

2027 State Legislative Agenda

The City of Mill Creek remains committed to building a thriving, connected, and safe community defined by walkability, well-maintained parks and trails, clean and welcoming public spaces, and strong civic engagement.

We respectfully request the partnership and support of our State Legislature in advancing the following priorities.

Open Public Space, Housing, and Public Safety

Mill Creek has long lacked adequate public meeting and gathering space. To address this need, the City is preparing to revitalize South Town Center through economic development and the creation of a re-imagined, multi-purpose civic center serving all ages – from infants to older adults.

Other areas of interest include:

- Support additional incentives to encourage condominium construction and ownership opportunities by enhancing condo liability protections beyond the typical 12-unit limit. The City also opposes state preemption of local housing policies.
- Support funding to reduce indigent defense costs for cities incurred as a result of caseload restrictions for public defenders following recent Washington State Supreme Court rulings.
- Support legislation to address unfunded state mandates associated with booking requirements for certain misdemeanor arrests (e.g., domestic violence assault, court order violations, and DUI).
- Support continued regulation and safety standards for e-motorcycles through the work group established in SB 6110.

Through the City's priority of well-maintained parks, we seek funding for a new Hillside Park playground, which is located at the heart of the City at $575,000, as well as improvements needed to the aging Mill Creek Library parking lot. The City also seeks site improvement funds of $250,000 for the Penny Creek Natural Area.

Public Works Equipment and Facility Preparations

As Mill Creek continues to grow, and as contracting costs rise significantly, the City is preparing to bring more maintenance work in-house to reduce long-term operational expenses. To support this shift, Mill Creek seeks funding for essential Public Works equipment and the acquisition of land for a future operations facility.

1. Vactor Truck – $700,000
2. Street Sweeper – $400,000
3. Public Works Facility Design and Construction - $2,000,000



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Infrastructure Improvements

Steadily rising construction costs make it increasingly challenging for cities to maintain infrastructure without additional support. State and federal investment remains critical to Mill Creek's ability to proactively provide safe, clean and reliable public infrastructure.

Priority infrastructure needs include:

1. DRCC Site Prep (Clearing, Utilities, Drainage, and Roads)-$10,000,000
2. Bridge Culvert Replacement along 164th-$2,000,000
3. Silver Crest Drive Reconstruction Design-$3,810,000
4. Master Drainage Update for South Town Center-$6,000,000
5. DRCC Parking Garage-$45,000,000

The City urges continued funding of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) to provide affordable financing for critical infrastructure improvements. The City also encourages renewed consideration of direct revenue sharing with cities from the state's millionaire's tax and an extension of the annexation sales and use tax credit (RCW 82.14.415) beyond July 1, 2028, to support critical infrastructure and municipal services in annexed areas.



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