

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM**  
**City of Missoula CIP Project Request/Update Form FY 2026 - 2030**

Department Priority		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title	
8 of 14		Update	Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	Poplar Harvest and Chipping	
Project Rating	Department		Yes	Yes		
	Public Works					
Required	Wastewater/Compost	Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2026?			FUNDED?	

**Summary Description and rationale of project and funding sources:**

Since 2014, the wastewater utility has been discharging more than one million gallons per day of treated wastewater onto the poplar farm, thus diverting those flows from the Clark Fork River. The poplar farm was developed as a pilot project for future land application facilities. The recently completed Wastewater Facilities Plan has demonstrated that land application is not required in order to meet anticipated nutrient removal requirements. While the poplar farm has been successful at treating wastewater, it has also created a number of operational and financial challenges. There is no longer a market for the poplar trees and the drip irrigation system has proven very costly to operate. The trees are also beginning to die in large quantities so the poplars need to be removed. This project will entail cutting, limbing and chipping the trees. The City still needs to determine the best future use of the poplar farm property, whether to plant alfalfa for future wastewater land application, or for some other purpose.

**History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed**

**Are there any site requirements/ Potentially Affected Interest (PAI) Coordination:**

**How is this project going to be funded:**

Funding Source	Prior Years Funding	Yr. 1. budget	Unappropriated subsequent years			
		FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Wastewater		400,000				
<b>Impact Fees</b>						
Type Approval Date Amount			Impact Fees Amounts			
			—	\$ 400,000	\$ —	\$ —
			—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

**How is this project going to be spent:**

Budgeted Funds	Accounting Code	Prior Year Expenses	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
A. Land		—					
B. Buildings		—					
C. Improvements	5311.330.430649.930.231	—	400,000				
D. Machinery & Equipment		—	—				
E. Percent for Art?							
Total		—	400,000	—	—	—	—

**History of project and amount left yet to expend**

Total Funded to date	Exps through FY24	FY25 Exps	Amount yet to expend	Description of history (Optional)
	\$16,283.15	\$—	\$16,283.15	

**Is this equipment prioritized on an equipment replacement schedule?**

**Is there going to be ongoing Operating and/or Maintenance costs upon completion of the project?**

(account for operational savings and/or reduction in current budget of previous operating/maintenance charges)							
Expense Object	Accounting Code		FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
A. Personnel							
B. Supplies							
C. Purchased Services							
D. Fixed Charges							
E. Capital Outlay							
F. Debt Service							
G. (Operational Savings)			—	—	—	—	—

*NOTE: Approval of the CIP does not indicate approval of the ongoing operating and maintenance costs. Those costs must be submitted as a "New Request" in the regular budget process. This will ensure the coordination exists between the CIP and the new request*

Description of additional operating budget impact:

Responsible Person:	Responsible Department:	Date Submitted to Finance	Today's Date and Time	Preparer's Initials	
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