



April 16, 2008

Mrs. Val Ogden
3118 Royal Oak Drive
Vancouver, WA 98662

Dear Val,

It is with great pleasure to inform you that you are this year's recipient of the Washington Recreation and Parks Association's (WRPA) President's Award. The President's Award is reserved for the associations' president to select and honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the Parks and Recreation field.

I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to meet you this year and to learn of your professional and personal dedication, support and advocacy for protecting important natural areas, development of public parks, and expansion of programs to benefit youth. The following is a list of your accomplishments that were brought to my attention:

- Appointed by Governor Gary Locke in 2003 and re-appointed by Governor Chris Gregoire in 2006 as chair of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.
- As a former state representative from Vancouver (1990 to 2002), you served on the capital budget committee for 12 years and were instrumental in funding the numerous grant programs under the guidance of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.
- As a legislator, you were instrumental in obtaining funding for Vancouver's waterfront trail. This helped the city turn to face the river, instead of turning its back on this vital water body.
- Professionally, your service as executive director for several non-profit organizations including the YWCA of greater Washington, D.C., Camp Fire for the Greater Washington area, and Clark County YWCA.
- Served on the national staff of the YWCA as a trainer and on the national staff of Camp Fire, Inc.
- Served as adjunct professor at Lewis and Clark College and Portland State University in the graduate program of public administration.

It is this impressive list of accomplishments and involvement in the betterment of public parks and recreation that I have chosen you to receive the Washington Recreation and Park Association's President's Award at this year's WRPA Annual Awards Banquet at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick on Thursday, April 24th. I understand that you will not be able to attend the awards banquet, so I will plan to present you with the award at the Recreation Coalition Office Funding Board's June meeting in Bellingham.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Schroder", is written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Schroder, President

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