosystem service benefits using accepted valuation methods, including:

- Water quality improvements
- Flood mitigation and stormwater management
- Habitat restoration and salmon recovery
- Climate resilience and heat-island reduction
- Public health and community well-being

Deliverables:

- Ecosystem services valuation section
- Documentation of valuation methods and data sources

Task 5. Property Value and Tax Revenue Assessment

Build on existing data to analyze potential changes in:

- Adjacent and nearby property values
- Redevelopment potential
- Municipal tax revenues (property, sales, lodging, etc.)

Deliverable:

- Property values and tax revenue analysis

Task 6. Cost–Benefit Analysis

- Compare short-term project costs with quantified benefits for two alternatives
- Conduct sensitivity analysis to reflect uncertainty
- Provide clear interpretation for non-technical audiences

Deliverable:

- Cost–benefit analysis with sensitivity scenarios

Task 7. Stakeholder Engagement

- Conduct interviews with local government, businesses, Tribes, tourism organizations, and other community partners to extent determined by project team
- Incorporate qualitative insights into the economic narrative

Deliverable:

- Stakeholder engagement summary section





Task 8. Draft and Final Report

Prepare a comprehensive report that includes:

- Executive summary
- Methods and assumptions
- Economic impact analysis
- Ecosystem services valuation
- Property value and tax revenue assessment
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Key findings and recommendations

Deliverables:

- Draft report
- Clear, accessible final report suitable for funding applications and public communication
- One virtual presentation or slide deck, as determined by project team.

Project Management & Coordination

The consultant will:

- Participate in regular check-ins with Futurewise staff to provide progress updates and proactively address issues or concerns

Schedule

- RFP Release: February 16, 2026
- Proposal Submission Deadline: March 15, 2026
- Award Notification: March 29, 2026
- Contract Start Date: April 1, 2026
- Contract Duration: 8 months

Budget

The available budget for this project is \$60,000. Proposals should include a cost estimate that aligns with the Scope of Work and identifies hourly rates, labor categories, and any anticipated expenses.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals must include:

- Cover Letter or Statement of Interest
- Summary of the firm's qualifications
- Project Approach
- Description of the proposed methodology
- Identification of key tasks, assumptions, and analytical tools
- Any optional enhancements or recommended refinement
- Preliminary Timeline
- Proposed schedule with milestones and deliverables
- Relevant project examples
- Experience with ecosystem service valuation, economic impact analysis, and community-scale infrastructure projects





- Key Personnel
- Roles, qualifications, and resumes
- At least three references for similar work
- Budget Proposal
- Itemized cost estimate

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Itemized cost estimate
- Relevant experience and background
- Proposal alignment with project goals and desired outcomes
- Organizational capacity
- Knowledge of the Pacific Northwest and local context

Submission Instructions

Proposals may be submitted electronically or by mail.

Email Submission:

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Mailing Address:

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Questions

Questions regarding this RFP may be emailed to greenlinkportangeles@futurewise.org. Interested parties may also call and leave a message for the Water, Fish, and Wildlife Program Manager at (206) 343-0681.

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