

## **Street Lights**

The City of Mount Vernon currently pays in excess of \$300,000 per year for electrical costs related to street lighting. With costs rising to nearly \$400,000 annually by 2014, so in an effort to reduce costs and save energy, the City executed an agreement with Puget Sound Energy to convert 1,438 High Pressure Sodium Cobrahead street lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights. With the installation of the new LED lighting, along with additional lighting added annually, the cost has been reduced to approximately \$315,000.

In an effort to curtail ever increasing utility costs, the City maintains a consistent policy of installing street lights only in locations that have a high potential of vehicle and pedestrian conflicts. Intersections and crosswalks locations are both good examples. Dark yards or parking areas are best handled by local area lighting on private property.