City of Vancouver Updates: Feb. 2024 - Apr. 2024

- **RecycleU**, a few upcoming class, link to signup <u>here</u>.
 - o Recycling 101: Friday, May 17, 5 p.m., City of Vancouver Marine Park Engineering
 - o Recycling 201: Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 p.m., City of Vancouver Marine Park Engineering
 - Litter Stewards, volunteer with us to pick up litter, find events <u>here</u>
 - o Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m. to noon, Leverich Park
 - $\circ~$ Friday, Jun. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, Burnt Bridge Creek Trail
 - Tuesday, Jul. 9, 10 a.m. to noon, Marine Park Beach
- Food Waste Prevention Week (April 1-6, 2024) Vancouver joined Clark County, Washington state and other cities, counties and states in the nation to build awareness and amplify the message of preventing food from going to waste.

In keeping on theme and in honor of April as national poetry month the team shared a food waste themed Haiku:

Eat share store preserve Prevent waste, save resources Don't feed the landfill

• Saturday Neighborhood Cleanups (started in March, run through Nov)

A community partnership with 60+ recognized city neighborhood associations, City Solid Waste and Waste Connections.

- o 23 of Cleanup Events in 2024
- 21 of Chipper Events in 2024

New: Piloting with EHFH for pickup of reusable items from events to send a bit less to the landfill and get more quality items into reuse again

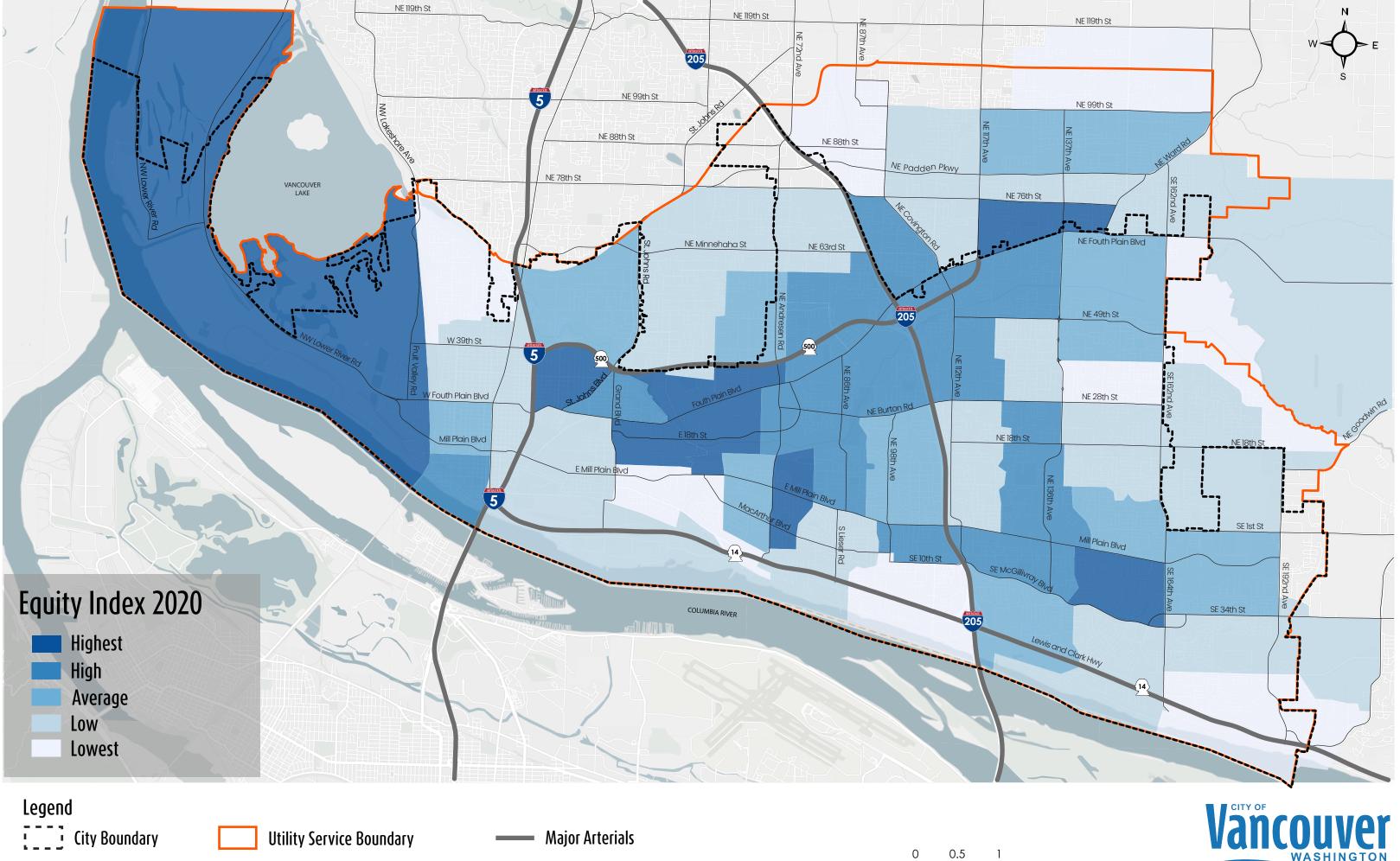
- <u>Spring Cleanup Coupons</u> for Yard Debris & Tire Disposal (now thru June) Coupons are available to Vancouver residents with active garbage service. Working with 4 vendor sites to receive yard debris from residents via the coupon.
- Outreach about Curbside Organics Service Using data to map and visualize areas of opportunity with service gaps, explore areas where customers have service and those that do not

• Other News: Main Street: Main Street Promise | Be Heard Vancouver Construction will begin this summer. It will progress south to north on Main from 5th St to 15th St in 2 block increments. The contractor will work closely with City Solid Waste and Waste Connections to ensure continuity of services throughout construction. Businesses and residents along Main Street will be kept informed through a network of Block Captains that will meet regularly with City staff and construction contractors. Many conditions were included in the construction RFP to help keep Main Street businesses operating during construction. Sidewalks will remain open and construction zones will be kept small to minimize disruptions.

The City's Stormwater / Water resources Protection group provided the info about their EPA grant funded Waste Incentive Network (WIN) project that was mentioned in the meeting.

• The City's <u>Pollution Prevention for Businesses - The City of Vancouver, WA</u> webpage provides an overview about the offerings for businesses to manage their hazardous waste, which includes school districts. If you expand the Free Dangerous Waste Disposal Drop Off tab and click the Set up a drop-off appointment on the CleanEarth website link it takes you to the this page: <u>City of Vancouver, WA Hazardous Waste Disposal Dropoff | Clean Earth (cleanearthinc.com)</u>.

Our SWAC Rep Harless mentioned the Equity Index Map, which consolidates several data sets. Attached is that map, which is a tool our Public Works, Community Development departments and teams use to evaluate areas of opportunity and bridge gaps in delivering more equitable services or projects to our community.



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