



## Island County Public Works

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### **Storm and Surface Water (Marshall) Utility Background:**

1995, December: Marshall Utility was created for the construction and operation of a storm and surface water system as a utility. (C-106-95, Island County Code 15.02)

- Infrastructure assessment by parcel / impervious area to fund projects which would alleviate many of the drainage issues in the area. \$400,000 would be required directly from properties within the basin, and \$235,000 would come from REET and road funds
- A \$30 annual maintenance and operation charge was assessed to pay for the costs of operation, maintenance, repair, improvement, and replacement of all existing and future storm and surface water facilities.

1996: Infrastructure project constructed.

1998: Changed funding requirements for low-income property owners and provided options for lump sum payments. (C-13-98)

2005, November: the annual maintenance fee and operation charge was eliminated. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) should be funded in the same manner as drainage facilities in other areas of the County; Road Fund, Real Estate Excise Tax and any other County budgeted funds following the exhaustion of the existing M&O balance. (C-124-05)

2008: The property owners in the Basin completed their contributions to the 1996 construction.

2010, December: The Clean Water Utility was created to establish a system of charges to fund and address concerns related to surface and groundwater quantity and quality in Island County. The properties within the Marshall Utility were exempted from the Clean Water Utility. (C-97-10, Island County Code 15.03)

2015: The County finished paying off the construction bond for the 1996 Infrastructure Improvement.

2016: Portable pump provided

2016: New controller and new pumps were installed. Emergency work was covered by a temporary loan from the Road Fund.

2017, February: the Marshall Utility Fund received a \$20,000 interfund loan from the REET2 fund to reimburse the Road Fund for the work in 2017. Required to be paid back in 5 years. (C-17-17)

2018, February: the Marshall Utility took an additional interfund loan from REET2, in the amount of \$5,000, for needed regular maintenance. Required to be paid back in 5 years. (C-29-18)

2019, September: the \$30 M&O fee was restored to properties in the Marshall Utility. (C-66-19) Public Works was directed to conduct a rate study no later than 2025.

2020: Marshall Utility paid \$3,000 towards the 2018 \$5,000 loan  
Stop Public Works support of portable pump provided in 2016

2021: Marshall Utility paid \$2,000 to pay off the 2018 \$5,000 loan

2022: The 2017 loan for \$20,000 was re-issued, required to be paid back in 5 years. (C-89-22))

A December King Tide event required some emergency repairs.

2023: Marshall Utility received a \$85,000 loan from the Road Fund to allow for immediate replacement of the three pumps and the pipe portion of the tide gate.