



## Washington State Legislature

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
Post Office Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter in strong support of the City of Othello's 2020 Lions Park Pride Rock Playground applications for RCO Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Local Parks and Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.

As the 9<sup>th</sup> district legislators, one of this project's most appealing aspects is that it will build on past investments in Lions Park by public and private sector organizations since the 1930's and by the state since 1974. Continuing this partnership, the City Council has committed local moneys in the City's Park and Recreation Reserve Fund to this project to maximize the funding available.

The existing Lions Park playground, largely installed in the 1970's, is unsafe, unappealing, and inaccessible to children with disabilities. The proposed playground will be designed with inclusion in mind and to meet all current regulatory standards. Children of all ages and capabilities will enjoy playing on the new equipment.

We are certain that the modernized playground will be tremendously popular with Othello's 8,000 residents, who make up about 40 percent of the Adams County population base. It will also be an incentive for families from other areas of Adams County, as well as neighboring counties, to visit Othello to play, eat and shop.

For all these reasons, we are in full support of this project. Thank you for considering this important request.


Sincerely,

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Senator Mark Schoesler  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Schmick".

Representative Joe Schmick  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Representative Mary Dye  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
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To whom it may concern;

Our family-owned business has been a proud member of the community in Othello for 26 years. We continue to enjoy watching the growth of our town, its families, and its public resources.

Small town life has many benefits but still faces similar challenges as larger metropolitan areas, like quality of life and access to public infrastructure. In our modest community, having modern features that leverage our wonderful geographic assets like great weather and sun, are important to our young families.

We strongly support the city's proposal to design and construct a state-of-the-art, safe and accessible new playground at Lion's park.

Warm regards,

**Brian Moreno**  
Owner



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the City of Othello's 2020 proposal to design and construct a "Lions Park Pride Playground" through grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks and from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

From my perspective as local business owner, installing a state-of-the-art playground at Lions Park would be highly welcome and a direct fit with our organizational missions and values.

- The existing Lions Park playground is unsafe, unappealing, and inaccessible to children with disabilities. The proposed playground will be designed with inclusion in mind and to meet all current regulatory standards. Children of all ages and capabilities will enjoy playing on the new equipment.
- Lions Park is located in the heart of a densely populated neighborhood of low-income, young families. The park is within walking distance for many of Othello's 8,000 residents, making its central location advantageous to young families and in-home caregivers who are eager to engage children in healthy outdoor activities.

We enthusiastically support this project. Lions Park is a well-used, much-loved community gathering place. Modernizing the playground and making it accessible will help us carry out our child-care mission and will bring much joy to young children and their families.

Thank you for considering Othello's Lions Park Pride Playground grant funding requests. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Cox", is written over a faint, large, stylized leaf graphic that serves as a background for the signature area.

Jonathan Cox, PhD  
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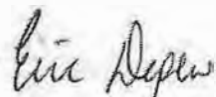
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I support the City of Othello's application to design and construct a "Lions Park Pride Playground" through grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

- I care about the health and well-being of our community's many children.
- Some of our children don't have a lot of good options they can get to outside of walking.
- Lions Park is a wonderful and centrally-located place for it.

I am in support! Our church loves to bless our neighbors, and I feel this can be a good help to Othello. Thank you for considering the Lions Park Pride Playground request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Eric Depew  
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## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the City of Othello's application to design and construct a "Lions Park Pride Playground" through grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The Chamber's mission is to promote Othello by enhancing the local economy, our members, and tourism.

From the Chamber's perspective, installing a state-of-the-art playground in place of the current aged, unsafe and inaccessible facility is a direct fit with our organizational missions and values.

- A modern, safe and accessible playground will be a significant regional tourism draw and boost to local businesses. It will be an incentive for families from other areas of Adams County, as well as neighboring counties, to visit Othello to play, eat and shop.
- As economic development professionals, we know that quality of life, including recreational opportunities, plays an important role in decisions by businesses and their employees to locate and stay in a community and region. Othello's 8,000 residents represent 40 percent of the Adams County population base. The proposed playground will provide a refreshing quality-of-life "facelift" to Lions Park for current residents and give us another marketing tool to attract future businesses, workers and their families.
- Designing and constructing the playground within Lions Park aligns well with our business values. The project builds on past investments by the public and private sectors in Lions Park since the 1930's and by the state since 1974.

The Chamber is in full support of this project. We believe the playground as proposed will bring substantial economic benefits to our region and only enhance the civic legacy of Lions Park.

Thank you for considering the Lions Park Pride Playground request. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are excited about the opportunity to support the City of Othello's proposal to design and construct a state-of-the-art, safe and accessible new playground at Lions Park.

Physical activity as well as youth and family engagement are essential to the quality of life we continue to enhance in our community. Lions Park is a well-used, much-loved community gathering place. Modernizing its aging, unsafe, and inaccessible playground will bring much joy to hundreds of underserved children and their families.

We look forward to hearing the great news that Othello has been awarded the grant to make this project happen in 2022! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 509.331.2601

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Agenbroad".

Connie Agenbroad  
CEO

*Keeping Healthy Those Who Feed the World*

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Our organization is please to commit \$1,500 of private funding to show our steadfast support for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 509.488.5256.

We look forward to hearing the great news that Othello has been awarded the grant to make this project happen in 2022.

Sincerely,

Nieves Gomez  
CEO



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**Washington State Recreation and Conversation Office (RCO)**  
**PO Box 40917**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are extremely excited that our City plans to install a new playground in our community through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

We believe a new playground will bring much joy to many members of our community. This will encourage many people to go out and play with their friends and family. This will positively impact Othello as spending quality time with friends and family is a vital part in enhancing the quality of life.

We are looking forward to the possibility of Othello installing a new playground in our community.

Thank You,

Andrew Montemayor  
General Manager



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Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 509-265-4216

We look forward to hearing the great news that Othello has been awarded the grant to make this project happen in 2022!

Sincerely,

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January 18, 2020

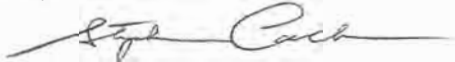
To Whom It May Concern,

Poulsbo has many playgrounds but unfortunately, we have none for those with disabilities. In fact, there are no fully ADA compliant playgrounds in North Kitsap, so those families with members that are disabled currently need to travel some distance to find a playground to enjoy. This inclusive playground will provide a local place for those families living in North Kitsap. It is important for all kids to play in order to develop. I believe it is also beneficial for disabled and non-disabled children to play together. This playground will allow disabled children to enjoy a playground with their friends, classmates and others from their neighborhood.

When this project was first pitched to the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission, all the commissioners thought this was a great idea and we recommended the project to the mayor. We feel that Raab Park located on 21 acres, is an excellent location for the playground. This inclusive playground will be located near restrooms, a picnic shelter, and a parking lot.

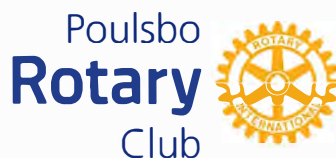
I enthusiastically support this Play for All project and look forward to the opening of this inclusive playground at Raab Park.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Calhoun  
Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission, Chairman





To whom it may concern,

As a North Kitsap community member and as Poulsbo Rotary Club president, I am excited about the inclusive playground coming to Poulsbo! The Play for All playground project is a partnership between Poulsbo Rotary, the City of Poulsbo, and the Kitsap Community Foundation. The Poulsbo Rotary Club has been performing community service in Poulsbo, WA and surrounding North Kitsap County since 1976, often in partnership with other community organizations and the City of Poulsbo. Many of our major projects have made a significant difference to individuals and families living in North Kitsap County.

These are two of our recent major projects:

- Nelson Park House – When the city converted a historic caretaker's house at Nelson Park into a transitional home for homeless women, Poulsbo Rotary led the renovation work and furnished the house, now occupied by 18- to 25-year-old women who maintain the park.
- Morrow Manor – A partnership of the Poulsbo Rotary Club, the City of Poulsbo, and the YWCA of Kitsap County, Morrow Manor is an eight-unit housing project for survivors of domestic violence and their families, providing housing and supportive services for up to six years. Begun in 2014, the project will be complete early in 2020.

The Play for All playground will also have a major impact on local families. Of the 47,800 people in the area, 13% are living with a disability. Playgrounds are social hubs for families, and they are particularly important meeting places for families with disabilities who can struggle to find a space where they can be part of the community. A recent study on physical and developmental disabilities found that 53% of children with disabilities spend fewer than two hours a week with their peers outside of class. Inclusive playgrounds create a space where people of all ages can meet and engage with their friends—or make new ones—regardless of their abilities.

The importance of playgrounds isn't limited to children. Young people and adults with disabilities receive the same benefits of sensory input, physical play, engagement, and community and relationship building. Local organizations that serve disabled adults often take field trips to inclusive playgrounds as part of their programming. The absence of a fully inclusive playground in North Kitsap means that local programs have to travel farther to find a playground that suits their needs.

Our goal is to create the ideal playground that has something for everyone and offers ways for people of all ages to challenge themselves physically, mentally, and socially. It will become a destination location for all of the families in the community of Poulsbo and the nearby North Kitsap area.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Rayment

Poulsbo Rotary Club, President 2019-2020

Poulsbo Resident

05/11/2020

To whom it may concern,

My name is Denise Vestman and I am mom to my young adult son Benjamin, who happens to be deaf/blind and developmentally disabled. My son was born at 23 ½ weeks old, 1 lb. 6 oz. It was a miracle that he survived. Despite all his disabilities from a very early age we sought out parks often for stimulation. As Ben grew up we found it increasingly frustrating to find parks that he was able to access and for us to feel like we belonged. While most of our local parks are ADA compliant, they are not user friendly or accessible to those in wheelchairs, walkers or age appropriate to our adult children. It's not a fun feeling to feel like we should not be using the equipment or deal with stares from others because our children are now older. A fully inclusive playground would be just that, a place where all ages, all abilities can come together to play and interact with each other.

This new playground at Raab Park, of which I am on the steering committee, would not only be a wonderful place for my son to go and enjoy but also for all the children and families, young and old, typically developing or special needs in Kitsap County. It would become a destination playground for so many families near and far. Parks are such great environments for so many events: birthday parties, barbecues, play dates, family gatherings, exercise, etc. Parks are places to make new friends and connect with community. My vision for a fully inclusive playground in Poulsbo would benefit so many people. My son attends several day programs with many special needs people. These groups are always looking for outings and the closest park right now that is inclusive for young adults as well as children is well over 30 miles away. It would be wonderful to have a park close by for these groups to access without such a long commute.

I am very excited to be on this community steering committee as we work to create an amazing play space for all and look forward to having lot's of support from not only our community but from anyone who agrees that play is for all.

Sincerely,  
Denise Vestman

13 May 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings! My name is Jody Bethel and I am the mother of two beautiful girls with mental and physical disabilities. Amy, age 30 is in a power wheelchair as is Anna, 27. My daughters love to go to parks and frequently will request their choice for the day by signing "park" when they get up in the morning. The problem is we live in Kingston and there are no accessible parks nearby. My girls really like to be able to swing and to participate in outdoor play activities. Having a local playground that they are able to access and play in will be a game changer for our family. Making connections with other children, young adults and parents is very important to our family as we value being part of the community. Finding places we are comfortable and safe is always challenging. Having an inclusive playground in Poulsbo will be wonderful for not only our family but also for many families we know in the area who also place an importance in inclusive play to both interact with other families with special needs and with the community as a whole. I am looking forward to this playground to expand our relationships with others and to provide a safe and comfortable place to play as my girls continue to grow and develop.

Jody Bethel, Parent

May 5, 2020

To whom it may concern,

As a North Kitsap community member and service provider for persons with special needs, I am excited about the inclusive playground coming to Poulsbo! The playground will provide a multitude of essential opportunities, including socialization, sensory stimulation, physical exercise and community-building. These are basic human needs and they will be accessible to all! As a Speech/Language Pathologist working with children, I often encourage parents to give their children experiences, give them something exciting to talk about using their hard-won communication skills. A playground is the perfect opportunity! With a variety of activities to see, hear, feel and do, there are lots of things to talk about! But with the significant amount of effort it takes them to go out anywhere, families need to go to places that are appealing to the whole family, easily accessible and experience-rich. We currently have no playground options closer than 45-60 minutes. I remember taking my two-year old daughter to our neighborhood park to play on the equipment. I had no other children and was going stir-crazy without adult stimulation. At the park I met mothers from a local playgroup, which I, luckily, then joined. As a member of this parenthood community, I reaped the benefits of wisdom and support from other mothers and my daughter gained playmates with which to practice her social, physical and independence skills (and tire her out for that blessed nap!). For people with disabilities, their physical limitations often keep them separate from everyone else and force them to be passive observers. This can be the same for their families and caregivers – the full-time demands of caring for a loved-one with disabilities can be isolating, exhausting and emotionally draining. The parents I work with struggle to connect with other parents on the same path, with the same challenges. I relish the idea of a place where these families can meet in a fun, active and inclusive location to support each other and reap the benefits of community as families of typically-developing children do.

I thank the many community members who have come together to plan, design and finance this inclusive and accessible playground. It will be a beautiful, well-used gem in North Kitsap.

Sincerely,

Shannon Singleton  
Speech/Language Pathologist  
Poulsbo Resident



# Alchemy Skateboarding

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April 21, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Letter of Support for Outdoor Improvements at the Sprinker Recreation Center

I am writing on behalf of Alchemy Skateboarding to express our support of Pierce County's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to fund the planned outdoor improvements at the Sprinker Recreation Center.

Alchemy Skateboarding is the county's only publicly accessible indoor skatepark with a focus on youth programs. It is our mission to create opportunities for youth to learn and grow through skateboarding. Alongside our numerous programs, Alchemy is dedicated to advocating for and organizing skateboarders to promote changes in their communities and push for equitable access to safe places to skate, resources, and support.

We are fully supportive of Pierce County's plan to develop and implement improvements to the Sprinker Recreation Center and believe this opportunity is worthwhile, contributes significantly to user experiences, and merits funding. The existing skatepark provides many opportunities for skaters to practice and improve skills, however some of the terrain can be intimidating or difficult for beginner level skateboarders. We are especially excited at the potential for more paved walking paths that better connect to other areas of the facility as these can be great areas for beginner level skateboarders, or riders less interested in traditional park skateboarding to recreate, learn, and enjoy different styles of skateboarding that are currently not accommodated for.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

Taylor Woodruff  
Executive Director



April 3, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Support Letter for Sprinker Recreation Center's Outdoor Improvements Project

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Bethel Community Services to convey our support of an expansion of Sprinker Recreation Center, one that will include designs to improve outdoor features, which will greatly benefit Spanaway, Parkland and much of Pierce County.

Bethel Community Services is working to build a community of healthy families in Bethel School District, a sprawling rural community comprised of 202 square miles in unincorporated Pierce County. A recent study revealed that there were 105,000 residents living in the district, with an enrollment in Bethel schools of 20,000 students. Bethel citizens love the out-of-doors, and may often be found exploring and enjoying the multiple outdoor activities that are found in greater Pierce County.

It is for that reason that Bethel Community Services wholeheartedly supports the plan to expand and improve services at Sprinker Recreation Center, a plan which will include: an open lawn area, a spray park and family picnic area, multi purpose turf fields, formal entry and walking trails, renovations of the parking lot, rest rooms and concession building. In addition possible options will also include creating a large entry plaza or providing more open lawn space south of the ball fields. We believe that this project will offer a plethora of exciting new outdoor experiences for Bethel youth and families,

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this letter. We trust that you will choose to support and fund this valuable project.

Sincerely,

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Donna Saling, Coordinator  
Bethel Community Services



THOMAS G. SEIGEL  
*Superintendent*  
DR. JENNIFER BETHMAN  
*Assistant Superintendent*  
DR. DAVID HAMMOND  
*Assistant Superintendent*

April 2, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
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Re: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Site Improvements

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Bethel School District to express our enthusiastic support of Pierce County's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to improve the Sprinker Recreation Center.

Bethel School District covers 202 square miles of mostly unincorporated Pierce County and serves 120,000 residents and 21,000 students in 27 schools. The Bethel School District serves a diverse and growing population that is often underserved. We rely on centers such as the Sprinker Recreation Center to help to fill the health and recreation needs that the school district cannot provide on its own.

An aspect of the preferred plan that really appeals to us is upgrading the athletic fields and lights. Our own experience with artificially-turfed fields has been very positive – we have decreased our maintenance costs and the fields have only needed to be replaced once in 13 years of heavy use. Installing artificial turf fields and good lighting at Sprinker will save taxpayers money and give our students, families and community members a safe place to play year-round and for unlimited hours each day.

We fully support Pierce County Parks plan to improve the Sprinker Recreation Center. Throughout the planning process, we were instrumental in gathering community input.

Updating the ballfields and the parking lot, and adding amenities for families such as a spray park and picnic shelters, as well as improving access to Bresemann Forest, will give our students and families recreation opportunities beyond what the school district can provide. By providing more team and recreation options, the Sprinker Recreation Center plays a key role in the health and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

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Tom Seigel  
Superintendent



April 16, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements Project

Dear Recreation and Conservation Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Franklin Pierce Schools to express our enthusiastic support of Pierce County's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to develop the next phase of the Sprinker Recreation Center.

We are fully supportive of Pierce County's plan to continue development of this regional recreation center located in the Parkland/Spanaway community. We believe improving the outdoor features available in our area will be beneficial for a variety of age groups. Both proposed improvement options feature open lawn, spray park, playground, sheltered picnic areas, multi-purpose turf fields, trails, and renovations to the existing restrooms and concessions. The designs provide new space for both organized sports and activities, as well as flexible space for community gatherings. There are few recreational areas available in our part of unincorporated Pierce County and we welcome these additional facilities.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

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Lance Goodpaster

Superintendent

April 30, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County Parks Outdoor Improvements at the Sprinker Recreation Center

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of The Mayfair Dream Project Team to express our spirited support of Pierce County's proposal to the RCO to improve the outdoor facilities at Sprinker Recreation Center.

Mayfair Dream Project is a Parkland community group dedicated to the revitalization of Mayfair Playfield into a more family-friendly playground to promote a safe, nurturing & healthy environment. Beginning with a Park Awareness event in the spring of 2015, we worked closely with Pierce County Parks, Pierce County Council, Safe Streets Campaign and various local organizations to spread the vision, encourage community involvement, develop a plan, and acquire funding. During this period, our organization hosted several community events which raised the park attendance from a handful of individuals to about a couple of hundred during the festivities. Led by Pierce County Parks, our dream playground was built in September 2016 by a large group of community volunteers from various institutions including Pacific Lutheran University, Franklin Pierce Schools, the local boy scouts, and church groups. The Mayfair Dream Project soon became an example and inspiration to many community groups and county leadership in Parkland and beyond. To this day, we continue to collaborate with Pierce County Parks to host fun community events, park improvements, and clean-ups.

We are fully supportive of Pierce County's plan to improve the outdoor facilities of Sprinker Center. As they did with Mayfair Park, Parks has engaged with the residents to ensure that the design fits the needs of the community members that they serve. The spray park and the picnic shelters, in particular, have certainly been on the wish list of many Parkland families looking for a much-needed safe, healthy, nurturing and cool place to play and gather for many, many years.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,  
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April 14, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements Project

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of USA Softball Seattle/Tacoma Association in support of the Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvement Project. USA Softball is the national governing body for softball and rents the ballfields several times throughout the year and also supports the leagues and game of softball throughout our region. We are the leader in softball.

We fully support the proposed project which has been needed for many years. The transition from dirt to turf fields will help eliminate rainouts and the reconstruction of the fences and dugouts has been necessary for a long time. These improvements will make the Sprinker Recreation Center one of the most popular and desirable places to play. It will become a location to be considered for many events including national tournaments and high school district and state championships. Having turf surface will also make the possibility of playing more year round instead of March – September.

Thanks for considering the project and hopefully you will decide to fund this needed upgrade.

Sincerely,  
Jim Donner  
JO Commissioner  
USA Softball Seattle/Tacoma



## West Central District III

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May 18, 2020

RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Improvement Project

Dear RCO Review Committee:

The purpose of this writing is to express the West Central District III's support for the Sprinker Recreation Center Improvement Project. The whole project will have a positive effect on the community, and specifically we are very excited about the improvements being made to the softball fields.

The WCD has had a long-standing relationship with Sprinker and we held our District slow pitch, and more recently, our fastpitch District tournaments at the Sprinker facility. However, the fields became unsafe and were not reliable if inclement weather occurred. The years of wear and tear had taken their toll, and a newer artificial turf facility in Lacey became our home. We did not want to leave, as we had a great, supportive relationship with Pierce County and Sprinker Center.

Should the new project be completed successfully, the West Central District would strongly consider coming back to Sprinker, as the majority of high schools in the WCD reside in Pierce County, and we would like to support the new project. We had such a positive working relationship in the past and would relish the opportunity to re-establish the same again.

The new changes, such as the trail system and other improvements, would attract the athletes and their families who participate in the tournaments back to Sprinker to take advantage of the awesome, new facility year round.

Please note the WCD's wholehearted support for the project. Feel free to contact me at the e-mail and/or number listed on the salutation of this letter.

Respectfully,

Joseph A. Keller, Director WCDIII



June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

**RE: Letter of Support for Outdoor Improvements at Sprinker Recreation Center**

On behalf of Travel Tacoma – Mt. Rainier; Tourism and Sports, we serve as Pierce County's Regional Destination Marketing Organization. In partnership with our municipal city and parks partners across the county, we work hand in hand to help sell, recruit and attract (specific to this instance) sports events that bring travelling tourists.

We are submitting this letter in support of the facility improvements at Sprinker Recreation Center. Sprinker is a valuable asset to Pierce County. We work in direct relationship with Pierce County Parks and Recreation on helping with feasibility studies and plans so that the venue can better serve the needs of the community while becoming a stronger destination venue at the same time.

We hope you will consider funding this project.

Thank you,

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# Partners For Parks

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May 29, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to build a pump track at Wards Lake Park.

Partners for Parks is a collaboration of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We have raised funds to purchase land, build restrooms, expand trails and enhance park sites. We have volunteered to clean up parks and improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and visitors.

Partners for Parks is interested in supporting and partnering with the City of Lakewood because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We also believe that many hands make light work and if you put the right team together you can do amazing things. Partners for Parks has conducted many park beautification and cleanup projects at this site and will continue to support this park when the new pump track is built.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. This new addition to Wards Lake Park and the adjacent neighborhoods will go far in providing youth with a safe place to play and learn a new sport.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Northeast neighborhood areas. We know it will make a positive impact to the families who live there.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President  
Partners for Parks



August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee,

This letter is to inform you of USA Cycling's support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Wards Lake Park.

USA Cycling is a proud member of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Within the United States, USA Cycling is the national governing body for the sport of cycling and oversees the disciplines of road, track, mountain bike, cyclocross, and BMX.

Projects inclusive of cycling infrastructure have seen wide community participation post-project and can be attributed to the physical and mental health of a community. Especially those that are created with the younger generation in mind, thereby creating a lifelong interest in physical activity. Projects such as these support USA Cycling's mission to develop the sport of cycling and achieve sustained international racing success. BMX/pump track and mountain biking are the most popular cycling discipline at this time and with support will engage the community for years to come.

In December of 2019, we partnered with the City of Lakewood to host one of our largest National Championships at Fort Steilacoom Park. The City of Lakewood's support was critical for the successful execution of this prestigious cycling event. From our experience with the City of Lakewood and their park staff, we are confident any grants awarded will be successfully used to provide positive recreational opportunities to the Lakewood community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara McCarthy", with a long, sweeping underline.

Tara McCarthy  
Director of National Events



To Whom it May Concern,

Our organization, Low Pressure Promotions, in conjunction with USA Cycling and Tacoma Sports, hosted the 2019 Cyclocross National Championships in Ft. Steilacoom Park in Lakewood. We were extremely fortunate to have such tangible support from the City of Lakewood and Tacoma Sports.

The 2019 edition of the annual race featured amateur and elite athletes from all over the country visiting Ft. Steilacoom competing on a very technical course with steep ups, and technical downhills. More than ever, the modern-day US National Championship courses require riders to be very adept bike handlers with the ability to quickly maneuver their bikes on steep chutes, bumpy downhills, and technical terrain. The course at Ft. Steilacoom emphasized this point.

Some of the best cycling athletes across any discipline (road cycling, mountain biking, cyclocross) all have a common trait: they are superior bike handlers. This skill is learned through many resources, and an outdoor pump track is one of those key resources.

By investing in infrastructure to allow for a pump track at Wards Lake, the City of Lakewood would be giving opportunity to kids and adults alike to have a positive outdoor place to socialize, better their health, and sharpen their bike handling skills. These skills translate to all walks of cycling life: recreation, safe commuting by bike, and competitive racing. A pump track is an inclusive gathering place where learning and positive, life-long skills can be fostered. It is our hope as an organization that the City of Lakewood can successfully receive grant funding to offer such a positive outdoor attraction.

Sincerely,

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Zac Daab

Co-Founder, Low Pressure Promotions  
(206) 595-1181



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July 31, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support for the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Wards Lake Park.

The project includes installing a new pump track, creating loop trails, pedestrian safety improvements, artwork, environmental restoration, as well as education opportunities. These park improvements will provide the children and families in our community a way to get out and exercise, develop bike skills and have an alternative to "screen time". These improvements will also enhance the safety of the park which will benefit the first responder community.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue supports the City of Lakewood in this endeavor because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – the area near this park suffers from significant poverty and this will greatly improve the opportunity for outdoor play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Sharp", is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Sharp  
Fire Chief



August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clover Park School District wholeheartedly supports the City of Lakewood's grant application to improve outdoor spaces for students and families in the Lakewood community. This grant application enhances the city's mission to create a healthy and vibrant community within our city.

As a school district, we have partnered with the City of Lakewood for many years to build community and create social connections within our City. Recently we established a joint use agreement with the City to further our efforts to share public resources in the form of fields and facilities where alignment exists.

The City has been a tremendous advocate of supporting youth and families. It offers a rich history of supporting youth activities to include sports and family time in outdoor spaces that encourages health and wellness.

The District serves a highly diverse student population, and our students deserve every opportunity to become active and engaged in the wider community. The District understands that offering a varied selection of youth recreational activities benefits our families tremendously by creating safe and healthy places for children to visit, learn and play.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have pockets of poverty and lack park resources in some communities. This plan addresses the need for increased access and equity for students.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for our students and overall community. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood. Please feel free to contact me at (253) 583-5190 if you require additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Banner".

Ron Banner  
Superintendent

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the RCO grant application being submitted by the City of Gig Harbor in hopes to secure funding for the construction of Phase 1B of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex (GHSC). As the current serving Chair of the Gig Harbor Parks Commission and a resident of Gig Harbor for the past 30+ years, I have seen this park project transition from that of a desire of the community to an absolute necessity because of conditional circumstances.

In recent years, Pierce County has been recognized as one of the fastest growing counties in the state of Washington. Meanwhile, Gig Harbor has seen an unprecedented amount of growth and development. As one of the fastest growing cities, in one of the fastest growing counties it has become apparent there are certain deficiencies within the infrastructure of the city to be able to provide adequate levels of service for the community. This park will prove to be an asset by filling the basic needs of a recently developed neighborhood with 500+ single family residences, 170+ apartment unit complex, a 500+ residence senior retirement community and even more development in the process.

In February of 2019 the Peninsula School District passed a bond measure, which will build two new schools within the city. An unfortunate outcome of the construction is one of the schools displaced the Milgard Boys and Girls Club, as well as the home of the Senior Center. The loss of these community assets has left a void for recreational opportunities for both young and old alike. The community engagement through the planning stages of the GHSC had robust participation and provided beneficial insight to the needs of the diverse user groups. The park will provide an abundance of sport courts and recreational opportunities like; bocce ball, pickleball, inclusive playground equipment, green open space, restrooms and parking as a part of the phased development of the GHSC.

Additionally, the GHSC construction would provide a boost to the local tax revenue stream through hosting various events, sporting tournaments and through support of the adjacently located sporting goods store.

Please accept my sincere thanks in your time and consideration of the grant application, which would help construct many well needed recreation opportunities to an underserved neighborhood.

Respectfully,

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Ben Coronado  
Chair of the Gig Harbor Parks Commission



June 3, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

Re: Letter of Support for City of Gig Harbor's Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Peninsula School District offers our full support for the City of Gig Harbor's grant application to complete the design and construct a portion of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, Phase 1B located just north of the Tom Taylor YMCA off of Harbor Hill Drive in Gig Harbor, WA.

We believe the completion of this project will enhance our community's active lifestyle culture and perfectly complement our new elementary school that is being constructed nearby.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arthur O. Jarvis  
Superintendent  
jarvisa@psd401.net



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June 9, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington St. SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

**Subject: Letter of Support for Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1B**

To the Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties provides this letter of support for the City of Gig Harbor and its grant application to the Recreation and Conservation Office and its request for the Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1B project. The proposed project will provide new park amenities to city residents and the greater Gig Harbor community.

We appreciate your consideration of the City's request.

Sincerely,

Charlie Davis  
President and CEO  
YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties

May 20, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

We come to you as a united group in support of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex. We being organized sports entities of the peninsula include: Harbor Soccer, Gig Harbor Little League, Peninsula Youth Football and Cheer, Gig Harbor Lacrosse Association. Combined we service more than 3000 children annually through our various sport activities and the number of participants continues to grow every year!

It is important to us that when the Gig Harbor Sports Complex is complete that it not only contains lit turf fields but amenities that complement the complex such as a playground, bocce ball and pickle ball courts. We see a high use of this area for families who may not have all their children in a sport and need an activity to explore and play on during practice and game times. In addition sports teams and families can gather for team meetings in the extra lawn space and have team bonding time playing bocce ball and pickle ball.

With heavy demand for lit turf sports fields in the Gig Harbor area it is important to complete the sports complex as soon as possible and include the amenities of phase 1B. Thank you for considering this project for the local parks and LWCF grants. We look forward to working together to build this complex and the opportunities it will bring to the community.

Sincerely,



Harbor Soccer  
David Kilney  
President



Gig Harbor Lacrosse Association  
Jennifer Caplinger  
President



Peninsula Youth Football  
Drew Henrickson  
Chairman



Gig Harbor Little League  
Ron Brentin  
Board Member





May 13, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: SUPPORT FOR GIG HARBOR SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT

Pierce Transit is writing in support of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex project to be located on Harbor Hill Drive in Gig Harbor, Washington. The site is served by two local Pierce Transit bus routes operating on Borgen Boulevard with bus stops located at Harbor Hill Drive and Borgen Boulevard. We have two bus routes that provide convenient access to the site:

- Route 100 – Gig Harbor to Tacoma Community College: Operates seven days a week providing connections from local Gig Harbor destinations as well as a connection to the Tacoma Community College Transit Center which is served by both local and regional transit bus routes.
- Route 101 – Gig Harbor Trolley: Seasonal summer trolley service operates during the summer through a partnership with the City of Gig Harbor and other local stakeholders. During summer months the trolley operates from Uptown Gig Harbor to Downtown Gig Harbor utilizing the same bus stops near Harbor Hill Drive. The trolley fare is subsidized by the partners and is \$.50 per trip or \$1 for an all-day pass.

Pierce Transit recognizes the importance of parks and equitable access to these valuable community facilities. We strive to help our riders reach these amenities in their daily lives. Surveys of our transit riders show that most of our riders are utilizing transit to reach jobs, school, medical or recreation opportunities. We also know from our rider surveys that 60 percent of our riders live in households with annual incomes of less than \$25,000 or less. Access to amenities like the proposed Gig Harbor Sports Complex are critical for the physical and mental wellbeing of our community. Again, we are happy to support this project and look forward to helping to provide access to the complex with our local transit service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Dreier".

Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer

SD:tl

c: Barbara Hunter, Pierce Transit, Grants Administrator  
Nicole Jones-Vogel, AICP, Gig Harbor, Parks Manager





Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

May 13, 2020

Rotary Club of Gig Harbor North  
Robert Anderson, President  
5720 122<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Dear Ms. Auerbach:

I am Robert Anderson, president of Rotary Club of Gig Harbor North, and I am writing to endorse two grant applications by the City of Gig Harbor. The successful Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant applications (local parks and LWCF) would complete the design and then construct a portion of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, Phase 1B located just north of the Tom Taylor YMCA off of Harbor Hill Drive. The amenities that are planned for in Phase 1B are bocce ball courts, pickle ball courts, event lawn, and playground space.

As you may know the North End of Gig Harbor, where our Rotary Club meets, has been growing very rapidly over the last few years. A new large senior center and many new families have been a major factor in that growth and have led to an explosion of new elementary school students.

While we are all desperately affected by the current Coronavirus pandemic, I am impressed that Gig Harbor leadership continues to look to the future with this initiative. We strongly encourage your organization's support for their proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert T. Anderson".

Robert Anderson  
253-753-3013



May 26, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: The City of Gig Harbor's RCO Grant Applications - Gig Harbor Sports Complex

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

I am writing to respectfully request your consideration and support for the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, Phase 1B. The Sports Complex project has many community partners and with RCO grant funds, we will be able to improve and transform the current area into a much-needed multipurpose sports complex.

The City of Gig Harbor is submitting two grant applications (Local Parks and LWFC) to complete the design and construction of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, Phase 1B. The year round use of these sports facilities and playground areas which also includes amenities like a restroom facility, tables, garbage bins, and parking stalls will make the park family friendly and a source of community pride. These improvements will also greatly benefit the growing community as we continue to experience significant local economic growth.

The Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports the City's request for these two RCO grants for development of Phase 1B of the project and asks that you approve these applications for funding this vital community project.

Sincerely,

*Warren Zimmerman*

Warren Zimmerman  
President/CEO  
Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce

CC: City of Gig Harbor

June 10, 2020

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

The SouthSound Pickleball Club is a group of over 400 pickleball players. Gig Harbor pickleball players represent all ages from 7 to 80+. Many are new to the game. Many are seniors and former tennis players who found pickleball to be a perfect substitute for the demands of tennis. Many are young people who enjoy the leisure time flexibility offered by pickleball. It is no wonder that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. Last year in the U.S. there were 7,928+ venues, and growing at the rate of 111 new locations per month. Many recreations centers are having trouble keeping up.

Not only is pickleball for all ages, pickleball is the perfect family sport in which youngsters can play with their parents and grandparents alike. It is a game that is easy to learn and enjoy within a very short time

We support the Gig Harbor Sports Complex. It is good to see that we are building a sports venue for our growing population, as we know that sports promote a healthier lifestyle and community engagement and encourage active senior involvement in our community, whether as participants or spectators. Unfortunately, Gig Harbor's recent explosive growth has left pickleball players with too few courts. We have 0 (zero) dedicated courts, a ridiculous fact considering our number of players and that pickleball was invented here in Washington and is being considered to become the state game.

We feel the sports complex is a priority and must be completed sooner rather than later. There needs to be special attention to the pickleball courts. These 6 (preferably 8) courts should be included in phase 1A because our players have only one outdoor venue (Sehmel Homestead Park) where we need to bring our own nets and share courts with tennis players and basketball players. Having dedicated courts will give us the potential to contribute financially to the project by holding tournaments as fundraising events. Because our present outdoor courts are not playable during the multitude of PNW wet days, we hope you will consider a roof over the new dedicated courts which is something that we will be again more than willing to contribute to.

Thank you for considering this project and LWCF grants. We look forward to working together to build the complex.

The South Sound Pickleball Club



A typical pickleball venue roof structure used throughout the U.S.

June 11, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

We support City of Gig Harbor's Local Parks and Land and Water Conservation Fund grant applications.

Parks support health equity and give all residents access to outdoor spaces. Public parks also align with our mission—to protect and improve the health of all people and places in Pierce County.

Increased access to parks and recreation enhances opportunities for physical activity, improves social connections in communities, and helps ensure more residents have access to recreation.

Parks support behavioral health, healthy behaviors, crime prevention and improved air and water quality. Capital improvements increase recreation access, boost property values, and foster economic vitality.

Funding Gig Harbor Sports Complex will help provide much needed play space for youth leagues and inter-generational places to recreate. The facility location provides excellent synergy with the Gig Harbor Little League, YMCA and a proposed school site. The event lawn will encourage community building and a place for passive recreation.

We commend the City of Gig Harbor's work to improve recreational opportunities for more Pierce County residents.

Sincerely,



Jessica L. Gehle, MPH  
Environmental Health Division Director



# Port of Skagit

March 10, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: City of Sedro-Woolley Olmsted Park Grant Application

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

The Port of Skagit supports the City of Sedro-Woolley's application to the WA State Recreation and Conservation Office for \$500,000 in funding for the new Olmsted Park.

The Port of Skagit (Port) has been working with the City of Sedro-Woolley (City), Skagit County, Department of Enterprise Services (State), and other public entities since 2013 on adaptive reuse and transfer of ownership of the former Northern State Hospital property, now known as the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow Center (SWIFT Center) from the State to the Port. In 2018 the Port took title to the SWIFT Center and then transferred 14.81 acres of the property to the City of Sedro-Woolley for use as a public park.

The currently underutilized SWIFT Center property will be redeveloped into a center for technology and innovation that will spur economic development and job growth in Sedro-Woolley. Increasing public access to the SWIFT Center is a goal of the local project partners that will be realized through this project. Connectivity between the Olmsted Park and the neighboring County-owned Northern State Recreation Area will be achieved through the SWIFT Center campus. The Port has committed up to \$400,000 in matching funds for design and construction of restroom and parking facilities at Olmsted Park, which funds will be available to the City on a reimbursement basis as eligible project expenses are incurred.

The proposed Olmsted Park will have a positive economic impact on the local community. Having robust recreational opportunities including juvenile fishing opportunities, proposed walking paths and formalized trail head adjacent to the SWIFT Center makes locating at the SWIFT Center more desirable to tenants like Sedron Technologies and their employees and will bring more visitors and tourism dollars to the area.

Skagit Regional Airport

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March 10, 2020

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We trust this application will receive thoughtful consideration and support from the board.

Sincerely,

  
Commissioner Omdal

~~Absent~~  
Commissioner Shuler

  
Commissioner Ware

cc: Nathan Salseina, City of Sedro-Woolley Public Works Operations Division Supervisor



# *Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101*

801 Trail Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 • (360) 855-3500 • FAX (360) 855-3574

January 27, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
Olympia, WA

Dear Sirs and Madams,

The Sedro-Woolley School District is pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Sedro-Woolley's Olmsted Park Development Project. The new park will directly benefit our 4,520 students as well as our families and community.

We partner with the City to provide safe outdoor areas for our youth and community, but we cannot meet demand. The addition of greenspace and playfields is needed now.

There has been a pre-design process that included significant public input to help determine public priorities for the new park and it's clear the park is supported by the community. It is crucial to obtain funding from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation grant to complete the park and serve the recreation needs of our youth and community.

The Sedro-Woolley School District fully supports the grant application to complete Olmsted Park.

Sincerely,

Brett Greenwood, Executive Director of Business & Operations  
Sedro-Woolley School District





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**Skagit Conservation District**

2021 East College Way, Suite 203, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-2373

Phone: (360) 428-4313 E-mail: [skagitcd@skagitcd.org](mailto:skagitcd@skagitcd.org)

January 29, 2020

To: RCO proposal reviewers

Re: Letter of support for the City of Sedro-Woolley's Olmsted Park Development Project

I am writing to express the Skagit Conservation District's (SCD) support of the Sedro-Woolley's Olmsted Park Development Project proposal. The proposal is important to provide families a facility to get out and enjoy the outdoors and help reduce pressure on the natural resource areas now occurring at the riverfront park.

The community is growing and now is the time to make sure and build new park facilities that are going to be needed by the growing population. The construction of the facility is in need of support from the RCO funding program and I encourage you to fund this proposal. Sedro-Woolley is a smaller rural community with limited resources and your funding of this proposal will assure a high quality of life for existing and new families.

We encourage you to award the City of Sedro-Woolley the full requested amount.

Respectfully,

Bill Blake  
Executive Director



January 23, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Directors of the Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce support The City of Sedro-Woolley for our newest city park facility, the Olmstead Park Development Project. The property located 1451 N Fruitdale Road is located at the entrance to the SWIFT Center. The property includes the Northern State Fishing Pond which is home to the annual kids' fishing derby. The name of this park is in tribute to the Olmstead brothers who designed many major projects including Central Park in New York City, and the buildings and grounds where this property is located.

If we are able to bring this park to fruition it will be a major asset to the entrance to the SWIFT Center; and the growing neighborhoods in the area. The project would include playground and sidewalks which are ADA accessible. It will include trails for walking, playgrounds, new landscaping, picnic shelters and tables.

At the end of 2019 the plans for the park are 75% completed. In order to complete the project a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation office would go a long way towards the actual construction phase of this project. While I know many of our civic groups will support the project with donations of time and money, it takes more than volunteers to get the project completed.

We sincerely hope you will give this project all due consideration.

Sincerely

Dani Hoskinson, President  
Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors



# Wildcat Steelhead Club, Inc.

A Non-Profit Corporation

P.O. Box 435

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a representative of the Wildcat Steelhead Club to express our sincere support for the City of Sedro-Woolley's Olmstead Park Development Project. Our organization and members have a long history of commitment to enhancing recreational fisheries and wildlife projects throughout Washington, but especially those that are connected to the Skagit River Valley. We highly encourage the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Department to provide the support and funding that Sedro-Woolley is requesting for the construction of the Olmstead Park Project.

This proposed project, located on the former Northern State Hospital grounds, includes a fishing pond on which our club members have for over 45 years sponsored the annual Kid's Fishing Derby. My review of our club history records *(that go back to 1935 when local Sedro-Woolley postal workers began the club)* indicated that on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1974 our club members passed a motion "to start the club involvement in...juvenile fishing pond at Northern State rearing ponds". From that original, simple commitment, our members have yearly invested considerable man hours and thousands of dollars from our members to organize and fund the Kid's Fishing Derby each Spring at the Northern State Pond.

Our club members' efforts have also been consistently supported by a great many area businesses with both financial and material donations. Every year we have been assisted generously by WDFW staff and hatchery personnel in obtaining and planting the fish that come from the state hatcheries. The combination of community and Washington State support with our Wildcat Steelhead work efforts has consistently provided a unique and rewarding experience for all the children

and their family members who attend. Every year we are reminded by some of those who attend that this event now touches three and four generations of families. The prizes and the free food and drinks for the children and their family members not only makes it a day to be remembered but a day that every family can afford. There are no entry requirements, and anyone may bring their children to this event.

In the last several years, the Wildcat Steelhead Club members' efforts, time, and money included dredging the pond to keep it from becoming clogged with silt and vegetation debris. It also included many man hours removing downed trees and making paths safe for the children. Those efforts were just part of our long-standing commitment at maintaining the area surrounding the pond to ensure the needed safety and accessibility that the children and their family members must have.

All of the time, money, and commitments that our club members and our community businesses and the City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County and WDFW has invested in just the Kid's Fishing Derby represent an enormous commitment to serving our community. Now the Olmstead Park Project will include so much more.

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Department can greatly enhance those efforts in granting the Sedro-Woolley request for the Olmstead Park Project which will provide a host of other important recreational activities for our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Comer LaRue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Comer" being particularly prominent.

Dr. Comer LaRue

President of the Wildcat Steelhead Club

June 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's grant application for improvements to the Evergreen Playfield complex. The Evergreen Playfield was constructed in 1976 on 16 acres and is the largest sport complex in south Snohomish County. It consists of 5 baseball and softball fields, 2 grass soccer and football fields, an all-weather soccer field, a quarter mile track, and four lighted tennis courts. The Evergreen Playfield complex is also used by both locals and visitors for citywide special events and festivals.

The city is applying for grant funding to make much needed improvements and repairs to the Evergreen Playfield. These improvements include: installing a turn infield for field #3, new fencing, a backstop, LED lights to be more energy efficient than the current lighting system, replacement of 40 year old wooden lighting poles, removal of old bleachers, improved ADA access with circulation paths and finally, planting of native vegetation.

These improvements will increase the lifespan and functionality of the sports complex.

Located in the heart of the city, the Evergreen Playfield is part of our community's identity and continues to increase the quality of life for local families and for those that come and visit Mountlake Terrace. Tour de Terrace, Tree Lighting, National Night Out are large community events that use these facilities, making the complex more accessible and energy efficient will allow the city to better serve the public. We ask that you please invest in this versatile space so that the Evergreen Playfield can be enjoyed for generations to come.

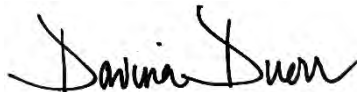
As state legislators representing the City of Mountlake Terrace, we believe this is an important investment for our community, and therefore, our state. Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Senator Derek Stanford  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

Rep. Davina Duerr  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

Rep. Shelley Kloba  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District







May 15, 2020

To whom it may concern.

On behalf of the Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee (NPIS), I am writing to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's funding request to improve Evergreen Playfield #3 from a dirt field to synthetic turf.

It is my understanding that the City Mountlake Terrace is applying for grant funding for redevelopment of Evergreen Playfield #3, an existing dirt/grass baseball/softball field constructed originally in 1976. The City recently engaged local youth and adult sports organizations to receive feedback on the project and how they would utilize the proposed artificial turf field.

The funding request would include preparing and installing artificial turf on the infield at the existing location and high efficiency LED lighting. In addition the City would improve the park area surrounding the field with new fencing and landscaping. This project would provide a year-round playing surface for the community. Currently the only surface like this in the city is at Mountlake Terrace High School where allotted time is difficult to obtain due to the popularity of the field.

The Neighborhood Parks Improvement Subcommittee is comprised of 10 citizen volunteers assigned the responsibility for annually inventorying the neighborhood parks and recommending improvements to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission (RPAC). Appointed by RPAC, each of the representatives must live within a half mile of the park they represent.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Tuura, Chair  
Mountlake Terrace  
Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee



May 15, 2020

To whom it may concern.

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The Recreation Park Advisory Commission is a City Council appointed Commission of Mountlake Terrace residents that meets monthly and advises the City Council on recreational programs and projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

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Don Enochs, Chair

Mountlake Terrace

Recreation Park Advisory Commission





LAKE STEVENS  
**ARTS & PARKS**  
FOUNDATION

*Funding The Arts & Parks In Our Community*

August 6, 2020

To: City of Lake Stevens and Washington State Conservation Office  
Regarding: Eagle Ridge Park

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Lake Stevens' Art and Parks Foundation. We are a predecessor to the City Art Commission, since 2008. Our primary goal is to work for the citizens of Lake Stevens to bring quality parks and art of many dimensions to the city.

The Art and Parks Foundation through its predecessor organization, the Art Commission, has sponsored many performing arts and artwork throughout the city. The Lake Stevens' Eagle Ridge Park is a terrific venue for nature art along with the community garden built entirely with volunteers, as well as performing art, such as Shakespeare in the Park. However, given the enormous growth in the population of Lake Stevens (over 400% since 2012), completion of the comprehensive plan for Eagle Ridge is needed. Completion of the plan, will provide a much-needed place for passive recreation, including programs the Art and Parks Foundation sponsors throughout the year fostering park use and art. As part of our Art Program, we will partner with the city to sponsor outdoor theater at Eagle Ridge, and work toward funding nature art along Eagle Ridge walkways and trails.

The Eagle Ridge Park is unique in that it provides opportunities for all ages to enjoy the out-of-doors; calm and quiet walkways, gardening and play for kids in a playground of natural elements.

Because this park serves an unmet need for passive activities for all ages, we encourage your support.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Spencer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Spencer, Foundation President



PO Box 908  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Date: August 4, 2020

To: City of Lake Stevens and Washington State Conservation Office

RE: Eagle Ridge Park

To whom it may concern,

The Rotary Club of Lake Stevens, and our corresponding Foundation, are active supporters of Eagle Ridge Park and are working with the City of Lake Stevens to provide funding and volunteer assistance for the needs of this park.

Our Club's foundation is based on supporting the local community and its youth. Over the years, our Club has assisted the City Parks with park equipment, hands on maintenance and community events. We look forward to helping build Eagle Ridge Park into a valued resource for this community.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Haugen".

Jim Haugen  
Foundation Chairman  
Rotary Club of Lake Stevens



## Down To Earth Community Gardens

3516 81<sup>st</sup> Dr. NE, Marysville, WA 98270 425.350.2658 [www.downtoearthcommunitygardens.com](http://www.downtoearthcommunitygardens.com)

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you requesting your support in funding the new play structure at Eagle Ridge Park in Lake Stevens, Washington. Eagle Ridge Park located in Lake Stevens is a fantastic community for connecting with urban nature.

Adding a play structure at Eagle Ridge Park becomes more than just a space to plant or play. It becomes a place for community gathering, for celebration and for regeneration; these are the spaces that give a community an identity; these are spaces that foster memory-making and pride. In being the catalysts for community placemaking initiatives, your funding is instrumental to making lasting community change.

Eagle Ridge is more than just a place to grow plants or vegetables. It functions as an outdoor community center and frequently hosts large groups of volunteers, upcoming art installations, and soon a play structure. That all seems even more impressive when you realize that Eagle Ridge Community Garden was once a pile of rubble and empty space before The City of Lake Stevens partnered with wonderful nonprofits like Down To Earth Community Gardens bringing this oasis to life.

Eagle Ridge Park offers a particularly valuable solution to the lack of safe, accessible, and developmental appropriate outdoor space for young urban children. This small, restricted- access oasis, overseen by watchful community residents, is conveniently located next to residential neighborhoods.

The community garden that now thrives in Eagle Ridge Park offers a safe environment for outdoor activities for young children. Because the garden was created by the community, Eagle Ridge Community Garden is already fenced, clean, well maintained and filled with the watchful eyes of parents and neighbors. The garden and upcoming playground act much like a collective backyard, considered part of the home and cared for by the community. Community gardens have already begun to take on roles traditionally played by community centers. The proposed playground project will help expand the current function of community gardens and will promote and support the critical role the volunteer gardens and play structures play in their communities.

Activities such as climbing, earth play, play-acting and simple contact with nature have demonstrated overwhelmingly positive effects on early childhood development. These activities promote creative, social, and sensory development in very young children. The garden play area can include elements such as shelter structures and playhouses with benches, tables, as well as sand and water areas and planting beds.

Eagle Ridge Park and the Community Garden brings a sense of community, camaraderie, beautification and more. It is a place for kids to play, neighbors to interact and get to know each other. We are not only building a neighborhood, or offering a patch, we are offering rungs on a ladder. We are creating a spot for kids to work, play and have fun in.

The entire Lake Stevens Community appreciates your consideration for funding the new play structure at Eagle Ridge Park. We invite you to come out to Eagle Ridge Park, plant a seed of change and watch it grow. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Terry Myer

Terry Myer

Project Coordinator/Director

Down To Earth Community Gardens

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
LAKE STEVENS UNIT**

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Lake Stevens Boys & Girls Club in support of the Eagle Ridge Park playground and endorse the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office funding the grant.

The City of Lake Stevens continues to grow in population each year and it's vital that our City continues to expand our parks within the city limits to provide recreational outlets for our youth to grow and prosper. Continuing to improve and promote healthy lifestyle spaces brings families together in creating a sense of togetherness.

Thank you for your time,

**Mike Wetmore**

Unit Director  
Mike Wetmore  
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Program Director  
Alicia Landre  
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Athletic Director  
CJ Freeman  
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Lake Stevens Boys & Girls Club | Bargreen Unit  
1609 E Lakeshore Dr.  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258



To whom it may concern,

Lake Stevens Kiwanis Club strongly supports the efforts to obtain a grant from the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office to improve Eagle Ridge Park. Eagle Ridge Park has been underutilized over the years and this grant could help provide the funding to improve the park and provide the citizens of Lake Stevens another very scenic park to share with their children. The Lake Stevens Kiwanis Club wholeheartedly supports the obtaining of this grant.

Ray Mitchell  
President Lake Stevens Kiwanis Club



## Washington State Senate

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PO Box 40444  
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**Senator Steve Hobbs**  
44th Legislative District

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July 16, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
c/o James Haugen, City of Lake Stevens  
PO Box 257  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258-0257

Re: City of Lake Stevens grant request / Eagle Ridge Park

Dear RCO and Mr. Haugen:

Thank you for considering the City of Lake Stevens' application for a grant to develop their "Eagle Ridge Park" project. Lake Stevens is located here in the 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District which I serve, and has established itself as a responsible and rapidly growing part of the 44<sup>th</sup> and Snohomish County.

Lake Stevens has grown from a sleepy bedroom community, to the fastest-growing city in the county for decades now. With more people living in town now, and with sustained numbers of future projected growth, dedicated recreation areas that serve a wide base of residents are critical.

This Eagle Ridge Park project aims to create park space that is recreational, cultural, and educational. A new nature-themed playground, with parking, surrounding landscaping, and ADA accessibility via ramp to the play area with accessible parking are planned. I support this project, and appreciate that it supports and encourages active outdoor play for families and residents – their basic health and wellness -- as well as health and wellness of the salmon that spawn in these stream systems.

Thank you again for considering Eagle Ridge Park for this grant award. I endorse the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office funding this grant request.

Sincerely,

Steve Hobbs  
44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

Cc: Wendy Brown, Policy Director and Legislative Liaison, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office



Kurt Grimmer  
Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Commission  
2903 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ct NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

August 14, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917  
(360) 902-3000

Subject: 20-1782 & 20-1798 – Narrows West Acquisition  
Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) – Gig Harbor, WA

Dear RCFB,

The Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Commission (TNAAC) supports the PenMet Parks Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Applications for the acquisition of the Narrows West property, also known as Eagles Ridge, owned by Sound Built Homes.

The TNAAC provides a community voice and advice to the Pierce County Council on airport management, operations, and related activities.

The acquisition of the Narrows West property will be valuable to our community, providing open space, habitat protection, trails for a variety of users, other recreational opportunities including disc golf, and allow for connectivity from the airport down to Narrows Park's waterfront.

Parks and properly managed environmental conservation areas are some of the best possible land uses when considering compatible land use adjacent to airports to ensure appropriate noise buffers can be in place between airport activity and residential properties.

In addition, PenMet's development of the Community Recreation Center on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave NW will be a valuable community resource by routing the Cushman Trail through the site away from traffic. This will be an important safety component for those users either heading to the Narrows Park and the Airport on foot or bicycle.

The TNAAC has worked with PenMet Parks on past projects, and we look forward with support for this new acquisition. We believe it enhances the amenities at the Airport and will encourage the community to visit the Antique Airplane Museum, the airport restaurant, and the Rotary Aviation Zone platform.

We encourage and welcome the support of the RCFB.

Sincerely,

*Kurt Grimmer*, Chairman  
TNAAC  
253-312-3460

July 29, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

(360) 902-3000

Subject: 20-1782 & 20-1798 – Narrows West Acquisition

Dear RCFB,

The West Sound Disc Golf Association (WSDGA) supports the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District's Recreation and Conservation Office grant applications for the acquisition of the Narrows West property, also known as Eagles Ridge, owned by Sound Built Homes.

The WSDGA provides outdoor community recreation by working with parks departments and private land owners to design and maintain disc golf courses on a volunteer basis in the west sound region of Washington state. WSDGA is a 501c3 non profit organization with over 300 lifetime members.

The acquisition of the property will be valuable to our community providing open space, habitat protection, trails for a variety of users, and other recreational opportunities including disc golf. The rapidly growing sport of disc golf has a lot of support in the Gig Harbor area and this property will finally provide the residents a close park option to learn, practice and compete in a fantastic outdoor sport that is great for all ages.

PenMet's development of the Community Recreation Center will be a valuable community resource, but it will also fill the gap between disc golf courses between Lakewood, Wa. and Port Orchard, Wa. The WSDGA is eager to work with PenMet on a new course that will provide current Gig Harbor area players a "home course" to maintain and be proud of. This opportunity will also give easy access to teach the low-impact sport to many more people that are looking for a healthy, outdoor activity. We look forward with support for this new acquisition.

We encourage and welcome the support of the RCFB, too.

Sincerely,

West Sound Disc Golf Association

Feel free to contact myself or John Synco with any questions

Paul Wright, president WSDGA. (360) 509-0000

John Synco (253) 649-3563



July 29, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

(360) 902-3000

Subject: 20-1782 & 20-1798 – Narrows West Acquisition

Dear RCFB,

Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) supports the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District's Recreation and Conservation Office grant applications for the acquisition of the Narrows West property. The acquisition will greatly expand the existing Narrows Park and provide unique recreational opportunities within walking distance from Tacoma and Gig Harbor.

Owned by a large housing development company and with panoramic views of the Tacoma Narrows bridge, the property is highly threatened. The Park District has a limited time window to secure the property. Once purchased, the 116 acre property will more than triple the size of the existing and popular Narrows Park, adding pristine shoreline, riparian habitat along Doc Weather's Creek and the potential for over a mile of forested trails and other recreational opportunities such as disc golf and mountain biking. The property not only dovetails with the existing park, but connects to significant public land to the west and north for additional recreational opportunities.

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Erik Steffens

Conservation Director



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Tacoma, WA 98415

[pulseheartinstitute.org](http://pulseheartinstitute.org)

May 6, 2020

Ms. DeAnn Beck  
Outdoor Grants Manager  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support, City of Covington, Jenkins Creek Park and Trail Activation

Dear Ms. Beck,

Pulse Heart Institute supports the City of Covington's grant application to the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP) for the continued development of Jenkins Creek Park and the Jenkins Creek Corridor. The already protected passive park space and trail easements at the geographic center of Covington are positioned to significantly contribute to several initiatives in open space preservation, public recreation activation, regional trail programming and enhanced access to recreation opportunities.

The planned trail and park improvements, in coordination with adjacent development plans, compliment the two goals of the WWRP: to acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands and to develop recreation areas for a growing population. Funding for this project will specifically connect the existing Jenkins Creek Park trails across the adjacent MultiCare Covington campus and to a planned underpass of the nearby state highway, activating a regional network of public parks and trails.

Our organization is particularly excited to partner with you on this project and create Pulse Park. The health of the community is so important to our well-being and having this kind of trail will assist the residents in their pursuit of becoming more active.

It is a great pleasure to support this project and to join the State of Washington WWRP efforts in the delivery of community services, per our own mission, as well as state, regional, and local public recreation plans.

Sincerely,

  
Jason Parks  
President

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**Mid Sound Fisheries  
Enhancement Group**

7400 Sand Point Way #202N  
SeaBle, WA 98115

June 19, 2020

DeAnn Beck

Outdoor Grants Manager

Recreation and Conservation Office

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support, City of Covington, Jenkins Creek Park and Trail Corridor,  
WWRP Projects 20-1857, 20-1453 and LWCF 20-1858

Dear Ms. Beck,

The Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group supports the City of Covington's grant applications to the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the continued development of Jenkins Creek Park and the Jenkins Creek Trail Corridor. The already protected passive park spaces and trail easements at the geographic center of Covington are positioned to significantly contribute to several initiatives in open space preservation, public recreation activation, regional trail programming and enhanced access to recreation opportunities.

The planned trail and park improvements, in coordination with adjacent development plans, compliment the two goals of the WWRP: to acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands and to develop recreation areas for a growing population. Funding for this project will specifically provide outdoor public recreation, reflecting the mission of the LWCF. It is exciting to connect the existing Jenkins Creek Park trails across the adjacent MultiCare Covington campus and to a planned underpass of the nearby state highway, activating a regional network of public parks and trails.

Our organization has been partnering with the City of Covington to restore salmon habitat in Jenkins Creek which is a high priority tributary for salmon restoration in the Green River Chinook Salmon Recovery strategy. These acquisitions and funds to restore habitat will be a significant advancement in those efforts by expanding the amount of the creek corridor that is in public ownership and be helping to restore these sections of the corridor.

It is a great pleasure to support these projects.

Sincerely,

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Jeanette Dorner  
Executive Director



GREENRIVERCOALITION.ORG

**SUBJECT**

Letter of Support,  
City of Covington,  
Jenkins Creek Park

**DATE**

June 22, 2020

**RECEIVER**

Recreation and  
Conservation Funding Board  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 9850410917

Dear Ms. Beck, Outdoor  
Grants Manager:

Green River Coalition strongly supports the City of Covington's grant application to the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP) for the continued development of Jenkins Creek Park and the Jenkins Creek Corridor.

These trail and Park improvements will compliment other development plans and efforts, to meet critical WWRP goals, of acquiring valuable habitat and recreation lands, and developing recreation areas for Covington's growing population.

Funding for this project will connect the existing Jenkins Creek Park trails across the adjacent MultiCare Covington campus, and to a planned underpass of the nearby state highway, tying together a network of public parks and trails.

Our coalition has long partnered with the City of Covington in its Jenkins Creek Park, and Jenkins Creek corridor projects to support the increase of habitat functions and values by suppressing non-native plants and replacing them with native trees, shrubs and plants. We have successfully applied for and received federal, county, and private foundation funds to support this work at three sites in the Covington Jenkins Creek corridor, including a grant award we were just notified of last week. We are engaged in planning for additional work and anticipate continued support of these habitat and recreation improvement projects with Covington. This includes seeking additional sources of funding, providing planning and implementation support from our team of 9-12 interns, and engaging volunteer support.

A couple of our board members also live in the area and use the existing Jenkins Creek Park and nearby trail segments for years. I both commute and do recreational bike riding. The Jenkins Creek Trail not only provides in park recreation, but also connects a primary concentration of population to a key commercial center, and additionally to the core downtown area. Along with a host of other benefits, this allows pedestrians and bikers a great alternative to being on high vehicle traffic roadways.

[www.photocircotem.com](http://www.photocircotem.com)

As a result we are very pleased to see the City of Covington engaged in pursuing this grant opportunity, and strongly encourage WWRP to provide the requested funding.

Best regards,

Greg Wingard,  
President  
425-496-9177



04/22/2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities, #20-1533C

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Enumclaw Parks and Recreation department to express our ecstatic support of King County's proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop amenities for community gathering and outdoor play and education that will serve many recreation needs in Enumclaw and south King County.

Enumclaw Parks and King County Parks have a long-standing relationship and have always made it a priority to coordinate efforts for active outdoor recreation on the Enumclaw Plateau. City of Enumclaw Parks staff and City officials have been involved with King County Parks since the beginning of this project, having a voice in helping identify the needs of our community. Through public meetings, brainstorm sessions, and community interaction, the County and City developed yet another meaningful partnership, allowing for fluidity of trail planning between the two entities, and creating a lasting plan for Little Lake Forest to further benefit the community of Enumclaw.

We are fully supportive of King County's plan to develop recreation and education amenities adjacent to a new parking area and trailhead at Little Lake Forest. This protected open space is the result of a strong partnership between the community, local governments and non-profits. All of these organizations have identified a need for bringing more recreational amenities to the Enumclaw area and have worked closely over the last few years to acquire land and create a shared vision for recreation and trails that will serve the local community and region for many years to come. King County's project adds to that vision and is an important step in realizing our shared vision.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

**Michelle Larson, CPRP**  
**Director**  
**Enumclaw Parks and Recreation**  
**(360) 615-5619**  
[mlarson@ci.enumclaw.wa.us](mailto:mlarson@ci.enumclaw.wa.us)



**Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (unincorporated area council)**  
**718 Griffin Ave. #948**  
**Enumclaw WA 98022**

April 29, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities, #20-1533C

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am the President of Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (EPCA) and I am writing on the behalf of our organization to express our enthusiastic support of King County's proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to support development of amenities for community gathering and outdoor play and education that will serve many recreation needs in Enumclaw and south King County.

The EPCA and a wide variety of our constituency supports development of Little Lake Forest as a new open space that can act as a natural and informative place for community gathering and recreation. Little Lake Forest would be the only open space in our area that could function as a gathering space, and the Enumclaw Plateau area does not yet have a similar community asset. We ask for your support to help us develop Little Lake as a welcoming place with amenities to attract and enhance the experience for families and outdoor recreation and hiking. We also ask for some of these amenities to help to re-connect local people of South King County to nature and the wonderful environment of the foothills and mountains. We are very pleased that King County is developing Little Lake Forest, as is a perfect setting to help our community to gather and learn about nature.

We are fully supportive of King County's plan to develop recreation and education amenities adjacent to a new parking area and trailhead at Little Lake Forest. This protected open space is the result of a strong partnership between the community, local governments and non-profits. All of these organizations have identified a need for bringing more recreational amenities to the Enumclaw area and have worked closely over the last few years to acquire land and create a shared vision for recreation and trails that will serve the local community and region for many years to come. King County's project adds to that vision and is an important step in realizing our shared vision.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

**Tim O'Brien, President, Enumclaw Plateau Community Association**



Date 5/7/20

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities, #20-1533C

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of **Mount Peak Historic Fire Look out board members** to express our enthusiastic support of King County's proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop amenities for community gathering and outdoor play and education that will serve many recreation needs in Enumclaw and south King County.

**This is a non profit organization to reconstruct a historical forest service Fire lookout. For the enjoyment of all hikers up Mount Peak to see the history of this Fire lookouts and views of Mount Rainier. We are a locally organized non profit and have applied for grants from the county and state. We have a board of 8 members all living in Enumclaw.**

**Here is a link to the local newspaper article on our project.**

**<https://www.courierherald.com/news/nonprofit-promotes-lookout-tower-atop-mount-peak/?fbclid=IwAR3MoAgvOpFopJG64ZWHcsU9iJ46VIMexBbDoOesWfzk03kmh7v5VawTDVo>**

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**We have many committed community supporters and we feel confident that we could easily get 20 people to volunteer at least half a day to support this project. For example by planting trees. Let us know when and where and we will be there !!**

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

**Mark Countryman ( Board member)**

**1432 Stevenson Ave, Enumclaw Wa 98022**



04/22/2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities, #20-1533C

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I am writing on behalf of the City of Enumclaw Parks and Recreation department to express our ecstatic support of King County's proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop amenities for community gathering and outdoor play and education that will serve many recreation needs in Enumclaw and south King County.

Enumclaw Parks and King County Parks have a long-standing relationship and have always made it a priority to coordinate efforts for active outdoor recreation on the Enumclaw Plateau. City of Enumclaw Parks staff and City officials have been involved with King County Parks since the beginning of this project, having a voice in helping identify the needs of our community. Through public meetings, brainstorm sessions, and community interaction, the County and City developed yet another meaningful partnership, allowing for fluidity of trail planning between the two entities, and creating a lasting plan for Little Lake Forest to further benefit the community of Enumclaw.

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Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

**Michelle Larson, CPRP**  
**Director**  
**Enumclaw Parks and Recreation**  
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May 22, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities, #20-1533C

Dear Director Cottingham and Members of the RCFB,

Forterra enthusiastically supports King County's proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop amenities for community gathering, outdoor play and education at the Little Lake Forest Park. These amenities will serve many recreation needs in Enumclaw and south King County.

In 2017, Forterra partnered with King County Parks to acquire the Little Lake Forest property on behalf of the County, and hold the property until the County was able to secure grant funding to then purchase the property back from Forterra a year later, thus permanently protecting it as a County park.

Forterra is fully supportive of King County's plan to develop recreation and education amenities adjacent to a new parking area and trailhead at Little Lake Forest. This protected open space is the result of a strong partnership between the community, local governments and non-profits. All of these organizations have identified a need for bringing more recreational amenities to the Enumclaw area and have worked closely over the last few years to acquire land and create a shared vision for recreation and trails that will serve the local community and region for many years to come. King County's Little Lake Forest project adds to that vision and is an important step in realizing our shared goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

DocuSigned by:

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Michelle Connor,  
President & CEO



**Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (unincorporated area council)**  
**718 Griffin Ave. #948**  
**Enumclaw WA 98022**

April 29, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities, #20-1533C

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am the President of Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (EPCA) and I am writing on the behalf of our organization to express our enthusiastic support of King County's proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to support development of amenities for community gathering and outdoor play and education that will serve many recreation needs in Enumclaw and south King County.

The EPCA and a wide variety of our constituency supports development of Little Lake Forest as a new open space that can act as a natural and informative place for community gathering and recreation. Little Lake Forest would be the only open space in our area that could function as a gathering space, and the Enumclaw Plateau area does not yet have a similar community asset. We ask for your support to help us develop Little Lake as a welcoming place with amenities to attract and enhance the experience for families and outdoor recreation and hiking. We also ask for some of these amenities to help to re-connect local people of South King County to nature and the wonderful environment of the foothills and mountains. We are very pleased that King County is developing Little Lake Forest, as is a perfect setting to help our community to gather and learn about nature.

We are fully supportive of King County's plan to develop recreation and education amenities adjacent to a new parking area and trailhead at Little Lake Forest. This protected open space is the result of a strong partnership between the community, local governments and non-profits. All of these organizations have identified a need for bringing more recreational amenities to the Enumclaw area and have worked closely over the last few years to acquire land and create a shared vision for recreation and trails that will serve the local community and region for many years to come. King County's project adds to that vision and is an important step in realizing our shared vision.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

**Tim O'Brien, President, Enumclaw Plateau Community Association**



Date 5/7/20

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities, #20-1533C

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of **Mount Peak Historic Fire Look out board members** to express our enthusiastic support of King County's proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop amenities for community gathering and outdoor play and education that will serve many recreation needs in Enumclaw and south King County.

**This is a non profit organization to reconstruct a historical forest service Fire lookout. For the enjoyment of all hikers up Mount Peak to see the history of this Fire lookouts and views of Mount Rainier. We are a locally organized non profit and have applied for grants from the county and state. We have a board of 8 members all living in Enumclaw.**

**Here is a link to the local newspaper article on our project.**

**<https://www.courierherald.com/news/nonprofit-promotes-lookout-tower-atop-mount-peak/?fbclid=IwAR3MoAgvOpFopJG64ZWHcsU9iJ46VIMexBbDoOesWfzk03kmh7y5VawTDVo>**

We are fully supportive of King County's plan to develop recreation and education amenities adjacent to a new parking area and trailhead at Little Lake Forest. This protected open space is the result of a strong partnership between the community, local governments and non-profits. All of these organizations have identified a need for bringing more recreational amenities to the Enumclaw area and have worked closely over the last few years to acquire land and create a shared vision for recreation and trails that will serve the local community and region for many years to come. King County's project adds to that vision and is an important step in realizing our shared vision.

**We have many committed community supporters and we feel confident that we could easily get 20 people to volunteer at least half a day to support this project. For example by planting trees. Let us know when and where and we will be there !!**

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

**Mark Countryman ( Board member)**

**1432 Stevenson Ave, Enumclaw Wa 98022**



May 28, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Allison Dellwo, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: A letter supporting the RCO - ALEA and LWCF Grant applications by the Port of Anacortes.

Dear Ms. Dellwo:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express support for the application the Port of Anacortes will be submitting to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), within the 2020 grant cycle, seeking assistance towards construction of the planned Cap Sante RV Park, in Anacortes. We believe this project as a genuine overall improvement to the City of Anacortes, while stressing our view that the grant applications are very well-aligned with the intent of both the ALEA and LWCF core criteria and focus areas.

We view this project as a significant improvement of aquatic lands in Washington state, which also enhances public access to the waterfront and provides increased outdoor recreation opportunities. Additionally, as a certified member of the Clean Marina and Green Marine environmental excellence programs, we believe the port's commitment to environmental stewardship, in all aspects of their operations, is directly aligned with the foundational tenets of RCO.

As community stakeholder, the chamber has worked closely with the port throughout its extensive planning process for the RV Park, along with other planned projects adjacent to the Cap Sante Marina. This RV Park will be affordable as well as strategically located in the north basin upland area of the marina. It will be within walking distance to the city's downtown amenities and our Depot facility campus, which lies immediately west of the future RV Park. As such, visiting guests will benefit local businesses and services, attend community festivals, and bring value to both the waterfront and the commercial core of Anacortes.

Mission: To promote economic prosperity through innovative leadership, advocacy and collaborative community engagement.  
Vision: To be the most livable and economically vibrant waterfront community in the Pacific Northwest



Cornerstone Members



Puget Sound Refinery



We are excited about this project, which includes significant improvements to barren, graveled and unused aquatic lands, transforming it to a fully functional RV Park, complete with utilities, street frontage improvements and connectivity. This value-add project will dramatically improve the experience of guests and the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood.

The port's current underdeveloped RV Park has been a community draw for guests and consistently brings in over 2,000 nights of RV camping per year. This translates to real tourism and recreation dollars, vital lifeblood for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Hamilton  
President and CEO



May 27, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Allison Dellwo, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: A letter supporting the RCO - ALEA and LWCF Grant applications by the Port of Anacortes

Dear Ms. Dellwo:

It is our understanding that the Port of Anacortes will be submitting applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), within the 2020 grant cycle, seeking assistance towards construction of the planned Cap Sante RV Park, in Anacortes. On behalf of the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC), I wish to express support of this project as a genuine overall improvement to the City of Anacortes, while stressing our view that the grant applications are very well-aligned with the intent of both the ALEA and LWCF core criteria and focus areas.

We view this project as a significant improvement of aquatic lands in Washington State, which also enhances public access to the waterfront and provides increased outdoor recreation opportunities. Additionally, as a certified member of the Clean Marina and Green Marine environmental excellence programs, the Port's commitment to environmental stewardship, in all aspects of their operations, is directly aligned with the foundational tenets of RCO.

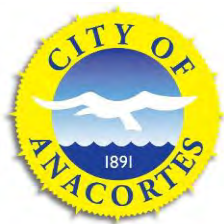
As the economic development organization for all of Skagit County, EDASC has participated with the Port throughout its extensive planning process for the RV Park, along with other planned projects adjacent to the Cap Sante Marina. This RV Park will be affordable as well as strategically located in the north basin upland area of the Marina. It will be within walking distance to the City's Downtown and our Depot Facility campus - which lies immediately west of the future RV Park. As such, visiting guests will benefit local businesses and services, attend community festivals, and bring value to both the waterfront and the commercial core of Anacortes, all adding to city and county revenues.

We are excited about this project, which includes significant improvements to barren, graveled and unused aquatic lands, transforming it to a fully functional RV Park, complete with utilities, street frontage improvements and connectivity. This value-add project will dramatically improve the experience of visitors and the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood.

The Port's current RV Park has been a community draw for visitors and consistently brings in over 2,000 nights of RV camping per year even in its unimproved state. This project will generate real tourism and recreation dollars, vital lifeblood for our community. We hope it earns your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Sternlicht, CEO



# CITY OF ANACORTES

Laurie Gere, Mayor

904 6<sup>th</sup> Street Anacortes, WA 98221

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May 22, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Allison Dellwo, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: A letter supporting the RCO - ALEA and LWCF Grant applications by the Port of Anacortes.

Dear Ms. Dellwo:

The Port of Anacortes will be submitting applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), within the 2020 grant cycle, seeking assistance toward construction of the planned Cap Sante RV Park, in Anacortes. This letter is to convey the continuing support of the City of Anacortes (City) for the project as originally identified in the October 2018 memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City and Port of Anacortes. The MOU recognized the need for an improved RV Park in the City, and to mutually support external funding sources to accomplish our shared objectives.

The grant applications are well-aligned with the intent of the ALEA and LWCF core focus areas. This project will significantly improve aquatic lands in Washington, enhance public access to the waterfront and provide increased outdoor recreation opportunities. Enhancing public access to our area waterfronts is important to the City. Additionally, as a certified member of the Clean Marina and Green Marine environmental excellence program, we believe the Port's holistic commitment to environmental stewardship is directly aligned with the foundational tenets of RCO.

As an adjacent property owner and government stakeholder, the City has works closely with the Port throughout its planning process for the RV Park and other planned projects adjacent to the Cap Sante Marina. Our mutual goal is to energize this important part of the City as a recreational hub. The RV Park will be strategically located in the north basin upland area of the Marina. It will be within walking distance to the City's Downtown and our Depot Facility campus - which lies immediately west of the planned RV Park. Visiting guests will benefit local businesses and services, attend community festivals, and bring significant value to both the waterfront and the commercial core of the City.

We support the Port's planned improvements, which include transforming unused and graveled aquatic lands to a fully functional and attractive RV Park, complete with utilities, improved public access, landscaping, street frontage improvements and connectivity. This project will dramatically improve the experience of visitors and the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood. All improvements will be ADA compliant.



# CITY OF ANACORTES

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The City is excited to see completion of this needed facility for visitors to the City of Anacortes. We look forward to working with the Port through the local permitting process.

Sincerely,

Mayor Laurie Gere

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

### Letters are in Ranked Order

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| • 20-1322C Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park (7)                     | Rank 1  |
| • 20-1760D American Lake Park Waterfront Access Upgrades (4)         | Rank 2  |
| • 20-1302D Terry Pettus Park Renovation (1)                          | Rank 6  |
| • 20-1711D Waterfront Access Improvements (1)                        | Rank 8  |
| • 20-1841C California Creek Estuary Park Phase 2 (4)                 | Rank 9  |
| • 20-1483C Manson Bay Old Swim Hole Acquisition and Development (14) | Rank 12 |
| • 20-1751R Marine Park Beach Naturalization (1)                      | Rank 13 |
| • 20-1530D Marymoor Park Dock Replacement (1)                        | Rank 16 |
| • 20-1670D Cap Sante Marina RV Park (3)                              | Rank 18 |



July 30, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street S.E.  
Olympia, Washington 98501  
WRIA 8 Grant Funding Committee

Dear Esteemed Members of the Recreation and Conservation Office,

Please accept this letter of support from The Off-Leash Area Edmonds (OLAE) for the City of Edmonds' plan to renovate Marina Beach Park as part of the overall Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project. OLAE is a local non-profit group that was founded in 2005 to steward, restore, educate and clean-up the off-leash area in Edmonds. Our hard-working volunteers over the past 15 years in conjunction with Rich Lindsay, Parks and Recreation Manager have removed tons of debris and managed five Eagle Scout Project to bring this area to be recognized by the Seattle Times as "the Club-Med of Dog Parks" (see attached page).

This project is an essential component of the Edmonds Marsh near-shore restoration and has been a popular regional park and Native Wildlife Park with the community for decades. The OLAE Board supports the overall Marsh Estuary Restoration project that will reconnect the Marsh to Puget Sound restoring critical estuary functions and salmon migrations, and expanding a wildlife sanctuary. The Marina Beach comprehensive design took over two years to complete and was a massive public outreach project. Initially the consultants came up with a design the completely eliminated the off-leash area. Citizens were up in arms and after hundreds of hours of testimony, open houses and public comments, the final design included a smaller off-leash area where park users will cross a bridge over the tidal channel to our park. The overlook from bridge should provide wonderful views of the tidal exchange and adult salmon migrating back into the Marsh estuary. For the record, water quality tests at the off-leash area are BETTER than any other area tested along that shoreline.

Off Leash Area Edmonds  
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OLAE is a 501(c)3 organization – EIN# 16-1730771



The Board of OLAE always supports the efforts of the City of Edmonds to redevelop Marina Beach and restore the Edmonds Marsh estuary as we must remember that generations to come need a place: for recreation, for understanding, learning and discovering this unique ecosystem; for enjoying nature's backdrop of beauty; and most importantly for dog owners to have a beautiful "Club-Med" for their dogs to play.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely the Board of OLAE (woof),

/s/Brian Albright,  
/s/Diane Buckshnis,  
/s/Shay Hastler,  
/s/Kristie Kloomer,  
/s/Glenda Konkol,  
/s/Lori Parsons,  
/s/Joshua Wilde

cc: City of Edmonds,  
OLAE Board Members

Visit [www.olae.org](http://www.olae.org) to find out details about us!

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Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, Washington 98501

RE: Letter of Support for Marina Beach Park and Willow Creek

Dear evaluation committee,

Please accept the Port of Edmonds' letter of support for the City of Edmonds' plans to renovate Marina Beach Park, a waterfront park on Puget Sound in south Snohomish County.

A critical element of the Port's mission is to provide a vibrant, attractive environment for the Edmonds-Woodway community, and this project aligns with that goal. As the neighboring property, we are a proponent for increasing the park's quality, restoring the land, and increasing safe access. Additionally, the restrooms will be a substantial improvement over the existing facilities provided to visitors.

The City will improve the outdated park to better serve the community. New and improved amenities include an all-abilities playground, nature play area, accessible scenic overlooks, dog park, a hand boat launch access point, and restrooms at two new entry plazas. The parking lots will be consolidated and pedestrian pathways rerouted for better circulation and flood prevention.

This project is an essential component of the Edmonds Marsh near-shore restoration, which has been popular with the community for decades. This project will reconnect Puget Sound to the estuary marsh by restoring Willow Creek. Willow Creek is an historically salmon-bearing stream currently being piped underground through the park. Just north of the park, the creek will connect with the Edmonds Marsh to return tidal flows, salt-water exchange, and salmon to the marsh. Within the park, the creek will offer stunning views of salmon runs from multiple angles and provide opportunities to learn about this unique ecosystem.

The Port of Edmonds is pleased to support the City of Edmonds' efforts to redevelop Marina Beach Park to reconnect people with Willow Creek while preserving the community's sense of place and the park's natural beauty. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Brandon Baker

Marina Manager

Port Of Edmonds



Save.the.Edmonds.Marsh@gmail.com

August 7, 2019

To: Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

The 'Save Our Marsh' community group in Edmonds, WA supports the Marina Beach Park renovation grant applications (PRISM #20-1296 and #1322) from the City of Edmonds because they are a critical component of the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project to restore a fully functional tidal wetland along Puget Sound.

The Edmonds Marsh-Estuary has been partially disconnected from Puget Sound since the 1960's when the tidal outlet was put into a 1,600-foot pipe (with a tide gate) that discharges underwater into Puget Sound. Although the tide gate is secured open in spring and summer to allow limited tidal exchange, the fall and winter exclusion of saltwater into the marsh-estuary for many years has created a dysfunctional tidal wetland ecosystem with poor circulation. The long pipe exiting into saltwater below low tide levels has prevented adult salmon from spawning in upland streams, and has prevented juvenile Chinook salmon from rearing and feeding in an estuary.

There is substantial community support for this restoration project. Many residents and visitors to Edmonds go to the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary and Marina Beach Park to enjoy the natural setting and the recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities. The north edge of the Marsh has observation platforms and a boardwalk that provide excellent viewing opportunities. Over 190 different bird species have been documented at the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary and the restoration project will enhance the estuarine habitat for shorebirds as well as aquatic species. Both coho and chum salmon were observed in the past in the streams draining into the marsh and the Edmonds community is united in its desire to bring salmon back for future generations to enjoy.

The renovation design proposed for Marina Beach Park will allow the public to view adult salmon migrating up the tidal channel. There is a very limited number of publicly accessible locations for people to see wild salmon in their natural setting, and this project will greatly add to the public's wildlife viewing and educational opportunities.

We urge the RCO to approve the grant funding requested that will benefit salmon, wildlife, and people throughout the State that appreciate access to our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Joe Scordino  
Save Our Marsh

***SAVE OUR MARSH is a community-driven effort to preserve, enhance and restore the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary for the benefit of wildlife and salmon as well as current and future generations of people who enjoy our natural environment.***



# Snohomish County

## Marine Resources Committee

20-1322 ALEA #1

August 5, 2020

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Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Letter of Support for Marina Beach Park and Willow Creek

Dear Evaluation Committee,

Please accept Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee's letter of support for the City of Edmonds' plans to renovate Marina Beach Park, a waterfront park on Puget Sound in south Snohomish County.

The City will improve the outdated park to better serve the community. New and improved amenities include an all-abilities playground, nature play area, accessible scenic overlooks, dog park, a hand boat launch access point, and restrooms at two new entry plazas. The parking lots will be consolidated and pedestrian pathways rerouted for better circulation and flood prevention.

This project is an essential component of the Edmonds Marsh restoration, which has been popular with the community for decades. This project will reconnect Puget Sound to the estuary marsh by bringing Willow Creek to the surface. Willow Creek is a historically salmon-bearing stream currently being piped underground through the park. Just north of the park, the creek will connect with the Edmonds Marsh to return tidal flows, salt-water exchange, and salmon to the marsh. Within the park, the creek will offer stunning views of salmon runs from multiple angles and opportunities to learn about this unique ecosystem.

The Marine Resources Advisory Committee is a team of citizen volunteers dedicated to promoting effective stewardship of Snohomish County's marine waters, habitats, species, and shorelines. Appointed by the County Council to represent diverse local interests, committee members are united by our dedication to managing our natural resources for the benefit of all. Together, we seek out the best available scientific information and use it to evaluate, prioritize, and implement strategies for achieving and sustaining a healthy Puget Sound. We believe this project will enhance nearshore habitat in our county as well as provide the community recreational and educational amenities. This project furthers our goal to help create a healthy, enduring marine ecosystem in Snohomish County which contributes to the overall health of Puget Sound and which is shared and protected by all.

Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee is pleased to support the City of Edmonds' efforts to redevelop Marina Beach Park to reconnect people with Willow Creek while preserving the community's sense of place and the park's natural beauty. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

*Mike Ehlebracht*

Mike Ehlebracht  
Snohomish Marine Resources Committee Chair  
[Mike.ehlebracht@snoco.org](mailto:Mike.ehlebracht@snoco.org)



***Connecting you with our watersheds for the future of salmon***

August 6, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, Washington 98501

RE: Letter of Support for Marina Beach Park and Willow Creek

Dear evaluation committee,

Please accept Sound Salmon Solutions' letter of support for the City of Edmonds' plans to renovate Marina Beach Park, a waterfront park on Puget Sound in south Snohomish County. Sound Salmon Solutions (SSS) is a small, grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (RFEG). For 30 years we have supported salmon recovery by connecting people with our watersheds through interactive education, hands-on stewardship, and state-of-the-art habitat restoration in partnership with our local community groups, Tribes, governments, agencies, businesses, and landowners in the Stillaguamish, Snohomish, Camano/South Whidbey Island, and southwest Snohomish County watersheds.

SSS operates the Willow Creek Salmon and Watershed Education Center (WCSWEC) that was originally founded over 30 years ago as the Willow Creek Salmon Hatchery and Aquatic Education Center by the Edmonds based Laebugten Salmon Club as a place where the local community could learn about the salmon life cycle and appreciate the need for salmon conservation to support a robust fishery for generations to come. Over those 30+ years three generations of the local community have gotten up close and personal with juvenile coho through helping with their rearing at the hatchery and release into local streams and participating in classroom and outdoor salmon education programs. Known locally as "the Hatchery" it is an Edmonds tradition that Sound Salmon Solutions was honored to be asked to carry on in 2017 when we were invited to assume the lease and operations of the facility.

The City's proposed project is an essential component of the Edmonds Marsh near-shore restoration, which has been popular with the community for decades. This project will reconnect Puget Sound to the estuary marsh by restoring Willow Creek. Willow Creek is an historically salmon-bearing stream currently being piped underground through the park. Just north of the park, the creek will connect with the Edmonds Marsh to return tidal flows, salt-water exchange, and salmon to the marsh.

Being directly upstream from the City's proposed project we are excited that we will be able to make an impactful ecological and educational connection between WCSWEC and the Sound once this project is complete. Once Willow Creek is connected to the sound that allows for fish passage, we will seek permits from WDFW to begin releases of coho juveniles into Willow Creek in hopes of having returns to spawn. We currently have permits to release into other local Edmonds watersheds, mainly Shell Creek.

We also welcome the physical connection between the nearshore habitat and riparian habitat at Willow Creek that passes through the Edmonds Marsh that will provide the community an intimate experience of the key habitats crucial to salmon including stunning views of salmon runs from multiple angles within the park as they head up stream toward WCSWEC to spawn. The community's overall sense of place will be enhanced with new and improved amenities including an all-abilities playground, nature play area, accessible scenic overlooks, dog park, a hand boat launch access point, and restrooms at two new entry plazas. As well, safety and flood prevention will be improved through consolidated parking lots and pedestrian pathways.

Sound Salmon Solutions is pleased to enthusiastically support the City of Edmonds' efforts to redevelop Marina Beach Park to reconnect people with Willow Creek while preserving the community's sense of place and the park's natural beauty. We are committed to partnering and collaborating with the City in this project to ensure a meaningful and productive connection between the park and our WCSWEC programs. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a circular flourish.

Rodney Pond  
Executive Director  
Sound Salmon Solutions



**Edmonds Floretum Garden Club**  
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Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, Washington 98501

RE: Letter of Support for Marina Beach Park and Willow Creek

Dear Evaluation Committee,

Please accept Edmonds Floretum Garden Club's letter of support for the City of Edmonds' plans to renovate Marina Beach Park, a waterfront park on Puget Sound in south Snohomish County.

Floretum's 150 members are getting ready to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the community. The club is committed to "conservation of natural resources, protection of wildlife, civic beautification, and above all, the love of gardening, while honoring its charter purpose of beautifying Edmonds" as we proclaim in our mission statement. The beaches, creeks, and marsh lands of Edmonds are crucially important to the community, and we are passionate about supporting their health.

The City will improve the outdated park to better serve the community. New and improved amenities include an all-abilities playground, nature play area, accessible scenic overlooks, dog park, a hand boat launch access point, and restrooms at two new entry plazas. The parking lots will be consolidated and pedestrian pathways rerouted for better circulation and flood prevention.

This project is an essential component of the Edmonds Marsh near-shore restoration, which has been popular with the community for decades. This project will reconnect Puget Sound to the estuary marsh by restoring Willow Creek. Willow Creek is an historically salmon-bearing stream currently being piped underground through the park. Just north of the park, the creek will connect with the Edmonds Marsh to return tidal flows, salt-water exchange, and salmon to the marsh. Within the park, the creek will offer stunning views of salmon runs from multiple angles and provide opportunities to learn about this unique ecosystem.

Floretum is pleased to support the City of Edmonds' efforts to redevelop Marina Beach Park to reconnect people with Willow Creek while preserving the community's sense of place and the park's natural beauty. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Marty Ronish, Ph.D.  
President, Edmonds Floretum Garden Club





August 10, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, Washington 98501

To Whom It May Concern:

Students Saving Salmon club from Edmonds-Woodway High School and Meadowdale High School support the Marina Beach Park renovation grant applications (PRISM #20-1296 and #1322) because it will reopen a tidal channel between the beach and the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary that will allow salmon to once again return to Edmonds streams.

Students Saving Salmon was formed in 2014 by students concerned about the environment, especially salmon and their habitat, and our goal is to return salmon to all of the streams in Edmonds. Students participate in field studies to collect and disseminate scientific information; conduct community outreach, and assist community salmon enhancement and habitat restoration efforts.

We have collected data on water quality, pollutants and habitat conditions in the Edmonds Marsh and its' tributary streams since 2015 that confirm that restoring open tidal exchange is critical for the health of the Marsh-Estuary and return of salmon. Conditions in the Marsh-Estuary have deteriorated since the 1960's when the estuary outlet was put into a 1,600-foot underground pipe with a tide gate that has prevented tidal exchange causing sedimentation backup, proliferation of invasive species, restricted water circulation, overheating, and total blockage of salmon migration.

This project will contribute to Washington State goals to restore the nearshore environment in Puget Sound for salmon and other aquatic and wildlife species, and we urge the RCO to approve the applications.



August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clover Park School District wholeheartedly supports the City of Lakewood's grant application to improve outdoor spaces for students and families in the Lakewood community. This grant application enhances the city's mission to create a healthy and vibrant community within our city.

As a school district, we have partnered with the City of Lakewood for many years to build community and create social connections within our City. Recently we established a joint use agreement with the City to further our efforts to share public resources in the form of fields and facilities where alignment exists.

The City has been a tremendous advocate of supporting youth and families. It offers a rich history of supporting youth activities to include sports and family time in outdoor spaces that encourages health and wellness.

The District serves a highly diverse student population, and our students deserve every opportunity to become active and engaged in the wider community. The District understands that offering a varied selection of youth recreational activities benefits our families tremendously by creating safe and healthy places for children to visit, learn and play.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have pockets of poverty and lack park resources in some communities. This plan addresses the need for increased access and equity for students.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for our students and overall community. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood. Please feel free to contact me at (253) 583-5190 if you require additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Banner".

Ron Banner  
Superintendent



# WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

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July 31, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support for the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at American Lake Park.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue provides fire and rescue services for the Lakewood Community. Providing ADA access to the waterfront at American Lake Park would be an incredible safety improvement and will help us to respond more quickly to incidents at the lake.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue supports the City of Lakewood in the endeavor because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. West Pierce Fire & Rescue has conducted many park beautification and cleanup projects at this site and will continue to support this park when the enhancements are made.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. Public access to the water is very limited and the park development at this site will go far in addressing access and equity in our community and providing youth and families with a safe place to visit, learn and play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Lake City neighborhood area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

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Jim Sharp  
Fire Chief



# Partners For Parks

## Board of Directors

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May 29, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at American Lake Park.

Partners for Parks is a collaboration of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We have raised funds to purchase land, build restrooms, expand trails and enhance park sites. We have volunteered to clean up parks and improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and visitors.

Partners for Parks is interested in supporting and partnering with the City of Lakewood because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We also believe that many hands make light work and if you put the right team together you can do amazing things. Partners for Parks has conducted many park beautification and cleanup projects at this site and will continue to support this park when the enhancements are made.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. There are very few public access to the water and the park development at this site will go far in addressing access and equity in our community and providing youth and families with a safe place to visit, learn and play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Lake City neighborhood area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President  
Partners for Parks



**KIWANIS CLUB OF CLOVER PARK**

9524 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW  
City of Lakewood, WA 98499-1514

June 9, 2020

Grant Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Clover Park to support the improvements of North American Lake Park being proposed by the City of Lakewood.

A popular annual event at North American Lake Park is the Ray Evans Youth Fishing Day held in May. The motto of the Kiwanis is "Helping the Children of the World." The Ray Evans Youth Fishing Day provides an opportunity for young people in our community to enjoy a positive outdoor recreational opportunity. The Kiwanis Club of Clover Park provides the event volunteers a free hot dog and beverage lunch.

The proposed improvements to North American Lake Park will further enhance the enjoyment of this facility by members of the Lakewood community.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jerry Dunlap'.

Jerry Dunlap

Secretary

Kiwanis Club of Clover Park

## FRIENDS OF STREET ENDS

May 4, 2020

Dear RCO Aquatic Lands Enhancement Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Street Ends in support of an RCO grant for Terry Pettus Park Renovation.

Friends of Street Ends (FOSE) is a city-wide volunteer group devoted to improving Shoreline Street Ends for public access. Seattle is home to 140 shoreline street ends located on Puget Sound, the Ship Canal, the Duwamish River, Lake Union, and Lake Washington. Terry Pettus Park is located on one of those street ends – possibly the most heavily used of all the street ends in the city.

Terry Pettus Park is on the south end of the Eastlake neighborhood and within less than one mile of the densest part of Seattle – South Lake Union, home to Amazon, Banana Republic, University of Washington Medical School Annex, and the Paul Allen Brain Institute, to name just a few. As such, it attracts employees from throughout the world who move to Seattle to work, play, and recreate.

The renovation of Terry Pettus Park will help provide an active public space for all who spend time in the area. It is unique in that it includes not only visual access to the water, but physical as well. Park users can access the lake with their kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards. And we presume that seating areas will be included in the new renovation so that users can sit quietly and enjoy the beauty of the lake. The park was constructed over 30 years ago with unhealthy materials and the vegetation desperately needs to be replaced with native drought-tolerant plants.

And from a personal note, having been involved with parks for over 30 years, as the Founding Director of the Seattle Parks Foundation, as Co-Founder of Friends of Street Ends and as a member of the Seattle Board of Park Commissioners, I can think of no other similar waterfront opportunity that will serve such a large number of people than this project. Purchase of property adjacent to water – any water – is an incredibly rare opportunity these days. And as the Olmsted Brothers said when they were designing Seattle's park system in 1909 (to paraphrase): "one acre of park adjacent to the water is like ten acres inland."

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project for an RCO grant.

Sincerely,

Karen Daubert, Chair

Friends of Street Ends, 206-310-1792



**Illahee Community Club**  
(Supporting the Illahee Community Plan)  
(Meetings held the middle month of each quarter – Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

August 7, 2020

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

Re: RCO Grants 20-1711 & 20-1713 Port of Illahee Waterfront Access  
Improvement Plans

The Illahee Community Club (ICC) strongly supports the Port of Illahee plans to improve the waterfront with multiple grant submittals.

The ICC supports the cleanup work the Port is doing with the former Illahee Food Store along with the planned work to eventually clean up the leaking underground storage tanks. The ICC appreciates and supports the ongoing maintenance improvement work projects the Port is doing to maintain the Illahee Community dock structure, which was falling into disrepair.

What the ICC is most supportive of is the long overdue planned improvements to the entire Port overlay area, which includes improvements to the old store, the demolition of the Port rental house, added parking, small boat access, improvements for boat docking, and a separate fishing area.

Thank you Port Commissioners for moving ahead with this project that not only benefits the local Illahee Community, but also the greater surrounding area residents who use the Port facilities.

The Illahee Community Club (ICC) therefore enthusiastically supports and endorses this application to make major improvements to the Illahee waterfront!

Sincerely,

*Barney Bernhard*

Barney Bernhard, President  
Illahee Community Club



**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
**Parks & Recreation**  
3373 Mount Baker Highway  
Bellingham, WA 98226-9097



**Michael G. McFarlane**, Director  
**Christ Thomsen**, Operations Manager

June 15, 2020

Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office  
Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504

RE: Grant Applications: California Creek Estuary Park  
Blaine Birch Bay Park & Recreation District No. 2  
WWRP-Water Access No. 20-1757/ ALEA No. 20-1841

Dear Funding Board:

I am writing in support of the Blaine Birch Bay Park & Recreation District's applications for Phase 2 of the California Creek Estuary Park located in Whatcom County. The acquisition of an additional 12-acres and the proposed development for passive recreation has numerous benefits and will protect and preserve prime habitat for salmonids, forage fish and other species.

Water access remains the highest priority for Whatcom County residents as identified in the County's Park Recreation and Open Space Plan. This project helps meet this need providing an outstanding opportunity to expand public access while restoring the natural functions of an important estuary.

I urge your support and approval for the funding of this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael McFarlane", is written over a faint, larger signature that also appears to be "Michael McFarlane".

Michael McFarlane, Director  
Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department

Cc. Blaine Birch Bay Park & Recreation District No. 2

**WHATCOM COUNTY**

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**Mark Personius, AICP**  
Director

June 18, 2020

Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Support for Grant Application # 20-1757 & # 20-1841 California Creek Estuary Park Phase 2

To Whom it May Concern:

Whatcom County Planning & Development Services would like to express support for Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District's grant applications, WWRP20-1757 and ALEA 20-1841 to continue with Phase 2 of California Creek Estuary Park.

This project will provide valuable wildlife habitat while also providing low impact recreation. Phase 2 builds upon the great work being completed by Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District. The interpretive kiosk, trails, and kayak launch will provide a valuable opportunity for visitors to learn about and enjoy this important ecosystem. It will be greatly valued by our community.

Whatcom County strongly supports this application and we are excited to see the project move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Personius", is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark that contains the text "WHATCOM COUNTY WASHINGTON".

Mark Personius  
Director, Whatcom County Planning & Development Services



# CITY OF BLAINE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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June 22, 2020

**RE: Letter of Support for Phase 2 of the California Creek Estuary Park**

Dear Grant Panel and Outdoor Recreational Advocates,

Thank you for considering the approval of funding for Phase 2 of the California Creek Estuary Park. Please accept this letter of support from the City of Blaine. This recreational facility will connect people with the unique and valuable ecosystem of Californian Creek and Drayton Harbor. This special place not only provides rare environmentally sensitive marine and estuarine habitat, it also complements and provides new recreational amenities for both water enthusiasts and bicyclists. The park is centrally located between Birch Bay and the City of Blaine and will provide a key resting spot as Whatcom County and the City of Blaine develop the Bay to Bay Trail connecting the two seaside communities. These concepts are supported by City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan (2004), Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (2009) and the Bay to Bay Trail is listed as a Very High priority project in the City of Blaine's Strategic Economic Initiative (2017).

These types of recreational and natural amenities make Blaine an amazing place to work, live and play! Thank you for helping fund Phase 2 of the California Creek Estuary Park Project.

Best regards,

Alex Wenger, AICP  
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator  
City of Blaine

*This organization is an Equal Opportunity Provider*



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Letter of support for WWRP Water Access #20-1257:  
California Creek Estuary Park Phase 2, Acquisition and Development

July 21, 2020

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

On behalf of the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA), I would like to express our strong support for the Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District (BBBPRD) Water Access project through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The proposed project will provide public access for the community to both California Creek and Drayton Harbor shorelines while providing countless educational and partnership opportunities.

NSEA believes salmon are an essential part of our environment, culture, and economy, and aims to educate, inspire, and engage the community to take action to keep wild salmon here for future generations. This proposed Park provides an additional educational site and opportunity for NSEA to educate site users and nearby residents. This site is also close to the Blaine School campus and will provide opportunities for onsite environmental education for our future stewards.

This Estuary of California Creek has been rated high in restoration potential for salmonids and other fish. The Park will have an interpretive kiosk that will help educate the park users as well.

Access on this BBBPRD site will not only allow for educational programs at an additional location, but it will also provide partnered restoration work party opportunities. While site improvements will consist of a restroom, parking, hand launch and appropriate creek access, the remaining area provides important salmon habitat restoration opportunities where the public can join for further engagement. NSEA has successfully partnered with several individuals and organizations to involve the public in salmon habitat restoration. With funding through the WWRP, BBBPRD will be able to turn these ideas into a reality and will provide a benefit to both the habitat and the public. If this project is funded, NSEA will commit to co-leading a community volunteer work party (following all safety precautions at the time) to restore habitat in the Park.

Sincerely,

Rachel Vasak  
NSEA Executive Director

Rodney L. Anderson  
Secretary-Manager

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Lake Chelan Reclamation District  
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August 06, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Parks & Recreation District  
PROJECT: Old Swim Hole

Dear RCO Review Committee:

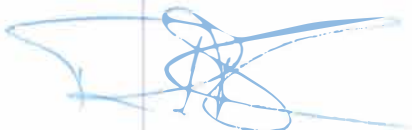
As the manager of Lake Chelan Reclamation District, I am writing in support of the Manson Parks & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational and public access benefits of the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

This project would greatly enhance water access by providing an ADA ramp, non-motorized watercraft facilities, and much-needed additional parking. Maybe most important is stabilizing the shoreline by addressing erosion and the existing deteriorating seawall conditions.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

Public engagement is vital to building a stronger, healthier, and happier community. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of these applications. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rodney L. Anderson  
Secretary-Manager  
Lake Chelan Reclamation District  
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randerson@lcrd.org



# Manson Fire Department

Chelan County Fire District 5  
P.O. Box D, Manson WA 98831

August 6, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As the Chief of Chelan County Fire District 5 (Manson Fire Department), I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

This Old Swimming Hole has been an area used by community members for more than just the summer months. It has been important to the community to have a water access area for dog lovers. The area is underutilized with poor access due to the erosion of the path. Having safe access will allow more to use the site. The plan also takes in removing the old pump house. Teenagers have found it attractive to climb on and use as a diving platform, not safe. Providing for the whole site between the Old Swimming Hole and the Manson Bay Park Swim Area makes the site attractive, useful, and safe.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

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Sincerely,

Arnold Baker, Chief  
Chelan County Fire District 5  
(509) 687-3222  
arnoldb@mansonfire.org



August 7, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As a two term past President and current Board Member of The Manson Chamber of Commerce, I am writing on behalf of our entire board that fully support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. We appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. We are confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

With no city government to turn to, it is vital to our community that strong consideration be given to Manson Park & Recreation District's efforts to secure funding for these projects.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Conwell, Board Member  
Manson Chamber of Commerce  
509-433-8300  
[jeff@moretomanson.com](mailto:jeff@moretomanson.com)

cc: Debbie Conwell, Executive Director  
Eric Featherstone, President  
Lance Stark, Vice President  
Mariah Koester, Secretary  
Kurt Sixel, Treasurer





August 9, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As a 21-year resident of Manson, Washington, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's recent funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

The shoreline use of Lake Chelan is so limited as it is. When I became aware of the safety issues, I knew we had to find a solution to continue using this park but the safety and well-being of park users is an important issue. When I heard the Manson Parks and Recreation District had an opportunity to apply for funding, I was willing to share my concerns and reasons for how important this is to the community.

As a year-round user of the park, I must express this is not just an "off-leash dog park" or "swimming hole", it is a place where the community meets to recreate together, have coffee or enjoy the beauty of the lake.

Visitors taking the opportunity to discover the little nooks and crannies of Lake Chelan are some of what makes this lake so charming. I look forward to the repair and re-opening of this vital community park.

Personally, this park has become a vital part of my daily exercise along with my dogs for over 15 years now. I am enormously grateful this park has been designated as an off-leash area where both my dogs and I can enjoy a daily swim together in the summer or play fetch on the beach in the winter. In fact, a local business owner personally paid for a gated fence to protect the animals and children from running into the street. I care about this park and would appreciate the chance to see it revitalized.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase

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Sincerely,

Darcy Marsh  
Recovery Coach  
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509-860-8108  
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robin@mansonparks.com

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**From:** Eugene Paulson <cplinedrive@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 9, 2020 7:31 AM  
**To:** robin@mansonparks.com  
**Subject:** Old Swimming Hole Project

August 9, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am a 6 year resident of Manson, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

We are owners of 2 golden retrievers that love trips to the Old Swim Hole. We made several trips in our tenure here in Manson. We have notice several other dog owners use the area for the advantage of their pet. I am sure they have been visitors who can appreciate the opportunity.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

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Sincerely,

Chris, Kathy, Brett Paulson  
785 Wapato Way, Manson, WA 98831  
425-443-2326

Sent from my iPad

Douglas T. Marsh, USN ( Ret. )  
152 Green Ave / P.O. Box 769  
Manson, WA 98831  
(509) 398-0552

09 Aug 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

I live a short walking distance from the Old Swim Hole and it is part of my walk with my wife and dogs. It makes a nice half way point to enjoy a swim when the weather is warm and a place to throw a stick on the grass for my dogs and enjoy some hot coffee during cooler weather before for the walk home. Before it was closed, we enjoyed it year around.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

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Sincerely,

Douglas T. Marsh  
(509) 398-0552  
kogabear@hotmail.com

August 8, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As the Owner of Amos Rome Vineyards, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

Now that we are full-time residents, and with children and grandchildren about to live here full time, park amenities like these are critical to the long-term well-being of those who live here. As well, given that much of our local economy is based on visitors, it's important we maintain our public infrastructure and parks at a high standard.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Pettigrew", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Pettigrew, Owner  
Amos Rome Vineyards  
206-890-4482

**From:** wendy hubbard <http123@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 7:06 PM  
**To:** robin@mansonparks.com  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Old Swimming Hole

August 6, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As a lifetime resident of the Chelan Valley, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

I enjoy taking my kayak out and right now the only place I have to put in the water is the boat launch. It is very dangerous with all the boaters and jet skiers.

My family has been in the Valley since the early 1900s. My dad learned to swim in the Old Swim Hole. It would be a great loss to the community if it can't be fixed because of funding.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

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Sincerely,

Wendy Hubbard  
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Manson WA 98831  
http123@msn.com

**From:** Neal Wentz <ncwentz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** robin@mansonparks.com  
**Subject:** Old Town Swim Hole Project

August 6, 2020  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

Living in the Chelan/Manson area for over ten years, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our small community is committed to securing and preserving outdoor recreational space, and I believe that this project is a wonderful opportunity for Manson Parks to showcase these beliefs.

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Sincerely,

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August 6, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
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I am a resident of Manson and I utilize the Old Swimming Hole & Dog Park as I have a dog, he loves the water and very much enjoys the park. These improvements are going to greatly improve our community and will also benefit vacationers visiting our wonderful tourist destination.

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August 6, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As a life long resident of the Lake Chelan Valley, and resident of Manson for the last 15 years, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

My family has always had dogs as part of our lives. Living on this beautiful lake, teaching them to swim has been one of the joys of living here. In the months of May, June, July and August, the ONLY place on the lake that dogs are allowed, leashed or not, has been the dog park. Or " the Old Swim Hole". My family has taken our dogs there for exercise twice a day, year round, for the last 15 years at least. Until, this Summer, when it has had to be closed for safety reasons.

It is an asset to our community that is sorely missed.

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August 6, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As a member of the Manson community engaged in several different local volunteer groups and nonprofits, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

It is well known that our lake (Lake Chelan) suffers from a lack of usable public access points for local residents and visitors. The vast majority of lakefront property is privately owned, so it is important to utilize any and all public lakefront property to its best advantage as acquiring new public lakefront property is unlikely to occur anytime soon. This project will help to address this issue by making the Old Swim Hole site safe and appealing for public use.

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Brian Patterson, Ph.D.  
Environmental scientist (retired) and Manson resident  
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August 6, 2020

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PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District

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As a 13-year resident of Manson, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield enormous benefits for Manson's residents and visitors.

We are proud owners of a King Charles Spaniel that loves his trips to the Old Swim Hole. We made two trip each day until the park was closed. Over the years I've met many visitors to our town that loved bringing their pet for off lease time and a swim! We've also launched our kayaks there many times, which works out well for us.

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August 6, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Manson Park & Recreation District  
PROJECTS: Leffler Field and Old Swim Hole

Dear RCO Review Committee:

As the General Manager of Wapato Point Resort, I am writing in support of the Manson Park & Recreation District's RCO funding efforts. I appreciate the continued leadership and initiative the District has shown in moving forward with the Old Swim Hole project. I am confident that the recreational opportunities created by the proposed project will yield immense economic and health benefits for Manson's residents.

If Manson Parks can acquire funding for this project, they will be able to satisfy a long-time need of the community for improvements and enhancements to the degrading property. The improved safety and accessibility to both land and water will significantly help to improve the quality of life for the park's visitors. Our Owners and Guests have been enjoying the Manson area, including the parks, for over 40 years. We believe funding of these projects are vital in adding and maintaining the necessary amenities our community will enjoy for another 40 years.

These projects support both the District's and the community's commitment to providing outdoor recreation while balancing economic growth and the quality of living in our small town.

Public engagement is crucial to building a stronger, healthier, and happier community. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of these applications. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Eric Featherstone, IOM, CAE, CMCA  
General Manager  
Wapato Point Resort  
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May 28, 2020

Allison Delwo  
Outdoor Grants Manager  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
111 Washington St. SE  
Olympia WA 98501

Dear Ms. Delwo,

I am writing you to give every consideration to approve the City of Blaine's RCO grant application request to fund infrastructure improvements relating to the interface of the shore and the west end of Marine Park.

This 300-foot stretch of shoreline needs critical repair to protect Blaine's investment in the new play structures and picnic areas which has become the most popular park within the City. This project will also protect the adjacent Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Equally important, this grant will at the same time, besides protecting critical infrastructure from wave action erosion, will allow safe public access to the shore for the first time.

Currently, access is now problematic due to hazardous materials making safe transit from the park uplands to the tidelands difficult if not impossible. There are tons of broken concrete many of which re-bar sticking out and other materials that were dumped decades ago.

Should the grant be approved it will provide safe public access to the shoreline and will enhance recreational opportunities as this is one of the public's most desired activities. Removing the broken concrete and debris will also enhance the public viewing of Semiahmoo Bay, improve shoreline habitat by making it more natural and sustainable especially the nearshore habitats.

Thank you for your every consideration concerning this project.

Richard C. Sturgill  
Commissioner  
Blaine Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2



## Sammamish Rowing Association

425-653-2583 PO Box 3309 Redmond, WA 98073 [www.sammamishrowing.org](http://www.sammamishrowing.org)

RCO ALEA Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Sammamish Rowing Association, the community we serve, and all the public users of the Sammamish River dock at Marymoor Park we wholeheartedly extend our support for King County's ALEA grant application for the replacement of this critical water access amenity and community asset.

The Sammamish River dock at Marymoor Park was installed in the 1975 and has undergone repeated temporary maintenance fixes over the decades. Docks like this have a normal life span of 25 years so this dock is long overdue for a full replacement.

Throughout the year, the dock is used by over 100 rowers a day ranging in age from 12 to 78 years old. During the summer months the dock is heavily used by paddle boarders, kayakers, and many others accessing the Sammamish River. All year long you will also find bird-watchers and hikers on the dock enjoying the tranquility of the Sammamish River. The dock is truly a unique access point to the waterfront in Marymoor Park.

Sammamish Rowing Association was founded in 1995 and is community boathouse with a mission of purposeful inclusion. In addition to being the community's steward of the boathouse, the dock, and the surrounding natural area we also provide community rowing programs for kids and adults from learning the basics of rowing up to the highest levels of competitive rowing. We don't require memberships for our rowing programs and we provide financial scholarships for those in need, insuring everyone has access to row.

Sammamish Rowing is proud to be King County Park's community partner at this important water access site on the Sammamish River for nearly 25 years. In support of King County Park's effort to replace this critical community asset, Sammamish Rowing Association has committed to raising \$100,000 in community donations towards the replacement the dock.

We hope RCO can join us in this effort and award King County Parks an ALEA grant for this critical water access project.

Sincerely,

Mark Davis  
Executive Director  
Sammamish Rowing Association



May 28, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Allison Dellwo, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: A letter supporting the RCO - ALEA and LWCF Grant applications by the Port of Anacortes.

Dear Ms. Dellwo:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express support for the application the Port of Anacortes will be submitting to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), within the 2020 grant cycle, seeking assistance towards construction of the planned Cap Sante RV Park, in Anacortes. We believe this project as a genuine overall improvement to the City of Anacortes, while stressing our view that the grant applications are very well-aligned with the intent of both the ALEA and LWCF core criteria and focus areas.

We view this project as a significant improvement of aquatic lands in Washington state, which also enhances public access to the waterfront and provides increased outdoor recreation opportunities. Additionally, as a certified member of the Clean Marina and Green Marine environmental excellence programs, we believe the port's commitment to environmental stewardship, in all aspects of their operations, is directly aligned with the foundational tenets of RCO.

As community stakeholder, the chamber has worked closely with the port throughout its extensive planning process for the RV Park, along with other planned projects adjacent to the Cap Sante Marina. This RV Park will be affordable as well as strategically located in the north basin upland area of the marina. It will be within walking distance to the city's downtown amenities and our Depot facility campus, which lies immediately west of the future RV Park. As such, visiting guests will benefit local businesses and services, attend community festivals, and bring value to both the waterfront and the commercial core of Anacortes.

Mission: To promote economic prosperity through innovative leadership, advocacy and collaborative community engagement.  
Vision: To be the most livable and economically vibrant waterfront community in the Pacific Northwest



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Puget Sound Refinery



We are excited about this project, which includes significant improvements to barren, graveled and unused aquatic lands, transforming it to a fully functional RV Park, complete with utilities, street frontage improvements and connectivity. This value-add project will dramatically improve the experience of guests and the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood.

The port's current underdeveloped RV Park has been a community draw for guests and consistently brings in over 2,000 nights of RV camping per year. This translates to real tourism and recreation dollars, vital lifeblood for our community.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Hamilton  
President and CEO



May 27, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Allison Dellwo, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: A letter supporting the RCO - ALEA and LWCF Grant applications by the Port of Anacortes

Dear Ms. Dellwo:

It is our understanding that the Port of Anacortes will be submitting applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), within the 2020 grant cycle, seeking assistance towards construction of the planned Cap Sante RV Park, in Anacortes. On behalf of the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC), I wish to express support of this project as a genuine overall improvement to the City of Anacortes, while stressing our view that the grant applications are very well-aligned with the intent of both the ALEA and LWCF core criteria and focus areas.

We view this project as a significant improvement of aquatic lands in Washington State, which also enhances public access to the waterfront and provides increased outdoor recreation opportunities. Additionally, as a certified member of the Clean Marina and Green Marine environmental excellence programs, the Port's commitment to environmental stewardship, in all aspects of their operations, is directly aligned with the foundational tenets of RCO.

As the economic development organization for all of Skagit County, EDASC has participated with the Port throughout its extensive planning process for the RV Park, along with other planned projects adjacent to the Cap Sante Marina. This RV Park will be affordable as well as strategically located in the north basin upland area of the Marina. It will be within walking distance to the City's Downtown and our Depot Facility campus - which lies immediately west of the future RV Park. As such, visiting guests will benefit local businesses and services, attend community festivals, and bring value to both the waterfront and the commercial core of Anacortes, all adding to city and county revenues.

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The Port's current RV Park has been a community draw for visitors and consistently brings in over 2,000 nights of RV camping per year even in its unimproved state. This project will generate real tourism and recreation dollars, vital lifeblood for our community. We hope it earns your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Sternlicht, CEO



# CITY OF ANACORTES

Laurie Gere, Mayor

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May 22, 2020

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PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

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Dear Ms. Dellwo:

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The grant applications are well-aligned with the intent of the ALEA and LWCF core focus areas. This project will significantly improve aquatic lands in Washington, enhance public access to the waterfront and provide increased outdoor recreation opportunities. Enhancing public access to our area waterfronts is important to the City. Additionally, as a certified member of the Clean Marina and Green Marine environmental excellence program, we believe the Port's holistic commitment to environmental stewardship is directly aligned with the foundational tenets of RCO.

As an adjacent property owner and government stakeholder, the City has worked closely with the Port throughout its planning process for the RV Park and other planned projects adjacent to the Cap Sante Marina. Our mutual goal is to energize this important part of the City as a recreational hub. The RV Park will be strategically located in the north basin upland area of the Marina. It will be within walking distance to the City's Downtown and our Depot Facility campus - which lies immediately west of the planned RV Park. Visiting guests will benefit local businesses and services, attend community festivals, and bring significant value to both the waterfront and the commercial core of the City.

We support the Port's planned improvements, which include transforming unused and graveled aquatic lands to a fully functional and attractive RV Park, complete with utilities, improved public access, landscaping, street frontage improvements and connectivity. This project will dramatically improve the experience of visitors and the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood. All improvements will be ADA compliant.



# CITY OF ANACORTES

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The City is excited to see completion of this needed facility for visitors to the City of Anacortes. We look forward to working with the Port through the local permitting process.

Sincerely,

Mayor Laurie Gere

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Youth Athletic Facilities: Large Grants Category

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

### Letters are in Ranked Order

- 20-1361D Lions Park Basketball Zone (12) Rank 1
- 20-1285D Sprinker Recreation Center Youth Ballfields Synthetic Turf (8) Rank 3
- 20-1323D Haddon Park Sport Court and Restroom Improvements (3) Rank 5
- 20-1553D Little Baseball Association Park Field Number 2 Renovation (8) Rank 6
- 20-1765D Fort Steilacoom Park Artificial Turf Infields (6) Rank 8
- 20-1237D Port Angeles Pump Track (10) Rank 9
- 20-1811D White Salmon Valley Pool (9) Rank 10
- 20-1764D Wards Lake Pump Track (5) Rank 12
- 20-1211D Clarkston Club Athletic Field Renovation(3) Rank 13
- 20-1773D Evergreen Tennis Courts Restoration (3) Rank 13
- 20-1886D Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track (15) Rank 13
- 20-1642D Evergreen Playfield Phase 2 Infield Turf and Light (3) Rank 16
- 20-1829D Olympic Stadium Repair and Preservation (10) Rank 16
- 20-1808D Baseball and Basketball Improvements (6) Rank 18
- 20-1560D Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Replacement (4) Rank 19
- 20-1810D Usk Basketball Courts (2) Rank 20
- 20-1356D Volunteer Field Turf (2) Rank 22
- 20-1238D Wenatchee City Pool Renovation (2) Rank 23
- 20-1231D Rainier View Park Covered Court (6) Rank 27
- 20-1355D Little League Field and Restroom (1) Rank 29
- 20-1566D Lions Park Multi-Use Field and Restrooms (20) Rank 34

# IRONWORKS

CAFE + MARKET

335 South Broadway  
Othello, WA 99344

May 19, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
Post Office Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

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We are happy to hear that Othello Parks and Recreation is initiating an organized youth basketball league. It's even more exciting now to envision hundreds of youth, from the Greater Othello area and beyond, playing competitive basketball on new and expanded courts by July 2022.

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Making improvements to Lions Park recreational facilities also aligns well with our business and family values. The project builds on past investments by the public and private sectors in Lions Park since the 1930's and by the state since 1974.

For all these reasons, we are in full support of this project. In fact, we are currently discussing concrete ways we can contribute.

Thank you for considering this important request. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have at 509-760-1836.

Sincerely,

Erika Rattray  
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Thank you for considering this important request.

Warm regards,

**Brian Moreno**  
Owner





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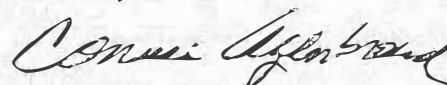
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Sincerely,

  
Connie Agenbroad  
CEO



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
Post Office Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

We are excited about the opportunity to support the City's plans to install four state-of-the-art basketball courts and a spectator area at Lions Park.

We believe the addition of this facility will build athletic skills, encourage competition and bring joy to hundreds of underserved youth in our community. Physical activity as well as youth and family engagement are essential to the quality of life we continue to enhance in our community.

Our organization is pleased to commit \$1000 of private funding to show our steadfast support for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing the great news that Othello has been awarded the grant to make this project happen in 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Cox", is written over a faint, large, stylized leaf graphic that serves as a background for the signature area.

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## SUPPORT LETTER FOR LIONS PARK BASKETBALL ZONE PROJECT



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For all these reasons, we are in full support of this project. In fact, we are currently discussing concrete ways we can contribute.

Thank you for considering this important request. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have at (509) 488-2683.

Sincerely,

Sharon Skorick  
Manager, Othello Chamber of Commerce  
[manager@chamberofothello.org](mailto:manager@chamberofothello.org)



*Keeping Healthy Those Who Feed the World*

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
Post Office Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

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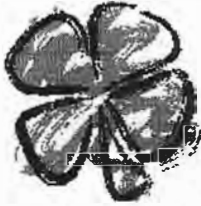
We believe the addition of this facility will build athletic skills, encourage competition and bring joy to hundreds of undeserved youth in our community. Physical activity as well as youth and family engagement are essential to the quality of life we continue to enhance in our community.

Our organization is please to commit \$1,500 of private funding to show our steadfast support for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 509.488.5256.

We look forward to hearing the great news that Othello has been awarded the grant to make this project happen in 2022.

Sincerely,

Nieves Gomez  
CEO



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**Washington State Recreation and Conversation Office (RCO)**  
**Post Office Box 40917**  
**Olympia, Washington 98504-0917**

To Whom It May Concern:

We are extremely excited that our City plans to install four state-of-the-art basketball courts along with an area for spectators at Lions Park.

We believe that this grant will positively impact our community. This will allow athletic skills to develop and bring joy to many of our youth in our community. Being active, along with spending quality time with friends and family are such important factors in enhancing the quality life among our community.

We are looking forward to the possibly of Othello receiving the grant and allowing this project to happen in our community.

Thank You,

Andrew Montemayor  
General Manager



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
Post Office Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

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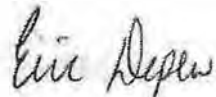
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Eric Depew  
lead pastor, Othello Church of the Nazarene  
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## Washington State Legislature

June 1, 2020

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Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

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Building four state-of-the-art basketball courts and a spectator area in place of two aged and deficient courts will be a welcome new amenity. This project aligns well with the City's initiation of an organized basketball league that will attract hundreds of youth, not only from the Greater Othello area, but from Adams County and neighboring communities.

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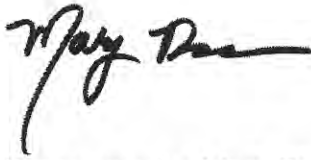
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Senator Mark Schoesler  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Representative Joe Schmick  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Representative Mary Dye  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
June 1, 2020

Casa Mexicana Restaurant

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Sincerely,

Jazmine Valdez  
Manager



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Thank you for considering this important request. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have at 509-265-4216.

Sincerely,

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Larry Deleon  
Location Manager Othello/Mesa

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509-521-9466



# Alchemy Skateboarding

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April 21, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for Outdoor Improvements at the Sprinker Recreation Center

I am writing on behalf of Alchemy Skateboarding to express our support of Pierce County's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to fund the planned outdoor improvements at the Sprinker Recreation Center.

Alchemy Skateboarding is the county's only publicly accessible indoor skatepark with a focus on youth programs. It is our mission to create opportunities for youth to learn and grow through skateboarding. Alongside our numerous programs, Alchemy is dedicated to advocating for and organizing skateboarders to promote changes in their communities and push for equitable access to safe places to skate, resources, and support.

We are fully supportive of Pierce County's plan to develop and implement improvements to the Sprinker Recreation Center and believe this opportunity is worthwhile, contributes significantly to user experiences, and merits funding. The existing skatepark provides many opportunities for skaters to practice and improve skills, however some of the terrain can be intimidating or difficult for beginner level skateboarders. We are especially excited at the potential for more paved walking paths that better connect to other areas of the facility as these can be great areas for beginner level skateboarders, or riders less interested in traditional park skateboarding to recreate, learn, and enjoy different styles of skateboarding that are currently not accommodated for.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

Taylor Woodruff  
Executive Director



April 3, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Support Letter for Sprinker Recreation Center's Outdoor Improvements Project

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Bethel Community Services to convey our support of an expansion of Sprinker Recreation Center, one that will include designs to improve outdoor features, which will greatly benefit Spanaway, Parkland and much of Pierce County.

Bethel Community Services is working to build a community of healthy families in Bethel School District, a sprawling rural community comprised of 202 square miles in unincorporated Pierce County. A recent study revealed that there were 105,000 residents living in the district, with an enrollment in Bethel schools of 20,000 students. Bethel citizens love the out-of-doors, and may often be found exploring and enjoying the multiple outdoor activities that are found in greater Pierce County.

It is for that reason that Bethel Community Services wholeheartedly supports the plan to expand and improve services at Sprinker Recreation Center, a plan which will include: an open lawn area, a spray park and family picnic area, multi purpose turf fields, formal entry and walking trails, renovations of the parking lot, rest rooms and concession building. In addition possible options will also include creating a large entry plaza or providing more open lawn space south of the ball fields. We believe that this project will offer a plethora of exciting new outdoor experiences for Bethel youth and families,

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this letter. We trust that you will choose to support and fund this valuable project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Donna Saling'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Donna' being more prominent than the last name 'Saling'.

Donna Saling, Coordinator  
Bethel Community Services





THOMAS G. SEIGEL  
*Superintendent*  
DR. JENNIFER BETHMAN  
*Assistant Superintendent*  
DR. DAVID HAMMOND  
*Assistant Superintendent*

April 2, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Site Improvements

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Bethel School District to express our enthusiastic support of Pierce County's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to improve the Sprinker Recreation Center.

Bethel School District covers 202 square miles of mostly unincorporated Pierce County and serves 120,000 residents and 21,000 students in 27 schools. The Bethel School District serves a diverse and growing population that is often underserved. We rely on centers such as the Sprinker Recreation Center to help to fill the health and recreation needs that the school district cannot provide on its own.

An aspect of the preferred plan that really appeals to us is upgrading the athletic fields and lights. Our own experience with artificially-turfed fields has been very positive – we have decreased our maintenance costs and the fields have only needed to be replaced once in 13 years of heavy use. Installing artificial turf fields and good lighting at Sprinker will save taxpayers money and give our students, families and community members a safe place to play year-round and for unlimited hours each day.

We fully support Pierce County Parks plan to improve the Sprinker Recreation Center. Throughout the planning process, we were instrumental in gathering community input.

Updating the ballfields and the parking lot, and adding amenities for families such as a spray park and picnic shelters, as well as improving access to Bresemann Forest, will give our students and families recreation opportunities beyond what the school district can provide. By providing more team and recreation options, the Sprinker Recreation Center plays a key role in the health and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

Tom Seigel  
Superintendent

April 16, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements Project

Dear Recreation and Conservation Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Franklin Pierce Schools to express our enthusiastic support of Pierce County's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to develop the next phase of the Sprinker Recreation Center.

We are fully supportive of Pierce County's plan to continue development of this regional recreation center located in the Parkland/Spanaway community. We believe improving the outdoor features available in our area will be beneficial for a variety of age groups. Both proposed improvement options feature open lawn, spray park, playground, sheltered picnic areas, multi-purpose turf fields, trails, and renovations to the existing restrooms and concessions. The designs provide new space for both organized sports and activities, as well as flexible space for community gatherings. There are few recreational areas available in our part of unincorporated Pierce County and we welcome these additional facilities.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

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Lance Goodpaster

Superintendent

April 30, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County Parks Outdoor Improvements at the Sprinker Recreation Center

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of The Mayfair Dream Project Team to express our spirited support of Pierce County's proposal to the RCO to improve the outdoor facilities at Sprinker Recreation Center.

Mayfair Dream Project is a Parkland community group dedicated to the revitalization of Mayfair Playfield into a more family-friendly playground to promote a safe, nurturing & healthy environment. Beginning with a Park Awareness event in the spring of 2015, we worked closely with Pierce County Parks, Pierce County Council, Safe Streets Campaign and various local organizations to spread the vision, encourage community involvement, develop a plan, and acquire funding. During this period, our organization hosted several community events which raised the park attendance from a handful of individuals to about a couple of hundred during the festivities. Led by Pierce County Parks, our dream playground was built in September 2016 by a large group of community volunteers from various institutions including Pacific Lutheran University, Franklin Pierce Schools, the local boy scouts, and church groups. The Mayfair Dream Project soon became an example and inspiration to many community groups and county leadership in Parkland and beyond. To this day, we continue to collaborate with Pierce County Parks to host fun community events, park improvements, and clean-ups.

We are fully supportive of Pierce County's plan to improve the outdoor facilities of Sprinker Center. As they did with Mayfair Park, Parks has engaged with the residents to ensure that the design fits the needs of the community members that they serve. The spray park and the picnic shelters, in particular, have certainly been on the wish list of many Parkland families looking for a much-needed safe, healthy, nurturing and cool place to play and gather for many, many years.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,  
Jesus Paez  
Co-Leader, Mayfair Dream Project  
521 138th Street E.  
Parkland, WA  
Phone: (253) 632-6135  
E-mail: [jesuspaez74@yahoo.com](mailto:jesuspaez74@yahoo.com)

April 14, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements Project

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of USA Softball Seattle/Tacoma Association in support of the Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvement Project. USA Softball is the national governing body for softball and rents the ballfields several times throughout the year and also supports the leagues and game of softball throughout our region. We are the leader in softball.

We fully support the proposed project which has been needed for many years. The transition from dirt to turf fields will help eliminate rainouts and the reconstruction of the fences and dugouts has been necessary for a long time. These improvements will make the Sprinker Recreation Center one of the most popular and desirable places to play. It will become a location to be considered for many events including national tournaments and high school district and state championships. Having turf surface will also make the possibility of playing more year round instead of March – September.

Thanks for considering the project and hopefully you will decide to fund this needed upgrade.

Sincerely,  
Jim Donner  
JO Commissioner  
USA Softball Seattle/Tacoma



## West Central District III

OF WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Joseph A. Keller, Director  
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Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917  
May 18, 2020

RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Sprinker Recreation Center Improvement Project

Dear RCO Review Committee:

The purpose of this writing is to express the West Central District III's support for the Sprinker Recreation Center Improvement Project. The whole project will have a positive effect on the community, and specifically we are very excited about the improvements being made to the softball fields.

The WCD has had a long-standing relationship with Sprinker and we held our District slow pitch, and more recently, our fastpitch District tournaments at the Sprinker facility. However, the fields became unsafe and were not reliable if inclement weather occurred. The years of wear and tear had taken their toll, and a newer artificial turf facility in Lacey became our home. We did not want to leave, as we had a great, supportive relationship with Pierce County and Sprinker Center.

Should the new project be completed successfully, the West Central District would strongly consider coming back to Sprinker, as the majority of high schools in the WCD reside in Pierce County, and we would like to support the new project. We had such a positive working relationship in the past and would relish the opportunity to re-establish the same again.

The new changes, such as the trail system and other improvements, would attract the athletes and their families who participate in the tournaments back to Sprinker to take advantage of the awesome, new facility year round.

Please note the WCD's wholehearted support for the project. Feel free to contact me at the e-mail and/or number listed on the salutation of this letter.

Respectfully,

Joseph A. Keller, Director WCDIII



June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

**RE: Letter of Support for Outdoor Improvements at Sprinker Recreation Center**

On behalf of Travel Tacoma – Mt. Rainier; Tourism and Sports, we serve as Pierce County's Regional Destination Marketing Organization. In partnership with our municipal city and parks partners across the county, we work hand in hand to help sell, recruit and attract (specific to this instance) sports events that bring travelling tourists.

We are submitting this letter in support of the facility improvements at Sprinker Recreation Center. Sprinker is a valuable asset to Pierce County. We work in direct relationship with Pierce County Parks and Recreation on helping with feasibility studies and plans so that the venue can better serve the needs of the community while becoming a stronger destination venue at the same time.

We hope you will consider funding this project.

Thank you,

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**DEAN BURKE** | **PRESIDENT & CEO**  
**TRAVEL TACOMA – MT RAINIER**  
**TRAVEL STYLE: at sea**

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July 14, 2020

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Evaluation Committee(s):

Re: Bremerton's RCO grant applications for **Haddon Park Renovation Project**

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of the **Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play** Group (BBAP). Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play is a community group dedicated to bringing accessible play opportunities that go beyond the ADA requirements to people of all abilities in Bremerton in Kitsap County. BBAP was established in 2011 by parents and community members with a mission to foster friendships and understanding among children and adults for all abilities through inclusive play that is challenging for all and a barrier to none.

The Bremerton School District and local non-profit Holly Ridge Center serve more than 1,700 children in our community ages 1-21 with special needs. This high number is owed to the fact that Bremerton is one of five communities the Navy has classified as an Exceptional Family Member (EFM) Program. This program provides placement of military families with children with special needs in Bremerton and surrounding areas due to fact that there are medical and educational services available to meet their special needs.

**Currently no part of Haddon Park is handicap accessible.** The Haddon Park renovation project will remedy these deficiencies by installing accessible off-street parking and accessible pathways throughout the site to access new children's playground, restroom, picnic shelter, site furniture and renovated sports court.

In partnership with the City of Bremerton we are pleased and excited to support the Haddon Park Renovation Project to ensure it provides recreation opportunities to everyone in our community, regardless of ability, the opportunity to play.

So ALL may play,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darla Hicks".

Darla Hicks, Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play



July 23, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Local Park Advisory Committee  
RE: Warren Avenue Playfield



Dear Recreation & Conservation Office Local Parks Review Committee,

The Bremerton Parks Foundation (BPF) is excited to support the City of Bremerton's project to redevelop an existing neighborhood park, Haddon Park!

A grant to help update this park is greatly needed. The BPF is excited to see the planned updates to this older neighborhood park. We are looking forward to the new play equipment, multiuse sports court and ADA upgrades that will be made; with the help of this grant, in the hopes that more people will get to enjoy Haddon Park. This project is a high priority for the BPF.

**The BPF is pleased to support the Haddon Park Improvement Project; in the 2020 Bremerton Parks Foundation Grant season, of up to \$10,000.00!**

The BPF's mission is to cultivate resources to develop and improve the quality of, and access to, parks and recreational activities in Bremerton. It is our intent to promote social welfare by assisting in developing, maintaining, supporting, and promoting public parks in the City of Bremerton, Washington, and their use and enjoyment by the public.

BPF was established just over four years ago, by a small group of Bremerton residents, who believe that safe accessible public parks are vitally important to Bremerton and her citizens. We believe that city parks increase health, social connection, aid the environment and have positive impacts on the local economy of Bremerton and her citizens. BPF has an endowment fund to improve city parks. The mission of the endowment is to provide help with matching funds; for capital improvements, to city parks projects that the Bremerton Parks and Recreation Department and Bremerton Parks and Recreation Commission have approved. Recent projects, have depended heavily on grants and community investment rather than solely on the Parks and Recreation Department budget. This adds some pressure to find sources for matching funds. The BPF is one of those sources. We look forward to having an opportunity to donate financially to the Haddon Park Improvement Project, thus having an impact on improving city of Bremerton Parks.

The Bremerton Parks Foundation supports the grant application for the Haddon Park Improvement Project!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wheeler

President, Bremerton Parks Foundation

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## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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July 28, 2020

Dear **Recreation & Conservation Office** Grant Evaluation Committee(s),

The Bremerton Parks & Recreation Commission would like to express its strong and unanimous support for the City of Bremerton's **Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) and WWRP-Local Parks** grant applications to fund renovations to **Haddon Park**.

The Haddon Park Renovation Project is identified as a high priority in the 6-year Capital Facility Plan adopted in the 2020 Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan after an extensive 16-month public outreach and comment period. The project description in the Capital Facility Plan calls for a need to bring the park up to standard to include ADA parking and pathways, new playground, restroom, a shelter, updated sports court, site furniture and shade trees. Currently no part of the park is ADA accessible and the playground, sports court and restroom are in disrepair. The Parks and Recreation Commission has collaborated with the City to develop a master plan that addresses these site deficiencies and has conducted several public meetings to invite community feedback on the proposed improvements.

We thank you for your consideration to support revitalization of this aging park located in a low-income neighborhood of Bremerton. These necessary improvements will provide an accessible, close-to-home recreational experience that will greatly enhance the quality of life in our community.

Sincerely,

Bremerton Parks and Recreation Commission

Timothy Baker, Chair, Position #1

Benjamin Burnette, Vice-Chair, Position #3

Patrick Watson, Position #5

Maggie Williams, Position #6

David Hedger, Position #7



May 22, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

**RE: City of Olympia's LBA Park Field #2 Renovation**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Olympia Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is strongly supportive of the City's 2020 RCO WWRP LBA Park Field #2 Renovation grant request. The need for, and value of, this renovation is supported by the following:

- The LBA Park ballfields were developed approximately 45 years ago in the mid-1970s by volunteers. The fields and associated irrigation systems, drainage, backstops, and dugouts have reached the end of their design life.
- The conditions on Field #2 have deteriorated to the point where they are unsafe, and the fields are therefore no longer scheduled for public use. The removal of this field from the City's inventory has put even more pressure on the City's already overburdened inventory of athletic fields.
- This project will enable OPARD to hire professional landscape designers, contractors, and consultants to completely revamp Field #2 with an effective turf drainage system, a new irrigation system, new backstops and dugouts, improved ADA accessibility to the field and common areas, and recondition both the infield and outfield play areas with a soil mix and turfgrass especially suited for high-use athletic fields. These improvements will result in a state-of-the-art field that can meet our community's growing youth athletic field needs.
- When complete, the City anticipates that the field will be heavily used by thousands of youth baseball, soccer, and flag football participants--and their supporters and fans--annually.

Thank you for considering this 2020 RCO WWRP grant application.

Sincerely,

Maria Ruth, Chair  
Olympia Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

May 14, 2020

To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Support of a New "State of the Art" Field #2 at LBA Park in Olympia, WA

Our fastpitch organization, Oly Havoc, is a frequent user of the parks & recreation fields that are offered by the City of Olympia. As a program with year-round needs for high quality fields in Thurston County, there just simply isn't enough high-quality fields to satisfy the demand of our youth sports community. LBA Park is 40-50 years old, and the Field #2 facility is unsafe and un-schedulable. With the design life of the field behind us, it would be amazing to see a "state of the art" turf drainage system including new backstops, dugouts, and amenities on that Field #2 site. Annually, we are not able to schedule this type of proposed facility at the frequency needed and we would be a local organization whose youth would benefit from this site at LBA Park being revitalized.

Please support the City of Olympia's Parks & Recreation department with their pursuit of this project. I am happy to support their team with a reference. This is the perfect project at the perfect time for our community.

Best,

Mike Sugg  
President, Oly Havoc Fastpitch Program  
Phone (360) 489-7212



## PARC Foundation of Thurston County

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: City of Olympia's LBA Park Field #2 Renovation

To: RCO WWRP Grant Review Team:

Please accept this letter as our Foundation's passionate support for the City of Olympia's LBA Park Field #2 Renovation. The PARC Foundation of Thurston County has provided funding and support for Parks, Arts, Recreation and Cultural programs throughout region for over two decades. We are a broad coalition of outdoor enthusiasts and community minded individuals.

We freely admit that 'Field #2' does not create a strong emotional connection, and perhaps a more creative name for the field in the future might make it more memorable. But here's the thing- each year, thousands, not dozens or even hundreds, but thousands of local youth use our #2.

But not this year. Or next year, unless funding becomes available. Our loyal and faithful #2 has been serving kids since the mid-1970s, but it is long past its useful life, and has been closed due to safety concerns. Irrigation, drainage, backstops and dugouts are simply falling apart.

If we can renovate, update, and revive our #2- like a phoenix rising from the ashes, it can serve thousands of youth every year, long into the future. And yes, once renovated, the PARC Foundation will lead the charge for a more creative name than #2.

This essential rehabilitation project is necessary to maintain our capacity to offer youth athletics.. Please support the LBA Park Field #2 Renovation.

Warmly,

*Joe Hyer*  
Joe Hyer  
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May 14, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

As President of the Thurston County Fastpitch Association and the Tournament Director of fastpitch softball tournaments, I am writing this letter to express my full support of the City of Olympia in their application for a grant from the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to implement a renovation project on Field #2 at LBA Park. Thurston County Fastpitch has been a recreational softball program in the area since 1975 with approximately 600 participants in our program. In addition, we run multiple tournaments that draw as many as 75 teams from outside the immediate area which help increase local revenues.

In Thurston County, there are very limited choices of quality fields that allow safe play for our teams and offer consistent, reliable use. LBA Park has received little attention since it was originally built approximately 45 years ago and is to the point of being unsafe for youth sports usage. The renovation of Field #2 at LBA Park would go a long way to increasing field availability for our area, give improved ADA access and improve safety for all, which is desperately needed for our growing youth athletic community.

The City of Olympia is a great supporter of the youth programs in the area and we appreciate how they continue to seek ways to help us improve our programs by improving their facilities.

Please consider granting this request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360-556-0567 or [tcfaprez@yahoo.com](mailto:tcfaprez@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

*Janet Crader*

Janet Crader  
President

Recreation and Conservation Office  
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To Whom it May Concern:

I write in support of the City of Olympia's four 2020 grant applications.

As a former Olympia Mayor and public policy analyst, I believe I have a thorough understanding of the importance of parks to Olympia's quality of life now and in the future.

Since the passage of the Washington Growth Management Act 30 years ago, there has been a steady increase in allowed housing densities accompanied by a decrease in minimum lot sizes. In the past two legislative sessions, really large increases in housing densities across the board were passed.

The result is that back yards have become smaller, meaning that neighborhood parks have become even more important. This need for more neighborhood parks has added to the preexisting deficits for major maintenance and additional parks in other categories.

Olympia's applications for funding of the following four projects are intended to address this situation:

- Lilly Road Neighborhood Park Acquisition
- LBA Park Field #2 Renovations
- Yelm Highway Community Park Acquisition
- Kaiser Woods Park Acquisition and Development

I respectfully request full funding of these four projects.

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May 26, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
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To Whom It May Concern:

As Chair of the Olympia's Council of Neighborhood Associations am writing to support the City of Olympia's 2020 RCO **LBA Park Field #2 Renovation** grant request. Our organization deeply appreciates the importance of parks to our neighborhoods' physical health and mental well-being. We urge positive consideration for this request which is supported by the following facts:

- Led by volunteers, the LBA Park ballfield land was acquired approximately 45 years ago in the mid-1970s and developed cooperatively with the City of Olympia. The fields and associated irrigation systems, drainage, backstops, and dugouts have reached the end of their design life.
- The conditions on Field #2 have deteriorated to the point where they are unsafe, and the fields are therefore no longer scheduled for public use. The removal of this field from the City's inventory puts even more pressure on the City's already overburdened inventory of athletic fields.
- This project will completely revamp Field #2 with an effective turf drainage system, a new irrigation system, brand new backstops and dugouts, improved ADA accessibility to the field and common areas, and recondition both the infield and outfield play areas with a soil mix and turfgrass especially suited for high use athletic fields. These improvements will result in a state-of-the-art field that can meet our community's growing youth athletic field needs.
- When complete, the City anticipates that the field will be able to be safely used by thousands of youth sports participants annually.

Thank you for considering this 2020 RCO YAF grant application.

Sincerely,



Larry Dzieza  
Chair, Council of Neighborhood Associations

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May 13, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The Friends of LBA Woods is a volunteer stewardship group under the aegis of the City of Olympia's Parks Stewardship Program. The Friends of LBA Woods represents the many members of the Olympia-area community who successfully campaigned in 2012-2017 to save the LBA Woods as public parkland, to support ongoing stewardship of this parkland, and to pass the 2015 Metropolitan Parks District measure. Between 2017 and 2020, we hosted or co-hosted 27 work parties and offered more than a dozen guided nature walks in the LBA Woods.

We are committed to supporting our parks for the physical and mental well-being of our community, especially now as public outdoor spaces—even without full access to amenities—are playing an increasingly critical role in maintaining the health of communities during difficult times.

With this letter, the Friends of LBA Woods fully supports the City of Olympia's four 2020 grant applications for projects (described below), all of which align with the goals of the City's 2016 Parks Plan but also comport with the overarching goal of *Sustainable Thurston* (Thurston County Regional Planning Council, 2013), which states that "A sustainable community will enhance quality of life, foster economic vitality, and protect the environment while balancing our needs today with those of future residents."

### **Yelm Highway Community Park Acquisition**

Funding assistance is essential for the acquisition of the multi-use park Olympia that will satisfy Olympia's long-standing, oft-stated, and well-supported need for dedicated standard-size soccer fields. Careful, thoughtful design and construction of this park promises to be rightfully costly as the current master plan concept plans aim to aesthetically integrate soccer fields, parking areas, areas of protected natural wetlands and forested groves, play areas, and potentially community gardens, bike skills area, nature trails, sports loops, and open fields. Given that this long-awaited park will serve the larger Thurston County community (and likely beyond), the recreation value is especially great and should be supported through larger-than-Olympia funding resources.

### **Kaiser Woods Park Acquisition and Development**

The acquisition of this 67-acre parcel helps balance the type of park available on Olympia's west side. Like LBA Woods, the Kaiser Woods parcel offers trails through mature upland forest and

varied terrain valued by both hikers, walkers, and mountain bikers. The development plans for this park have garnered heavy and lively interest from the public. The Olympia Parks Department is taking great care to develop this park with sensitivity to the natural environment, the various needs of the potential park users, and the neighboring land owners. This exemplary level of kind of care should be supported through grant funding.

#### **LBA Park Field #2 Renovations**

Though only 40 years old, the decrepitude of the LBA Park ballfield #2 cannot be overstated. It is unsafe for use and needs a total renovation and improved features to meet ADA standards to be useful for play and inclusive for all.

#### **Lilly Road Neighborhood Park Acquisition**

Neighborhood parks make a significant contribution to the quality of life in Olympia. This corner of the north-east quadrant of Olympia is currently underserved by parks. The need for a park in the Lilly Road area was identified as a community need in the 2004 Parks Plan. With the projected increased population growth of Olympia and its Urban Growth Area, this is a timely and important acquisition and one that would help meet the 2016 Parks Plan goal of having a park within one-half mile of every residence.

Sincerely,

Robert Wadsworth  
Friends of LBA Woods  
Olympia, WA

Recreation and Conservation Office  
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To Whom it May Concern:

Friends of the Waterfront is a nonprofit corporation registered with the Washington Secretary of State. We see the Olympia waterfront area, including waterfront parks and trails, as a treasure for the greater Olympia area. We advocate that the shoreline area be managed for the greatest long term net benefit to the entire community.

We write as a member of the YES Olympia Parks that successfully advocated for the establishment of the Olympia Municipal Parks District and advocates for parks, trails, and recreation projects generally.

To this end, Friends of the Waterfront supports the City of Olympia's four 2020 grant applications as follows.

### **Yelm Highway Community Park Acquisition**

- Olympia currently has no standard soccer fields. Passage of our second voted parks funding measure has provided the wherewithal to tackle this serious deficiency. The soccer fields in this project will serve not just soccer games but also other sports that need rectangular fields such as youth football, ultimate frisbee, and lacrosse. It will also serve participants from all of Thurston County, not just Olympia.
- This project is now in the master planning stage, including a great deal of community involvement. It will be very expensive and will be constructed in stages over a number of years. Funding assistance from the state will be vital.

### **Kaiser Woods Park Acquisition and Development**

- This project, now in the master planning stage, will provide for both mountain bike trails and hiking trails in Kaiser Woods. There has

been very heavy interest in this project from local mountain biking enthusiasts who have participated in large numbers in the planning process.

- Care is being taken to preserve the natural character of this wooded property.

### **LBA Park Field #2 Renovations**

- The LBA Park ballfields were developed over 40 years ago. All aspects of Field #2 are in such poor condition that this field cannot be used due to safety concerns. This puts a strain on the city's other fields.
- Field #2 will be completely renovated, including new ADA features. It will serve the needs of youth teams.

### **Lilly Road Neighborhood Park Acquisition**

- Olympia's Parks Plan calls for neighborhood parks within one-half mile of every residence, which is considered a comfortable walking distance and is intended to both increase walking and decrease vehicle use. This standard has become ever more important as residential zoning becomes denser to accommodate increased population within the current Urban growth Area in compliance with the state Growth Management Act.
- The Lilly Road area does not presently have a neighborhood park. Neighborhood parks contain a variety of facilities to serve family recreation needs, such as children's playgrounds, picnic areas, and restrooms.

Bonnell C. Jacobs,  
President



To whom it may concern,

My name is Arlo Evasick, owner and operator of GSL Tournaments based out of Pierce County. As a local tournament provider for youth athletes I can attest the many benefits provided by having access to turf facilities. We run 27 events per year between March and August, primarily in Puyallup, Tacoma, Lakewood, and Fife. On average we host 75 teams per weekend, some weekends are well over 100. This is just for youth baseball 9-14U, this does not include high school aged games, fastpitch, slowpitch, and other recreational activities every weekend. While there are many complexes and fields, on a weekly basis, there are not enough and we are always looking for more access.

The opportunity to play on fields is one thing, the opportunity to play on quality, updated and safe facilities in the Pierce County area is another. When facilities make the decision to turf the infields it eliminates almost every concern from the teams about the quality of play. It also allows for tournament providers, local teams, and travel teams to have a resource available when the weather is or has been rainy – which seems to be the case frequently in the Northwest. There are limited amounts of turf fields in our county and the ones that are get filled as quickly as they become available. The turf guarantees kids are able to play regardless of weather and the demand for having four additional turf infields wouldn't even come close to meeting the needs of the youth athletes in Pierce County.

While it may cost more now to get this project down, there is no question the value that adding four turf infields to Pierce County would bring to our communities both for our youth and financially. Adding turf takes a well maintained, slightly above average complex and instantly puts it at the top of the list for Pierce County. We rent these parks every available weekend between March and August. Last year we hosted part of our events at Fort Steilacoom Park 15 weekends during that period of time. If the infields were to be turfed, we would expand our rentals through all of August, September, and October. We would also extend our weekend only rentals 2-3 additional days so we would be able to use the complex for high school aged games Wednesday – Sunday.

In addition to our needs, there are high schools and local leagues that also need access to better facilities. We are just a small piece of the puzzle, however, with our demand for fields and the lack of supply, I know we would be able to more than double our rental capacity with the city of Lakewood if this were to happen. Thank you for taking the time to consider this project and we are proud to be a strong member of youth sports in Pierce County.

Sincerely,

Arlo Evasick

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To supporters of Parks & Recreation,

We live in the Evergreen State, which immediately brings to mind our many green belts, forests, and parks. Of course, this is all due to the amount of rainfall that keeps us green.

Unfortunately, that very rainfall is often the enemy of the Baseball Player. Probably no other sport is as mindful to the weather and how it affects game play than baseball. Or, at least until the development of all-weather turf.

The Lakewood Baseball Club has been actively using the fields in Lakewood since 1991. The fields at Ft. Steilacoom are some of the very few all level baseball fields (fields that can handle the needs of the various age levels). This makes them very desirable.

The fields have been the home of Lakewood Baseball Club's annual Opening Day tournament. A day where all of our teams play in one place after a fun opening ceremony. Unfortunately, roughly 1/3 of the ceremonies have been cancelled or modified due to weather conditions.

Youth Baseball has also seen a significant surge in the Pacific Northwest, especially among elite level teams (travel tournament teams). Tournament organizations are continually searching for facilities that can host multiple games and age levels and are located in desirable locations. Ft. Steilacoom is highly sought as it has many park amenities available (restrooms, playgrounds, good parking).

However, being a traditional dirt infield has the tournament groups often relying on Ft. Steilacoom as a back-up location or for only a few months each year. Baseball has become an 8-month long endeavor.

The addition of artificial turf at Ft. Steilacoom would increase the desirability of additional use and a longer Baseball season for both elite level teams as well as local recreational leagues (such as Lakewood Baseball Club). LBC has long desired to have a Fall Season, but the lack of local turf fields has kept that dream well rested.

Additional use not only increases the financial stability of the Park programs and fields, but directly impact the local community. Baseball is a family-oriented sport. Users visit restaurants, buy groceries, supplies, and buy gas.

Paul F. Nimmo  
 Treasurer/Past President  
 Lakewood Baseball Club





June 1, 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Lakewood's application for grant support, for the ball field project at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Pierce College has been a proud partner with the City of Lakewood for over 20 years. As neighbors who share an adjacency to Fort Steilacoom Park, our two agencies work together on a regular basis to maintain a seamless recreational experience for the community.

The College is extremely excited to partner in the development of one of the ballfields included in this proposed project, as a potential future home for our baseball program. In addition to serving as the college program's home field, the facility will be an excellent 'championship' venue for youth baseball organizations who regularly use the fields at the park for hosting tournaments and games. The College is looking forward to hosting regular camps and clinics for the local youth leagues, to assist in their development, and to allow our student-athletes the opportunity to enhance their community service experience.

We believe the project at Fort Steilacoom Park will provide the College an opportunity to partner with the City in the ongoing maintenance of the field, and to explore further site improvements, and continue the long-standing working relationship between our agencies. Please contact me if you have any questions about our support of this project.

Respectfully,

*Duncan K. Stevenson*

Duncan K. Stevenson  
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# Partners For Parks

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May 29, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support of the City of provide turf infields at Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood, WA.

Partners for Parks is a collaboration of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We have raised funds to purchase land, build restrooms, expand trails and enhance park sites. We have volunteered to clean up parks and improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and visitors.

Partners for Parks is always interested in partnering and supporting the City of Lakewood parks and recreation department because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We also believe that many hands make light work and if you put the right team together you can do amazing things. We've supported many improvements at this site to include the first permanent restroom structure next to the ballfields being proposed for improvements. We are happy to see our investment in this site continue to grow!

We understand the issues associated with natural soil fields in western Washington and the impact it has on youth sports games and competitions. We are excited to see the turf infields being proposed as this will enhance the use of the fields for many different ages throughout the baseball season.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding our organization, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President  
Partners for Parks



August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clover Park School District wholeheartedly supports the City of Lakewood's grant application to improve outdoor spaces for students and families in the Lakewood community. This grant application enhances the city's mission to create a healthy and vibrant community within our city.

As a school district, we have partnered with the City of Lakewood for many years to build community and create social connections within our City. Recently we established a joint use agreement with the City to further our efforts to share public resources in the form of fields and facilities where alignment exists.

The City has been a tremendous advocate of supporting youth and families. It offers a rich history of supporting youth activities to include sports and family time in outdoor spaces that encourages health and wellness.

The District serves a highly diverse student population, and our students deserve every opportunity to become active and engaged in the wider community. The District understands that offering a varied selection of youth recreational activities benefits our families tremendously by creating safe and healthy places for children to visit, learn and play.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have pockets of poverty and lack park resources in some communities. This plan addresses the need for increased access and equity for students.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for our students and overall community. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood. Please feel free to contact me at (253) 583-5190 if you require additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Banner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ron Banner  
Superintendent



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July 31, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support for the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Fort Steilacoom Park.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue provides fire and rescue services for the Lakewood Community. Creating turf fields and Fort Steilacoom Park will create an opportunity for baseball and softball to be played year round. Health and wellness will be improved with more outdoor opportunities for youth and families with these upgrades to the park.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue supports the City of Lakewood in the endeavor because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. Public access to the water is very limited and the park development at this site will go far in addressing access and equity in our community and providing youth and families with a safe place to visit, learn and play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Lake City neighborhood area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JSP", is written over the "Sincerely," text.

Jim Sharp  
Fire Chief

May 26, 2020

To Whom it May Concern

My name is Jill Kintner, I am a professional mountain biker, and also a BMX Olympic Bronze medalist from the 2008 Beijing Games, and would like to write a letter in support of the Pump track project in Port Angeles.

Over the years, I have attended dozens of Pro Downhill events at Dry Hill as part of the NW Cup, and have seen Port Angeles thrive as one of the best venues in the US, drawing both local and International talent alike. Port Angeles is a "Bike Town" with amazing trails, good restaurants, beautiful landscape, and now it needs a well thought out skills park for future generations to prosper on 2 wheels.

In my hometown of Bellingham, WA, I was involved with the local Mtb trail advocacy group – Whatcom County Mountain Bike Coalition (W.M.B.C.), to help build a local public pump track. I raised a little bit of money myself to get the project going, and worked with the city council and parks department to ultimately create the first pump track in Bellingham at Whatcom falls park.

The Whatcom Falls Pump track project has been wildly successful, getting more kids and adults outside and off computer screens, which was the purpose of the grant we won (No kid left indoors). It brought our community together through various build days, and also as place to catch up with people and ride. This track offers a safe location to build skills together, learn, and progress as a group. I honestly am amazed at the progress from the kids in my neighborhood in such a short time. Some kids would even get up at 6am before school to ride, showing great passion, and you can outwardly see their confidence grow as humans, which is nice to see.

The trail counter we installed was averaging something like 30,000 visits per month in summer (trips through the gate), in a space that was previously unused flat lumpy grass. Since the grand opening of WF pump track in spring 2018, two more pump tracks have been built in different areas of town, and the demand continues. Another big project is approved that will consider bikers alongside different user groups such as dog owners, parents with small kids, spectators, walkers, etc.

In conclusion, pump tracks are a great boost to any community. You don't need a membership to ride, any bike will work, new people show interest in a healthy activity, and it brings a positive interest close to where people live. People will come from all over to ride a new track, and probably stay to see what else Port Angeles has to offer. It will be amazing!!

I can't wait to come for a ribbon cutting ceremony and to ride the Port Angeles Pump track when it is all built. Please let me know if I can do anything more to help☺.

Sincerely,



3 Time Mountain Bike World Champion  
25 Time National champion (5 disciplines)  
2 Time Pump Track World Champion  
5 Time Queen of Crankworx  
BMX Olympic Medalist

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*(P.S. I have done some Tourism videos for the grand opening for Leavenworth, Whatcom Falls, and also in North Carolina for Gaston County Pump track.)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O1kgTn585c>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Bsa9ZrjBTYk/>



May 16, 2020

To Whom It Might Concern

My name is Danielle Beecroft, I am a professional mountain bike racer from Sydney, Australia. Some of my achievements in Pumptrack include 1<sup>st</sup> Velosolutions Redbull Pumptrack Indonesia 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> Velosolutions Redbull Pumptrack Indonesia 2019, Australian 2019 Pumptrack Champion and #3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 Crankwork World Pumptrack Champion.

I have been racing for many years and have been very lucky to have ridden and seen many different pumptracks around the world.

I have been to Port Angeles to compete and ride the trails because I love the community and how big the bike culture is there. You could say bike riding in Port Angeles is in their blood. I personally think a pumptrack in Port Angeles would be an incredible addition for an already passionate riding community.

A pumptrack will bring opportunity for youth to participate in healthy, outdoor fitness activity and a place to gain and improve bike skills. It would open up the opportunity to expand the riding community and encourage support and enthusiasm for biking.

Let's not forget the amount of people in Port Angeles on skateboards, scooters and inline skates. This pumptrack would provide a great community environment for them too.

Port Angeles could also host regional, national and international pumptrack competitions attracting visitors and riders like myself to experience all the other attractions the area has to offer.

I sincerely hope that I will be riding a pumptrack in Port Angeles in the foreseeable future!

Regards,

Danielle Beecroft



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing representing the Peninsula Tennis Club, a non-profit club of 50 plus members whose mission is to provide and promote recreational tennis activities to players with a wide range of skills and ages in the small towns and communities of the North Olympic Peninsula. Our primary tennis facility is at Erickson Playfield complex in Port Angeles which is a multi-purpose park owned and operated by the City of Port Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Peninsula Tennis Club strongly supports the addition of a Pump Track at the Erickson Playfield complex. Like the tennis courts, we believe the Pump Track will provide a unique year-round healthy recreational opportunity to community members, especially to our youth. The Pump Track could be utilized by much younger and less experienced children than can safely use the skate park that exists at Erickson.

BMX is a sport that has seen tremendous growth in our area in recent years. Currently our only BMX facility must shut down for much of the winter due to wet and muddy conditions on a dirt track. The proposed Pump Track will be open and available year-round and will provide a low cost, fun and healthy option for getting outdoors. In addition it will provide an opportunity for organized competition and potentially for regional and state sanctioned competitive events. This would benefit our small rural community by bringing in large numbers of visitors and help support our local economy.

The members of the Peninsula Tennis Club are excited about the possible creation of a Pump Track at Erickson Park. We appreciate the support being offered by the City of Port Angeles for this new project, as well as their ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the tennis courts at Erickson Park.

Sincerely,

Bob Richie  
Peninsula Tennis Club President



May 16, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

The Port Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee <https://www.portangelesbikes.com/> is on a mission to help people choose active transportation for commuting, daily errands around town, fun, fitness and sport. We advocate for bike infrastructure improvements and sharing info on bike-related events and businesses. We organize Bike Everywhere Month in May, group rides in summer and Port Angeles' official Bike Friendly Community application.

Through our work we see expanding interest in cycling for sport and other purposes in Port Angeles and surrounding Clallam County. Data from Bicycle Count Portal shows over 100 cyclists pass by the Count Portal on the Olympic Discovery Trail in downtown Port Angeles every day <https://wsdot.wa.gov/data/tools/bikepedcounts/>. We see interest in our May Bike Everywhere Month events growing, attracting nearly 300 participants in 2019. Most importantly, in 2019 we held a bike safety rodeo in conjunction with the Port Angeles Fire Department. Over 125 kids arrived at the rodeo with their bikes, and rode a small course made with cones which taught basic bike handling and safety, and many went home with new helmets. Every one of those kids is a future pumptrack user.

Pumptracks are for everyone- any skill level, and a wide variety of bikes. A pumptrack will certainly boost local excitement about cycling significantly and help to continue to grow the sport in the Port Angeles area. Even with the Olympic Discovery Trail, Port Angeles does not provide enough places where adults and children can develop and practice riding skills in a safe environment. A pumptrack could be a great venue for a future bike rodeo and Bike Everywhere Events with our organization.

We are excited to support this project,

Sincerely,



Recoverable Signature

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Randall McCoy

Chairman

Signed by: Randall McCoy

Port Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee of Port Angeles and Clallam County.



May 24, 2020

Re: Pumptrack Opportunity in Port Angeles

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Scott Tucker and I am the co-director of the NW Cup Downhill Mountain Bike Series. The NW Cup is based out of Port Angeles, but we have races in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and other parts of Washington. I have been directing mountain bike events for about 15 years now, as well as other cycling and multisport events.

Port Angeles is known throughout the mountain biking world as a “world-class” destination. The trail systems, the natural beauty, the events, and access all add up to the Olympic Peninsula being on most riders’ target to visit at some point. Hosting races has given me the opportunity to travel to other bicycling destinations up and down the West Coast and while they all have their own strengths, none quite add up to what we enjoy here. With one exception, a pump track.

Wherever we go, you can usually find a pump track crawling with kids of all ages riding next to expert level adults enjoying the same track in their own ways. You can spend half a day working on your skills and getting a proper workout, or add it to either end of day of riding the trails in the area. It is a safe, controlled environment to hone the skills needed to excel on trails and our local BMX track, which can be fairly intimidating to the new rider.

Our NW Cup Downhill events attract 400-500 participants as well as family and support, at least two weekends a year, 3 days at a time. Our trail system also brings people to self-recreate every day of the year. Having a pump track for them to use would show the commitment Port Angeles has to cycling and recreation as a whole.

For the last 10 years, NW Cup has focused our growth on the youth, providing beginner focused tracks suited to younger age groups. This has caused an explosion in attendance that is still resonating as starting kids early is the way to create life-long cyclists. Bicycles have always been, and still are such a huge part of my life, I find myself obsessed with providing that opportunity any way I can. Supporting a pump-track in our town is another piece to that puzzle of helping kids, and all people for that matter in our community make healthy choices.

To sum it up, I am in full support of Port Angeles investing in a pump track. I look forward to seeing people of all backgrounds recreating together in a healthy, safe environment.

Scott Tucker

360-797-4288

## **Support of Grant Proposal for a Velosolutions Pump Track in the City of Port Angeles on the Great Olympic Peninsula of Washington**

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter from our family as indication of strong local support for the installation of a Velosolutions pump track at Erickson Playfield in the City of Port Angeles. The biking opportunities on the Olympic Peninsula is one of the primary reasons we moved to Port Angeles four years ago. However, as we have expanded our family, we continue to realize the great need for more biking opportunities in the center of the town and in close proximity to other family friendly parks. A Velosolutions pump track would be a perfect playground for our entire family. It provides an opportunity for our children to participate in a healthy, outdoor fitness activity in the convenience of our city. And it would be a fun activity for us adults too!

More importantly, the establishment of a Velosolutions pump track in our city would provide a much-needed healthy activity for our entire community. Children need as many options as possible to be encouraged to be healthy, fit and active. The skills obtained on a pump track can teach basic physical education concepts. It can also become a place where the community can come together and expand community support and enthusiasm for biking. A Velosolutions pump track would also complement the internationally recognized neighboring bike infrastructure, including the Olympic Discovery Trail and Dry Hill. Lastly, it could be a safe place for recovery following the pandemic.

Please support this grant application for the fantastic City of Port Angeles!

Sincerely,

The Brekke Family

Chris, Allyson, Vincent (6) and Thea (1)

Anthony Jones  
315 Shade Tree Lane  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Anthony Jones and I am a twelve year old state champion BMX racer from Port Angeles. I would like to build a pump track in Port Angeles with your support. The reason that I think Port Angeles would be suitable for a pump track is that it would make people ride a lot more because the location for the pump track is central, next to the skate park, easy to get to, and easy to ride. It would introduce a new world of biking to a lot of different people. Port Angeles is a town made for biking, with downhill, BMX, street, park, trail, and road bikers everywhere. I think that the more biking the better. Biking makes everyone happier and happy people are the best people.

Sincerely,

Anthony Jones

To whom it may concern,

My name is Hudson Soelter and I lived in Port Angeles for the first 18 years of my life, and now I spend the majority of the year in Bellingham as a student and my summers in Port Angeles working. Port Angeles will always be my home and I will forever be grateful to the community and the people for making me who I am. When I was a freshman Port Angeles High School I was introduced to the sport of Downhill Mountain biking along with the North West Cup. This was a major turning point for me and changed my lifestyle entirely. I became a super active person and I now enjoy all kinds of outdoor recreational activities such as biking, skateboarding, surfing, snowboarding and more.

I now live in Bellingham which I like to call the Young Persons Port Angeles. Bellingham has shown me how much potential Port Angeles has, we can take an already amazing area and community and continue to vitalize it. A Velosolutions pump track is an excellent step towards a brighter future for this place we all love. I have seen firsthand what biking and other sports can bring to a community in fact just last summer the city of Bellingham had a dirt pump track put in on the water front. This pump track is constantly busy (when it isn't too wet to ride) and makes biking that much more accessible to not just advanced bikers but families and most importantly children. Not only will the pump track be a place to gather, it will no doubt bring in tourists and with tourism comes money, which will help support local businesses.

Events and places like the North West Cup, Lincoln Park BMX track and even our skate park all contribute to the personality of our town, I would argue they put Port Angeles on the map. Adventure tourism is the future of Port Angeles no doubt, especially in an area where nature is so prevalent. When I moved to Bellingham I was integrated in to a community of mountain bikers, and many of them have been to Port Angeles before, others have since come to visit on my recommendation, or have accompanied me home to race at the North West Cup in the spring. But all of them can agree that Port Angeles is amazing, let's give people more reasons to keep saying that! Thank you for your consideration.

-Hudson Soelter

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to the City of Port Angeles in regards to building a Velosolutions pumptrack. This email will outline several key points why a pumptrack would benefit our community.

As a healthcare professional living in Port Angeles, I understand the importance of exercise and outdoor activities. Our kids and community need as many opportunities to participate in outdoor sports. Studies show the importance of children participating in sports and outdoor activities for their mental and physical health. Building a pumptrack in Port Angeles, provides an opportunity for youth to participate in healthy, outdoor fitness.

Additionally, this track increases access for multiple sports in a family friendly environment. Providing a space for bikes, skateboards, inline skates and scooters to all enjoy their sport. This track creates a safe place for youth to improve their skills and build enthusiasm in their outdoor activity while also building healthy community.

Through Velosolutions, Redbull and UCI we can host regional, national and international pumptrack competitions. This is important for our community for attracting attention and out of town visitors. Bringing more people to our town will help the local economy grow and increase our offerings.

This pump track will also complement our other regional bike infrastructure, which includes the Olympic Discovery Trail, Colville Trails, Dry Hill and BMX track. This is important for our community for bringing talent, and growing talent naturally and locally. Assisting our youth to be passionate in outdoor activities will have long lasting benefits individually and for communal health.

In conclusion, bringing in a Velosolutions pumptrack will have many lasting benefits for our community. Increasing opportunities for our youth to participate in outdoor activities will increase their health and the health of the community. It will also provide a family friendly space for all ages to participate in a range of sports. Ultimately, this track will also bring more interest to our town and bring more traffic which will benefit the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration in bringing the Velosolutions to our community.

Sincerely,

Kassandra Yager

May 18, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the City's efforts to obtain funding for a pump track proposed for Erickson Playfield.

Like most grandparents, my husband and I find great joy in watching and supporting our grandchildren as they build skills and confidence — and have fun with their friends — through sports activities. Several years ago, a bad stroke put my husband in a wheelchair, making it difficult — in most instances impossible — for him to see his grandsons in action at their BMX and mountain-biking events.

We are thrilled at the prospect of a pump track at Port Angeles' Erickson Playfield that will make it possible for bicycling enthusiasts to hone their skills — and to do so at a place that is easily accessible to the cyclists, to all members of their families and to the wider public.

The plan for the pump track includes features that will be fun for those who use it — whether the users are very young beginners, youth or adults. The plan also envisions observation spots that spectators such as my husband can access — in order to watch and cheer-on the participants.

Cycling of all sorts is rising in popularity as a family sport. The North Olympic Peninsula is fortunate to have a variety of cycling opportunities used by locals and visitors alike: miles of paved trails in the lowlands, a growing number and variety of single-tracks in the hills and woodlands and a BMX race track at Lincoln Park. The pump track will be an exciting complement to these other opportunities for participation in bicycling. The facility will also be unique among local bicycling venues in providing workable access for all who want to view the sport and to be close to the kids and grandkids who so much enjoy it.

Sincerely,

Lucy A. Copass





**CITY OF BINGEN**

May 20, 2020

Mr. Jesse Simms, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District  
For the White Salmon Valley Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

I write on behalf of City of Bingen in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office. As a local community stakeholder, we strongly support this grant application with the focus to build a community pool.

The City of Bingen is in the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District. We feel strongly that there are many benefits of a new pool to our citizens.

Which include the following:

- *Swim lessons/ water safety (we live on the Columbia River not having a resource for swim lessons is not an option.)*
- *Competitive sports*
- *Exercise & well-being*
- *Therapeutics*
- *Family Recreation*
- *Community gathering space*
- *Loss of the original White Salmon Pool*

Thank you for considering the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's application.

*Thanks Again*  
*Robert J. Barnes, Mayor*



## City of White Salmon Office of City Hall

May 20, 2020

Mr. Jesse Simms, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District  
For the White Salmon Valley Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

I write on behalf of the City of White Salmon in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's (WSVMPD) proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office. As mayor, I strongly support this grant application with the focus to build a community pool.

Our original city pool was built in the 1930s and became a focal point for our town – bringing together generations and creating memories that are firmly tied to many people's sense of what makes White Salmon a vibrant community. That community has steadfastly supported efforts to build a new pool over the last two decades, and the formation of the WSVMPD two years ago to carry that vision forward would not have been possible without them. A key reason our residents want to continue having a pool is to provide our youth with proper water safety and swim lessons; lifetime skills that are so important, especially with the Columbia and White Salmon Rivers in our backyard. In addition, the pool provides a family recreation and exercise activity for all ages, as well as supporting the therapeutic needs of many residents.

Funding such a project is especially challenging in rural communities such as ours. Our residents and the larger community, by approving the formation of the WSVMPD, have demonstrated their financial commitment to realizing this project. I believe it is these types of projects, with broad community support, that deserve consideration for the additional financial support necessary to make such visions a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marla Keethler".

Marla Keethler  
Mayor

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Dear Grant Selection Committee,

May 24, 2020

I am writing this letter on behalf of the White Salmon swimming community. The White Salmon Pool Metropolitan Parks District is working hard to replace our community's worn out swimming pool. The swimming pool has been a sparkling gem in our city since 1934 and with your aid we can continue to keep our pool the glowing heart of our community.

Not only has this gem supplied our community with a place for our families to 'hang out' in the summer, it has taught thousands of children how to swim. With all of the outdoor recreation, such as boating, jet skiing, tubing, wind surfing, fishing and other activities, on our local lakes and rivers, I am sure we have saved lives through the skills that have been taught at this facility. It is the highest priority for our community to ensure that no lives are lost due to a lack of swimming skills.

There are multiple positive community benefits that an outdoor swimming pool designed for both recreation and competition can provide for White Salmon. Youth and adults can learn to swim, practice and compete in the local sports of competitive swimming and water polo, enjoy synchronized swimming, become certified in Scuba Diving, become a certified Water Swimming Instructor or Lifeguard, take water aerobics, lap swim for fitness, or just enjoy open play for children and families in a safe environment.

As Head Coach since 2000 for the Hood River Valley Swim Team and Columbia Gorge Masters, I have coached hundreds of children and adults from the entire Columbia River Gorge. There are many swimmers from White Salmon who have to travel across the river in order to participate in competitive swimming. These swimmers have high expectations, and have had much success in the sport. In 2012 Scott Bergstrom, White Salmon native, attended the Swimming Olympic Team Trials in Omaha, Nebraska, competing in the 200m Butterfly (the same event as the well known Michael Phelps). He also received a swimming scholarship to attend the University of Denver. Other White Salmon swimmers have gone on to compete in college, including Justine Rawding at Niagara University and Mariah Rawding Bowdoin College. Brett Rawding used the swimming skills he learned to excel in the underwater egress training course in the Army. Naomi Elyard is pursuing kayaking - she took a semester to tackle high level kayaking challenges while attending classes through the World Class Academy Kayak School. I believe you can see how a local pool supports our local youth in achieving their dreams. Having a pool that supports competition and water sports locally will enable athletes to continue their love of swimming no matter where they go and what they pursue in life.

Competition brings more than just opportunities to the athletes. Swim meets and water polo tournaments bring in much needed dollars to the local economy. These are day &/or weekend long

events with one to two hundred people in attendance. The families stay in local hotels, spend money at the local restaurants and grocery stores, and the support they give goes well beyond the weekend. They go wine tasting and become wine club members to support the wineries through the winter; they love art and return for our Fall Art Walk and our Summer Art and Wine Fusion, they are white water aficionados and come back to raft and kayak on the White Salmon River in the summer. The Columbia River Gorge is a tourist destination, and once people come to White Salmon and enjoy the town, many times they look for opportunities to return. These events are much more than the sum of their parts. They really benefit the entire community.

Youth are not the only ones who would benefit from a competitive aquatic venue. The Columbia Gorge Masters swim team provides swim training for many adults from White Salmon as well. We have trained Ironman Triathletes, as well as competitive masters swimmers and adults who just want to stay in good physical shape. Our swimming community is strong and well established, and having a pool to be able to host swim meets in would not only allow our youth but our adults to also have a good reason to come to our town and support our local economy.

Thank you for your support, and please contact me if you have any questions on how this facility would improve the lives of our community. You can reach me at [hrvst.coach@gmail.com](mailto:hrvst.coach@gmail.com) or (509) 637-4051.

Sincerely,

Shelly Rawding



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May 26, 2020

Mr. Jesse Sims, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District Community Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

The Klickitat County Board of Commissioners would like to express our support for the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grant applications through the Recreation Projects – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and the Youth Athletic Facilities Program. If approved, the grants will be used to build a community pool.

The original White Salmon Pool was built in the 1930's and unfortunately, over the years it deteriorated to such a point that by the summer of 2019 it could not be safely reopened again. In 2018, the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District was created by the voters of the district to build, operate and maintain a pool for the White Salmon Valley Community.

A new community pool will offer a means of recreation, exercise, social interaction, relaxation and stress relief for Klickitat and Skamania County residents, businesses, schools, visitors as well as those considering relocating to the area. Other benefits include:

- Swim lessons/ water safety
- Competitive sports
- Therapeutics
- Family Recreation
- Community gathering space
- Uplift community spirits from the loss of the original White Salmon Pool

Klickitat County strongly supports the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's efforts to build a new community pool and urges the Recreation Conservation Office to consider their grant applications for approval and award.

Should you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office at (509) 773-4612.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Klickitat County, Washington

*Jim Sizemore*  
Jim Sizemore, Chairman



May 21, 2020

Mr. Jesse Simms, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District Community Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

I write on behalf of the Mt. Adam's Chamber of Commerce in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office. As a local community stakeholder, we strongly support this grant application with the focus to build a community pool.

Having this community pool is a very desirable amenity for our residents and local businesses, as well as those considering moving to the area. It is a positive aspect that increases our value to a potential new business owner. The pool is a potential draw to bring people to town who are likely spend money at local businesses.

Other benefits we anticipate from having this pool are:

- **Swim lessons/ water safety** – this is critical as we live along the mighty Columbia and have water tributaries throughout our region. Children must learn how to swim at an early age.
- **Exercise & well-being** – a pool provides physical and mental relief for our residents.
- **Therapeutics** – water therapy is one of the safest for rehabilitation.
- **Family Recreation** – activities the entire family can engage in and create memories while strengthening bonds.
- **Competitive sports** – local athletes will be able to practice and host meets without having to leave the state.
- **Community gathering space** – the White Salmon pool brings people together in a healthy environment, encouraging multi-age interactions.

This community has deep connections to the memories of our pool that is no longer in commission and truly mourns the loss of this resource. It has been challenging for those who have worked for many years to find a solution. On behalf of the Mt. Adam's Chamber of Commerce membership, we very much support the proposal for this grant and encourage you to approve it.

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Tammara Toppel  
Executive Director  
Mt. Adam's Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center





May 20, 2020

Mr. Jesse Sims, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Park District Community Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

NorthShore Medical Group is in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's values and vision for our community, and support their proposal to the Recreation & Conservation Office. As a local community stakeholder, we strongly support this grant application with the focus to build a community pool.

We are a Rural Health Clinic that specializes in quality primary care, serving both Klickitat and Skamania counties. Our mission encompasses promoting the health and well being of local residents, through physical activity and social determinants of health, such as food insecurity and affordable housing. Other social determinant intangibles are a "sense of community", which community assets such as a public pool have been shown to improve.

As we all come together to forge a path forward in these challenging times, the providers and staff at NorthShore Medical Group strongly support the continued progress towards a community pool facility for White Salmon and surrounding area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cindy" being more prominent than the last name "Robertson".

Cindy Robertson, Administrator





May 15, 2020

Mr. Jesse Simms, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District Community Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

I write on behalf of Skyline Health in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office. As a local community stakeholder, we strongly support this grant application with the focus to build a community pool.

Skyline Health values our partnership with the White Salmon Valley Metropolitan Park District as we work to achieve our mission of providing an exceptional level of health and well-being in our community. The citizens of our rural community have also come to rely on this group and the pool itself as a way to support their physical and mental health needs.

A community pool provides equitable access to a safe and healthy recreation opportunity. For the user, it is affordable and requires little to no equipment. This makes visiting the pool an essential activity for many low-income families. Additionally, swimming is a unique fitness opportunity for seniors and people with certain disabilities. In a community with few adequate sidewalks and paved trails, swimming, water aerobics and aquatic therapy can be a main source of physical activity. Without this option, our seniors and community members with disabilities may have a hard time maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

As a gathering place, the pool gives folks the opportunity to build supportive relationships, which can benefit their mental health. It also gives our young people something fun to do during the summer, which is a challenge for a rural community. Finally, knowing how to swim is an important skill all Gorge residents should have. Our public lands have plenty of swimming holes our residents, especially young folks, love to explore. Learning to swim in a community pool may help prevent a tragic accident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robb Kimmes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robb Kimmes

CEO, Skyline Health



# WHITE SALMON VALLEY SCHOOLS

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May 26, 2020

Mr. Jesse Simms, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District  
For the White Salmon Valley Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

I write on behalf of White Salmon Valley School District in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office. As a local community stakeholder, we strongly support this grant application with the focus to build a community pool.

The White Salmon Valley School District created a partnership with the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District to build the community pool by providing the required property. The school board is excited for this opportunity. Our community has lost our community pool because of age and this has had a significant impact on our community and district.

The construction of a new modern pool will have many benefits for our school district including swim lessons and water safety for our elementary age students and the possibility of competitive sports. Some of the benefits for our community include family recreation, therapeutics, exercise and well-being.

Our community has been planning and waiting for a very long time for the opportunity to have a modern pool. Our school district believes in the vision that the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District has for building this pool for our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jerry Lewis, District Superintendent

May 31, 2020

Mr. Jesse Simms, RCO Grants Manager  
Washington State  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District  
Community Pool

Dear Mr. Sims,

I write on behalf of White Salmon Valley K-8 PTO in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office. As a local community stakeholder, we strongly support this grant application with the focus to build a community pool.

The White Salmon Valley Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade PTO works together with the White Salmon Community to enrich the education of all students from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The loss of the community pool has left a gap in our outreach. Each year, the PTO funds swimming lessons for third graders. Many of our students have not had the opportunity to have supervised, safe swimming lessons. Our community borders the Columbia River that is a center point for recreation. The WSVK-8 PTO believes swimming lessons ensure that students have the opportunity to learn to swim so they at least achieve skills of water competency: able to enter the water, get a breath, stay afloat, change position, swim a distance then get out of the water safely. The pool is also a place where all ages can recreate and socialize with neighbors and friends. The people in the community are working hard to make the dream of a new pool come true.

Thank you for your support in this effort, it means a great deal to the WSVK-8 PTO. An accessible community pool is near to our hearts, and I feel confident we will have the funding for all soon.

Sincerely.



Jennifer Newbrook  
WSVK-8 PTO Co-Chair



August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee,

This letter is to inform you of USA Cycling's support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Wards Lake Park.

USA Cycling is a proud member of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Within the United States, USA Cycling is the national governing body for the sport of cycling and oversees the disciplines of road, track, mountain bike, cyclocross, and BMX.

Projects inclusive of cycling infrastructure have seen wide community participation post-project and can be attributed to the physical and mental health of a community. Especially those that are created with the younger generation in mind, thereby creating a lifelong interest in physical activity. Projects such as these support USA Cycling's mission to develop the sport of cycling and achieve sustained international racing success. BMX/pump track and mountain biking are the most popular cycling discipline at this time and with support will engage the community for years to come.

In December of 2019, we partnered with the City of Lakewood to host one of our largest National Championships at Fort Steilacoom Park. The City of Lakewood's support was critical for the successful execution of this prestigious cycling event. From our experience with the City of Lakewood and their park staff, we are confident any grants awarded will be successfully used to provide positive recreational opportunities to the Lakewood community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara McCarthy", with a long, sweeping underline.

Tara McCarthy  
Director of National Events

To Whom it May Concern,

Our organization, Low Pressure Promotions, in conjunction with USA Cycling and Tacoma Sports, hosted the 2019 Cyclocross National Championships in Ft. Steilacoom Park in Lakewood. We were extremely fortunate to have such tangible support from the City of Lakewood and Tacoma Sports.

The 2019 edition of the annual race featured amateur and elite athletes from all over the country visiting Ft. Steilacoom competing on a very technical course with steep ups, and technical downhills. More than ever, the modern-day US National Championship courses require riders to be very adept bike handlers with the ability to quickly maneuver their bikes on steep chutes, bumpy downhills, and technical terrain. The course at Ft. Steilacoom emphasized this point.

Some of the best cycling athletes across any discipline (road cycling, mountain biking, cyclocross) all have a common trait: they are superior bike handlers. This skill is learned through many resources, and an outdoor pump track is one of those key resources.

By investing in infrastructure to allow for a pump track at Wards Lake, the City of Lakewood would be giving opportunity to kids and adults alike to have a positive outdoor place to socialize, better their health, and sharpen their bike handling skills. These skills translate to all walks of cycling life: recreation, safe commuting by bike, and competitive racing. A pump track is an inclusive gathering place where learning and positive, life-long skills can be fostered. It is our hope as an organization that the City of Lakewood can successfully receive grant funding to offer such a positive outdoor attraction.

Sincerely,

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Zac Daab

Co-Founder, Low Pressure Promotions  
(206) 595-1181



# Partners For Parks

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May 29, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to build a pump track at Wards Lake Park.

Partners for Parks is a collaboration of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We have raised funds to purchase land, build restrooms, expand trails and enhance park sites. We have volunteered to clean up parks and improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and visitors.

Partners for Parks is interested in supporting and partnering with the City of Lakewood because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We also believe that many hands make light work and if you put the right team together you can do amazing things. Partners for Parks has conducted many park beautification and cleanup projects at this site and will continue to support this park when the new pump track is built.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. This new addition to Wards Lake Park and the adjacent neighborhoods will go far in providing youth with a safe place to play and learn a new sport.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Northeast neighborhood areas. We know it will make a positive impact to the families who live there.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President  
Partners for Parks





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July 31, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support for the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Wards Lake Park.

The project includes installing a new pump track, creating loop trails, pedestrian safety improvements, artwork, environmental restoration, as well as education opportunities. These park improvements will provide the children and families in our community a way to get out and exercise, develop bike skills and have an alternative to "screen time". These improvements will also enhance the safety of the park which will benefit the first responder community.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue supports the City of Lakewood in this endeavor because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – the area near this park suffers from significant poverty and this will greatly improve the opportunity for outdoor play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

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Jim Sharp  
Fire Chief





August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clover Park School District wholeheartedly supports the City of Lakewood's grant application to improve outdoor spaces for students and families in the Lakewood community. This grant application enhances the city's mission to create a healthy and vibrant community within our city.

As a school district, we have partnered with the City of Lakewood for many years to build community and create social connections within our City. Recently we established a joint use agreement with the City to further our efforts to share public resources in the form of fields and facilities where alignment exists.

The City has been a tremendous advocate of supporting youth and families. It offers a rich history of supporting youth activities to include sports and family time in outdoor spaces that encourages health and wellness.

The District serves a highly diverse student population, and our students deserve every opportunity to become active and engaged in the wider community. The District understands that offering a varied selection of youth recreational activities benefits our families tremendously by creating safe and healthy places for children to visit, learn and play.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have pockets of poverty and lack park resources in some communities. This plan addresses the need for increased access and equity for students.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for our students and overall community. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood. Please feel free to contact me at (253) 583-5190 if you require additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Banner".

Ron Banner  
Superintendent



To whom it may concern;

Hells Canyon Rapids Futbol Club would like to write a formal letter of support of the Boys and Girls Club of the Lewis-Clark Valley as they seek to improve the infrastructure of their Clarkston, Washington soccer fields.

The Hells Canyon Rapids Futbol Club is a federally designated 501c3 non-profit organization that provides high level soccer training for the youth of the LC Valley. The current state of fields in Asotin County is inadequate and as such our clubs are forced to practice in Lewiston, ID on fields roughly 15 miles away.

Updates to the Clarkston, WA Boys and Girls club field would allow a large percentage of our 325 players to practice closer to their homes, schools, and parent's place of work.

Thank you for your time and for considering the request of the Boys and Girls Club of the Lewis-Clark Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R Rudolph".

Daniel R Rudolph  
Hells Canyon Rapids Futbol Club President  
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# Highland

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July 20, 2020

Grant committee:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for the Boys & Girls Club Clarkston Clubhouse to receive funding to upgrade their soccer field area. This is my first year as Principal of Highland Elementary School which is located adjacent to the clubhouse. I view this upgrade as a win for both the children of the community as a whole and the students at my school. I envision a continued partnership between the two entities and an enhanced symbiotic relationship.

Many of our students attend the club after school and participate in their athletic programs. During the school day, when the club is closed, our teachers would be able to utilize the field for outdoor activities. This additional space would also allow our students to practice extended social distancing, especially during this time of the COVID pandemic. The PE teacher would be able to utilize the field for a soccer unit along with other field events.

We are so blessed to have the club next to our school. The Lewis Clark Valley strongly supports the club and its activities. The club provides a sense of purpose for the children and a sense of pride for the community at large. When a community has something to be proud of, they work hard to maintain that source of pride. They also look for ways to continue to build the community and make it a better place for all.

Please know that Highland Elementary will support the Clarkston Club in whatever way possible to make this project a success.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanne Ruddell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deanne" being more prominent than the last name "Ruddell".

Deanne Ruddell

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July 15, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing a letter of support for the Boys & Girls Club of the Lewis-Clark Valley to secure grant funds to renovate the fields behind the Clarkston Clubhouse. Throughout my eight years at Highland Elementary, we have had a collaborative relationship with the Club in regards to student activities and the use of facilities. This renovation would improve the current field conditions and create more opportunities for the partnership to continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Baldus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Baldus, Previous Principal

Highland Elementary

June 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's grant application for improvements to the Evergreen Playfield complex. The Evergreen Playfield complex was constructed in 1976 on 16 acres and is the largest sport complex in south Snohomish County. It consists of 5 baseball and softball fields, 2 grass soccer and football fields, an all-weather soccer field, a quarter mile track, and four lighted tennis courts. The Evergreen Playfield complex is also used by both locals and visitors for citywide special events and festivals.

The city is applying for Youth Athletic Facilities grant funding to repair and resurface the four tennis courts, install new fencing and tennis posts, install LED lighting to be more energy efficient than existing lighting, and improve ADA access to the parking area and trails. These investments will increase the lifespan of the sports complex and can continue to provide a multiuse space for all ages and abilities within the community.

Located in the heart of the city, the Evergreen Playfield is part of our community's identity and continues to increase the quality of life for local families and for those that come and visit Mountlake Terrace. Tour de Terrace, Tree Lighting, National Night Out are large community events that use these facilities, making the complex more accessible and energy efficient will allow the city to better serve the public. We ask that you please invest in this versatile space so that the Evergreen Playfield can be enjoyed for generations to come.

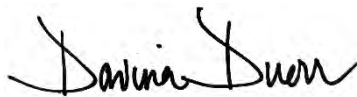
As state legislators representing the City of Mountlake Terrace, we believe this is an important investment for our community, and therefore, our state. Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Senator Derek Stanford  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

Rep. Davina Duerr  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

Rep. Shelley Kloba  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District





May 15, 2020

To whom it may concern.

On behalf of the Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee (NPIS), I am writing to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's funding request to improve Evergreen Playfield Complex Tennis Courts.

It is my understanding that the City Mountlake Terrace is applying for grant funding for renovation of the Evergreen tennis courts, an existing tennis facility constructed originally in 1976. The City recently engaged local youth and adult sports organizations to receive feedback on the project and how these improvements will enhance tennis in the community.

The funding request would include repairing and resurfacing the courts, improve parking, pathways, gates and fencing, and install high efficiency LED lighting. In addition the City would improve the park area surrounding the field with new landscaping. This project would provide a year-round playing surface for the community. Currently the courts have limited playing hours due to the condition and aging lighting system.

The Neighborhood Parks Improvement Subcommittee is comprised of 10 citizen volunteers assigned the responsibility for annually inventorying the neighborhood parks and recommending improvements to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission (RPAC). Appointed by RPAC, each of the representatives must live within a half mile of the park they represent.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen M. Tuura*

Kathy Tuura, Chair  
Mountlake Terrace  
Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee





May 15, 2020

To whom it may concern.

On behalf of the Mountlake Terrace Recreation Park Advisory Commission (RPAC), I am writing to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's funding request to improve Evergreen Playfield Complex Tennis Courts.

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The Recreation Park Advisory Commission is a City Council appointed Commission of Mountlake Terrace residents that meets monthly and advises the City Council on recreational programs and projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

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Don Enochs, Chair  
Mountlake Terrace  
Recreation Park Advisory Commission





## King County

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August 10, 2020

Re: Burton Adventure Recreation Center (BARC) Pump Track Project, Phase 3  
YAF Large Grants, #20-1886

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to express my support for Rj's Kids' Youth Athletic Facilities Large Grant application for the Burton Adventure Recreation Center (BARC) project.

Rj's Kids is a Vashon Island-based non-profit dedicated to supporting island residents of all ages. The Vashon community currently lacks a facility or multi-use park where anyone can drop in and participate in a variety of physical activities, without the costs associated with organized club sports. The Burton Adventure Recreation Center will help fill that activity gap by adding exercise stations, skate features (including a pump track for novice skaters), a climbing wall, and a Parkour area to the existing skate bowl on the site.

Your program has previously provided funding for Phase 2 of this project and Rj's Kids has met its grant match requirements and completed two public comment meetings to engage the community in the park design process.

I urge you to give serious consideration to this community-generated project.

Sincerely,

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Dow Constantine

King County Executive



August 8, 2020

Project Name: Burton Adventure Recreation Center (BARC) Pump Track Project,  
Phase 3

YAF Large Grants, #20-1886

Applicant: Rjs Kids  
P.O. Box 13007  
Burton, WA 98013

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mike England. I am a member of the Vashon Island Rotary Club, the Vashon Chamber of Commerce and the Vashon Eagles. I support this project both personally and as a member of all of those organizations. I know each of these organizations has pledged some level of support. I am also the Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 5030 which supports Vashon Island and the greater Puget Sound. I will support any grant requests or other support that is requested of us.

I was a resident of Vashon Island for 20 years and raised three children in this community. The need for recreation opportunities in this community is huge. I am also a mortgage lender and have helped hundreds of families buy homes on the Island, and I'm sorry to say, leave. Many teens and young adults can't wait to leave the Island because it is isolated and there is "nothing to do".

Having a local place for recreation is essential for the well-being of the Island youth. It has been a need for a lot longer than I have been here and this is the best plan I have heard. Please support this wonderful project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike England", is written over a faint circular stamp.

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8-9-2020

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YAF Large Grants, #20-1886

Applicant: Rjs Kids  
P.O. Box 13007  
Burton, WA 98013

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the current Burton Adventure Recreation Center (BARC) project taking place on Vashon Island.

My husband and I have two daughters ages 10 and 6. We feel it especially important for them to have access to the types of recreation that BARC provides. We have frequented the park with full engagement. And we have simply been bystanders, watching in awe as the older kids demonstrate, what our daughters call their, "magic tricks," on skateboards and bicycles. The BARC is a place to build confidence and create camaraderie among children and families.

The youth and young adults of Vashon Island have limited access to places where they can socialize, hang out and do physical activities.

The BARC fosters a community center atmosphere which the island is in desperate need of. Children who don't find more traditional sports options appealing, need a place they can go. The park helps to keep our children active and healthy in a safe, secure environment.

The expansion of the park will make it more appealing and accessible to all ages and abilities while also increasing opportunities for our community members.

Thank you for considering approval of the current grant request.

Jenny Wegely, President Vashon Schools Foundation  
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Vashon, WA 98070

8-9-2020

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Applicant: Rjs Kids  
P.O. Box 13007  
Burton, WA 98013

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the BARC project underway on Vashon Island.

I have a 6-year-old son who is an avid cyclist. My husband and I are lifelong mountain bikers and got our son started on aggressive biking at an early age. We take him to the BARC on a regular basis. Right now, the BARC is the only place we can have play dates with his friends.

The BARC is a great place for all ages to commune. We regularly see teens skateboarding in the existing skate bowl. They always chat with my son and his friends on their little bikes. When the teens are resting, they watch the kids play in the bowl and cheer them on supportively. It's a beautiful cross-generational scene to witness.

The park is also filled with adults who bring their leashed dogs. There are groups that play frisbee golf. Recently, this park has become so important for groups to convene socially distanced. Some adults just bring their kids and chairs to watch the skateboarders and little kids riding their bikes on the dirt trails.

The expansion of this park is crucial for the Vashon Island community. It's a free, fun, physically active place for children, teens and young adults of all abilities to come together. The expansion will create more activities and more access for people with ALL ABILITIES. The ADA section is especially important.

Please accept the grant proposal that will answer the need for outside activity for all socio-economic, and physical and mental abilities, of the population of this tiny island.

Thank you so much!

Angie Harpole  
503.333.4240  
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Vashon, WA 98070

8-9-2020

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Burton, WA 98013

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the BARC project underway on Vashon Island.

I have two daughters, ages 6 and 8, who, like most of our Vashon kids of all ages, love to be active and outside. The BARC has been a part of their lives from the start. They have spent many afternoons scooting on their balance bikes, climbing and sliding down the skate ramps and the bowl. They have gained confidence moving up to "big kid" bikes without training wheels, zooming around the track. They've attended birthday parties at the BARC. They've played with friends on these grounds. They've watched in complete awe as the older kids skate and bike and show off their truly amazing talents.

Every inch of the BARC is more than a bike track, or skate ramps, or a bowl. It becomes a million different things depending on the imagination of the child experiencing it. It's a safe space to play with friends, big and small. It's a stage to show off all the hard work you've put in perfecting your skills.

The BARC is a space for the entire community. The expansion will create more activities and more access for people with ALL ABILITIES. The ADA section is especially important.

Please accept the grant proposal that will answer the need for outside activity for all socio-economic, and physical and mental abilities, of the population of this tiny island.

Thank you so much,

Brenna Larson  
206.914.4785  
13324 Burma Rd SW  
Vashon, WA 98070

8-6-2020

Project Name: Burton Adventure Recreation Center (BARC) Pump Track Project, Phase 3  
YAF Large Grants, #20-1886

Applicant: Rjs Kids  
P.O. Box 13007  
Burton, WA 98013

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Burton Adventure Recreation Center (BARC) Pump Track Project Phase 3.

As a father of 3 grade-school-age children who all possess a passion for skateboarding and biking, I experience on a weekly basis the need and desire for this project. As it currently stands, our community lacks paved spaces for kids to be active. While our rural island area has beautiful natural parks, our youth is extremely limited in safe accessible spaces to advance their riding skills. With these current unprecedented times of living in a pandemic that restricts family outings and outdoor spaces for youth to gather, the need for these resources is even more evident than ever for our children's physical and mental health. The BARC's current features are of a skill level that is intimidating and well above the ability of the average elementary kid, thus even more so exaggerating the need for this expansion project.

From my experience as a Reading Teacher at our local elementary school, I have received copious amounts of feedback from our island students and their families expressing enthusiasm towards this project. Our local children are hungry for space to play and explore their abilities on boards, scooters, bikes, skates, and other rolling devices.

As a skateboarder myself for 32 years, who spent his childhood in a similar rural environment, many years were spent trying to improve my skills before local skateparks existed. The BARC Phase 3 would have been an absolute dream to have had as a resource.

With my efforts as a member of the BARC Stewards, advising and assisting the Vashon Park District in the use, development, maintenance, operation of the BARC, the practical value of this project has been vetted and validated.

I am hopeful the above testimonial support is meaningful in your consideration towards your decision regarding the BARC Pump Track Project Phase 3.

Best Regards,

Bryan Ripka

August 10, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern,

We enthusiastically support the BARC project. It will provide a desperately needed safe community space where people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds can engage in healthy social and recreational activities.

Vashon is a rural, hilly area with narrow, winding roads and few sidewalks, and most public spaces ban activities like biking, skateboarding, and rollerblading. These are barriers to accessibility and safety. The BARC project addresses these barriers by providing a safe place off the road to engage in a variety of recreation activities that will have broad appeal. Its central location on both the main public and school bus routes means people can get there, and access is free so fees will not be an additional barrier.

As both educators and parents, we have long lamented the lack of a community center for our island youth. Our adopted teenage son said it best when he first came to live with us: "There is no place to hang out here. What are we supposed to do?" Bored teens tend to either find trouble or withdraw, and this project would not only give our youth something healthy to do, it would create opportunities for multi-generational activities and mentoring. Common interests naturally bring people together of all ages which is critical in creating a sense of belonging and connection for our most at risk youth.

The BARC project will improve recreational accessibility, create a safe community space, and will serve all. It will be a tremendous asset to our health and community, particularly for those who are traditionally underserved or excluded.

Respectfully,

Carrie Power  
Middle School Teacher, Parent, and Vashon Resident

Christine Colling  
Elementary School Counselor, Parent, and Vashon Resident



8-6-2020

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Burton, WA 98013

To whom it may concern,

I am a small business owner here on the island and it happens to be a skateshop, this project is so very important to me not just as a skateshop owner but as a skateboarder too. By having this phase will be helpful to get kids excited about skateboarding and be able to do it outside. Right now, we have a great bowl, but it can be intimidating because it's so big. I also believe adults who used to skateboard back in their teenage years will get back into the sport.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Dustin Landry  
Vashon Boards LLC  
Vashon, WA

8-6-2020

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jeremy Uttech. I have worked on many skate parks in many different local municipalities, as a builder, designer, manager, instructor and as a skateboarder/user of these facilities. After moving to Vashon full time, I noticed a large lack of paved, outdoor areas for skateboarder/inline skaters/scooters/bmx bikers to use. Also, the youth of the area have very limited meeting areas, community centers, or places beyond the standard team sports venues, in which to congregate. This pump track would be a huge addition to the community and a great asset to the youth for learning and growing their riding skills. Also, having a healthy outlet that is an alternative to traditional team sports is essential for today's youth.

I speak up in favor of this pump track also as a father of 4 children, ages ranging from 8 to 18. I can see the benefits a place like this can have for kids. The need and want for areas of this kind is very important and can be a focal point for kids making friends, growing in confidence, and pushing themselves to improve (as skaters and as people). Vashon needs a space for beginner/intermediate skill-level that will be low maintenance and provide generations of kids an incredible venue for years to come. The BARC can be that venue for Vashon. I highly support and endorse this grant and hope you will award it to RJ's Kids for the continued support and enrichment of Vashon's youth.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Uttech  
Superintendent  
Skanska USA Bldg Inc

8-6-2020

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To whom it may concern,  
I am writing on behalf of the BARC project to express my support for the project and offer a personal example of why it is of benefit to me and my family. I have an adult, live-at-home daughter with disabilities. One of her favourite outdoor activities is riding her razor scooter. Given our rural nature here on the island there are few places where she can do so outside of flat parking lots. For her to use these places requires constant monitoring on our part to keep track of potential automobile traffic, as they are, after all, parking lots. This facility will provide her the opportunity to gain much needed exercise and ride her scooter in a challenging manner while in a safe environment.  
I support the efforts of Rjs Kids and this project in particular and hope you will do the same.

Sincerely,  
Jim Schmidt



8-10-2020

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Burton, WA 98013

To whom it may concern,

As a parent to three adult children, I know the importance of providing a variety of healthy, engaging activities for our young people. Living on an island provides a unique challenge to successfully parenting our children as we do not have the typical resources at our fingertips that those not living on an island have access too. This makes it important to find opportunities for engagement for our youth within our island community. I believe the Burton Adventure Recreation Center will provide such opportunity, not only to our youth, but to the community at large.

Please consider funding BARC. It is positive addition to our community in a time when positivity is desperately needed.

Respectfully,

Joanne Dawson Kicinski  
Vashon Island, WA

8-6-2020

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To whom it may concern,

I totally support the BARC project for a number of reasons:

- Our local youth will have a safe place to meet friends, while honing their athletic skills.
- The skate park, volley ball, walking trails, and Frisbee disc golf course can be enjoyed by residents of all ages and physical abilities. In addition to the more active sports, there are also protected trails for walks.
- Vashon is comprised of very different socio-economic factions. We have a large number of affluent residents, while we have many who are struggling. The BARC will provide public access to everyone; it will be inclusive of all income levels.

I am a member of the Vashon Rotary and we have formally endorsed this project. Our Church of the Holy Spirit has also endorsed it by committing funding for skate equipment for young people who can't afford it.

All in all, BARC is a well-designed project, supported by our community, and will be a positive addition to our island.

Respectfully,  
Lin Holley  
9045 SW Bayview Dr., Vashon WA 98070

8-6-2020

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To whom it may concern,  
As a long time islander and father of two boys, we have benefited greatly from having access to BARC.  
My boys have spent a great deal of their life skating and socializing there. It's great to have additional options for youth who are not attracted to traditional team sports. The additional expansion to the pump track would create a new learning surface for beginner riders and a great addition which would benefit not only skateboarders, but bikers and scooter riders. This would be a great addition for the young and people of all ages.

Respectfully,

Marc Brown  
Vashon, WA

8-10-2020

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To whom it may concern,

One of the continuing issues on the Island is the lack of options for safe activities for kids. I think the plan as rendered really includes a good variety of activities that would appeal to a wider range of people in both age and ability. Having seen a pump track at a city park, I liked the fact that young and old, could all enjoy it at the same time on pretty much anything with wheels. I think having a wider cross section and frequency of people would ultimately contribute to a safer and richer experience for everyone who uses the park. Thanks for considering this project.

Mike Nauman-Montana

Vashon, WA



8-9-2020

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to encourage the support and funding for Phase 3 of the *Youth Athletic Facilities Grant* for the expansion of the BARC facility.

As an educator, I see the inherent value this recreational center will bring to the youth of our community. It is so very important for young people to have a space where they can gather and engage in activities that support fitness and social engagement. This facility provides a venue for young people to gather for bicycling and skateboarding on an island that has a lack of dedicated space for such pursuits.

And while BARC supports access for youth and young adults, it is also designed with multi-generational use in mind, bringing different aged people together with a shared interest. Young and old, beginner and advanced, this space will provide a much needed community gathering spot for like-minded wheeled sports enthusiasts. The value that comes with cross-generational interaction and engagement cannot be underestimated.

The ADA access for those with limited mobility further supports the inclusivity of this space. And by providing a tiered activity experience, BARC allows for all levels to develop and build their skills.

While I never had the distinct pleasure to meet Rj, I know that the work that is being done with Rjs Kids and the vision of the BARC project is something for which he would find great passion. The altruistic nature of this unique man is something that is being realized through those that love him and support his inspiration of service for the community.

Respectfully,

Tom De Felice  
Vashon, WA

June 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's grant application for improvements to the Evergreen Playfield complex. The Evergreen Playfield was constructed in 1976 on 16 acres and is the largest sport complex in south Snohomish County. It consists of 5 baseball and softball fields, 2 grass soccer and football fields, an all-weather soccer field, a quarter mile track, and four lighted tennis courts. The Evergreen Playfield complex is also used by both locals and visitors for citywide special events and festivals.

The city is applying for grant funding to make much needed improvements and repairs to the Evergreen Playfield. These improvements include: installing a turn infield for field #3, new fencing, a backstop, LED lights to be more energy efficient than the current lighting system, replacement of 40 year old wooden lighting poles, removal of old bleachers, improved ADA access with circulation paths and finally, planting of native vegetation. These improvements will increase the lifespan and functionality of the sports complex.

Located in the heart of the city, the Evergreen Playfield is part of our community's identity and continues to increase the quality of life for local families and for those that come and visit Mountlake Terrace. Tour de Terrace, Tree Lighting, National Night Out are large community events that use these facilities, making the complex more accessible and energy efficient will allow the city to better serve the public. We ask that you please invest in this versatile space so that the Evergreen Playfield can be enjoyed for generations to come.

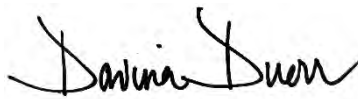
As state legislators representing the City of Mountlake Terrace, we believe this is an important investment for our community, and therefore, our state. Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Senator Derek Stanford  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

Rep. Davina Duerr  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

Rep. Shelley Kloba  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District





May 15, 2020

To whom it may concern.

On behalf of the Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee (NPIS), I am writing to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's funding request to improve Evergreen Playfield #3 from a dirt field to synthetic turf.

It is my understanding that the City Mountlake Terrace is applying for grant funding for redevelopment of Evergreen Playfield #3, an existing dirt/grass baseball/softball field constructed originally in 1976. The City recently engaged local youth and adult sports organizations to receive feedback on the project and how they would utilize the proposed artificial turf field.

The funding request would include preparing and installing artificial turf on the infield at the existing location and high efficiency LED lighting. In addition the City would improve the park area surrounding the field with new fencing and landscaping. This project would provide a year-round playing surface for the community. Currently the only surface like this in the city is at Mountlake Terrace High School where allotted time is difficult to obtain due to the popularity of the field.

The Neighborhood Parks Improvement Subcommittee is comprised of 10 citizen volunteers assigned the responsibility for annually inventorying the neighborhood parks and recommending improvements to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission (RPAC). Appointed by RPAC, each of the representatives must live within a half mile of the park they represent.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Tuura, Chair  
Mountlake Terrace  
Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee



May 15, 2020

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The Recreation Park Advisory Commission is a City Council appointed Commission of Mountlake Terrace residents that meets monthly and advises the City Council on recreational programs and projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

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Don Enochs, Chair

Mountlake Terrace

Recreation Park Advisory Commission

July 16, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

Hoquiam has a unique history; with the ever changing landscape of coastal Washington, one landmark has remained constant. The Historic Olympic Stadium is the perfect reminder of Hoquiam's illustrious past while providing hope for the future.

Built as part of FDR's New Deal, Olympic Stadium has withstood the test of time and is an everlasting beacon of the resilient nature of the City of Hoquiam. During the collapse of the logging industry, with uncertain times rolling through our community, Olympic Stadium became an escape for so many families. Whether it was a Friday night football game or a Tuesday night double-header, the community of Hoquiam has always utilized the stadium as a relief from the tumultuous world around them.

When I was a student at Hoquiam High School the stadium was the bright tunnel at the end of the week. Whether I was performing in the marching band or watching my friends play baseball, visiting the stadium was always a treat. Now as a coach for Hoquiam High School, I am in awe that my team gets the privilege of competing at such an incredible venue.

One of the greatest compliments a coach can receive from an opposing coach is that your team played fair and fiercely, but I take pride in hearing from so many coaches of their love and their jealousy of our stadium.

With these thoughts in mind, I truly hope you consider Hoquiam for this grant. Olympic Stadium is one of the few places truly appreciated by the whole community.

Respectfully,  
Drew Grannemann  
Head Coach Girls Soccer

July 15, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a voice of support to renovate and improve the awe-inspiring wooden structure of Olympic Stadium, a place deeply etched in my memories of the past and hopes for the future.

I am writing from several perspectives...

As a young ball player who dreamed to play on the BIG field.  
As a scrawny 13-year old who stepped in the batter's box for the first time.  
As a football player who was blessed to play under the Friday Night Lights.  
As a son who watched his father recognized for 30 plus years of Babe Ruth.  
As a spectator who watched future major leaguers in the early 70's and 80's.  
As a longtime coach of great players and future state champions.  
As a coach for youth football who told players there was no place like it.  
As a father who proudly witnessed the graduation of two of his children.  
As a son who said parting words to his father Roger after his passing.

"The Stadium" as locals on the Harbor call it is a place of pride and strength of past generations. For those visiting from the outside of the Harbor, it leaves its mark and those who witness it for the first time are in awe of the impressive size and architecture. In fact, it truly is a place of marvel, considered one of the top ten old ball parks in the United States.

Olympic Stadium is unique and a precious part of both Grays Harbor and United States History. It is one of the last remaining virtually all wooden structures in the United States that was built by the hands of men and women at the tail end of the Depression Era. Nowhere can you find northwest timber fir beams that run 80 – 100 feet to support the massive structure we proudly call the "Stadium."

I could fill pages with my personal memories of the "Stadium." Instead, I hope you see purpose in supporting the City Of Hoquiam's request for funds to improve, renovate, and support a "national treasure." Olympic Stadium has left its mark on so many...

Thank you and please support the future of Olympic Stadium.

Stephen R. Jump

Hoquiam High School Head Baseball Coach  
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April 10, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Hoquiam School District mission is to provide a high quality education for all students. The HSD has used the historic stadium to host football, baseball, soccer, graduation and sport camps.

The Hoquiam School District recognizes the historical value of Olympic Stadium and would like to see it maintained structurally and aesthetically. The Hoquiam School District supports the efforts of the City of Hoquiam to seek state funding to keep this stadium functional and safe for our students and community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mike Villarreal'.

Dr. Mike A. Villarreal  
Superintendent



July 9, 2020

Washington State Recreation and  
Conservation Office

Re: Olympic Stadium Repair and Preservation

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of the City of Hoquiam requesting grant funds to improve and upgrade the historic Olympic Stadium.

I have been the president of the Hoquiam Youth Football program for the last 16 years. I have spent many Saturdays at the Olympic Stadium coaching and supervising many youth football games. I know that these young players look forward to playing at this facility. The memories that are being created in this facility impact our young community and they look forward to participating at this field just like their older counterparts. The experience the athletes gain while at this venue set the foundation for their success.

Thank you for considering a grant request for improving the historic Olympic Stadium in Hoquiam, Washington.

Please feel free to contact me at 360-580-0682 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeremy McMillan

Hoquiam Youth Football, President

hoquiam.youth.football@comcast.net

360-580-0682



July 10, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the City of Hoquiam requesting grant money intended to improve and upgrade Olympic Stadium. As the Athletic Director for Hoquiam School District, I speak on behalf of our entire school community in regard to the importance of upgrades needed at Olympic Stadium.

Hoquiam High School has a long tradition of Olympic Stadium as our home site for Football, Girls Soccer, Baseball and showcases our amazing Marching Band, Color Guard and Cheer program. The ambiance of Olympic Stadium is absolutely amazing – full of amazing extensive history. However, the site itself is in need of repair – the grandstands, field, ADA improvements, just to name a few.

It will take a substantial amount of money to improve this cornerstone facility to being able to host contests in this site from 2020 onward. We currently have a Mayor who is interested in renovation and returning Olympic Stadium into its past glory which is long overdue. The community of Hoquiam would be incredibly appreciative to receive grant money to complete updates and renovations of this historic site as it really is the cornerstone building of this small community.

Thank you for considering a grant request for improving the historic Olympic Stadium in Hoquiam.

Sincerely,

Annette J. Duvall  
Director of Athletics – Hoquiam School District

July 9, 2020

Washington State Recreation and  
Conservation Office

Re: Olympic Stadium Repair and Preservation

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of the City of Hoquiam requesting grant funds to improve and upgrade the historic Olympic Stadium.

As the Head Football coach for Hoquiam High School, I speak for our past and current players to the importance of the much needed upgrades to this facility. Friday night lights is a special, unique experience. Olympic Stadium provides one of the best sports atmospheres in the Pacific Northwest. The tradition and the memories of this facility impact a large part of the community. Friday nights are more than just a football game, its a place for the community to rally and remember past games and events with great pride.

Thank you for considering a grant request for improving the historic Olympic Stadium in Hoquiam, Washington.

Please feel free to contact me at 360-580-0682 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy McMillan', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy McMillan  
Head football coach  
Hoquiam High School  
[jmcmillan@hoquiam.net](mailto:jmcmillan@hoquiam.net)  
360-580-0682

July 2, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the grant proposal for the repairs and preservation of Hoquiam's Historic Olympic Stadium, which is being submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office by the Community Services Coordinator for the City of Hoquiam.

I am a member of the group "Friends of Olympic Stadium" and I am excited to see this opportunity arise for our community gem. The Historic Olympic Stadium was built in 1938 after the City of Hoquiam applied for a Civil Works Administration grant in 1932 and was approved. A request later was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office to add the stadium to the National Register of Historic Places, for which it was granted in 2006. This current grant request will ensure further generations to benefit and enjoy this legendary symbol we affectionately label as the "Home of the Grizzlies"

I am a lifelong Hoquiam resident, and have firsthand benefited from use of this magnificent and iconic structure. All the youth sporting events, such as high school football, baseball and soccer games, High school graduations, professional baseball games, youth sports and college baseball games are played at this facility. Also, the many city gatherings such as the annual Loggers' Playday celebration and the annual Easter egg hunt for local children to name just a few.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Community Services Coordinator for the City of Hoquiam as the City seeks external funding to support the repairs and preservation program of one of our community's most priceless assets. This effort will help to see that all of our citizens and future citizens can enjoy this beautiful facility for years to come.

Sincerely,

Rick W. Strom

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Hoquiam Youth Baseball, a representation of the Babe Ruth League, is writing this letter of support on behalf of the City of Hoquiam's grant request for repairs to Olympic Stadium.

Olympic Stadium has been a cornerstone for the community's youth sports for decades. Without Olympic Stadium, there are few, if any adequate fields to play baseball within city limits. Our community thrives on athletics for our children to keep them active and healthy.

Olympic Stadium provides a place for children ages 4-18 to practice and play baseball as well as other sports. Visit the stadium during a typical summer and you will encounter a large gathering of community members cheering on local talented athletes. These activities are nostalgic for community members and create memorable experiences for youth. Without necessary repairs to Olympic Stadium, children will miss out on the positive impact youth sports have on small communities such as ours.

Hoquiam Youth Baseball supports any and all repairs to this historic stadium as needed to keep it an operational place to foster the love of athletics and community in Hoquiam.

Sincerely,

Bryan Montoure

President of Hoquiam Youth Baseball



July 10, 2020

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Susan Peters, Hoquiam Director of Marching Bands

I am writing this letter in support of the City of Hoquiam which is requesting grant money intended to improve and upgrade our WONDERFUL and HISTORIC Olympic Stadium in Hoquiam, WA.

As the Marching Band Director for Hoquiam High School Band Program, I speak on behalf of our entire school community in regard to the importance of upgrades needed at Olympic Stadium.

Our 85-member (and sometimes larger) ensemble marches with pride into the stadium on Friday nights and proudly takes its place in the stadium amongst cheering fans, community members, and spirited opponents alike. We are proud to be a part of the history and tradition that comes with the structure we step into. However, each year, it becomes increasingly harder to maneuver safely around broken bleachers and facilities to get our group to where we need to be. It's true that our band has the saying that "no matter what, the sun ALWAYS shines on us" and this is so because our program wants to ALWAYS do and be its very best. We want this also for this amazing stadium... our band program thinks of this as our "fall home." We make memories and provide spirit as we fill the stands with our pride and enthusiasm. We want our stadium to represent us with this same amount of gusto and "polish"... currently in its dilapidated condition, it's hard to maintain that element of GRIZZLY PRIDE than ever before.

The Hoquiam H.S. Band performs for Athletic Events, prepares for Marching Competitions and also performs for Graduation and has done so for years and years. Now it's time to think about helping to restore and refurbish this "GIANT WONDER" back to its incredible glory. We want you to know this is so much more than an athletic arena.

We realize that it will take a substantial amount of money to improve this facility to realize its potential to host youth athletics and events from 2020 onward, and to this, the community of Hoquiam would be incredibly appreciative to receive grant money to complete updates and renovations of this historic site as it really is the cornerstone building of this small community.

Thank you for your consideration for this much needed grant request for improving the historic Olympic Stadium in Hoquiam.

Sincerely,

Susan Peters  
Director of Bands  
Hoquiam High School  
501 W. Emerson Ave.  
Hoquiam WA 98550

April 11, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter in strong support of the City of Hoquiam's Funding Request for much needed repairs to Olympic Stadium. This historic and unique Stadium is a community icon and in much need of maintenance and repairs that will preserve it as a landmark and ensure that future generations are able to enjoy civic events there.

I grew up in Grays Harbor County and can remember attending professional, minor league baseball games at Olympic Stadium. I also remember being able to play there for the first time, in my teens. The unique way the stadium makes the game sound cannot be matched by any other facility in Washington State. It has an old time baseball mystic and provides for a player and spectator experience that will be remembered for a lifetime.

As an adult, I have coached youth and High School Baseball. It has always been a highlight of our seasons to be able to play games at Olympic Stadium and something that is very much looked forward to by players, parents and coaches. Just two years ago, I accepted the challenge of trying to build the Grays Harbor College Baseball team.

And I can tell you that Olympic Stadium is the single biggest attraction that we are able to use to get higher quality players to sign with us. It is simply a very special place to play the game.

In addition to my experiences at Olympic Stadium as a youth spectator, player and Coach, I also have a different perspective regarding the value the stadium has to the community's economy and local businesses. I am the Tourism Director for Grays Harbor County. And I can say that though Olympic Stadium is a unique and historic tourist attraction that is home to sporting events and festivals, it is one of our community's underutilized tourism assets. Since the decline of the timber and fishing industries, our community has struggled economically. Though industry does still exist in Grays Harbor, tourism has increasingly become a more critical economic driver. Inviting and drawing visitors from outside of Grays Harbor to enjoy our tourism assets is extremely important to many of our local businesses.

The repairs and improvements that are included in this project proposal, will allow the stadium to host a wider spectrum of events and larger events, to help draw visitors from outside the community. It will also ensure that the facility is safe for the public, and guarantee a bright, long term future for the facility. Knowing the stadium has a longer future will allow community leaders to be able to plan and utilize the facility as more of a focal point, and long term asset. When I was younger, Olympic Stadium was the centerpiece that allowed Grays Harbor to host the USABA Baseball World Series. There were dozens of teams that participated from all over the United States. Each of those teams generated about \$7,000 in hotel/motel stays and about \$5,000 to \$7,000 in food sales, not to mention souvenirs and miscellaneous expenses. So, it is safe to say that a 24 team tournament, back then, would have generated about \$300,000 for the local economy. With repairs to this uniquely special Stadium, these events can be hosted again, as well as many other types of activities that can improve the quality of life in our community.

I thank you in advance for considering the City of Hoquiam's funding request, and for taking the time to read this letter of support.

Sincerely,



Mike Bruner

Manager of Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, Tourism and Parks  
Head Coach, Grays Harbor College Baseball





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Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Dear RCO Grantors:

The City of Ilwaco is pleased to support the Ilwaco Parks and Recreation Commission in seeking Youth Athletic Facilities funds to continue improvements at the Ilwaco City Park baseball field and basketball court. Funds for this project will help make phase two of improvements at the site a success, support a collaborative effort, and provides an opportunity to promote outdoor recreation for residents and visitors.

Previous grant funds were used for the first phase of City Park renovations which included the relocation of park facilities, installation of a new playground and accessible surfacing, and a new picnic shelter. Phase two will allow for additional restoration work to improve the basketball court with new surfacing and new lighting. Funds will also allow for a new batting cage, sod, equipment storage, installing new fencing, and new bleachers to improve the baseball facilities.

Improvements to the park will be an asset to both the City as well as a number of local organizations which support youth athletic programs such as the Peninsula Little League Community Baseball organization, the Majors baseball team, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Long Beach Peninsula.

This updated proposal to RCO has been amended to a scope of work the City can reasonably support. Obtaining this funding will provide momentum to continue for future fundraising efforts for site improvements as well as support the ongoing efforts of the City's Parks Trails and Natural Areas comprehensive plan.

The City of Ilwaco Council looks forward to partnering with RCO to improve this outdoor recreation resource, which will provide benefits for the community now and for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal.

Mayor Forner

Councilmember Cundiff

Councilmember Bageant

Councilmember Quittner

Councilmember Lessnau

Councilmember Mathison



## *ILWACO BASEBALL*

Dear RCO Grantors,

I am a coach for Ilwaco High School's varsity baseball team. I am also very involved in the youth baseball program in our area. I have coached and have had my own children involved with youth baseball in this area for the last ten years.

This is an exciting time for baseball in our community. We have involvement like I have never seen. In addition, we are having success on the field that is also unprecedented. We are building a program that is something that this community is very proud of.

Our facilities are very dilapidated at nearly every baseball field that we have. There has not been any significant investment on the fields that serve the youth players after about age 10.

Compounding this problem is the fact that our weather is very extreme. We average nearly eight *feet* of rain per year. Playing baseball in this area requires a field with excellent drainage characteristics.

The field at Ilwaco Community Park has the unique ability to drain water. It is playable at times when other fields will still have standing water on them. As a result, our teams get to play games and practice when other teams are sitting at home. Teams of all ages utilize this field to practice on when the weather has made their home field unplayable. This is a huge asset to our baseball program.

The dugouts at the field are in serious need of attention. They are rotten and failing. There is also very limited storage for the equipment used to maintain the fields. The coaches, players and families of the teams help with the maintenance the field, and they need access to the equipment to do this. The current storage area is very small and the roof leaks badly, causing damage to the items inside.

This field is very important to our youth baseball program. Please prioritize improvements to this field. Contact me if I can be of any assistance.

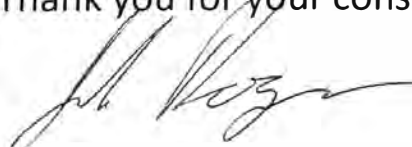
Bret Hopkins  
(360) 244-2318

5/25/20

Dear RCO Grantors,

Ilwaco Community Park is used by many youth serving organizations in Pacific County. Although upgrades have been made to the play structure, Both the basketball court and baseball field are still in desperate need of repair. I am a coach of the Majors baseball team, which uses the park daily for our games and practice. Improvements made to field and court would help us to have better storage for gear and equipment and better facilities for hosting games. Ilwaco Community Park is a great place for kids and families but it is in my opinion we are long overdue for some improvements.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Sincerely, Justin Rogers 503 791-7171



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May 27, 2020

Dear RCO Grantors:

As the Superintendent of Ocean Beach School District, I want to share my support for the Ilwaco Community Park. The Community of Ilwaco and our youth organizations utilize this park at a very high rate. Many of our youth teams and clubs use this area to practice or participate in other activities. Because of our rural location, our community does not have access to any YMCA or Club facilities. We are in desperate need of areas to keep youth engaged in positive activities.

Although there have been upgrades made to the children's play structure, both the basketball court and baseball field are still in crucial need of repair, and access upgrades to all areas of the park are needed for ADA compliance. I support the intent to create a walking path to be designated as part of the trail which runs through the state park. With no elementary school in Ilwaco, and Ilwaco High School and Hilltop Middle School sharing limited field space, improvements made to the athletic field and basketball court at the park would help alleviate conflicts with facility use. Ocean Beach School District supports these improvements to made to the park, as they will encourage the entire community to participate in healthy activities.

I urge you to consider these much-needed upgrades to the community park. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (360) 642-3739 or [amy.huntley@oceanbeachschools.org](mailto:amy.huntley@oceanbeachschools.org).

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Huntley  
Superintendent  
Ocean Beach School District

AH/bp

# PENINSULA Youth Sports

PO Box 848, Ocean Park, WA 98640

Dear RCO Grantors,

Ilwaco Community Park is highly utilized by many youth serving organizations in Pacific County. Although upgrades have been made to the children's play structure, Both the basketball court and baseball field are still in desperate need of repair. My organization Peninsula Youth Sports, uses the park for baseball practices & games for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> & for basketball practices for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through high school. Improvements made to the athletic fields and basketball court would help my organization by being able to utilize the baseball/softball field for more teams and age groups. To be able to have more games with more teams. To have a field to utilize practices for the 15 or more teams. The basketball court would help to facilitate the amount of teams we have in a season. We have a shortage on practice spaces and gyms to accommodate the teams.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

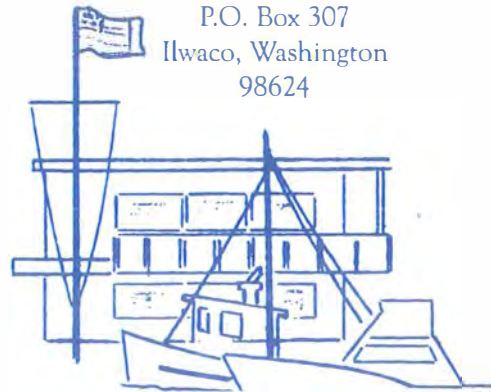
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May 22, 2020

Dear RCO Grantors,

Ilwaco Community Park is highly utilized by many youth serving organizations in Pacific County. Although upgrades have been made to the children's play structure, both the basketball court and baseball field are still in desperate need of repair.

Improvements to the Ilwaco Community Park have a direct correlation with the health of our community and assist in supporting economic development in our rural community. The Port of Ilwaco provided monetary support and in-kind services to assist the City of Ilwaco in the first phase of improvements to the Park. Our Port Commission understands the importance of the park and the positive impacts it has in our community, including providing a venue for outdoor recreational activities for area youth, their families and others living on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Your support of the Ilwaco Community Park Phase 1 project has already made a positive impact in our community. We strongly support the City's efforts to continue investing in the Park.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Glenn, Jr.', is written over the 'Sincerely,' text.

Guy Glenn  
Manager

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, WA. 98504-0917  
(360) 902-3000

Subject: 20-1560D

RECEIVED  
AUG 26 2020  
WA STATE  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

Dear RCFB,

Narrows F.C., a small independant soccer club serving the greater Gig Harbor area, supports the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District's Youth Athletic Facilities grant application to replace the turf at Sehmel Homestaed Park (SHP).

When Narrows F.C. came into existance 11 years ago, most of the area fields were being used by bigger entities than our club. PenMet Parks made room for our program, which has continued to prosper. Without their support, we may not have gotten off the ground.

PenMet Parks provides facilities to not only Narrows F.C., but to a wide range of programs in our area, who utilize their turf field. Our local school district is seeing more school usage on their fields, which puts more pressure on non-school facilities like SHP Turf. Also, with increased demand from school based athletic teams, certain school athletic teams are using the SHP turf as well, pushing community programs to 5 pm start times.

The turf at Sehmel Park is a vital facility for independant programs in Gig Harbor, and the ability for PenMet to meet the demands presented is a critical piece toward maintaining a successful youth recreational program here.

PenMet Parks has partnered with Narrows F.C., as well as countless other programs, sharing facilities, helping in scheduling (and often



rescheduling) functions. At Narrows F.C., we look forward with support for this new field resurfacing project.

We encourage and welcome the support that RCFB can lend to this project.

Respectfully,  
Brian J. Hodkinson  
President  
Narrows F. C.



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August 13, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)  
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Subject: 20-1560D – Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Replacement

Honorable members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Peninsula School District has had a long relationship with PenMet Parks to cooperatively serve our community through shared fields and facility use. That practice has been of inestimable value to the thousands of active youth who participate through ours schools and parks. Specifically, Sehmel Homestead Park has been heavily used by the schools and teams for many years. The Peninsula School District Strongly supports the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District's Youth Athletic Facilities grant application to replace the turf at Sehmel Homestead Park (SHP).


It especially should be noted that our school facilities are seeing more school use every year, including extending community use later into the evenings, and putting more pressure on non-school facilities like the SHP Field and Turf. Due to increasing demand, some school athletic teams even use the PenMet facilities during the 2-5pm time period, before community users start.

The turf field at Sehmel Homestead Park is a vital facility for community athletics and recreation, and its ability to meet the demands presented is a critical component toward maintaining a successful youth recreation program in the area. That heavy use has taken a toll on the turf and it is in significant need of replacement.

The Peninsula School District and PenMet Parks have partnered in many projects, scheduling functions, and shared facility efforts in the past, and we look forward with enthusiastic support for this new field re-surfacing project.

We encourage and welcome the support of the RCFB to help us achieve this badly-needed replacement.

Sincerely,



Dr. Arthur O. Jarvis  
Superintendent  
[jarvisa@psd401.net](mailto:jarvisa@psd401.net)





**July 29, 2020**

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917  
(360) 902-3000**

**Subject: 20-1560D – Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Replacement**

**Dear RCFB,**

**Harbor Soccer Club (HSC) supports the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District's Youth Athletic Facilities grant application to replace the turf at Sehmel Homestead Park (SHP).**

**PenMet Parks and HSC have built a strong partnership prior to the development of SHP, and that relationship has only grown over the past decade. HSC utilizes the turf field year-round, to support our Premier soccer programming, and is of vital importance to the continued success and growth of HSC and its 1500 players and families in our community.**

**Aside from the issues related to COVID-19, HSC is having challenges with additional field space availability from the Peninsula School District, as their primary function is to provide programming for its sports use. Due to increasing demands from school sports, HSC is more dependent than ever on non-school facilities to provide programming for its members.**

**The turf field at Sehmel Homestead Park is a vital facility for community athletics and recreation, and its ability to meet the demands presented is a critical component toward maintaining a successful youth recreation program in the area.**

**Harbor Soccer Club and PenMet Parks have partnered in many projects, scheduling functions, and shared facility efforts in the past, and we look forward with support for this new field re-surfacing project.**

**We encourage and welcome the support of the RCFB, too.**

**Signed,  
David Kinley  
President – Harbor Soccer Club**

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, WA. 98504-0917  
(360) 902-3000



Subject: 20-1560D

Dear RCFB,

Narrows F.C., a small independent soccer club serving the greater Gig Harbor area, supports the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District's Youth Athletic Facilities grant application to replace the turf at Sehmel Homestead Park (SHP).

When Narrows F.C. came into existence 11 years ago, most of the area fields were being used by bigger entities than our club. PenMet Parks made room for our program, which has continued to prosper. Without their support, we may not have gotten off the ground.

PenMet Parks provides facilities to not only Narrows F.C., but to a wide range of programs in our area, who utilize their turf field. Our local school district is seeing more school usage on their fields, which puts more pressure on non-school facilities like SHP Turf. Also, with increased demand from school based athletic teams, certain school athletic teams are using the SHP turf as well, pushing community programs to 5 pm start times.

The turf at Sehmel Park is a vital facility for independent programs in Gig Harbor, and the ability for PenMet to meet the demands presented is a critical piece toward maintaining a successful youth recreational program here.

PenMet Parks has partnered with Narrows F.C., as well as countless other programs, sharing facilities, helping in scheduling (and often rescheduling)

functions. At Narrows F.C., we look forward with support for this new field resurfacing project.

We encourage and welcome the support that RCFB can lend to this project.

Respectfully,  
Brian J. Hodkinson  
President  
Narrows F. C.



Kalispel Tribe of Indians  
Department of Education  
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PH: 509-447-7141  
Fax: 509-445-0702

August 6, 2020

State of Washington  
Recreation and Conservation Office

Dear Grant Review Committee members:

The Camas Learning Center provides educational, recreational and cultural guidance and assistance to hundreds of students from birth to college. We understand that the whole child should be nurtured to be completely healthy and prepared to lead successful and productive lives. We feel that is attainable by enhancing and strengthening the mind, body, spirit and intellect. We value our commitment to helping all community members both on the reservation and nearby populations as well. Athletics and exercise are important to meeting the wholistic goals of wellness.

Basketball is a favored pastime in our community, families and friends gather as often as they can to watch children and adults play the game. It teaches physical fitness, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Two new basketball courts would benefit our children and families tremendously by providing a safe environment to play the game. Exercise is best when you are having fun, so this addition to our community would be a great contribution to the health of our community members.

Please fund the application for basketball courts at the Kalispel Indian Reservation, we appreciatively and respectfully thank you for your time and consideration.

LemLemtsh (thank you in Kalispel Salish)

Anna Armstrong, Director of Education

Kalispel Tribe of Indians

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Anna Armstrong

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## KALISPEL TRIBAL COURT

August 6, 2020

Re: Letter of Support for Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Kalispel Tribal Court Administrator and I am writing this letter in support of the Kalispel Indian Community for the Kalispel Tribe to construct two new basketball courts within close proximity to the Pow Wow arena on the Kalispel Reservation. The Tribe's existing basketball court area is twenty years old and the concrete is cracking in multiple places and it is no longer functionable to utilize for a basketball court area.

New courts will provide much needed optional playing areas for the greater community. Furthermore, a new basketball court will encourage physical activity, bring the community together and will support the health and betterment of our Tribal families.

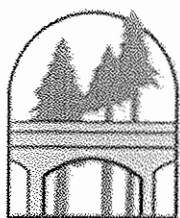
The Tribe also recognizes the importance of basketball in the Community as a means of alcohol and drug prevention for Community youth and views this project as a strong means of support for drug/alcohol prevention for community youth & young adults. At the heart of Kalispel beliefs is that a healthy and active lifestyle brings a long and prosperous life.

Respectfully,  
KALISPEL TRIBAL COURT

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Cathleen Kintner-Christie,  
Tribal Court Administrator





# PENINSULA COLLEGE

Jan. 29, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of a proposal to update a local baseball field with artificial turf. Peninsula College currently doesn't have baseball, but our Athletic Master plan calls for adding sports and baseball is one of the sports we are considering.

One of the factors in our decision will be whether or not there is a site in our community where we could play home games and train year round. We do not have property, or the resources, to add a baseball field on campus.

The North Olympic Peninsula has a strong tradition of high quality baseball, from youth programs through the Port Angeles Lefties, a wooden bat league for college-eligible student athletes. Should the community be successful in acquiring an artificial surface for a baseball park, I believe Peninsula College will join that tradition with a college baseball program.

Should we move forward with a college baseball program, the Pirates would play half of their 45-game spring season at home where teams from all over Washington, Oregon and British Columbia would come to Port Angeles. The NWAC baseball schedule calls primarily for Friday/Saturday doubleheaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Ross".

Rick Ross  
Associate Dean for Athletics & Student Life  
Peninsula College  
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360-417-6547 (fax)





Port Angeles High School Athletics  
304 East Park,  
Port Angeles, WA. 98362  
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DwJohnson@Portangelesschools.org



To whom it may concern---

February 27, 2020

Port Angeles School District is in support of the field turf project by Port Angeles Baseball and will be contributing to it financially.

Dwayne Johnson  
PASD Athletic & Activities Director, CMAA  
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**Go Roughriders~!**

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January 16, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Wenatchee Valley Sports and the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express my support for the City of Wenatchee and Wenatchee Parks and Recreation's efforts to remodel the Wenatchee City Pool.

The Wenatchee City Pool is very rare in the Pacific Northwest as it is a 10 lane, 50 meter pool with a diving area as well. This has allowed a youth program like Velocity Swimming to excel. Velocity Swimming has been hosting the Starlight Open as well as the Apple Capital Swim Meet in early June, a swim meet that has gone on for decades. In the past three years the two swim meets have produced over 500 local entrants and 3,100 out of area entrants. In total these swim meets have accounted for over 1.5 million dollars in economic impact to the Wenatchee Valley. The Wenatchee City Pool has also served many kids each year as they learn the life long skill of swimming.

The City of Wenatchee does a superb job of fundraising but more is needed. Please consider the City of Wenatchee as a quality and deserving participant for any grants being given.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Norlin". The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping line extending from the end.

Patrick Norlin

Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce

509-662-2116

patrick@wenatchee.org



To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the City of Wenatchee's application. Our organization, Velocity Swimming, is a year-round competitive swim team serving the Wenatchee Valley and North Central Washington. We are a non-profit organization with a mission of promoting life skills through the sport of swimming. Our mission encompasses health and wellness, water safety, and drowning prevention. We rely on the support of our community and the aquatic facilities of our community, such as Wenatchee's City Pool, to fulfill our mission.

One of the life skills both our club and the City of Wenatchee promotes is water safety. The Wenatchee area is surrounded by two rivers, the Wenatchee and the Columbia Rivers. Our summers are hot, with many residents finding relief in the water. The City of Wenatchee's Pool provides a safe place for the community to not only learn to swim, but also to take part in different supervised aquatic programs.

As a competitive swim-club, aquatic facilities are crucial to our success. We believe that swimming is an invaluable sport to the athletes that we serve- from ages 5 to adult. The City of Wenatchee's pool allows our athletes a place to develop the life skills of discipline, goal setting, and teamwork. These skills serve the almost 100% of our swimmers who pursue post-secondary education. Long after the youth we serve are gone, the skills and accomplishments our swimmers achieve last a lifetime.

In addition to providing opportunities for aquatic programming and water safety for the citizens of our community, our pool offers youth, all throughout our state, our neighboring states, and even Canada, the opportunity to experience competitive swimming in an 50-meter outdoor pool. (A rare experience for many swimmers.) In fact, the City of Wenatchee has the only public outdoor pool in the Greater Wenatchee Area and the only 10-lane outdoor 50-meter pool in operation in the State of Washington. Each summer, the City of Wenatchee's pool is used by our club to host two USA Swimming Competitive Swim Events. Last year, these two events were attended by 1,300 youth athletes. These swim meets benefit both the athletes that attend and the greater community of Wenatchee.

This pool is a critical benefit to this community. As a successful recipient, the City can continue to support this facility's use for community aquatic programming, water safety and competitive events. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jana Sutton

Board President Velocity Swimming  
Boardpresident@velocity-swimming.com



# ROTARY CLUB OF SUMNER

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## PO Box 272, SUMNER WA 98390

July 19, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear Members of the Recreation & Conservation Office,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Sumner, I am writing this letter in support of the City of Sumner's grant proposal for the Rainier View Park Play Shelter. We have a vibrant club, now in our 95th year of serving Sumner. The Rotary Club of Sumner shares the vision of supporting healthy youth and families in the Sumner area. Over the years we have partnered to build the Bill Heath Sports Complex, which was later donated to the City of Sumner. Other large Rotary Club projects in recent years have been the purchase of a building and land for the Sumner Food Bank, and we were major contributors toward the building of the Gordon Family YMCA here in Sumner.

The Play Shelter project being proposed by the City is one of the most worthy projects I have seen in recent years and has our Rotary Club's full support. We have also made a pledge of \$500 toward the grant's local match requirement. I believe the proposed shelter would greatly enhance the current characteristics of the park and dramatically increase use. Increased physical activity in a safe environment is a hallmark for healthy youth and families. With your grant funding assistance and the many strong partnerships the City of Sumner has with Rotary and others; this project will be a success and benefit to our community and East Pierce County.

Thank you for considering Sumner's proposal and helping make our community a stronger, healthier one!

With Gratitude,

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Sherm Voiles, President

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST** "Of the things we think, say or do"

1<sup>st</sup> Is it the **TRUTH**? 2<sup>nd</sup> Is it **FAIR** to all concerned? 3<sup>rd</sup> Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**? 4<sup>th</sup> Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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April 15, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 40917-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

Rainier View Park is a community asset. I regularly see community members enjoying the playground, picnic tables, grassy areas and path. It is a walkable, inviting space. A play shelter is an important next phase for this park. In fact, covered outdoor space is a top request by our program teams to support year-round outdoor activities.

At the YMCA, our summer day campers regularly walk from the Y to Rainier View Park for outdoor play. We host over 250 campers a week and take 100 to 120 youth and teens to the park each day. Additionally, we serve over 20,000 members and experience 80,000-100,000 visits each month. Members also incorporate the park into their workouts. We have a robust adult drop-in sports program consisting of basketball, pickle ball and volleyball. The demand for time on the court is on the rise, especially when school is out and interest in youth and adult activities grow significantly.

A play shelter will add valuable, multi-season space to Rainier View Park. It improves our ability to offer more options for our members and our local community throughout the year. Moreover, community members have easy access to the park within the neighborhood, from local schools, and by way of major roadways, similar to our experience at the Y.

Thank you for considering improvements to Rainier View Park by funding a play shelter. The investment will quickly see many returns.

Sincerely,

Andrea Millikan  
Executive Director  
Gordon Family YMCA  
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**YMCA OF PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES**  
**GORDON FAMILY YMCA**  
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CITY OF  
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Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

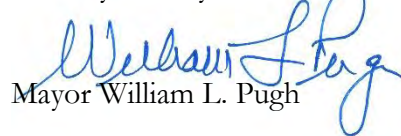
Dear RCO Advisory Committee:

Please consider supporting the funding request for Rainier View Park's covered playshed. Near my house in Sumner is an older park in our system, Loyalty Park. With giant trees shading its court, it gets a lot of use from a variety of people for different reasons. You walk by in the evening and see two or three boys shooting hoops while their grandmother sits on a nearby bench and watches, taking a couple shots herself. One night each week, a large group of Pacific Islander families set up volleyball nets and start playing with a wide range of ages. With basketball shut down for coronavirus, the court has been repurposed for pickleball most nights.

Across town, Rainier View Park opened over 10 years ago, but it's still a "young" park and the contrast is stark. Its current open basketball court remains nearly unused because there's no sense of place yet as there is in Loyalty. We don't have time to wait 50 years for the trees to grow: this project builds the kind of place that encourages similar gathering throughout the year, providing shelter and lights for our dark rainy winter days and shade in our sunny summer days. I can't think of a better project to bring the same or higher level of activity to a different area of Sumner, an area poised to see the addition of Sumner's multi-family housing, an area that needs more gathering and activity options, especially for youth.

As with every community, we've been discussing equity and social justice a lot. We are committed to bring a higher level of service to our neighborhoods that are typically lower income with more youth in multi-family living situations needing good, open, free options that not only allow but encourage activity and gathering throughout the year. This project invites and encourages a wider range of sports; offers safe protection from the elements; and builds in the multi-generational gathering with adjacent seating that makes our parks not just places to recreate but also places to build family memories together.

Thank you for your consideration,



Mayor William L. Pugh



1104 Maple Street, Sumner WA 98390

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Chief Brad Moericke

August 3, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear members of the RCFB,

I am writing this letter in support of the City of Sumner's grant proposal for the Rainier View Park Covered Court. The recreational shelter project being proposed by the City is one of the worthiest projects I have seen in recent years and has our department's full support. I believe it would greatly enhance the current characteristics of the park and dramatically increase its use. Increased physical activity in a safe environment is the hallmark to healthy youth and families. By providing a covering, lighting, and increased use options, this play court will provide our area youth with a safe place to stay active and healthy during much of the year, particularly those youth and families that cannot afford monthly memberships for recreation. With your grant funding assistance and the many strong partnerships the City of Sumner has with Rotary and others; his project will be a success and a benefit to our community and east Pierce County.

Thank you for considering the City's proposal and helping make our community a stronger, healthier, and safer one!

Sincerely,



Brad Moericke, Chief

August 1, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Dear RCO Advisory Committee:

I am lending my support to the City of Sumner's grant application, Rainier View Park Play Shelter, and urge you to approve the request.

I am a 6<sup>th</sup> generation resident of Sumner and a former member of the City Council. Our park system is an important component of the comprehensive plan and the Sumner way of life. Parks and their amenities for children and families have played an important role for generations and are tied to many of my own childhood memories.

As a Council Member, I pushed to purchase the land to build Rainier View Park. I am delighted to watch so many use the park and all the amenities. With densities increasing, it will be even more important to find ways to expand outdoor opportunities for our community.

Sumner's climate presents challenges to full capacity use of the park system; dodging rain showers, early darkness in fall and winter, and avoiding the harmful UV rays of summer. What an amazing gift to have a place for protected play regardless of the weather or season and added protection against skin cancer.

A few weeks ago, I retired from the Mary Bridge Children's Foundation. Our work funds many issues, including childhood obesity. This generation may have declining life expectancies related to unhealthy lifestyles. Outdoor play is a positive reinforcement of an active lifestyle and will result in lifelong changes. The expanded potential of pickleball, volleyball and basketball will be well used. Our family includes 17 grandchildren, who enjoy playing in the Sumner Park system.

Please approve Sumner's grant application to support the wellbeing of our community.

Sincerely,



Kristi J. Arnold  
6302 Parker Rd E  
Sumner, WA 98390  
253-279-0055

August 4, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Dear RCO Advisory Committee:

I am lending my support to the City of Sumner's grant application, Rainier View Park Play Shelter, and urge you to approve the request.

We are 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> generation residents of Sumner. With two active boys, 10 and 12, recreational space is important. Before the virus closed everything down, we searched for an available spot to practice pitching and hitting. The parks and school systems are used so frequently, it is difficult to find unused space.

Additional opportunities, especially under cover with lighting, would be important to keep our children active with healthy activities.

Please approve Sumner's grant application to support the wellbeing of our community.

Sincerely,



Oliver Kairis

Kim & Josh Kairis  
Oliver and Ben  
903 Lewis  
Sumner, WA 98390  
253-279-0055

Ben Kairis



# Aberdeen Little League

P. O. Box 1631 • Aberdeen, WA 98520

Telephone (360) 533-0536

I am writing this letter of support for the City of Aberdeen Parks Dept, with the hope of getting a new restroom facility at Pioneer Park. The current public restroom was built in the 1970's. The building is outdated, run down, and lacking ADA standards that are essential for park users. On multiple occasions the requests have been made by parents and fans in attendance to use our internal restroom at the concession stands, due to the fact that the parks bathroom is unusable to these people. This is a security and health risk, which is hard for Aberdeen Little League to handle. The city has provided an outside ADA sani-can to help with these requests, but this response to the situation is weak and should not be a permanent fix. The current facility is limited to one toilet for men and two for the women.

This is a priority project for our current Little League Board. With an estimated usage of 15,000 people using this facility during our sports season, in addition to daily uses including students from surrounding schools. The everyday usage from parks visitors and dog walkers, has pushed this facility beyond a routine life expectancy. Our Parks Dept has done an exceptional job keeping this old building in functioning order, but it is a challenge. The Parks Dept has shown the ability to complete other bathroom projects recently in their other parks.

As president of Aberdeen Little League, a new bathroom facility would be a great addition to an already beautiful baseball facility. Our fields are kept to the highest standards, as it's not uncommon to be told in district meetings by other presidents how lucky we are (Aberdeen) to have such a high quality athletic complex. Aberdeen Little League is one of very few Little League programs that do not maintain our own fields. I have personally worked hand in hand with all parties involved with the Parks Dept., to make sure projects and maintenance issues have been taken care of. With the latest project completion of getting the entire field painted along with conjoining fields, it would be amazing to have a new bathroom facility to match our amazing fields and stands. After 50 plus years, it's time to upgrade the essential public restroom component.

Sincerely,

Buzz Scott, Aberdeen Little League President

March 4, 2020



Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham:

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance that our parks are of high quality.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. My family and I have participated in multiple formal and informal events here. The renovation project will add many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come.

Key parts of our mission is to help our friends and neighbors live full and vibrant lives. Robust parks encourages walking and activity for pleasure and wellbeing. It also encourages social interaction and neighborliness. Each of these behaviors enable longer and healthier lives.

Please award grant dollars to the City to be used to renovate Lions Park.

Thank you,

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Norman Thiel  
Executive Director



March 3, 2020

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Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham:

The Walla Walla YMCA is pleased to support the grant application being submitted by the City of College Place to the Recreation Conservation Office. The grant application addresses the City's plans to renovate Lions Park.

The City of College Place is served by the Walla Walla YMCA, which provides year-round outdoor education and play activities for thousands of area youth. Given the tremendous need to keep children active outdoors, it is of the utmost importance to the community that the parks offer engaging opportunities and are of high quality.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The Walla Walla YMCA's many youth programs, including those serving underserved youth in the community, would make use of the renovated park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come.

We support an award of grant dollars to the City to be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Karen Hedine

**PACIFIC LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**P.O. Box 96**  
**WALLA WALLA, WA. 99362**  
**"So Kids Can Play"**

**April 30, 2018**

**Att: Recreation & Conservation Office WA State**

It is our great pleasure to recommend the City of College Place for a grant from the RCO.

Walla Walla Pacific Little League has been partners of both organizations for many years.

In 2000 and 2001, Pacific Little League received a grant from the Interagency of Outdoor Recreation to increase the size of our Little League fields at the Veterans Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington.

Lions Park in College Place has granted Pacific Little League Softball and Baseball access for Little League games and practice fields for over 40 years.

College Place is within the boundaries of Pacific Little League. Practice fields are hard to find in our area and we support the City of College Place in their efforts to improve the park.

John Zodnick, President of Pacific Little League

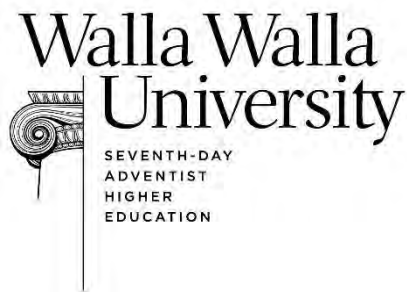
/s/ John Zodnick

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May 12, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the park renovation grant applications submitted by the City of College Place to the Recreation Conservation Office. The City only has 17 acres of park land, so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide variety of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, Movies in the Park as well as family picnics and recreation. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is a treasured asset to all for years to come.

Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Steven G. Rose  
VP Financial Administration  
Walla Walla University  
204 South College Avenue | College Place, WA 99324  
509-527-2303



Walla Walla Valley Academy  
*A Seventh-day Adventist High School*

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erik Borges  
Principal



**Youth Advisory Commission**

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

The College Place Youth Advisory Commission strongly supports the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Eli Stanciu Jr, Commission Chair



March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I am writing in support of the City of College Place grant application made to the Recreation Conservation Office. Lions Park is a vital gathering place at the heart of the community and serves as a gathering place for diverse purposes. College Place is a wonderful community but lacks public green spaces. Enhancing the park amenities will greatly increase the usability for everyone and allow the park to serve as an event destination as well as a place to recreate. The weekly Farmers Market is one such event that brings people of all ages to the park and gives local growers, vendors and craftspeople the opportunity to sell their products and interact with the community. Other holiday events, celebrations and athletic events contribute the wonderful quality of life and community pride enjoyed by the people who live in our city.

After reviewing the proposed enhancements, I believe this project fits the purpose of the grant in providing recreation space and opportunities, encouraging health through outdoor recreation and conserving green space for the benefit of the community. Please consider funding this project and the efforts of the City of College Place.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kyle Tarbet", followed by a long horizontal line.

Kyle Tarbet  
President and CEO  
Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce





March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

We ask that you will support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is very important to our city, it is our main park for most events and community activities. We use the park for the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park, birthday parties, company parties, church gatherings, just to name a few. Our city is growing and the need for this renovation project is very important to our community. Please consider our request to award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lambert", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeff Lambert

Manager

Andy's Market

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College Place WA 99324

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March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin Hubbard", is written over a horizontal line.

Erin Hubbard  
Branch Manager

**Blue Mountain Action Council**

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March 8, 2020

Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia WA 98504-7027

Re: Support for City of College Place's Lions Park renovation grant application

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

I am writing in support of the City of College Place's grant application to the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park, an important community resource that serves not only the growing city's residents but also the greater Walla Walla area and out-of-area visitors. State grant dollars would be well spent in allowing the city to renovate Lions Park for a variety of uses by current and future generations.

Lions Park is an almost-hidden gem, considering the city's proximity to larger Walla Walla. It's centrally located within College Place, boasting wide open spaces, trees, a baseball diamond, and Garrison Creek running through it. It's a great place for picnics, walks, and play. Additionally, families and individuals are drawn by weekly farmers' markets and Movies at the Park nights. The Annual Youth Fishing Derby is a big draw, introducing children to the sport and a bonding experience for families and friends.

The city's park renovation plan would add several attractive features that would add comfort, interest, safety, and better use of the current open spaces and the growing community. Among them are a splash pad, great for our hot summers; an innovative playground with play structures based on nature; a purpose-build, meandering exercise path; and a fishing platform.

Blue Mountain Action Council is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides a variety of social services. We've long partnered with the City of College Place to help others, such as administering the city's utility discount program for low-income seniors and disabled adults. We applaud the city for applying for RCO's grant to improve Lions Park, thus further improving people's lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Covey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathy" and last name "Covey" clearly visible.

Kathy Covey  
Chief Executive Officer

KC:nb





March 3rd, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I Shawniene Bingham, Executive Director of Camp Fire Walla Walla strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Camp Fire appreciates the City of College Place and the openness they have to us using their Park for programming. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Shawniene Bingham  
Executive Director  
Camp Fire Walla Walla  
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March 3, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

As a long-time resident and business owner in College Place, I enthusiastically support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park.

Located on a main thoroughfare, it plays an aesthetic role in College Place as one of the main outdoor public gathering spaces—and serves as one of four parks (totaling 17 acres) for community use.

Although it is host to many community activities and is centrally located, it is showing signs of deterioration and aging which detracts from its potential as a gathering place for community residents. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is well-used asset and a place that truly enhances our community life together.

Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

DeLona Lang Bell, President  
CMBell Company  
48 North College Avenue  
College Place, WA



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March 31, 2020

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Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

I am delighted to write this letter in support of the City of College Place's grant applications to renovate Lions Park!

The City of College Place only has four parks, totaling 17 acres, so it is critical that the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is a treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so they can be used to renovate Lions Park.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Campbell

Mary A. Campbell  
Executive Director  
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Catherine Veninga  
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509.529.0119

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**Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission**

March 2nd, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

The College Place Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission (EDTEC) strongly supports the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. Renovating the park will greatly enhance the livability of the community and enhance a number of community events currently held in the park including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park events. The City's burgeoning Summer youth recreation programs are also held in this park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, 'Kelly Leen', is written in a cursive style. The second signature, 'Kyle Jarbatt', is also in cursive and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

College Place Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission

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March 3, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

As superintendent in the only public school system in College Place, I can strongly attest to the important role that our parks play in our community. We use our local city parks for after school activities, summer activities, summer meal programs, field trips and so much more. To have quality parks promotes strong, active communities, as you know. I give my full support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park.

Our City only has four parks currently on very little acreage. Lions Park is the anchor to our city falling geographically in the center of the City and is central to our City activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. Memories are made at Lions Park daily and this renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park provides future generations with many more memories. I know that you will see a lot of demand for these grant dollars, but by supporting our request, you will provide support is critical and timely, as the needs at Lions Park are demanding to be addressed right now.

Sincerely,

Jim Fry  
Superintendent, College Place Public Schools  
[jfry@cpps.org](mailto:jfry@cpps.org)  
(509) 525-4827



# Columbia REA

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March 4th, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total, so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Doug Case

Manager of Marketing and Member Services  
Columbia REA

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March 10, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

I am writing to express my strong support for the renovation of Lions Park and for the grant applications submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office by the City of College Place. With the City of College Place containing only four parks totaling 17 acres, it is of the utmost importance that each park is of highest quality. As a local business owner, I support projects, such as the renovation of Lions Park, that help attract families, retain citizens, and grow the population of the City of College Place.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and hosts a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. I have reviewed the renovation plans and especially approve of the addition of family-centered amenities such as the Splash Pad and Recreation Pathway. These community-focused improvements will guarantee that Lions Park continues to be a treasured asset for years to come.

Please review the City of College Place's application and award grant dollars to ensure the renovation of Lions Park.

Sincerely,

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Travis Watts  
Owner/Operator  
Meadowbrook Plaza



March 3rd, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
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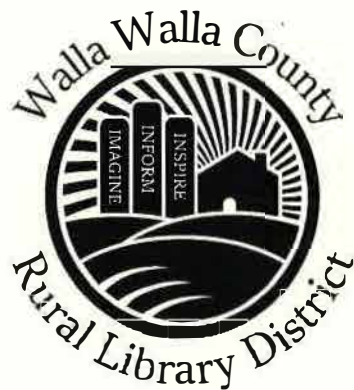
Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total, so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you. It is an exciting time in College Place where our community's government is really working so hard with so few resources to catch up on community investment particularly our parks and recreation needs. College Place will utilize your investment to attract hard working families.

Sincerely,

Randy Grant

Chair PAR Commission



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March 2, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham:

I am writing to express my strong support of the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park.

The City only has four parks with only 17 total acres. The importance of having parks in College Place that are high quality, well maintained, and ready for future generations of residents cannot be understated. Lions Park in particular is centrally located within the City and hosts a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park.

Our new library branch in College Place will benefit greatly from this renewal at the Lions Park as we do outreach to residents, encourage them to visit the library, and do programs for residents of all ages at the park.

The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award the needed grant funds to the City of College Place to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Rhonda K. Gould  
Executive Director

# Hays

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March 6, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

The grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park is something I hope you look at with a lot of care and love. The City of College Place has depended on the surrounding communities for their parks and recreation facilities that provide more than Lions Park. Lions Park is our community's central location for fun. The town has enjoyed the facilities for years but would love to have its own splash pad for our own kiddos and for those that are not able to afford to travel to other surrounding cities to enjoy other recreational facilities. This is an amazing little community that could use the funding to increase the health benefits of being outdoors and being active.

Sincerely,



Linnae Hays  
Hays Electric, LLC

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## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Youth Athletic Facilities: Small Grants Category

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

### Letters are in Ranked Order

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| • 20-1268D Rainier Gateway Court (5)    | Rank 1 |
| • 20-1747D The Pit Youth Facilities (2) | Rank 5 |



7/16/2020

Recreation & Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street S.E.  
Olympia, Washington 98501

Re: Letter of Support – City of Buckley Multi-Sport Court

Dear Selection Committee,

It is with sincere excitement that I write this letter in support for the multi-sport court development in the City of Buckley. Located just West of the City of Enumclaw, and along the beautiful Foothills Trail system, this addition would prove beneficial to the City of Buckley and surrounding communities on the Plateau.

The City of Enumclaw and City of Buckley have a historical partnership with programs in the areas of youth and adult athletics. This partnership has provided growth for both agencies, engaging youth and adults, helping us build recreational opportunity for the communities we serve. I view this as another opportunity for partnership through youth and adult outdoor tournaments and camps, helping further shape our parks and recreation offerings.

With the future connection of the Foothills Trail across the White River, access to facilities and trail use will rise between our communities. During these uncertain times of COVID-19, we are seeing an upsurge of outdoor facility use. Now, more than ever, people need spaces to recreate, and it is my view that this is the perfect opportunity to bring the outdoor recreational facility back to the forefront, even beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am thrilled at the potential of athletic facility growth for the Plateau and appreciate your consideration of a new multi-sport court for the City of Buckley.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Larson*

Michelle Larson, CPRP  
Parks & Recreation Director  
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*Chris Gibson, Athletic Director*

May 28, 2020

State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office  
Youth Athletic Facilities Program

My name is Chris Gibson. I am the White River School District Athletic Director and Head Girls Basketball Coach. It is an honor to be writing this statement of support for the grant submitted by the City of Buckley for a multi-sport court.

I have been the girls basketball coach at White River High School for the past 24 years. I am deeply invested in our community and the enrichment and growth of our young people. Basketball is rooted in the culture of our community. This can be witnessed on winter evenings in our high school gymnasium. People gather from our community from all ages and demographics, especially our young kids as they watch the players that they so fondly look up to.

I was very excited when I heard about the application being submitted for the grant in aiding the proposed construction of this multi-sport court in our community. The court will be located in a perfect location for our public to access.

In today's times, a special place to give people of all ages an opportunity to gather, socialize, play and exercise will be truly invaluable. The long-term impact that your contribution to the addition of these courts in our community will be immeasurable.

I bring my full support to this grant application process. Thank you for your consideration in supporting our community with this project. Your assistance in this project will leave a legacy for generations to come.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this in further detail, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Gibson  
White River School District Athletic Director  
Head Girls Basketball Coach  
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20-1268 YAF Small #1

July 28, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today, as a partnering agency, to support the proposal of the City of Buckley's Multi Sport Court Project. This court would be a healthy addition to our community opening new opportunities for partnership and expanding offerings in our community.

White River Community Activities Program is a recreation program operating to serve the larger White River School District community. Our mission is to engage families in healthy activities beyond the school day. One way we accomplish this is by providing sports programs for youth and families. Court space continues to be a barrier us expanding to offering events and outdoor programing opportunities. This court would enable us to move forward with those programs while also creating a stronger partnership with the City of Buckley.

As you may or may not be aware there is a shortage of places in our region for youth and adults to go have a pick-up game of basketball or pickle ball. Our school district facilities are used heavily and having another court in the community would be a wonderful addition to promote healthy active lifestyles for both young and old.

Please feel free to reach out to me for further conversation on the positive impacts this project could make in the Buckley community.

Sincerely,

Erin K Thim

Community Activities Program  
& District Facility Use  
White River School District  
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**Mission Statement:**

*The mission of the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition is to assist Pierce County government and communities in the creation, maintenance and usage of a connected system of non-motorized trails for healthier people from Mt. Rainier to Puget Sound.*

July 23, 2020

To: RCO Grant Review Committee

Re: City of Buckley RCO Grant Application for Multi-Sport Court along the Foothills Trail

**Members:**

The Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition Board of Directors and members of the Coalition strongly support the City of Buckley's efforts to build a Multi-Sport Court along the Foothills Trail in Buckley.

The Foothills Trail is a non-motorized trail that allows trail users to have safe corridor without cars and trucks for walking, cycling and horseback riding. The Foothills Trail now extends from Puyallup to Buckley and within the next 2 years, the trail will cross the White River and extend into King County and the City of Enumclaw.

The City of Buckley built the first section of the Foothills Trail over 30 years ago and has used the property along the trail for the community and trail users to have easy access to public facilities. The site for the Multi-Sport Court is next to the Youth Center and Skate Park and where public concerts are held during the summer months. The City of Buckley is creating a destination for not only it's citizens but for families to use as a destination when recreating on the Foothills Trail.

This project will be a great additional amenity to the Foothills Trail.

Best Regards and Stay Safe

Stuart "Stu" Scheuerman, President  
Phone: (253)-405-5129  
Email: snese01@msn.com

May 27, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Buckley Youth Activities Board. For years, our board has worked hard to support the Buckley Youth Center through the gathering of resources and community support for youth activities in our community. We are very supportive of the proposed sports court being planned by the City of Buckley. When we heard about the plan, we immediately felt it would be a significant step toward providing additional activities for our youth. Every year we poll our youth to determine their needs and each time a lack of things to do comes out on top. Being in the rural part of our county this has always been a real challenge. We see so much potential with the installation of this sports court for not only the youth of our community but also our community as a whole. We stand ready to provide the support needed to make this great addition to our community become a reality.

Sincerely,

Jay Hambly

President - Buckley Youth Activities Board

## THE PIT PROJECT'S LETTERS OF SUPPORT

PAGE 1

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Secretary/ Treasurer of the Fairfield Service Club, a community member-based volunteer group. We exist to support our local community through an annual scholarship for a local High School graduate, donations to our local food bank, organizing and putting on our towns annual Flag Day event, as well as other activities to bring our community together. We accomplish our mission through fundraising events. Our local park that the locals call "The Pit," is where we hold most of our events. The Pit is utilized by our youth every year for T-ball, as well as a very popular softball tournament during the Flag Day events. Unfortunately, we are unable to use this cherished park during our peak summer months due to the condition of the grass and lack of irrigation.

We are requesting a grant for an irrigation system for "The Pit." We would love to offer a pleasant place for our community families to gather, both for baseball games and outside activities together. It is a large part of our town and our families rely on this area for all we do together. As a small town, who has recently been unable to host fundraisers, we simply do not have the income sources available for this vital and necessary improvement.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate our community members and all they do for our town, and, as a Club, want to do our very best to support them and work on their behalf. Our town is known for community and we want to keep that alive by providing a fantastic park for all to enjoy.

Thank you,  
Ashley Lightfoot  
Secretary / Treasurer of the Fairfield Service Club  
[fairfieldserviceclub@outlook.com](mailto:fairfieldserviceclub@outlook.com)

## THE PIT PROJECT'S LETTERS OF SUPPORT

PAGE 2

May 28, 2020

To whom it may concern:

My name is Heidi and I am the coordinator for the Fairfield Little League who plays at the Fairfield Pit.

Our league has three levels t-ball, caps and minors for any children who want to play. T-ball is for ages 5-6 and last year we had nine players. Caps is a coach pitch level for ages 6-9. Last year we had 13 players. Minors is kid pitch for ages 9-12, and we had 14 players. Unfortunately, we were unable to have a league this year due to COVID-19.

The Fairfield Little League is a great way to get kids in our community working together. This strengthens our community all while learning to play and love the game of baseball. We use the pit four days a week for the months of May and June every year.

The pit does need some upgrading to keep our program going, maybe even strengthen it so more families would want to participate. We would appreciate any help you could provide.

Thank you,

Heidi Gwinn  
Fairfield Little League Coordinator

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Forestland Preservation Category

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

### Letters are in Ranked Order

- 20-1805A Anderson Forestland (4) Rank 2
- 20-1676A Camp Sealth Conservation Easement Vashon Island (8) Rank 3
- 20-1585A Moors Forestry Conservation Easement (1) Rank 4



# Okanogan Conservation District

1251 S. Second Ave, Room 102

Okanogan, WA 98840

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Recreation and Conservation Office  
Forestland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

July 17, 2020

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

This letter is to offer our strong support for the proposed conservation easement (CE) project to protect and preserve 225 acres of forestland as the Anderson Forestland Easement. The CE project would be funded in part by a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) Forestland Preservation Program.

The Peterson family named this after their grandfather who homesteaded and worked the forestland. They have worked to improve the land for fish habitat, in 2012 receiving conservation funds to replace the infrastructure crossing a stream through the property. As exemplary stewards of their own property, and as proponents of working lands mutually benefitting conservation, this easement is a valuable step to ensure these practices well into the future.

In addition to safeguarding the viable forestland and wildlife habitat of these lands, the CE project as proposed also contributes to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

Please feel free to include this letter in your application to convey our support for this project.

Sincerely,

Amy Martin, Conservation Director  
Okanogan Conservation District

cc: Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



Recreation and Conservation Office  
Forestland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

July 6, 2020

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Sincerely,

Jay Kehne  
Conservation Northwest  
Sagelands Heritage Program Lead  
744 W. Ridge Drive  
Omak, Wa. 98841

Cc; Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



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The Peterson family has worked for the last decade on enhancing the forestland and riparian habitat of this property. The wildfires that we experienced in 2015 burned through this property slowly without inflicting catastrophic damage like was seen on surrounding properties. I believe that this is how fire would indeed react in a healthy forest environment. Also of note this property adjoins a 1400 plus acre property that is currently under a conservation easement.

In addition to safeguarding the viable forest and wetland habitat of these lands, the CE project as proposed also contributes to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle that is rapidly disappearing in Okanogan County.

Please feel free to include this letter in your application to convey our support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Sereno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Sereno" clearly distinguishable.

Cc; Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



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July 10, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

RE: Anderson Forestland Easement, WWRP-Forestland #20-1805

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In addition to safeguarding the viable forestland and wildlife habitat of these lands, the CE project as proposed also contributes to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

We strongly support funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Welz".

Ann Welz  
Senior Project Manager

CC: Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



*It's why we live here.*

*Preserving the wild places and rural character of Vashon-Maury Island*

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May 20, 2020

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust

Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

I am writing in support of King County Parks' efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of forest land.

The Vashon Land Trust has worked for 30 years to preserve the forests, farms, and shorelines of Vashon and Maury Islands. We coordinate our efforts very closely with King County, establishing common goals, working with landowners together, and in some cases sharing ownership of conserved lands.

All of the Camp Sealth parcels contain upland forests of mixed conifers and hardwoods that support a variety of birds, mammals and amphibians, including Pacific chorus tree frogs, eagles, ospreys, ravens, song birds, raptors, Douglas squirrels and black tailed deer.

The Camp Sealth parcels contain tributary headwaters less than one-half mile from the Puget Sound shoreline. Acquisition of the target parcels would conserve the current low level of impervious surface in the watershed and prevent future development.

The Camp Sealth parcels provide critical and significant forested open space additions to nearby Frog Holler Forest and Spring Beach Natural Area. Preserving the target parcels removes the threat of rural residential development and helps retain Vashon Island's rural character.

And the target parcels provide opportunities to create passive, low impact public recreation trails as well as outdoor education opportunities for island residents of all ages

This request continues King County's long term effort to permanently protect remaining forest cover on the island. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program *Camp Sealth Conservation Easement* grant request.

Sincerely,

Tom Dean

Executive Director





May 20, 2020

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
From: Stacey Hinden, Executive Director, Vashon Wilderness Program  
Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

I am writing in support of King County Parks' efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of forest land.

Vashon Wilderness Program provides nature immersion experiences that cultivate a deep relationship between self, community and the natural world. Since 2007, we've served over 4500 children and their families from Vashon Island and surrounding Puget Sound communities. Our school-year programs and special events take place at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island.

We have come to know and love the land at Camp Sealth - it's parcels contain upland forests of mixed conifers and hardwoods that support a variety of birds, mammals and amphibians, including Pacific chorus tree frogs, eagles, ospreys, ravens, song birds, raptors, Douglas squirrels and black tailed deer.

The Camp Sealth parcels also contain tributary headwaters less than one-half mile from the Puget Sound shoreline. We understand that acquisition of the target parcels would conserve the current low level of impervious surface in the watershed and prevent future development.

The Camp Sealth parcels also provide critical and significant forested open space additions to nearby Frog Holler Forest and Spring Beach Natural Area. Preserving them removes the threat of rural residential development and helps retain Vashon Island's rural character.

Lastly, the target parcels provide opportunities to create passive, low impact public recreation trails as well as outdoor education opportunities for island residents of all ages.

This request continues King County's long term effort to permanently protect remaining forest cover on the island. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program *Camp Sealth Conservation Easement* grant request.

Sincerely,

Stacey Hinden  
Executive Director

# Vashon Nature Center

May 20, 2020

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
From: Bianca Perla, Vashon Nature Center  
Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

I am writing in strong support of King County Parks' efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of forest land.

Vashon Nature Center's mission is to provide transformative nature experiences through community science, education, and research for the benefit of our island home and the entire Salish Sea region. Large undeveloped forests on the island are essential to our work. They enable us to give hands-on science experiences in nature to all school children in our local public schools and to the community at large.

All of the Camp Sealth parcels contain upland forests of mixed conifers and hardwoods that support a variety of birds, mammals and amphibians, including Pacific chorus tree frogs, eagles, ospreys, ravens, song birds, raptors, Douglas squirrels and black tailed deer. We have talked to personnel at Camp Sealth about the possibility of doing a community BioBlitz biodiversity survey on these properties because there is still so much to learn about what lives there.

The Camp Sealth parcels contain tributary headwaters less than one-half mile from the Puget Sound shoreline. Acquisition of the target parcels would conserve the current low level of impervious surface in the watershed and prevent future development.

The Camp Sealth parcels provide critical and significant forested open space additions to nearby Frog Holler Forest and Spring Beach Natural Area. Preserving the target parcels removes the threat of rural residential development and helps retain Vashon Island's rural character.

And the target parcels provide opportunities to create passive, low impact public recreation trails as well as outdoor education opportunities for island residents of all ages

This request continues King County's long term effort to permanently protect remaining forest cover on the island. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program *Camp Sealth Conservation Easement* grant request.

Sincerely,



Bianca Perla, PhD, Director



Date May 24, 2020

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Vashon Maury Island Horse Association

Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

I am writing in support of King County Parks' efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of forest land.

Vashon Maury Island Horse Association is the official nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that has organized to preserve equine trails on Vashon Island, improve Paradise Ridge Equestrian Park, and promote equestrian events for safety and skills enhancement.

VMIHA promotes connection with Vashon equine lovers of all disciplines and ages so that we can watch, participate, compete, learn, & simply enjoy the magnificent horse!

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The Camp Sealth parcels contain tributary headwaters less than one-half mile from the Puget Sound shoreline. Acquisition of the target parcels would conserve the current low level of impervious surface in the watershed and prevent future development.

The Camp Sealth parcels provide critical and significant forested open space additions to nearby Frog Holler Forest and Spring Beach Natural Area. Preserving the target parcels removes the threat of rural residential development and helps retain Vashon Island's rural character.

And the target parcels provide opportunities to create passive, low impact public recreation trails as well as outdoor education opportunities for island residents of all ages

This request continues King County's long term effort to permanently protect remaining forest cover on the island. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program *Camp Sealth Conservation Easement* grant request.

Sincerely,

Name Char Phillips

Title VMIHA President

P.O. Box 602 | Vashon, WA 98070 | [www.vashonforeststewards.org](http://www.vashonforeststewards.org)

May 25, 2020

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
From: David Warren, Vashon Forest Stewards  
Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

I am writing in support of King County Parks' efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of forest land.

Vashon Forest Stewards is a 501c3 island non-profit whose mission is to restore, enhance, and maintain healthy native forest ecosystems, and to manage a sustainable ecological business that provides forestry services and island-grown wood products that help fund these efforts. Helping to support older in-tact forests on the island like Camp Sealth's is directly tied to our mission.

All of the Camp Sealth parcels contain upland forests of mixed conifers and hardwoods that support a variety of birds, mammals and amphibians, including Pacific chorus tree frogs, eagles, ospreys, ravens, songbirds, raptors, Douglas squirrels and black tailed deer. The Camp Sealth parcels contain tributary headwaters less than one-half mile from the Puget Sound shoreline. Acquisition of the target parcels would conserve the current low level of impervious surface in the watershed and prevent future development. The Camp Sealth parcels provide critical and significant forested open space additions to nearby Frog Holler Forest and Spring Beach Natural Area. Preserving the target parcels removes the threat of rural residential development and helps retain Vashon Island's rural character.

And the target parcels provide opportunities to create passive, low impact public recreation trails as well as outdoor education opportunities for island residents of all ages. This request continues King County's long-term effort to permanently protect remaining forest cover on the island. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program *Camp Sealth Conservation Easement* grant request.

Sincerely,

*David Warren*

David Warren  
President, Vashon Forest Stewards



Marie Bradley

13321 SW Camp Sealth Rd.

Vashon, Wa 98070

May 24, 2020

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

As a neighbor to Camp Sealth and the Park Ambassador for Frog Holler Forest, I am writing in support of King County's efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of forest.

The Camp Sealth parcels provide critical and significant forested open space additions to nearby Frog Holler Forest and the Spring Beach Natural Area. Preserving these parcels removes the threat of rural residential development. These parcels also could provide opportunities to create passive, low impact public recreation trails as well as outdoor education for islanders of all ages.

This request continues King County's long term effort to permanently protect the remaining forest cover on the island. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program Camp Sealth Conservation Easement grant request.

Thank You,

Marie Bradley

Frog Holler Forest Ambassador

May 28, 2020



To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Seth Zuckerman, Executive Director, Northwest Natural Resource Group

Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

I am writing in support of King County Parks' efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of its forest land.

Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG) is dedicated to strengthening the ecological and economic vitality of Northwest forests and communities by connecting people with the knowledge, skills, and markets they need to steward their land.

We have worked with both Camp Sealth and King County Parks to further these ends. Since 2011, Camp Sealth's forestland has been certified through NNRG as meeting the stringent social, ecological and economic standards of the global Forest Stewardship Council. King County Parks has certified its 400-acre Island Center Forest (also on Vashon Island) through the same program since 2009, and added another 2,900 acres on the mainland to its certified forest in 2018. Through our work with both of these organizations, we are confident in their dedication to the cause of conscientious, ecologically sound forest management.

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This request continues King County's long term effort to permanently protect remaining forest cover on the island. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program *Camp Sealth Conservation Easement* grant request.

Sincerely,

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Seth Zuckerman



June 29, 2020

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Chairman David Bean, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Re: Camp Sealth Conservation Easement, 20-1676

I am writing in support of King County Parks' efforts to preserve and protect the forest lands of Camp Sealth by acquiring a permanent conservation easement on 280 acres of forest land.

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the original inhabitants of Puget Sound, have called the shores of Vashon Island home since time immemorial. As part of the Tribe's Usual and Accustomed lands, the island is home to multiple confirmed historical and archaeological sites, making the need for the tribe's on-going stewardship of the island's cultural and natural resources more important than ever. Being located on a now very urban environment, the Tribe's cultural and natural resources are continuously threatened to the point of no return. Without projects like this, providing rare opportunities for the conservation of both cultural and natural resources, we will continue to watch our tribal history and sites of cultural significance be paved over and lost forever to development. All of the Camp Sealth parcels contain upland forests of mixed conifers and hardwoods that support a variety of birds, mammals and amphibians, including Pacific chorus tree frogs, eagles, ospreys, ravens, song birds, raptors, Douglas squirrels and black tailed deer.

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development. We strongly endorse the county's proposal and encourage the RCO committee to fully fund the Forestland Preservation Program Camp Sealth Conservation Easement grant request.

Sincerely,

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David Bean, Chairman  
Puyallup Tribal Council



# Lummi Indian Business Council

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*'Working together as one to Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en'*

April 23, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
WWRP Forestland Preservation Grant Program

RE: Lummi Nation's support for 20-1585A; Moors Forestry Conservation Easement

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms our support of Whatcom County's grant application, 20-1585A, for funding to acquire a conservation easement on the Moors property. We see the long-term protection of our shared natural resources and the environs that both constitute and support those resources as being of vital interest to the Sche Lang en' (Way of Life) of the Lummi community.

Whatcom County is one of the fastest growing areas in the state and the development pressure on our forestlands is tremendous. The Moors property is located in the rapidly developing Anderson Creek area just northeast of Bellingham. The Anderson Creek area supports a highly significant salmon bearing stream corridor, providing critical open spaces and valuable working lands. We would like to see this property protected from subdivision and residential development.

The Lummi Nation has long been a leader in undertaking actions for preserving, enhancing, and restoring our treaty-reserved resources and the rights to access and wisely use them. Furthermore, we believe in supporting similar efforts by others when they are compatible with respecting our rights. Therefore, and contingent upon the condition that the protections do not infringing upon or diminish our rights, we strongly support this application and believe that it would make a great addition to the list of properties that have been protected through WWRP's grant programs.

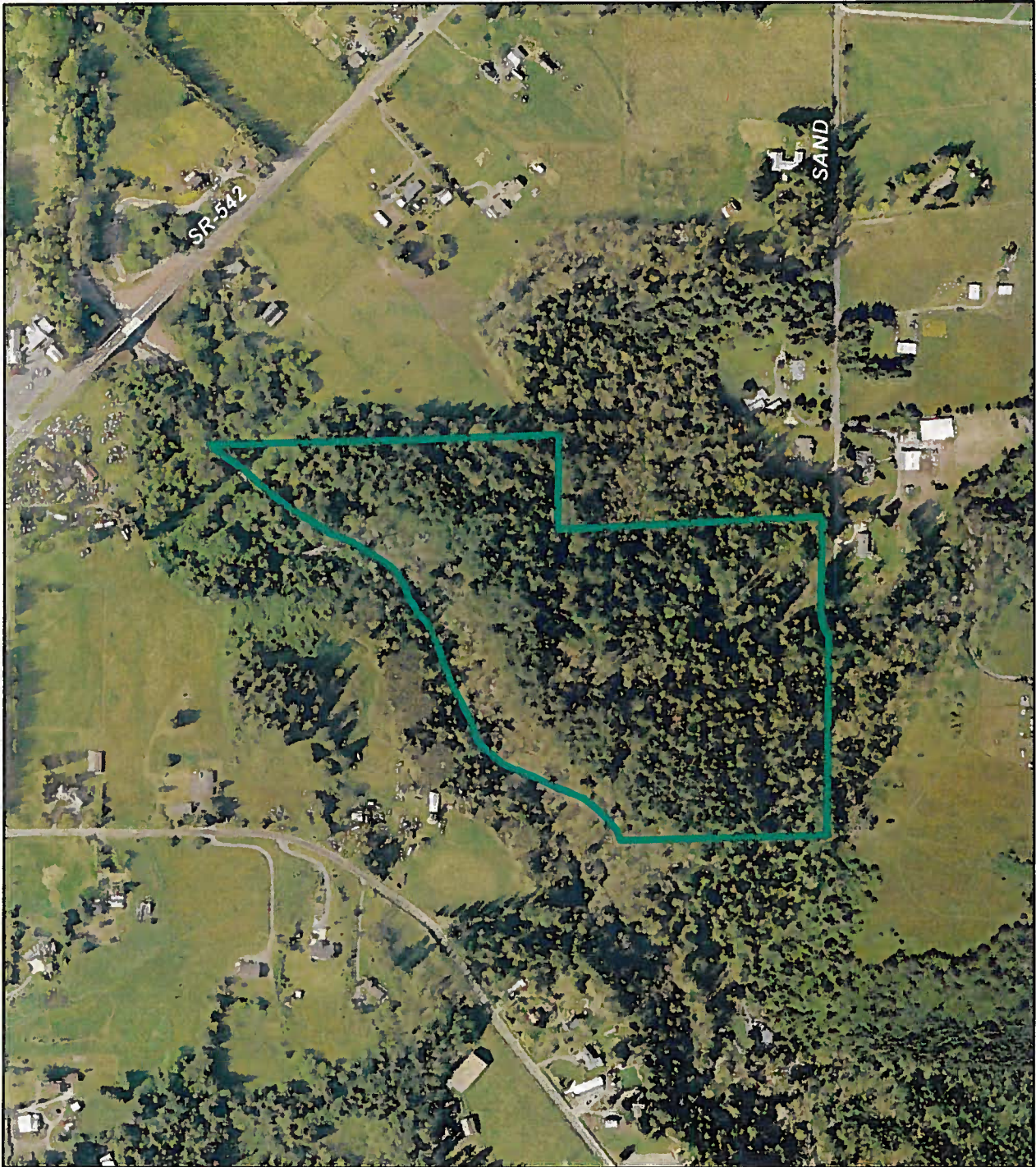
Sincerely,

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Merle Jefferson, Director,  
Lummi Natural Resources Department



Moors



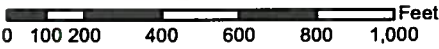
**Whatcom County 2020 PDR Program Property  
- Proposed Protection Area**

 Moors Property

**APN 380406 480050 - 36.07 Acres**



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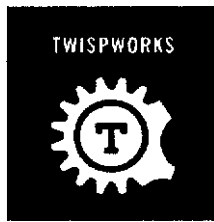
## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Farmland Preservation Category

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

### Letters are in Ranked Order

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| • 20-1573A Wolf Creek Agricultural Conservation Easement Phase 1 (3) | Rank 1  |
| • 20-1681A Natembea Farm Preservation (4)                            | Rank 2  |
| • 20-1405A Hannan Farm (3)   | Rank 3  |
| • 20-1493A Synarep Rangeland (5)                                     | Rank 4  |
| • 20-1781A Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch (6)                            | Rank 5  |
| • 20-1230A Upper Naneum Creek Farm (5)                               | Rank 7  |
| • 20-1619A Teas Ranch (5)  | Rank 8  |
| • 20-1624A Allen Family Ranch Farmland Preservation Easement (2)     | Rank 9  |
| • 20-1817A Leland Farmland Preservation Easement (1)                 | Rank 11 |
| • 20-1547A Hoch Family Farm Agricultural Easement (1)                | Rank 12 |
| • 20-1435A Peyton Ranch Conservation Easement (3)                    | Rank 13 |





Our mission is to promote the economic vitality of the Methow Valley through agriculture, technology, education and arts and culture.

July 27, 2020

Michelle Burbidge, Farmland Preservation Grants  
Manager State of Washington  
The Recreation and Conservation Office  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Re: Letter of Support for Wolf Creek Ag Farmland Preservation Grant Application

Dear Ms. Burbidge,

TwispWorks has been working for over a decade to strengthen the local economy through programs and strategic partnerships that directly support the diversification and resilience of businesses in our community. Agriculture accounts for 9% of our local employment and nearly 10% of the wages in that sector and retaining prime farmland for our ranchers and growers is a top strategic priority.

I am writing to support the Methow Conservancy's Wolf Creek Ag Phase I application for grant funds through the WWRP Farmland Preservation Program. The project would preserve 390 acres of high-quality soils (prime and state-wide important), as well as protect senior water rights, ensuring that these agricultural lands remain productive in perpetuity.

Protection of farmland in the Methow Valley through the use of voluntary conservation easements supports current and future farming/ranching businesses and protects wildlife corridors and scenic views. As well, tying irrigation water to productive farmland in our Valley will provide flexibility for our community to adapt to a changing climate. All of these elements contribute to a healthy economy and community, while celebrating our agricultural heritage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Linnertz  
Executive  
Director

# CLASSROOM IN BLOOM'S MISSION

is to inspire children to grow healthy food and connect with nature!

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Michelle Burbidge, Farmland Preservation Grants  
Manager State of Washington  
The Recreation and Conservation Office  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Re: Letter of Support for Wolf Creek Ag Farmland Preservation Grant Application

Dear Ms. Burbidge,

Classroom in Bloom is a non-profit organization established to enrich education through farm to school programs for K-12 students in the Methow Valley School District of Okanogan County, WA. The centerpiece of our effort is a 1.25-acre student-led garden through which we prioritize food, education, environment and community. We create experiential, inquiry-based learning opportunities to teach environmental education; we cultivate an understanding of sustainable food systems and foster a love of fresh and healthful foods. We partner with the Methow Conservancy in support of each other's work to grow the next generation of environmental leaders in our region and in our country.

I am writing to you in support of the Methow Conservancy's Wolf Creek Agriculture Phase I Conservation Easement application to the Farmland Preservation Program. The Wolf Creek farmland conservation easement will preserve high quality soils (prime and state-wide important) as well as protect senior water rights, ensuring that these agricultural lands remain productive in perpetuity. We support the Methow Conservancy's use of voluntary conservation easements to protect current and future farming/ranching businesses, irrigation water, wildlife corridors and scenic views, because this will ensure productive farmland into the future, and allow flexibility for our children and our community to adapt to a changing climate.

By investing in this project, you are not only supporting the work of the Methow Conservancy, you are strengthening our community's commitment to the future of agriculture and contributing to a healthy economy while celebrating our agricultural heritage.



Thank you for consideration of the  
Methow Conservancy's grant application.

Sincerely,

Kim Romain-Bondi  
Executive Director, Classroom in Bloom



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*Trout Unlimited: America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization*

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July 16, 2020

Michelle Burbidge, Farmland Preservation Grants  
Manager State of Washington  
The Recreation and Conservation Office  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Re: Letter of Support for Farmland Preservation Grant Applications

Dear Ms. Burbidge,

Trout Unlimited has been working in the Methow Valley for over a decade, with a goal of protecting and restoring aquatic ecosystems in the Methow. Much of our work involves working with agricultural producers to conserve water rights.

I am writing to support the Methow Conservancy's current application for grant funds through the WWRP Farmland Preservation Program. The proposed Wolf Creek Ag farmland conservation easement will preserve 390 acres of high-quality soils (prime and state-wide important), as well as protect senior water rights, ensuring that these agricultural lands remain productive in perpetuity.

Protection of farmland in the Methow Valley through the use of voluntary conservation easements supports current and future farming/ranching businesses and protects wildlife corridors and scenic views. As well, tying irrigation water to productive farmland in our Valley will provide flexibility for our community to adapt to a changing climate. All of these elements contribute to a healthy economy and community, while celebrating our agricultural heritage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Wallace  
Project Manager  
Trout Unlimited – Washington Water Project  
Twisp, WA 98856  
[jwallace@tu.org](mailto:jwallace@tu.org)  
509-888-0970

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Board of County Commissioners  
1820 Jefferson Street  
PO Box 1220  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Kate Dean, District 1

David Sullivan, District 2

Greg Brotherton, District 3

August 4, 2020

Re: State Farmland State Farmland Preservation Program  
Project 20-1681 A

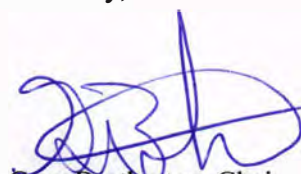
Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office,

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is writing to whole heartedly endorse efforts by the Natembea Farm landowners to work with Jefferson Land Trust to protect the 77-acre Natembea Farm for long term agricultural production and valuable wildlife habitat. The landowners David and Devon Cohn are interested in selling a conservation easement that will help to preserve the prime soils and habitat of one of the largest operating farms within the City of Port Townsend and adjacent unincorporated Jefferson County. This funding will reduce the large development potential of the farm, help the landowners reinvest in the farm infrastructure that supports 6 diverse farm operations, and help ensure that there is forever prime farmland available for food production in close proximity to Jefferson County's largest population center.

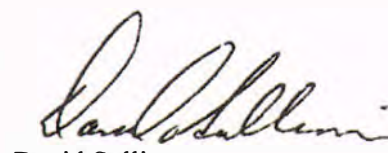
The preservation of Natembea Farm is supported by Jefferson County's goals as our county's Comprehensive Plan notes "It is Jefferson County's intent to protect and foster opportunities for the successful practice of agriculture. It is essential to maintain large contiguous parcels and ensure the compatibility of surrounding land uses." We want to continue to support the Natembea farmers' contribution to our important local agricultural economy.

The Natembea Farm conservation easement provides an amazing opportunity to preserve and enhance one of the largest farms in close proximity to our population center and support the creative farm operations leasing the land. Jefferson Land Trust has a history of successful efforts to protect our agricultural heritage and prime agricultural lands. The State Farmland Preservation Program funding has been critical to that success and we hope your approval of this project continues that effort. We strongly urge you to consider and approve Jefferson Land Trust's conservation easement grant request.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Brotherton, Chair  
District 3 Commissioner

  
Kate Dean  
District 1 Commissioner

  
David Sullivan  
District 2 Commissioner





Director Kaleen Cottingham  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington St SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

July 30, 2020

**RE: State Farmland Preservation Program, Project 20-1681 A**

Dear Director Cottingham and Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:

On behalf of the City of Port Townsend, I write to endorse efforts by the Natembea Farm landowners to work with Jefferson Land Trust to protect the 77-acre Natembea Farm for long term agricultural production and valuable wildlife habitat.

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The City of Port Townsend enjoys an enduring and positive relationship with Jefferson Land Trust and we are supportive of the important work they do. Jefferson Land Trust has a history of successful efforts to protect our agricultural heritage and prime agricultural lands. State Farmland Preservation Program funding has been critical to that success and we hope your approval of this project continues that effort.

We strongly urge you to consider and approve Jefferson Land Trust's conservation easement grant request.

Sincerely,

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John Mauro  
City Manager





205 W. Patison St., Port Hadlock, WA 98339 - Phone (360) 385-4105

May 13, 2020

State Farmland State Farmland Preservation Program  
Project 20-1681 A

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The Jefferson County Conservation District is currently working with Natembea on several best management practices that will increase ecological functions, improve soil health, and improve water quality. Natembea's agricultural practices are already an excellent example of wise natural resource stewardship and the Conservation District is delighted to be part of their ongoing enterprise.

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Clallam/Jefferson/Kitsap County

## Regional Small Farms Program

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

May 14, 2020

State Farmland State Farmland Preservation Program

Project 20-1681 A

Dear Farmland Preservation Program Review Team,

The WSU Extension Regional Small Farms Program is writing to wholeheartedly endorse efforts by the Natembea Farm landowners to work with Jefferson Land Trust to protect the 77-acre Natembea Farm for long-term agricultural production and valuable wildlife habitat. The landowners David and Devon Cohn are interested in selling a conservation easement that will help preserve the prime soils and habitat of one of the largest operating farms within the City of Port Townsend and adjacent unincorporated Jefferson County. This funding will greatly reduce the large development potential of the farm, help the landowners reinvest in the farm infrastructure that supports 6 diverse farm operations, and help ensure that there is prime farmland available for food production in close proximity to Jefferson County's largest population center.

WSU Extension has worked with all the enterprises at Natembea in various capacities. We have provided technical assistance on topics such as farm business planning, farm lease template examples, value-added product development and marketing, soils, pasture management and more. The Natembea farmers and landowners are very invested in the local agricultural community.

Natembea Farm has demonstrated a commitment to preserving the historical significance of the property through modern day farming that focuses on ecological conservation and sustainability. With the national and local trends of declining farm acreage and the average age of farmers climbing, Natembea is an example of changing that trend with thriving diverse agricultural businesses.

WSU Extension is a member of the Jefferson LandWorks Collaborative and provides agricultural outreach, education and technical assistance to farmers and community members. WSU is also contracted to coordinate the administrative duties of the Collaborative.

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Kellie Henwood

Regional Small Farms Coordinator

WSU Jefferson County Extension





Board of County Commissioners  
1820 Jefferson Street  
PO Box 1220  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Kate Dean, District 1

David Sullivan, District 2

Greg Brotherton, District 3

August 4, 2020

Re: State Farmland State Farmland Preservation Program  
Project 20-1405 A

Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office,

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is writing to support efforts by the Hannan Farm landowners to work with Jefferson Land Trust to protect the historic 115-acre Hannan Farm for long term agricultural production and valuable wildlife habitat. The landowners Laurie Hannan and daughter Julia Nottingham are interested in selling a conservation easement that will help to preserve the prime soils, important Chimacum Creek and tributary salmon habitat of one of the largest operating farms in Center Valley, Jefferson County. This funding will prevent subdivision and reduce future development of the farm, help the landowners reinvest in the farm infrastructure that includes a barn listed on the Historic Register, and help ensure that the farm is affordable for the next generation of farmers.

The preservation of Hannan Farm is supported by Jefferson County's goals as our county's Comprehensive Plan notes "It is Jefferson County's intent to protect and foster opportunities for the successful practice of agriculture. It is essential to maintain large contiguous parcels and ensure the compatibility of surrounding land uses." We want to continue to support the Hannan farmers' contribution to our important local agricultural economy.

The Hannan Farm project provides an amazing opportunity to preserve and enhance another one of the historic farms located in the fertile Chimacum agricultural area. Jefferson Land Trust has a history of successful efforts to protect our agricultural heritage and prime agricultural lands, and already preserves approximately 650-acres of agricultural land containing important salmon habitat in the Chimacum Watershed. The State Farmland Preservation Program funding has been critical to that success and we hope your approval of this project expands that effort. We strongly urge you to consider and approve Jefferson Land Trust's conservation easement grant request.

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Project 20-1405 A

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Jefferson County Conservation District has enjoyed working with the Hannan Farm landowners since 2017 when we assisted with substantial infrastructure improvements. These improvements have resolved stormwater and nutrient management issues and have created livestock watering facilities that do not require withdrawal from Chimacum Creek.

In 2019 the Conservation District completed livestock exclusion fencing and the planting of over 6,000 trees to create a 6.5 acre stream buffer.

The excellent example of wise natural resource conservation practices that the landowners have set has created interest from other local livestock operators to participate in the programs the Conservation District offers.

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WSU Extension has worked with the Hannan Farm in various capacities over the years. When Laurie and Julia first acquired the farm, they successfully completed the 12-week WSU Cultivating Success course, *Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Farm Business Planning*. We have provided continual technical assistance on topics such as pasture management, soils, direct marketing and more. Laurie and Julia are very committed members of the agricultural community in Chimacum. The preservation of this farm is vital to the heritage of Chimacum agriculture and our modern local food supply.

WSU Extension is a member of the Jefferson LandWorks Collaborative and provides agricultural outreach, education and technical assistance to farmers and community members. WSU is also contracted to coordinate the administrative duties of the Collaborative.

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July 10, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

RE: Synarep Rangeland, WWRP-Farmland #20-1493

Dear Ms. Cottingham:

We strongly support the funding of the Okanogan Land Trust's application for a grant from WWRP Farmland Preservation to fund the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on the Synarep Rangeland project comprising 2,904 acres. Creating an agricultural conservation easement on these properties will ensure the local community of continued agricultural production in this area for generations to come.

The Soriano's, the owners of the Synarep and other ranching property in the area, are engaged community members and have been recognized for their efforts to preserve and protect the natural heritage of the region. The Soriano's worked with The Trust for Public Land and the Okanogan Land Trust on a previously placed conservation easement on a portion of their agricultural lands nearby, and also with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife to protect sharp-tail grouse habitat on their ranch.

The Soriano's ranching operation is a strong economic enterprise extremely valuable to the local community and county. In addition to safeguarding the agricultural viability, water rights, and wildlife habitat of these lands, the Synarep Rangeland conservation easement project as proposed contributes to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

We strongly support funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Welz".

Ann Welz  
Senior Project Manager

CC: Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



Recreation and Conservation Office  
 Farmland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
 Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
 PO Box 40917  
 Olympia WA 98504-0917

July 6, 2020

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Working with the Soriano's for many years, we have come to know their true respect of the land and all the wildlife species that use or pass through their properties. These particular acres have a very high value for maintaining a permeable landscape for wildlife. Please include this letter of support in the project application review process to convey our support for this project.

Sincerely,

Jay Kehne  
 Conservation Northwest  
 Sagelands Heritage Program Lead  
 744 W. Ridge Drive  
 Omak, Wa. 98841

Cc; Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
P. O. Box # 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504

July 31, 2020

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All three families that own and operate these ranches, the Vjeraska's, Soriano's, and Nelson's, have served the community in various ways, ranging from charitable support, civic engagement, and community service.

These are multi-generational, family based ranching operations that serve as strong economic enterprises in the community and county. In addition to safeguarding the agricultural viability, water rights, and wildlife habitat present on these lands, the land trust's conservation easement projects as proposed contribute to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

These folks represent all that is important to continuing ranching and agricultural life in this area, any help to preserve those values deserves the support of all of us.

Please include this letter of support when evaluating these three proposals. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



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Best regards,

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**OC Ranches**  
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# Okanogan Conservation District

1251 S. Second Ave, Room 102

Okanogan, WA 98840

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Recreation and Conservation Office  
Farmland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
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July 17, 2020

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Sincerely,

Amy Martin, Conservation Director  
Okanogan Conservation District

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July 10, 2020

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RE: Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch Project, WWRP-Farmland #20-1781

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

This letter is to offer our strong support for the proposed conservation easement (CE) project to protect and preserve 1,051 acres of agricultural lands as the Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch Easement. The CE project would be funded in part by a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) Farmland Preservation Program (FPP).

The Vejraska family is a pillar in the local and state ranching community with their engagement as members of the Cattlemen's Association. The Vejraska's are exemplary stewards of their own property as well as the lands they lease from several public and private entities. Federal and state agencies have confirmed the property as prime habitat and the presence of sharp-tail grouse leks.

This and other properties the family owns are part of their multi-generational ranching operation. In addition to safeguarding the agricultural viability, water rights, and wildlife habitat of these lands, the CE project as proposed also contributes to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

We strongly support funding for this project.

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Ann Welz  
Senior Project Manager

CC: Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Farmland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
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July 23, 2020

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As an adjoining landowner to the Vejraska family I can now claim the proud distinction of working with 4 generations of the family. Starting with LC "Doc" Vejraska, to his great granddaughter who recently helped us tag fences to protect sharp-tail grouse. The family has always shown a deep respect for family, land and hard work. The Vejraska's have always been deeply involved in improving the community as well. From 4H to FFA to the food bank, the family is always there with a helping hand.

This and other properties the family owns are part of their multi-generational ranching operation. In addition to safeguarding the agricultural viability, water rights, and wildlife habitat of these lands, the CE project as proposed also contributes tremendously to the protection of sharp-tail grouse habitat and mating grounds. This is one of the last remaining populations of these birds in the state.

Please feel free to include this letter in your application to convey our support for this project.

Sincerely,

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Cc; Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



Recreation and Conservation Office  
 Farmland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
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In fact, multiple scientific research projects point to this area as a critical migration pathway allowing for the movement of multiple wildlife. This property in a conservation easement will assure a more permeable landscape for wildlife while supporting ranchers and their important economic contributions to this community.

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May 31, 2020

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Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
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Subject: Support for Conservation of Upper Naneum Creek Farm

Director Cottingham:

Kittitas Audubon supports Forterra's efforts to conserve Upper Naneum Creek Farm, a 150-acre family-owned farm located northeast of Ellensburg in Kittitas County. Forterra's goal is to purchase a conservation easement to permanently protect the property as working farmland for current and future generations of farmers.

Upper Naneum Creek Farm includes prime farmland and significant agricultural soils, critical for the production of local crops in Kittitas County. In addition, the property includes substantial water rights, which are secured along with the land to ensure farming and ranching is viable on the site into the future. Current farm practices of irrigated pasture support a local family-run agricultural business. Kittitas County soils, when untilled or used as pasture, sequester carbon and help against climate change, the biggest threat to birds as declared by National Audubon.

Kittitas County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the country – evidence of which can be seen in the most recent US Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture, which found that the County lost over 10,000 acres of farmland between 2012 and 2017. Kittitas farm land provides important habitat and food for birds. The Naneum Creek area is used by Kittitas Audubon members for birding, and we have vested interests in supporting maintenance of such open space as Upper Naneum Creek Farm. If left unprotected, development of Upper Naneum Creek Farm would contribute to lost farm acreage, habitat fragmentation, increased carbon dioxide, and decrease in bird numbers.

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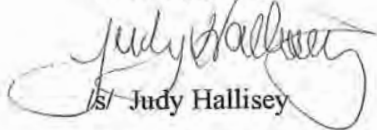
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Forterra is seeking a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant through the Farmland Preservation category. If awarded, this grant funding would support the permanent conservation of this productive family farm for generations of local farmers and ranchers.

Kittitas Audubon fully supports the acquisition of a conservation easement over Upper Naneum Creek Farm and urges the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to prioritize this project for acquisition funding.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy Hallisey".

/s/ Judy Hallisey

Kittitas Audubon President



20-1230 WWRP FP #7



## **YAKAMA NATION – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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May 27, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: Support for Conservation of Upper Naneum Creek Farm

Director Cottingham,

The Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources is writing to support Forterra's efforts to conserve Upper Naneum Creek Farm.

This 150-acre family-owned farm is located northeast of Ellensburg in Kittitas County. Forterra's goal is to purchase a conservation easement, which would remove the development rights from the property, and in doing so, permanently protect the property as working farmland. Upper Naneum Creek Farm includes substantial water rights, which are secured along with the land to ensure farming and ranching is viable on the site into the future and the potential to supplement stream flows for aquatic and riparian habitats.

Forterra is seeking a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant through the Farmland Preservation category. If awarded, this grant funding would support the permanent conservation of this productive family farm, including water rights.

The Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources fully supports the acquisition of a conservation easement over Upper Naneum Creek Farm and urges the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to prioritize this project for acquisition funding.

Sincerely,

Phil Rigdon, Superintendent,  
Yakama Nation DNR

CC  
Paul Ward  
Joe Blodgett  
Laurel James



State of Washington  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

May 26, 2020

Subject: Support for Conservation of Upper Naneum Creek Farm

Dear Director Cottingham,

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is writing to support Forterra's efforts to conserve Upper Naneum Creek Farm through the Farmland Preservation category in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

This 150-acre family-owned farm is located northeast of Ellensburg in Kittitas County. Forterra's goal is to purchase a conservation easement, which would remove the development rights from the property, and in doing so, permanently protect the property as working farmland for current and future generations of farmers.

Kittitas County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the country – evidence of which can be seen in the most recent US Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture, which found that the County lost over 10,000 acres of farmland between 2012 and 2017. If left unprotected, Upper Naneum Creek Farm could result in agricultural acreage lost and critical habitats for fish and wildlife could be negatively impacted by development.

This project will protect critical areas along Naneum Creek, its floodplain, and associated wetlands and riparian habitat rich in fish and wildlife habitat. The Upper Naneum Watershed has cold clean water and access to this watershed for Mid-Columbia Steelhead continues to be an important goal for steelhead recovery efforts within the Upper Yakima River Basin. This project helps ensure the intact and functioning fish and wildlife habitat will be protected from development. For these reasons, WDFW enthusiastically supports this project.

**The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** fully supports the acquisition of a conservation easement over Upper Naneum Creek Farm and urges the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to prioritize this project for acquisition funding.

Sincerely,

*Michael F Livingston*

Mike Livingston, Region 3 Director  
Wash. Dept. Fish and Wildlife



May 26, 2020

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Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
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Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

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Upper Naneum Creek Farm includes prime farmland and significant agricultural soils, critical for the production of local crops in Kittitas County. In addition, the property includes substantial water rights, which are secured along with the land to ensure farming and ranching is viable on the site into the future. Upper Naneum Creek Farm currently supports a local family-run agricultural business, that is leasing the farm for irrigated pasture.

Uniquely situated at the Wilson-Naneum Creek bifurcation, this property holds significant potential for habitat and flow restoration projects. Washington Water Trust is excited to champion future conservation and restoration projects on Upper Naneum Creek Farm to improve habitat for ESA-listed salmonids.

Kittitas County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the country. Evidence of this growth can be seen in the most recent US Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture, which found that the County lost over 10,000 acres of farmland between 2012 and 2017. If left unprotected, Upper Naneum Creek Farm could contribute to the acreage lost.

Forterra is seeking a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant through the Farmland Preservation category. If awarded, this grant funding would support the permanent conservation of this productive family farm for generations of local farmers and ranchers.

Washington Water Trust fully supports the acquisition of a conservation easement over Upper Naneum Creek Farm and urges the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to prioritize this project for acquisition funding.

Sincerely,

Susan Adams, Executive Director  
Washington Water Trust

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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August 11, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
 Attn: Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
 P.O. Box 40917  
 Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

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Forterra is seeking a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant through the Farmland Preservation category. If awarded, this grant funding would support the permanent conservation of this productive family farm for generations of local farmers and ranchers.

Kittitas County supports Forterra's request for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office funding, which would acquire a conservation easement over Upper Naneum Creek Farm. Kittitas County has not been asked, and is not able to commit, County resources to hold the easement for this project. We fully support voluntary actions by our residents to promote continued farmland uses and preserve agricultural and conservation values within our County.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



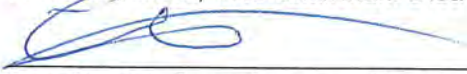
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman: District 3



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Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman: District 2



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Cory Wright, Commissioner: District 1



Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
P. O. Box # 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504

July 31, 2020

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

This letter serves to support the work of the Okanogan Land Trust and its applications for a grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office's Farmland Preservation program to fund the purchase of agricultural conservation easements on the Sunny Okanogan, Synarep Rangeland, and Teas Ranch projects.

As a participant in this program I am keenly aware that placing an agricultural conservation easement on these properties will ensure the local community of continued agricultural production in this area for generations to come.

All three families that own and operate these ranches, the Vjeraska's, Soriano's, and Nelson's, have served the community in various ways, ranging from charitable support, civic engagement, and community service.

These are multi-generational, family based ranching operations that serve as strong economic enterprises in the community and county. In addition to safeguarding the agricultural viability, water rights, and wildlife habitat present on these lands, the land trust's conservation easement projects as proposed contribute to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

These folks represent all that is important to continuing ranching and agricultural life in this area, any help to preserve those values deserves the support of all of us.

Please include this letter of support when evaluating these three proposals. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Barnes", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Bob Barnes  
Ellis-Barnes Livestock  
420 Loomis Oroville Rd  
Tonasket, WA



Recreation and Conservation Office  
 Farmland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
 Attn: Kayleen Cottingham, Director  
 PO Box 40917  
 Olympia WA 98504-0917

July 6, 2020

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

This letter is to offer our strong support and encouragement for the proposed conservation easement (CE) project to protect and preserve 445 acres of agricultural lands, known as the Teas Ranch, owned by Brian and Cynthia Nelson. The CE project would be funded in part by a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) Farmland Preservation Program (FPP).

The Nelsons are active community members and have been recognized for their efforts to preserve and protect the agricultural heritage of our region, as demonstrated by a previous CE they placed on their adjoining agricultural lands in 2011, which preserved over 1,000 acres. As one of the partners who worked with the Nelsons in 2011 we can assure you they are exemplary stewards of their own property as well as the lands they lease from several public and private entities.

Both the existing CE and the acreage proposed for the Teas Ranch CE are part of their multi-generational ranching operation. In addition to safeguarding the agricultural viability, water rights, and wildlife habitat of these lands, the CE project as proposed also contributes to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

Please feel free to include this letter in your application to convey our support for this project.

Sincerely,

Jay Kehne  
 Conservation Northwest  
 Sagelands Heritage Program Lead  
 744 W. Ridge Drive  
 Omak, Wa. 98841

Cc; Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



# Okanogan Conservation District

1251 S. Second Ave, Room 102

Okanogan, WA 98840

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Recreation and Conservation Office  
Farmland Preservation- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Attn: Kayleen Cottingham, Director  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

July 17, 2020

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Please feel free to include this letter in your application to convey our support for this project.

Sincerely,

Amy Martin, Conservation Director  
Okanogan Conservation District

cc: Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
P. O. Box # 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504

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Please include this letter of support when evaluating these three proposals. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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July 10, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

RE: Teas Ranch, WWRP-Farmland #20-1619

Dear Ms. Cottingham:

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The Nelsons are active community members and have been recognized for their efforts to preserve and protect the agricultural heritage of our region, as demonstrated by a previous CE they placed on their adjoining agricultural lands in 2011, which preserved over 1,000 acres in partnership with The Trust for Public Land and Okanogan Land Trust. The Nelsons are exemplary stewards of their own property as well as the lands they lease from several public and private entities.

Both the existing CE and the acreage proposed for the Teas Ranch CE are part of their multi-generational ranching operation. In addition to safeguarding the agricultural viability, water rights, and wildlife habitat of these lands, the CE project as proposed also contributes to the protection of valuable rural landscapes and lifestyle in Okanogan County.

We strongly support funding for this project.

Sincerely,

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Ann Welz  
Senior Project Manager

CC: Okanogan Land Trust Board of Directors



**Walla Walla County Conservation District**

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July 21, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Farmland Preservation Review Committee  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear Review Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the *Allen Family Ranch Conservation Easement* project sponsored by the Blue Mountain Land Trust.

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) has been working with the Blue Mountain Land Trust for several years to preserve and protect farmlands and critical habitats. The Voluntary Stewardship Plan focuses on the protection of critical areas while maintaining the viability of agriculture. Our basin is complex and many tools are needed to resolve water supply shortages, flooding concerns, declining habitats and salmonid runs, and tribal concerns. Conservation easements are one of the tools available to protect critical areas and retain agricultural ground.

The Allen Family Ranch is ideally located adjacent to the WDFW Wooten Wildlife Area nestled in the headwaters of Patit Creek which eventually drains into the Touchet River and Walla Walla Watershed (WRIA32). A conservation easement on this property is timely with the numerous efforts to restore salmonids in the basin and help address water shortages through headwater protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Renee M. Hadley  
District Manager



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July 28, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: WWRP Review Committee  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

**Re: Support letter for Blue Mountain Land Trust's Allen Easement Application**

Dear Review Committee:

The Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB) is offering our support of the Allan easement project that is being submitted by the Blue Mountain Land Trust.

Since its inception in 2000, the SRSRB has worked to protect, develop, and maintain a healthy ecosystem that contributes to the rebuilding of key fish populations by providing abundant, productive, and diverse populations of aquatic species that support the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the communities; both within and outside the recovery region.

The Allen property includes a portion of the headwaters of Patit Creek, which has been identified by WDFW Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) mapping as important for steelhead occupancy and migration. This easement would add some protection to Patit Creek through conservation actions in the headwaters of this historic spawning stream.

Thank you for your consideration of The Blue Mountain Land Trust's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Bowles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Bowles" clearly distinguishable.

Bill Bowles, Chair  
Snake River Salmon Recovery Board





# Whatcom Conservation District

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June 8, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
WWRP Farmland Preservation Grant Program  
C/O Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke  
WC Planning & Development Services

RE: 20-1584A VanderWerff Agricultural Conservation Easement

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Whatcom Conservation District, in support of Whatcom County's grant application, 20-1584A, for funding to acquire a conservation easement on the VanderWerff property.

Though Whatcom is the seventh leading agricultural products producing county in the state, it may not stay that way without your help. This is because there is a legacy of thousands of development rights on prime farmland from improvident decision made two decades ago by previous councils and administrations. Not only could we lose this area important in feeding the world, the loss of farmland imperils the health of Puget Sound. We know that well stewarded farmland is the next best thing to natural areas. Over the past two decades conservation stewardship of Whatcom County farmers as grown. So we are measuring improvements in both surface and ground water quality. With your financial assistance your agency can be a part of this success story by keeping farmers on the land, promote smart growth and protect Puget Sound for future generations.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this critically important grant application.

Sincerely,



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July 28, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: WWRP Review Committee  
P.O. Box 40917  
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**Re: Support letter for Blue Mountain Land Trust's Ward Leland-Blue Mountain Ranch Easement Application**

Dear Review Committee:

The Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB) is offering our support of the Ward Leland-Blue Mountain Ranch easement project that is being submitted by the Blue Mountain Land Trust.

Since its inception in 2000, the SRSRB has worked to protect, develop, and maintain a healthy ecosystem that contributes to the rebuilding of key fish populations by providing abundant, productive, and diverse populations of aquatic species that support the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the communities; both within and outside the recovery region.

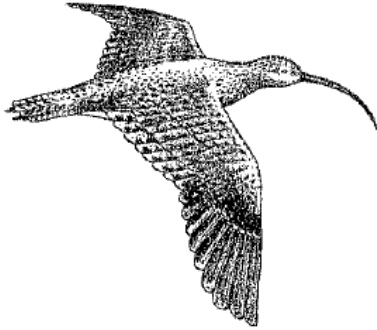
The Leland property includes the Tumalum, Pataha and Dry Pataha Creeks, which all provide year-round water for fish. Tumalum and Pataha Creeks are identified by WDFW Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) mapping as important for steelhead occupancy and migration. This easement would add headwater protection to these historic spawning streams.

Thank you for your consideration of The Blue Mountain Land Trust's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

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Bill Bowles, Chair  
Snake River Salmon Recovery Board



## Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society

A CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1900 • Richland, WA 99352

June 4, 2020

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society (LCBAS) is pleased to support the application of the Hoch Family Conservancy, working with the Benton Conservation District and Washington Conservation Commission, to secure a grant to purchase a farmland conservation easement on ~26 acres of their property in Kennewick, WA. The family would like to obtain a farmland conservation easement in perpetuity so that the property can never be developed. The property is listed as a critical area for both wetlands and wildlife habitat and is currently used for irrigated pasture and wildlife habitat. It is also being used by local students for educational and agricultural research purposes. We would like to commend the Hoch Family for their generosity and foresight in stepping forward to preserve this natural gem in the heart of Kennewick.

As a chapter of the National Audubon Society, we support farmland conservation programs such as the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program that protects and enhances wetlands and farm lands through easements, financial, and technical assistance. The 26-acre property proposed for a farmland conservation easement has 4 ponds/wetlands, pastures, and abundant trees that support a variety of birds and other wildlife. It is an oasis in the middle of Kennewick. We appreciate landowners who want to protect wetlands as well as farm lands from development. We hope that future owners of this property will continue to adopt bird-friendly practices while maintaining and increasing the profitability of their farmland.

LCBAS is a chapter of the National Audubon Society whose mission is “to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth’s biological diversity.” Audubon educates adults and children about the environment, advocates responsible public policy and legislation for natural resources, and conducts science-based projects using birds as indicators of health of the natural world. LCBAS was incorporated over fifty years ago and currently has over 200 members in the Lower Columbia Basin (including mainly Benton and Franklin Counties).

Sincerely,

James Castle  
President, LCBAS

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July 21, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Farmland Preservation Review Committee  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear Review Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the *Peyton Ranch Conservation Easement* project sponsored by the Blue Mountain Land Trust.

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) has been working with the Blue Mountain Land Trust for several years to preserve and protect farmlands and critical habitats. The Voluntary Stewardship Plan focuses on the protection of critical areas while maintaining the viability of agriculture. Our basin is complex and many tools are needed to resolve water supply shortages, flooding concerns, declining habitats and salmonid runs, and tribal concerns. Conservation easements are one of the tools available to protect critical areas and retain agricultural ground.

The Peyton Ranch is ideally located near the WDFW Wooten Wildlife Area nestled in the headwaters of Patit Creek which eventually drains into the Touchet River and Walla Walla Watershed (WRIA32). The Peyton Ranch has a significant amount of riparian area with benefits for salmonid recovery. A conservation easement on this property is timely with the numerous efforts to restore salmonids in the basin and help address water shortages through headwater protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Renee M. Hadley  
District Manager



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July 28, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: WWRP Review Committee  
P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

**Re: Support letter for Blue Mountain Land Trust's Peyton Ranch Easement Application**

Dear Review Committee:

The Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB) is offering our support of the Peyton Ranch easement project that is being submitted by the Blue Mountain Land Trust.

Since its inception in 2000, the SRSRB has worked to protect, develop, and maintain a healthy ecosystem that contributes to the rebuilding of key fish populations by providing abundant, productive, and diverse populations of aquatic species that support the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the communities; both within and outside the recovery region.

The Peyton property includes a portion of the headwaters of Patit Creek, which has been identified by WDFW Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) mapping as important for steelhead occupancy and migration. This easement would add some protection to Patit Creek through conservation actions in the headwaters of this historic spawning stream.

Thank you for your consideration of The Blue Mountain Land Trust's grant proposal.

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Bill Bowles, Chair  
Snake River Salmon Recovery Board



## TRI-STATE STEELHEADERS

### SALMON ENHANCEMENT GROUP

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August 3, 2020

Recreation & Conservation Office  
Attn: WWRP Review Committee  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear WWRP Review Committee,  
I'm writing in support of BMLT's proposals for four conservation easements. All four would provide protection to salmonid bearing streams, and would prevent water quality degradation associated with future development. Two of the projects would add benefit to previously completed fish passage projects.

The Allen Family Ranch (#20-1436) and the Peyton Ranch (#20-1435) projects would protect water quality in the tributary headwaters of Patit Creek, which is used by summer steelhead for spawning and rearing.

The Blue Mountain Ranch project (#20-1816) would protect part of Dry Pataha Creek, where summer steelhead were historically present, part of Pataha Creek, where summer steelhead are presumed present. Steelhead rearing is documented in Pataha Creek below the confluence of these two creeks. In 2008, we completed an RCO-funded fish passage project in Pataha Creek (RCO #06-2084), downstream of this property.

The Wolf Fork Ranch project (#20-1669) protects part of the Wolf Fork and its major tributaries Whitney Creek and Coates Creek. Wolf Fork provides spawning for summer steelhead and bull trout. Whitney and Coates Creeks provide rearing for summer steelhead, and bull trout are presumed present. In 2010, we completed an RCO-funded fish passage project (RCO #09-1554) on this property, in Whitney Creek.

Our organization's mission is to restore sustainable populations of native salmonids by enhancing habitat, providing public education, and promoting recreational angling. The habitat and water quality benefits provided by these projects support our mission.

Sincerely,

Brian Burns  
Executive Director

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Critical Habitat Category

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

### Letters are in Ranked Order

- 20-1225A Simcoe (1) Rank 1
- 20-1487A Chafey Mountain (1) Rank 7





## Washington Native Plant Society

*Appreciate, Conserve, and Study Our Native Flora*

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August 26, 2020

Sandra Jonker  
Region 5 Wildlife Program Manager  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Ridgefield, WA 98642

Washington State Conservation and Recreation Office  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Critical Habitat Category 18-1336, Project #20-1225 Simcoe 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

The Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) strongly supports the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Simcoe 2020 project for acquisition of 5,112 acres in the Simcoe Mountains in Klickitat County.

Conserving intact native plant habitats for ecosystem function and integrity is of highest priority to the WNPS. This unique opportunity to acquire large areas with high landscape integrity for connectivity between the Yakima Valley, Cascade Mountains and south to similar landscapes in Oregon is critical for funding. This project reduces the threats of habitat loss by permanently protecting WDFW priority habitats and species, and enhancing their viability for the future.

Observations of citizen-botanists have contributed to the human knowledge base of all cultures for thousands of years. Protecting vulnerable habitats and rare plant species ensures that current and future generations will experience and benefit from functional and biologically diverse natural environments in Washington. Through the University of Washington's Rare Care Program, WNPS members who are Rare Care volunteer citizen botanists have developed a plant list for the Simcoe Mountains Unit of the Klickitat Wildlife Area and so far they have identified the presence of five rare plant species.

Public procurement of high quality native plant habitats ensures that current and future generations will experience and benefit from functioning natural environments.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our support for this acquisition. Thank you, also, for the previous phases of Simcoe Mountains acquisition.

Sincerely,

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Van Bobbitt  
President  
Washington Native Plant Society

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Chaney".

Becky Chaney  
Conservation Chair  
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June 20, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
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***Re: Support for Chafey Mountain WWRP CH Application #20-1487***

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

North Central Washington Audubon Society (NCWAS), with approximately 500 members in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, and Ferry Counties, is writing in support of the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust's (CDLT) interest in acquiring state funding to for a conservation easement on 600+ acres of the private Chafey Mountain property near the City of Wenatchee. The tract hosts a variety of habitats of value to birds and other wildlife. Of particular interest, from our point of view, the site contains important shrub-steppe and riparian habitats of significant value to birds. Shrub-steppe is a Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife priority habitat and riparian shrub/woodlands are critical to numerous species of neotropical birds.

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a solid organization that has long contributed significant value to the region by protecting and enhancing natural areas in Chelan and Douglas Counties. They have a track record of success and follow-through, and over the years have protected many thousands of acres important to the region's wildlife and recreating communities. NCWAS welcomes CDLT's proposed acquisition of a conservation easement on the Chafey Mountain property. With the continued growth of the cities of Wenatchee, Cashmere, Peshastin, and region as a whole, taking advantage of opportunities to preserve open space is more important now than ever. For the reasons mentioned above, we submit this letter in support of Chelan-Douglas Land Trust's application for funding this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Johnston  
Conservation Chair, North Central Washington Audubon Society

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Riparian Protection Category

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- 20-1226A Twin Rivers Nearshore and West Twin (1) Rank 4
- 20-1333A Hoko River Watershed Conservation Phase 1 (1) Rank 5



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**RICH SILL, County Administrator**

May 26, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Land acquisitions in Clallam County – Twin Rivers Nearshore and West Twin

Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:

The Board of Clallam County Commissioners wish to share our support of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife land acquisition Twin Rivers Nearshore and West Twin, Clallam County. The proposed project will conserve 216 acres of land in the Lyre/Hoko Watershed along the West Twin River near Joyce. The property, bisected by Highway 112, was historically used for silica mining. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife ownership of this property provides opportunity to protect a functionally intact habitat that supports the migratory corridor through the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the wildlife corridor connecting Olympic Mountains to the Strait.

This acquisition will also provide the public with greater recreation opportunities. The property has potential use as a beach access site for fishing, kayaking, surfing, and shell fishing as well as upland recreation such as birding, hiking and waterfowl and big game hunting.

Thank you for considering the Twin Nearshore and West Twin acquisition project.

Sincerely,

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**Rich Sill, County Administrator**

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July 16, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Grant Funding for RCO projects #20-1145 and 20-1333

Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:

It is my pleasure to share my support for North Olympic Land Trust acquisitions 20-1145 and 20-1333, to acquire properties in the Hoko River watershed near Sekiu, WA, in Clallam County. Increasing funding for conservation was the reason the Clallam County Board of Commissioners **passed a "Conservation Futures" Ordinance last year, and I deeply appreciate the WA RCO's** commitment to funding conservation as well.

This grant funding would allow acquisition of approximately 229 acres of land in the Hoko River watershed that is identified as a high priority in the Western Strait of Juan de Fuca Salmonid Habitat Conservation Plan.

Thank you for considering the property acquisition grant.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Mark Ozias, Chair

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category

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| • 20-1689R Oak Creek Wildlife Area Forest Restoration (5)   | Rank 5  |
| • 20-1304R Lower Crab Creek Restoration and Enhancement (1) | Rank 8  |
| • 20-1287R Okanogan County Shrub Steppe Restoration (3)     | Rank 14 |





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April 23, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
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RE: Oak Creek Wildlife Area Forest Restoration Project Proposal

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

The Washington Department of Natural Resources is strongly supportive of the work described in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area Forest Restoration grant project proposal. The project area is located within the *20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan for eastern Washington's* Tieton priority planning area, which was identified as a high priority planning area due to values at risk and forest health issues.

The forest restoration thinning and prescribed fire activities planned and proposed for funding in this area will not only alter future fire behavior, but will also increase the growth and vigor of the remaining trees, providing resistance to tree mortality causing insects, diseases and drought. The forest restoration work will also create wildlife habitat and diversify the native plant communities, both of which are important for sustaining overall biodiversity and ecological connectivity on public lands in our state.

Funding this proposal would enable the implementation of forest health treatments in a fire-prone landscape in eastern Washington. This work, in addition to work already completed by the WDFW and USDA Forest Service in the Tieton landscape, will contribute to restoring the forest to a more resilient landscape in the face of a changing climate. Restoring forests to more resilient landscapes requires the participation of all landowners, across all land ownership boundaries, because fires, insects, diseases and droughts do not stop at jurisdictional boundaries. The WDFW is already working with the Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative (a planning and implementation group comprised of members from WA DNR, WDFW, The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service and the Yakama Nation) during the planning and implementing this work, which shows a forest health and restoration commitment not only to WDFW lands, but the Tieton landscape as a whole.

In summary, DNR strongly recommends funding this grant proposal as it will contribute to improving forest health and wildfire resilience in the Tieton watershed. The Tieton watershed is a priority planning area for the *20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan for eastern Washington* and this proposal will further our shared goals of increasing the pace and scale of forest health treatments in this important watershed. This proposal is a great example of land managers working to address key forest health issues in a key part of the state in alignment with statewide forest health priorities.

Sincerely,

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George Geissler  
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May 30, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office – WWRP  
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Re: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Oak Creek Proposal

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the East Cascades Oak Partnership (ECOP) for which Columbia Land Trust is the fiscal sponsor. During the last two years, 20 regional partners and more than 200 stakeholders invested over 3,000 hours in the creation of a strategic plan that will improve the pace, scale, and effectiveness of Oregon white oak conservation in the East Cascades ecoregion. ECOP's plan identifies the primary ways people interact with oak systems, the ecological stress that results from those interactions, and the strategies we can employ to improve outcomes for oak systems by modifying human behavior.

Oak systems exist at lower elevations in the foothills of the Cascade and Simcoe Mountains where human activity is concentrated. The oak systems of the East Cascades have undergone substantial ecological change since European settlement resulting from fire suppression, grazing, logging and conversion. Cultural traditions practiced by the tribes and bands of the Yakama Nation were imperiled and access to traditional food sources dramatically curtailed. The ecological and social impacts of these events are exacerbated by climate change. Fire suppression has led to substantial shifts in oak system stand structure and species composition, resulting in urgent threats of conifer encroachment, higher intensity fire, and habitat oversimplification, including loss of pollinator habitat.

Oak systems are characterized by steep moisture, temperature, and elevational gradients, attributes expected to facilitate species adaptation to climate change. These systems host many endemic, rare, threatened, and endangered species, but their single most important virtue may be the magnitude and diversity of species they support - oak systems are truly one of the most biodiverse systems in the Pacific Northwest. Addressing the threats they face is critical to long term system resilience and the survival of hundreds of associated species. Additionally, lowering the risk of catastrophic fire has the potential to moderate smoke impacts on human health and local economies, and improve safety for first responders.

WDFW's Oak Creek proposal represents the kind of proactive, thoughtful management the East Cascades Oak Partnership is empowering through its strategic plan. We encourage WWRP's investment in this incredibly unique landscape.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Cornelius  
Natural Area Manager and ECOP Facilitator

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May 29, 2020

Dear State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Review Committee member,

The Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative is writing in support of the Oak Creek Forest Restoration proposal under the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category.

The genesis of Tapash Collaborative was initiated by the threat of sale, and development of private timberlands in the Oak Creek watershed in 2005. Tapash's mission is to *improve ecosystem health and natural functions of the eastern Cascades landscape through the use of the best available science, community input and adaptive management*. Since the signing of a memorandum of understanding in 2007 between the Yakama Nation, the Forest Service, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, WA Department of Natural Resources, and The Nature Conservancy, much in the spirit of Tapash's mission has been accomplished together, and the urgency of the work is as great as ever.

This proposal fits well within the Tapash 10 Year Strategic Plan objectives and the [Oak Creek Restoration Project](#), along with Tieton River watershed, is one of six watershed priorities of Tapash. Furthermore this project is part of EWA Forest Health 20 Year Forest Health Strategy priority watersheds. WDFW has a track record of successfully implementing restoration thinning and prescribed burning projects that benefit a diversity of plant and animal species.

Tapash members fully support Oak Creek Forest Restoration proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Philip Rigdon  
Chair, Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative



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May 27, 2020

Dear State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Review Committee member,

I am writing to express The Nature Conservancy's support for the Oak Creek Forest Restoration proposal under the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category.

Since 2005, the Conservancy has been committed, working with a variety of partners, to secure highly valued habitat threatened by development in the central Cascades. The Tieton Oak Creek checkerboard development threat was abated in 2007. At the same time, the Conservancy invested heavily in promoting science based dry forest restoration in form of original science, policy, diversifying funding and on the ground implementation. The genesis of dry forest restoration program for Washington Chapter of the Conservancy was initiated in Oak Creek with the purchase of Plum Creek Timber lands and subsequent sale to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Conservancy maintained ownership of one section of land and worked with WDFW and the University of Washington to develop the Tieton/Oak Creek Landscape Assessment and Treatment Prioritization plan. We then hired a restoration forester that worked in the Tieton Oak Creek landscape to further forest and aquatic restoration outcomes across WDFW, TNC, Forest Service, Wa. Dept. of Natural Resources checkerboard ownership for a period of three years.

With continued investment by WDFW, and many partners, most of the original prioritized forest restoration and aquatic goals in the Oak Creek watershed have been met. This proposal invests in an important, and often last step in dry forest restoration, implementing prescribed fire. Important for a variety of plant and animal species, as well as setting this watershed up for better fire effects in the face of inevitable future unplanned fire ignitions. Furthermore, is exciting to see this proposal expand proposed mechanical restoration treatments outside of the oak creek watershed as part of the larger Tieton watershed that is a priority watershed of Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative and the EWA Forest Health 20 Year Forest Health Strategy. Coordinated restoration investments are moving toward more tangible results, resilient forest and watershed conditions in a changing climate. WDFW has developed experience and depth in the practice of dry forest restoration, from applying Individual, Clumps, and Opens (ICO) methods in forest thinning prescriptions to developing the first state run prescribed fire crew.

I highly recommend funding of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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M. Reese Lolley  
The Nature Conservancy  
Director, Forest Restoration and Fire



## Washington Prescribed Fire Council

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May 29, 2020

Dear State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Review Committee,

The Washington Prescribed Fire Council is writing in support of Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife's Oak Creek Forest Restoration proposal under the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category.

The Council has been working to protect, conserve, and expand the safe and responsible use of prescribed fire on the Washington landscape to meet both public and private management objectives since its formation in 2013. Our members are federal, state, local, tribal, non-profit, and private land managers, prescribed burners, scientists, and others who are interested and support the use of fire as a tool in this state.

The need for restoration in our forestlands is clear and the Oak Creek watershed is identified as a priority for forest health treatment in the Eastern Washington 20-Yearh Forest Health Strategic Plan. Fire plays an essential, critical role in this work, reducing hazardous fuels and future risk from wildfires, improving forest function, and improving habitat for plants and wildlife. These are cross-cutting benefits to our forests and communities.

WDFW has been a state leader in prescribed fire, committed to using prescribed fire safely and effectively. Their work in Oak Creek creates opportunities for collaboration and cross-boundary work between land managers in that watershed. The Council has also been working with WDFW and other partners to create training and learning opportunities for Washington's fire practitioners and firefighters through Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges. This proposal opens up future opportunities of collaboration, training, and implementation of important acres that align with the priorities and goals identified within the Council's Strategic Plan.

The Washington Prescribed Fire Council supports WDFW's Oak Creek Forest Restoration proposal and recommends this project be funded.

Sincerely,

Chris Martin  
Chair, Washington Prescribed Fire Council





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May 05, 2020

Washington Recreation & Conservation Office  
 State Lands Restoration Grant Program

RE: *Letter of Support – Project #20-1417*  
*WDFW Elk River Unit - Habitat enhancements for Marbled Murrelet and Dusky Canada Goose*

Dear Program Reviewers,

Ducks Unlimited (DU) submits this letter to express our endorsement of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) enhancement actions at the Elk River Unit. Upon acquisition of the Elk River Unit (formerly known as the Grayland Property), WDFW has initiated various activities to reduce noxious vegetation and increase ecologic functions. WDFW's objectives with the actions proposed to the State Lands Restoration Program are to improve habitat conditions for two species with sensitive Federal and State population listings: Marbled Murrelet (Federal -Threatened, State - Endangered) and Dusky Canada Goose (Federal - Species of Concern / State - Species of Greatest Conservation Need).

With this project, WDFW will augment weed control efforts at newly acquired lands in Grays Harbor County to facilitate development of habitats that benefit Marbled Murrelet and wintering waterfowl on more than 65 acres of forest and wetlands. A narrow string of mature Sitka Spruce (estimated older than 100 years) have unrealized potential as Marbled Murrelet habitat due to surroundings of insufficient canopy height. Murrelets require forest structure of sufficient height and depth to provide vertical and horizontal cover. Marbled Murrelet in adjacent forests with adequate height and depth have been documented within this Wildlife Area. Forest growth adjacent to this string of older trees is impaired by dense growth of scotch broom. Removing the scotch broom to release existing trees and/or replant additional trees will accelerate the conversion to suitable nesting habitat for Marbled Murrelet. Additional weed-control efforts will be directed to controlling invasive reed-canary grass and managing other wetland species to provide foraging and open water habitats for Dusky Canada Goose and other waterfowl.

Ducks Unlimited appreciates your consideration of continued support of improving the recently acquired Elk River Unit.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Biddlecomb





# Okanogan Conservation District

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August 5, 2020

## Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) – 2020 WWRP State Lands Restoration

Re: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas – RCO Project #20-1287, *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration*

To Whom It May Concern:

The Okanogan Conservation District has long supported the conservation of shrub-steppe ecosystems in Okanogan County. We support the *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration* RCO grant project proposed by WDFW's Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas. Their grant proposal is centered upon the restoration of approximately 212 acres of weed-infested, abandoned dryland agricultural fields back to their native shrub-steppe habitat.

In their current state, the proposed restoration fields currently act as seed beds for invasive species and provide little to no wildlife benefit. In recognizing that over half of Washington's native shrub-steppe has been lost, we see tremendous value in both preserving current habitats and restoring areas that may otherwise cause adverse effects on surrounding native ecosystems. The Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas both have nearly 80 years each of sustainable land management and wildland restoration experience and are therefore fully dedicated and capable of restoring native habitats in Okanogan County. Highlighting the commitment and collaboration behind this type of grant proposal is the partnership of the Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Land Management, BFI Native Seeds Inc., and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's publication: [\*Shrub-Steppe and Grassland Restoration Manual for the Columbia River Basin\*](#). Although this grant proposal is based on habitat restoration, the success of this project will also provide habitat connectivity for shrub-steppe obligates, increase mule deer winter range for Washington State's largest migratory herd and increase biodiversity and overall ecosystem health for Washington's northern-most shrub-steppe region.

For these reasons, and in understanding that the future of wildland restoration hinges on community support and partnerships, the Okanogan CD pledge our support for RCO Project #20-1287, *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration* in the 2020 WWRP State Lands Restoration Grant category.

Craig T. Nelson  
Executive Director



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Date: August 3, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) –  
2020 WWRP State Lands Restoration  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW),  
Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas –  
RCO Project #20-1287, *Okanogan County Shrub-  
Steppe Restoration*

To Whom it May Concern,

The Methow Valley Ranger District on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is pleased to support the *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration* RCO grant project proposed by WDFW's Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas. In particular, the Golden Doe and Rendezvous proposals would have strong benefits for wildlife within the Methow Valley.

We have been working on National Forest lands in the vicinity of these 2 areas to restore landscapes to a healthier state that is more resilient to wildfire, and provides more sustainable wildlife habitat. We have a strong partnership with WDFW and we look forward to maintaining it. We pledge our support for RCO Project #20-1287, *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration* in the 2020 WWRP State Lands Restoration Grant category.

Please call me at 509-996-4021 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

8/5/2020

X Chris W. Furr

Chris W. Furr  
District Ranger  
Signed by: CHRISTOPHER FURR





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August 5, 2020

## Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) – 2020 WWRP State Lands Restoration

Re: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas

RCO Project #20-1287, *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration*

To Whom It May Concern:

The Methow Conservancy, the Methow Valley's local land trust organization, is writing this letter to support the *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration* RCO grant project proposed by WDFW's Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas. This grant proposal is centered upon the restoration of approximately 212 acres of weed-infested, abandoned dryland agricultural fields back to their native shrub-steppe habitat. In their current state, the proposed restoration fields currently act as seed beds for invasive species and provide little to no wildlife benefit. In recognizing that over half of Washington's native shrub-steppe has been lost, we see tremendous value in both preserving current habitats and restoring areas that may otherwise cause adverse effects on surrounding native ecosystems. The Sinlahekin and Methow Wildlife Areas both have nearly 80 years each of sustainable land management and wildland restoration experience and are therefore fully dedicated and capable of restoring native habitats in Okanogan County. Highlighting the commitment and collaboration behind this type of grant proposal is the partnership of the Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Land Management, BFI Native Seeds Inc., and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's publication: [\*Shrub-Steppe and Grassland Restoration Manual for the Columbia River Basin\*](#). Although this grant proposal is based on habitat restoration, the success of this project will also provide habitat connectivity for shrub-steppe obligates, increase mule deer winter range for Washington State's largest migratory herd and increase biodiversity and overall ecosystem health for Washington's northern-most shrub-steppe region.

For these aforementioned reasons, and in understanding that the future of wildland restoration hinges on community support and partnerships, the Methow Conservancy expresses our strong support for RCO Project #20-1287, *Okanogan County Shrub-Steppe Restoration* in the 2020 WWRP State Lands Restoration Grant category.

Sincerely,

  
Jason Paulsen  
Executive Director

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Urban Wildlife Habitat Category

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| • 20-1742A Illahee Preserve Kitsap County Heritage Park (6) | Rank 4  |
| • 20-1427A Stavis Natural Resource Conservation Area (13)   | Rank 5  |
| • 20-1424A Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area (8)             | Rank 7  |
| • 20-1283A Quimper Wildlife Corridor Additions (2)          | Rank 8  |
| • 20-1514A Saint Edward State Park Arrowhead Property (2)   | Rank 10 |

Executive Director  
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July 22, 2020

RE: Illahee Preserve, Urban Wildlife Habitat Grant Application

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

I am writing in support of Kitsap County's current effort to acquire up to 45 acres of natural habitat for expansion of Illahee Preserve in East Bremerton.

The "Lost Continent" mission has been made possible by previous acquisition successes in 2015, 2018, and 2020. While nearly 90% of the vision is complete, key targeted properties are currently threatened and need to be acquired before they are developed and gone forever. This new acquisition will bring the Illahee Preserve, a Kitsap County Heritage Park, to within ~95% of its ultimate preservation goal.

The Preserve is comprised of 587-acres of mature forest and nearly self-contained watershed harboring salmon habitat, all situated in the middle of the most densely populated area of Kitsap County. This remaining undeveloped land adjacent to the Preserve is very sensitive habitat which now has the opportunity to be protected in perpetuity through successful acquisition via the RCO grant. The proposed addition to Illahee Preserve will provide significant environmental, habitat and wildlife benefits to the immediate area.

I strongly encourage your favorable review of this most worthy grant request by Kitsap County for expansion of Illahee Preserve. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Rolfes".

Christine Rolfes  
State Senator  
23rd Legislative District



July 21st, 2020

SUBJECT: RCO 20-1742 Illahee Preserve, Urban Wildlife Habitat Grant Application

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

I am writing in support of Kitsap County's current effort to acquire up to 45 acres of natural habitat for expansion of Illahee Preserve in East Bremerton. The Preserve is a 587 acre Heritage Park consisting of a mature forest, nearly self-contained watershed harboring salmon habitat, all situated in the middle of the most densely populated area of Kitsap County. This remaining undeveloped land adjacent to the Preserve is very sensitive habitat which now has the opportunity to be protected in perpetuity thru successful acquisition via the RCO grant. The proposed addition to Illahee Preserve will provide significant environmental, habitat and wildlife benefits to the immediate area.

I strongly encourage your favorable review of this most worthy grant request by Kitsap County for expansion of Illahee Preserve. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Drew Hansen  
State Representative  
23rd Legislative District





Mayor Greg Wheeler



July 31, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Washington State

SUBJECT: RCO 20-1742 Illahee Preserve, Urban Wildlife Habitat Grant Application

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

The City of Bremerton is very supportive of the grant application being made by the Kitsap County to acquire up to 45 additional acres for expansion of the Illahee Preserve. The majority of the proposed property acquisitions are very near the northerly border of the City of Bremerton. In addition, the grant proposes wildlife corridors to provide a connection for wildlife between the Preserve and Illahee State Park, another major recreation area adjacent to Bremerton.

We are fortunate as a city to have a Kitsap County Heritage Park at our border. Illahee Preserve is a premier natural area complete with a forest, a salmon stream, and a wildlife preserve. This additional acreage is important to the future of both Illahee Preserve and the City of Bremerton, and will help protect the important wildlife and valuable natural features we associate with the Preserve and greater Illahee area.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting this grant request.

Sincerely,

Greg Wheeler  
Mayor



**PORT OF ILLAHEE**P. O. BOX 2357  
BREMERTON, WA 98310

July 9, 2020

RE: Illahee Preserve Wildlife Habitat Grant

To Whom It May Concern:


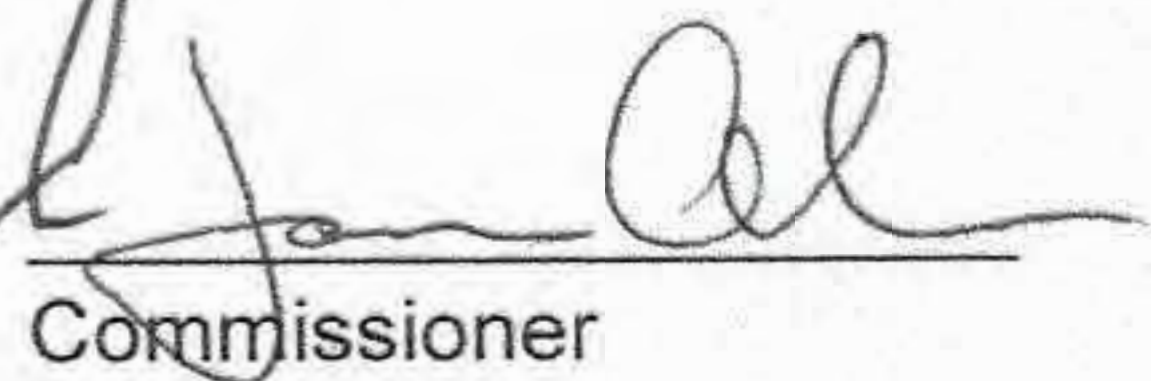
The Port of Illahee strongly supports Kitsap County Parks plans to expand the Illahee Preserve.

In 2005, the Port obtained a \$268,000 Centennial Clean Water grant from the Department of Ecology to conduct a watershed study within the Port's geographical boundary. That study resulted in findings that support the County's plan to expand the Preserve with an Urban Wildlife Habitat grant.

Specifically, the Port was interested in Illahee Creek as the source of storm water surges, during significant rain events, resulted in large sediment loads going out into the bay and around the Port's dock structure. The recommendations of the study noted that not only were more storm water detention facilities needed, but also that properties within the watershed should be preserved rather than be developed.

This grant proposal has, as its first priority, the acquisition of a South Fork property that would complete the control of the primary stream components of the Illahee Creek. Therefore, the Port of Illahee strongly endorses the project, and further supports the concept of wildlife corridor connections with Illahee State Park.

Sincerely,

  
Commissioner  
Commissioner  
Commissioner





August 3, 2020

SUBJECT: RCO 20-1742 Illahee Preserve, Urban Wildlife Habitat Grant Application

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

East Bremerton Rotary adopted Illahee Preserve as a major project in 2005 and since that time its members have poured countless volunteer hours and tens of thousands of dollars of support to help maintain and expand Illahee Preserve as a spectacular nature preserve for the benefit of the greater community. East Bremerton Rotary is very supportive of the grant application being made by Kitsap County to acquire up to 45 additional acres for expansion of the Illahee Preserve. The proposed acquisitions provide protection of sensitive natural land adjacent the Preserve, as well as furthering a wildlife corridor to connect the Preserve and Illahee State Park.

We are fortunate to have a Kitsap County Heritage Park serving the most densely populated urban area of East Bremerton. This additional acreage is important to the future of Illahee Preserve, and will help protect the important wildlife and valuable natural features we associate with the Preserve and greater Illahee area.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

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Patty Murphy, President  
East Bremerton Rotary





**Illahee Community Club**  
**(Supporting the Illahee Community Plan)**  
(Meetings held the middle month of each quarter – Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

July 17, 2020

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

Re: RCO Grant 20-1742A Illahee Preserve, Kitsap County Heritage Park, WWRP - Urban Wildlife Habitat

The Illahee Community Club (ICC) strongly supports the Illahee Preserve's current expansion plans.

The ICC worked on previous Preserve expansion plans that included co-signing a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) with the Illahee Forest Preserve Non-Profit Corporation that began the purchase of Phase 1 of the Timbers Edge Development. That purchase was followed by the eventual purchase of entire development that completed in 2020 and saved 36.2 acres from development (for a grand total purchase price of \$1,435,000).

Those purchases allow for the current expansion of habitat to continue by providing connective properties and the required 50% match dollars required for the grant.

The Illahee Community Club (ICC) therefore enthusiastically supports and endorses this application to expand habitat in the Illahee Preserve!

Sincerely,

*Barney Bernhard*

Barney Bernhard, President  
Illahee Community Club



# Kitsap Audubon Society

P.O. Box 961, Poulsbo, WA 98370

August 1, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1427A - Stavis NRCA 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

The Kitsap Audubon Society strongly supports the Washington Department of Natural Resources application to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in the Urban Wildlife Category, for the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve.

The parcel under consideration for acquisition are part of a plan to provide critical connectivity in this rare, diverse forest community on the east side of the Hood Canal. Protecting forests along the main stem of Stavis, Seabeck, and Harding Creek, a pocket estuary and upland forest near Stavis Bay is important to birds and other wildlife that require landscape level diverse forestland and shore. Our Society continue to support adding and protecting this high quality habitat for wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this very important project.

Sincerely,

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Gene Bullock, President  
Kitsap Audubon Society  
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July 29, 2020

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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1427A - Stavis NRCA 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

On behalf of the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG), I am pleased to offer my enthusiastic support of the Washington Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) application to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in the Urban Wildlife Habitat Category for the purchase of lands within the Stavis Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA) and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve (NAP).

The proposed acquisitions and additions to the NRCA/NAP are some of the last remaining unpreserved parcels in the Stavis NRCA. Acquisitions proposed with this project fill gaps in this important landscape that provides important wildlife habitat in an urban area. This project will protect forests along the main stem of the west forks of Harding and Seabeck Creeks and the main fork of Boyce creek, which provide spawning and rearing habitat for fall Chum and Coho salmon on Hood Canal. It will also protect and enhance rare forest communities in one of the most important corridors for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Trough.

HCSEG works throughout the Hood Canal to preserve, protect and restore salmon habitat from development and further degradation. We also look to find partners with land available for low impact public use, environmental education, and research projects so that we can further our mission of communicating the connection between land, people and salmon through education, restoration and research.

HCSEG regularly partners with DNR to remove invasive species, install native vegetation, and decommission forest roads and fish-blocking culverts and other restoration activities in the Stavis NRCA. In light of the positive impact this project represents to both salmonid spawning habitat and the greater Hood Canal Ecosystem as a whole, I am happy to offer my full support of this acquisition and conservation project.

Sincerely,

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Mendy Harlow  
Executive Director, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group





July 29, 2020

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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1427A - Stavis NRCA 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

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The proposed acquisition contributes to a landscape conservation effort to protect an intact drift cell, small streams, associated riparian corridors, headwater forests and wetlands. These habitats support a significant wildlife corridor and nearshore environment critical to ESA listed Salmon. In addition, this project will provide opportunities for low-impact public use, recreation, and environmental and scientific research.

This proposal for acquisition of land is supported by key conservation initiatives including our organization's Draft Conservation Plan 2016-2021, the Hood Canal Coordinating Council's Integrated Watershed Management Plan, the Kitsap Salmon Refugia Report 2003, and the West Kitsap Nearshore Assessment 2007.

The project area is located within driving distance of the Silverdale and Bremerton area. Given the proximity to this metropolitan area, this land is at high risk of residential development, making it even more critical that measures be taken to protect these natural assets for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this very important project.

Sincerely,

Erik Steffens  
Conservation Director  
Great Peninsula Conservancy



## Hood Canal Coordinating Council

Jefferson, Kitsap & Mason Counties; Port Gamble S'Klallam & Skokomish Tribes

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Purchasing lands within the Stavis NRCA and Kitsap Forest NAP will continue to conserve, in perpetuity, diverse habitats providing lasting benefits to salmon, wildlife, citizens, the Hood Canal and Puget Sound.

Thank you for your efforts to conserve Washington's native species and ecosystems and advocating for protection of open space and the natural resources of the Hood Canal Watershed.

Sincerely,

*Patty Michak*

Patty Michak  
Mitigation Program Manager  
Hood Canal Coordinating Council



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Over twenty years ago I worked as the habitat biologist for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and conducted habitat protection and restoration work throughout the Hood Canal watershed. I got to know the Stavis area well and fully support protection of this significant habitat. In particular, the proposed additions of the upper Harding Creek watershed is to be applauded. Although this is a relatively small independent drainage to Hood Canal, it supports the highest density of chum salmon spawners of any stream that I have ever surveyed in the region, as well as containing a high quality pocket estuary.

The proposed additions to the Stavis and Kitsap Natural Areas build on many years of work toward a landscape scale conservation success story and deserves full support.

Sincerely,



Peter Bahls  
Executive Director



July 29, 2020

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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
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Richard Corff  
Washington Director of Land Conservation



**Washington Native Plant Society**  
*Appreciate, Conserve, and Study Our Native Flora*

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September 8, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1427A - Stavis NRCA 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

As an organization committed to protecting Washington's native plants and their habitats, the Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) is writing in full support of the proposal by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to acquire 180 acres of land within the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area. The proposed acquisition will protect rare forest plant communities in an area biologists consider to be a vital biological diversity corridor in the Puget Trough.

WNPS is aware that the project will protect and enhance rare forest communities in one of the most important corridors for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Trough. WNPS is pleased that this project will continue the process of closing important gaps in the forested lands on the western Kitsap Peninsula, and will protect forests along several creeks that provide spawning and rearing habitat for fall Chum and Coho salmon on Hood Canal. Because this area is close to urban development, this purchase will not only protect this high-value forest but also provide excellent nearby research, education, and low-impact public use to a significant number of people.

Botanizing is a scientific and recreational activity that has a long history in Washington. Rooted in the oral traditions of our state's First Peoples, documented in the journal of botanist and explorer David Douglas, and continuing today on the web with the meticulous records of the Burke Herbarium and the citizen-science compiled WNPS plant lists, botanizing is a discipline worthy of recognition and promotion on public lands. The observations of botanizers have contributed to the human knowledge base of all cultures for thousands of years. Public procurement of high-quality native plant habitats ensures that current and future generations will experience and benefit from functioning natural environments.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our support of this acquisition. If WNPS can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Van Bobbitt  
President  
Washington Native Plant Society

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Becky Chaney  
Conservation Chair  
Washington Native Plant Society

August 17, 2020

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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1427A - Stavis NRCA 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

I am writing on behalf of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) regarding the Washington Department of Natural Resources' (WA DNR) grant application for land acquisition within the Stavis NRCA and Kitsap Forest NAP. We are enthusiastic about this potential acquisition and acknowledge many benefits associated with protecting this property and its resources.

This application to purchase a key in-holding in the Puget Trough Ecoregion, a priority Biodiversity Area and Corridor, will protect important upland, riparian, wetland, instream and shoreline habitat; retain wildlife and habitat connectivity; and improve our opportunity to collaboratively manage and consult with DNR and other non-profit partners.

Both the NRCA and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve (NAP), provide high quality fish and wildlife habitat within a larger landscape of forest lands on the western Kitsap Peninsula. Due to its proximity to Seattle and Tacoma and improved transit opportunities via the Narrows Bridge and fast ferry service, the Kitsap Peninsula will see increased development in the next decade. The remaining intact habitats will likely be at risk and susceptible to development-associated impacts. These acquisitions will fill important gaps in the landscape, supporting wildlife near urban areas and protecting Puget Sound nearshore, mature upland forest, and critical wetlands complexes. Additionally, the nearshore is critical habitat for Puget Sound Chinook and Hood Canal summer chum salmon, and the streams are critical habitat for Puget Sound steelhead. Hood Canal is foraging habitat for Southern Resident Killer Whales and Marbled Murrelet.

We are also excited about opportunities for low-impact public use, as these properties will provide stunning views of the Olympic Mountains and Hood Canal and opportunities for recreation, environmental education, and scientific research.

We commend your efforts and advocate for retention of wildlands on the Kitsap Peninsula.

Sincerely,



**Brittany N. Gordon**  
WDFW Area Habitat Biologist  
Region 6: Port Orchard Office  
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July 29, 2020

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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
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Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

Kitsap County strongly supports Washington Department of Natural Resources' application to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in the Urban Wildlife Habitat Category for the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve (NAP).

The proposed acquisition parcels contain rare forest communities and high-quality wildlife habitats including mature forest conditions, Hood Canal shoreline, salmon spawning habitat and freshwater wetlands. This project will protect and enhance these ecosystems in one of most important corridors for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Trough.

The proposed acquisitions associated with this project are supported by key conservation initiatives. The West Kitsap Salmon Habitat Nearshore Assessment identified the marine parcel areas as high priority for protection and conservation. Harding Creek, in particular, has largely intact riparian habitats supporting chum, coho and steel head runs. The Shoreline Management Act identifies Hood Canal as a Shoreline of Statewide significance. This proposal protects vital lands in the matrix of forestland on the Kitsap Peninsula and is all the more important for conservation given its proximity to the urban fringes of Silverdale and the City of Bremerton.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this very important project.

Sincerely,

KP

Kathleen Peters

Planning and Environmental Programs Division

Kitsap County Department of Community Development

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September 8, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1424A – Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

I am writing on behalf of WA. Department of Fish and Wildlife to express our enthusiastic support for Washington Department of Natural Resources' (WADNR) grant application for land acquisition within the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area.

We support this application to purchase a key in-holding in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, for habitat retention wildlife connectivity, and management improvement opportunity in collaborative manage and consultation with DNR and other non-profit partnerships.

The quality of this site is high due to the habitat diversity, remote character, and wildlife connections it provides in the surrounding landscape and region. The area is used by a variety of wildlife including northern spotted owls, Pileated woodpecker, Peregrine falcon, black bear, Roosevelt elk, bobcat, cougar, fox, coyote, osprey, blacktail deer and a variety of other mammals, birds, insects and amphibians.

We support your efforts and advocate for retention of wildland adjacent to metro areas in a largely urbanized landscape.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project!

Sincerely,

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Chris Anderson  
District Wildlife Biologist - King County  
WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife - Region 4  
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July 29, 2020

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RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1424A – Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and U.S. Forest Service strongly supports Washington Department of Natural Resources application to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in the Urban Wildlife Habitat Category for the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area (#20-1424).

Both the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and Alpine Lake Wilderness are adjacent to DNR's conservation lands in the Snoqualmie Valley. Additionally, US Forest Service lands are directly adjacent to the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area. Our agencies have been working together in this valley for more than twenty years to manage this landscape.

DNR will use this grant to acquire nearly 170 acres in the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area. Acquiring these important parcels will secure wildlife habitat, threatened by residential development in a growing urban area.

This is an opportunity to protect high-quality habitat for wildlife in an increasingly urban environment. This conservation area is less than an hour's drive from Seattle and Bellevue metropolitan areas. Cities such as North Bend and Snoqualmie, like the Greater Seattle area, are rapidly expanding in population and size. The Snoqualmie Valley is experiencing an increase in recreation. USFS and DNR, among others, are working together to plan for this improved access and these private parcels are incredibly important to acquire.

Sincerely,



**Alex Weinberg**  
I-90 Corridor Manager

**Forest Service**

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District



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Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

The Trust for Public Land strongly supports the Washington Department of Natural Resources' application to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in the Urban Wildlife Habitat Category for the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area acquisitions.

TPL creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy communities for generations to come. For over three decades, we have been helping communities protect hiking destinations, scenic viewsheds, and critical wildlife corridors to preserve the integrity of this beautiful area. Today, we are delighted to work with DNR on the protection of these critical properties to ensure they remain publicly accessible into perpetuity.

The proposed acquisitions will expand the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, a hugely popular recreation destination that is located in close proximity to King County's booming east side communities. Moreover, this project ensures protection of some of the last remaining unprotected and undeveloped parcels in the region adjacent to Rattlesnake Mountain, filling critical gaps in the conservation landscape and providing important wildlife habitat in a rapidly urbanizing region.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this very important project. We look forward to lending our efforts to this crucial project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam Plotkin".

Sam Plotkin  
Northwest Project Manager  
The Trust for Public Land



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August 7, 2020

Washington State Recreation Department  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Urban Wildlife Project #20-1424A  
– Recreation Mountain Scenic Area 2020

Dear WWRP Advisor and RCO Funding Board:

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust strongly supports the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources "Recreation Mountain Scenic Area NRCA 2020 WWRP Urban Wildlife Category, RCO #20-1424A" grant application submitted to the Recreation Department.

Less than an hour from the SeaTac metropolitan center, the Recreation Mountain Scenic Area and the Recreation Mountain and adjacent Raging River State Forest serve as a model of public land management that incorporates connected publicly owned wildlife habitat, working forests to provide revenue as state trust lands, and popular recreation areas.

It is our hope that we can continue to invest in conserving land through public ownership for habitat and recreation. DNR will use this grant to acquire nearly 170 conservation easements to add to the public ownership on Recreation Mountain. These conservation easements, which are highly and immediately threatened by residential development, will provide crucial habitat in an urban area as well as part of an important trail corridor from the city to the forest.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area is a 1.5 million-acre landscape of forests, wildlife habitat, and open spaces along Interstate 90, and it contains a human-built National Greenway on Interstate 90, urban and rural conservation lands, and a cultural landscape for wildlife including a variety of birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. We should purchase and manage high priority private lands to protect and enhance urban wildlife habitat, provide for low-impact public use and outdoor environmental education, and provide vital wildlife habitat to protect the forested scenic vista. If we miss this opportunity and development occurs on Recreation Mountain, it will be too late.

DNR and its staff have been consistent supporters of sustainable recreation and cultural resource management in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, and continue to be a partner in a broad conservation effort that invites tribes, land management agencies, conservation recreation interest groups, business representatives, local citizens and volunteers, to work together to conserve and enhance this nationally-recognized landscape for an ecologically healthy, resilient future.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 206.327.1732 or amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org.

Sincerely,

Amy Brockhaus, Deputy Director

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*Issaquah Alps*  
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August 8, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1424A – Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club strongly supports the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources “Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area NRCA 2020 WWRP Urban Wildlife Category, RCO #20-1424A” grant application which has been submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office.

We are dedicated to engaging the public to preserve, protect, and promote the land, wildlife, and trails of the Issaquah Alps for present and future generations. From our earliest days, the IATC had been a voice for the protection of not only trails but the open space through which they run, achieving many unprecedented conservation victories.

DNR will use this grant to acquire nearly 170 contiguous acres in the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area. Continued public acquisition of these parcels, which are highly and immediately threatened by residential development and provide crucial habitat in an urban area, is a key goal of the Greenway vision. It is a key parcel in the Mountains to Sound Greenway (the Greenway), which is a 100-mile landscape of forests, wildlife habitat, and open spaces along Interstate 90, a National Scenic Byway, and landscape connections for wildlife including a variety of birds, mammals, amphibians, and fish. The goal for this project is for the DNR to purchase and manage high priority properties to protect significant urban wildlife habitat, provide opportunities for low-impact public use and outdoor environmental education, and provide vital open space, landscape and wildlife habitat connections, and scenic vistas.

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club are consistent supporters of conservation land acquisition in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. We have worked with the DNR to advocate to acquire and protect open space and promote the priceless value of the Issaquah Alps by leading hikes, maintaining trails, and negotiating with community groups to provide consultation for effective advocacy campaigns.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this important conservation acquisition.

Sincerely,

David Dunphy, President  
[david.dunphy@issaquahalps.org](mailto:david.dunphy@issaquahalps.org)

Lindsay Frickle, Executive Director  
[exec@issaquahalps.org](mailto:exec@issaquahalps.org)



## King County

### Department of Natural Resources and Parks

#### Parks and Recreation Division

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August 7, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1424A – Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

I am writing on behalf of King County Parks and Recreation Division to express our enthusiastic support for Washington Department of Natural Resources' (WADNR) grant application for land acquisition within the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area.

King County Parks and Recreation Division of King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) co-own the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area. Our two agencies have been working together at Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and the Snoqualmie Valley for more than thirty years. This partnership has been very successful in conserving these important lands in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. King County recently purchased critical conservation lands that were added to the RMSA and provides an opportunity for public access and a connection from the City of North Bend to the public land in the Scenic Area and the Raging River State Forest. The target properties you have identified in your grant application are adjacent to the properties King County recently purchased and if acquired will ensure unfragmented landscape of public lands needed for public access and wildlife.

The proposed additions to the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area are within an area that has been identified as critical for conservation and public access and wildlife habitat and therefore a high priority for King County. Over the last two decades the efforts in the Snoqualmie and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley has been transformed through land conservation acquisitions, cleanup, and recreation planning carried out via partnerships with government agencies, recreation groups and non-profits. These acquisitions would build upon those efforts. It is critical that important in-holdings like these are acquired to ensure that previous conservation efforts are protected in perpetuity. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

*Kelly Heintz*

Kelly Heintz





August 6, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

**RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Urban Wildlife Project #20-1424A – Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area 2020**

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board,

The City of North Bend strongly supports the Washington Department of Natural Resources' application to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in the Urban Wildlife Habitat Category for the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area. The proposed acquisition is an important in-holding that is highly threatened by residential development. It provides crucial wildlife habitat in an urban area and is a highly visible piece of intact forest from our downtown, adding to the quality of life in our city.

Outdoor recreation is a major stimulator for the local economy. The 2020 Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State found that residents and tourists spend \$18.8 billion dollars annually on outdoor recreation trips, including trips to local, state and national parks.

We consider DNR to be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, open space and recreation. We believe this project will provide an important recreational opportunity for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this proposed project.

Sincerely,

CITY OF NORTH BEND

Rob McFarland  
Mayor



**Washington Native Plant Society**  
*Appreciate, Conserve, and Study Our Native Flora*

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September 8, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
 PO Box 40917  
 Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
 Urban Wildlife Project #20-1424A – Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area 2020

Dear WWRP Advisory Committee and RCO Funding Board:

The Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) strongly supports the proposal by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to acquire additional priority parcels in the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area in east King County. As an organization committed to protecting Washington's native plants and their habitats, WNPS strongly supports the proposed acquisition.

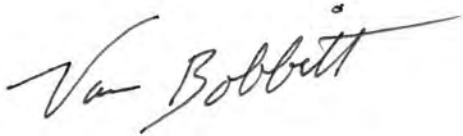
The purchase of the privately owned property in the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, which is within the Mountains to Sound Greenway, a 100-mile landscape of forests, wildlife habitat and open spaces along Interstate 90, will protect it from residential development and provide crucial wildlife habitat near urban areas. The distinctive physical features of this site, including mature Douglas fir forests, pockets of old growth forests, snag-rich wildlife habitats, numerous riparian systems, cliffs, steep slopes and wildlife corridors contribute to a varied and developed understory of native plants of Washington.

This area not only provides habitat for plants, wildlife and other life forms, but also builds an appreciation among human communities that helps develop a citizen conservation ethic as a legacy. Local colleges, the University of Washington, and the WNPS Central Puget Sound Chapter, use this area as a living laboratory for their educational activities. WNPS members have devoted hundreds of hours researching the native plants and habitats of this area, monitoring for invasive plants, and working on nearby restoration projects.

Botanizing is a scientific and recreational activity that has a long history in Washington. Rooted in the oral traditions of our state's First Peoples, documented in the journal of botanist and explorer David Douglas, and continuing today on the web with the meticulous records of the Burke Herbarium and the citizen-science compiled WNPS plant lists, botanizing is a discipline worthy of recognition and promotion on public lands. The observations of botanizers have contributed to the human knowledge base of all cultures for thousands of years. Public procurement of high-quality native plant habitats ensures that current and future generations will experience and benefit from functioning natural environments.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our support of this acquisition. If WNPS can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact our organization.

Sincerely,

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Van Bobbitt  
President  
Washington Native Plant Society

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Chaney". The signature is cursive and elegant, with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke.

Becky Chaney  
Conservation Chair  
Washington Native Plant Society



Board of County Commissioners  
1820 Jefferson Street  
PO Box 1220  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Kate Dean, District 1

David Sullivan, District 2

Greg Brotherton, District 3

August 4, 2020

Re: WWRP Urban Wildlife Grant Program, Project 20-1283 A

Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office,

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is writing this letter in support of Jefferson Land Trust's application for support of the Quimper Wildlife Corridor project to Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's 2020 Urban Wildlife Habitat grant program. Jefferson County has been working in partnership with Jefferson Land Trust, other agencies and the community on this project since the mid 1990's, and we are excited about these next efforts to preserve additional priority parcels in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor.

The Quimper Wildlife Corridor project is an effort to preserve a 3.5-mile greenbelt of native vegetation that spans the North Quimper Peninsula from Fort Worden State Park within the City of Port Townsend to McCurdy Point and Discovery Bay to the west in rural Jefferson County. The goal of the project is to preserve significant connected undeveloped forest and wetland habitats for multiple wildlife species within the Port Townsend Urban Growth Area and adjacent lands, while protecting the City's largest drainage corridor for natural stormwater filtration and storage. An extensive network of recreational trails crisscross the corridor and are appreciated by community and visitors for walking, bicycling, hiking, horseback riding, connecting neighborhoods, and educational programs for people of all ages.

Historic platting from the 1880s divided most of the land in the QWC into 50x100 foot lots without regard for topography or hydrology, resulting in hundreds of private parcels ranging from one lot to multiple lots. Adjacent development has increased dramatically in the last 20 years. Generational turnover in land ownership is threatening the corridor project while at the same time providing opportunities for acquisition not previously available. Since the inception of the QWC project 25 years ago, Jefferson Land Trust, Jefferson County, and the City of Port Townsend have acquired and preserved over 245 acres with funding provided by the community, The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Urban Wildlife Habitat Program, Jefferson County Conservation Futures Fund and numerous private foundations. This represents 50 transactions completed by the Land Trust alone. Recent outreach by the Land Trust to 120 landowners of prioritized parcels has resulted in over 30% response expressing interest in selling for the purpose of permanent preservation.

Support from the State Urban Wildlife Habitat Program is critical in this next big phase of acquisitions in the QWC, helping the Land Trust and project partners preserve this critical greenbelt for wildlife and humans to enjoy for years to come. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Brotherton, Chair  
District 3 Commissioner

Kate Dean  
District 1 Commissioner

David Sullivan  
District 2 Commissioner

April 7, 2020

Dear Granting Agency,

The City of Port Townsend is writing in support of Jefferson Land Trust's Quimper Wildlife Corridor (QWC) project application to Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's 2020 Urban Wildlife Habitat and Jefferson County's Conservation Futures grant programs. The City of Port Townsend has been working in partnership with Jefferson Land Trust, other agencies and the community on this project since the mid 1990s, and we are excited about these next efforts to preserve additional priority parcels in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor.

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**Our partnership with the JLT is evidenced by:**

**City of Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan Land Use Policy**

- 3.6.2: Support the expansion of a Quimper Peninsula wildlife and open space corridor consistent with the Quimper Wildlife Corridor (QWC) Management Plan.

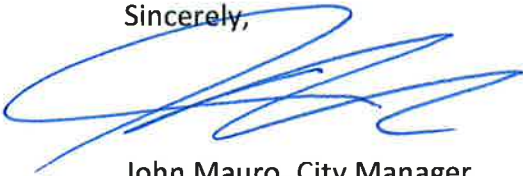
- Resolution 09-034: A Resolution Supporting the Preservation of Existing Trail Corridors in the QWC and Cappy's Woods Area through purchase of adjacent parcels from willing sellers, or through donation, or through the establishment of conservation easements.

<http://weblink.cityofpt.us/weblink/DocView.aspx?id=28266&searchid=e989133b-3c58-4541-966d-94dfb43268d9&dbid=0>

- Ord. 2976: Adopting the QWC Management Plan and Establishing an Effective Date  
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Sincerely,



John Mauro, City Manager







# NEWCASTLE TRAILS

a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation since 2003  
[www.NewcastleTrails.org](http://www.NewcastleTrails.org)

May 29, 2020  
 Newcastle, WA

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing as president of Newcastle Trails to support the acquisition of the forested Dalpay tract containing the DeLeo Wall Viewpoint. We'd like it to become public open space – possibly an addition to Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, which it adjoins on two sides.

Newcastle Trails is a 501(c)3 nonprofit citizens group with more than 350 members. We've worked to preserve and expand Newcastle's trail system since 1999. And we strongly support the preservation of the forest areas adjoining Cougar Mountain Park.

The Dalpay tract is especially important: it includes the much-visited DeLeo Wall Viewpoint, the old DeLeo Wall Trail, and informal trails linking Newcastle to the Park. And it's near the convergence of major Newcastle trails: the CrossTown Trail, running southeast from Bellevue's Newport Hills community past Lake Boren Park and central Newcastle; and the May Creek Greenway, coming east from the Eastrail in Renton (maps on page 2). The Greenway is complete within Newcastle. Renton's segment is complete from Lake Washington to I-405. The final link, under the freeway to Newcastle, awaits the completion of the I-405 Interchange and Transit Center projects in that area.

Cougar Mountain Park serves the greater Seattle region, not just the Eastside. It's an oasis of wilderness (with views and historical sights), much-loved and much-used. Usage will grow as population increases, open space is developed, and mass transit improves.

The Dalpay parcel is already being used as though it were part of the Park. If it's not preserved – if it's logged – we'll all lose. We'll lose the recreational benefits of the parcel, its viewpoint and trails, and the forest area to the west. We'll lose the ecological and esthetic benefits of a forested watershed and viewshed. We'll lose a piece of wilderness – and its trees and trails and animals - while public needs and park usage keep growing.

Yours Truly,

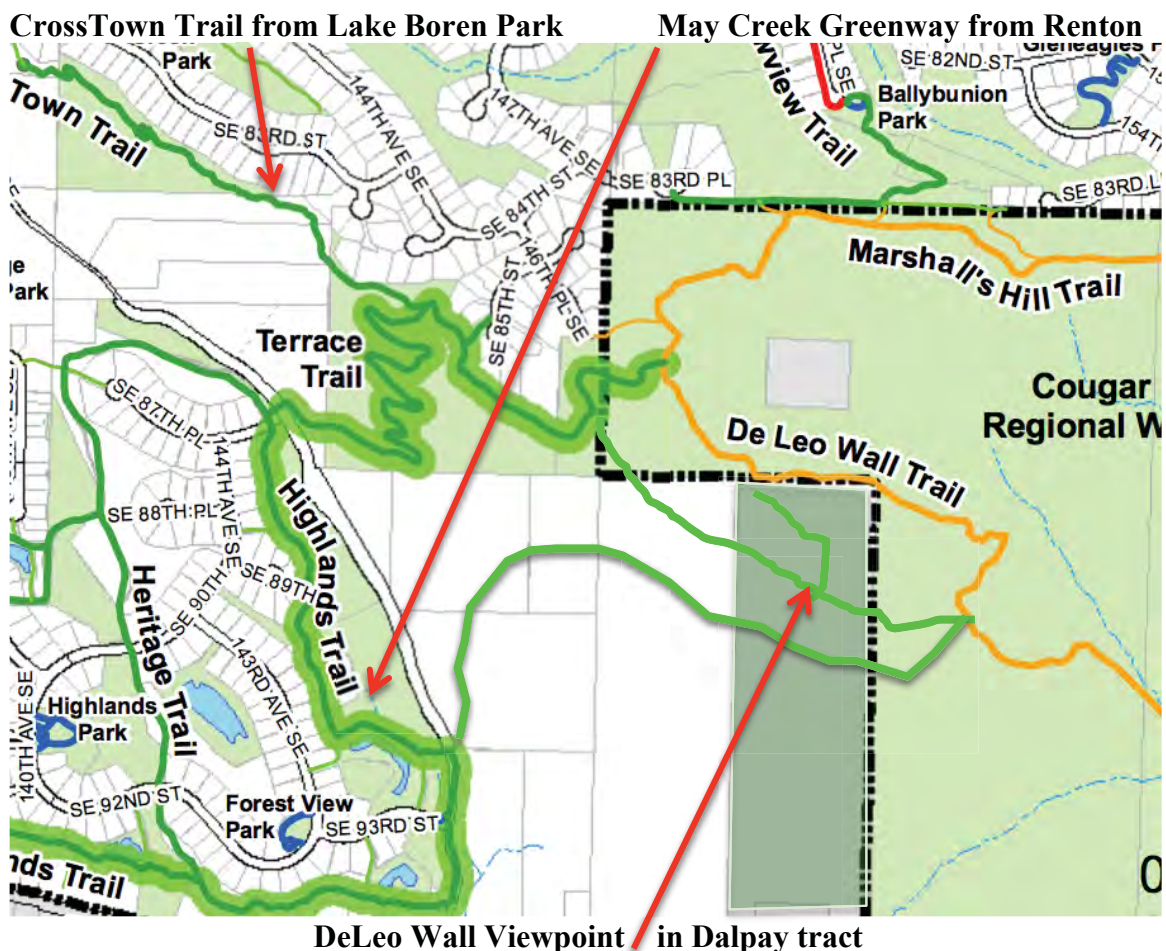
Garry Kampen, president  
 Newcastle Trails, [www.newcastletrails.org](http://www.newcastletrails.org)  
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**Note:** Figure 1 shows Bellevue's Coal Creek Trail north of Newcastle, and Newcastle's CrossTown Trail and May Creek Greenway entering Cougar Mountain Park near the Dalpay tract (D). The new Eastrail along I-405 and planned Transit Center in Renton (TCR) will likely increase the importance (and usage) of the May Creek Greenway.

**Figure 1.** Trails near Cougar Mountain, the CrossTown Trail passing Lake Boren at B.



**Figure 2.** The Dalpay tract, the May Creek Greenway (highlighted), and forest trails.



# Save DeLeo Wall

20-1843 WWRP UW #10

June 1, 2020

To whom it may concern:

The Save DeLeo Wall Campaign is a citizen-led effort to prevent clear-cut logging of the “DeLeo Wall” property located in the southeast corner of the City of Newcastle. Our group would like to preserve the DeLeo Wall as green space, ideally as part of the adjacent Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. The Campaign was formed in the spring of 2018 and has worked diligently with the City of Newcastle, King County, Forterra and local trails groups to raise money and awareness of what may happen if the steep hillside is clearcut.

The Save DeLeo Wall Campaign is supported by more than 450 local citizens, Newcastle City Council, Renton City Council, Newcastle Trails, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, the Washington Native Plant Society Conservation Committee, several local running groups, and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. The campaign can be credited with getting 150 citizens to attend a Newcastle City Council meeting in the summer of 2019, the largest single-issue turn out ever. The Campaign recently raised more than \$35,000 towards an appraisal of the property, at the request of the City of Newcastle and Forterra.

We strongly support the City of Newcastle grant application toward an acquisition of the property. If the grant is approved, the funds will be merged with existing city and county grant money.

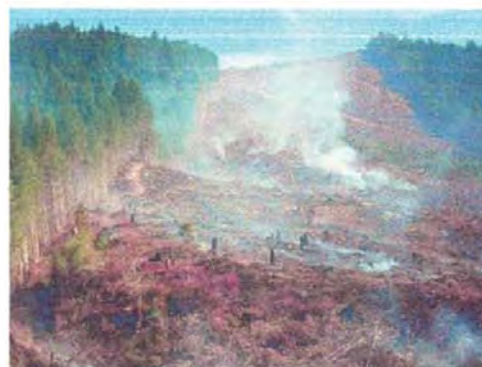
Sincerely,



Eva Lundahl and Robert Henry  
Co-founders of the Save DeLeo Wall Campaign  
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The DeLeo Wall property on Cougar Mountain today, looking north.



Anticipated outcome of a clearcut of the DeLeo Wall property.



## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Local Parks Category

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

### Letters are in Ranked Order

• 20-1210D Jefferson County Universal Movement Playground (6)	Rank 2
• 20-1362D Lions Park Pride Rock Playground (9)	Rank 3
• 20-1739D Centennial Fields All-inclusive Playground (9)	Rank 5
• 20-1349D American Lake Park Waterfront Access Upgrades (4)	Rank 6
• 20-1743D Lions Park Splash Pad and Inclusive Playground (20)	Rank 7
• 20-1289D Haddon Neighborhood Park Renovation (3)	Rank 8
• 20-1761D Wards Lake Park Enhancements Phase 1(6)	Rank 10
• 20-1632 C Republic Skatepark (25)	Rank 12
• 20-1534A Yelm Highway Community Park Acquisition (12)	Rank 14
• 20-1542A Lilly Road Parcel Acquisition (8)	Rank 15
• 20-1279D Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements (8)	Rank 16
• 20-1297D North Rainier Land Banked Park (1)	Rank 18
• 20-1296D Marina Beach Park Redevelopment (7)	Rank 19
• 20-1645D Van Lierop Park Playground (7)	Rank 21
• 20-1308A Flora Road River Trail Property (1)	Rank 23
• 20-1488D Gig Harbor Sports Complex Pickle Bo Spot (9)	Rank 25
• 20-1851D Frontier Heights Phase 2 (6)	Rank 25
• 20-1532C Glendale Forest Acquisition and Development (6)	Rank 34
• 20-1646A Bakerview Neighborhood Park Acquisition (2)	Rank 36
• 20-1535C Kaiser Woods Acquisition and Development (9)	Rank 37
• 20-1246D City Park Playground and Basketball Improvements (2)	Rank 39
• 20-1348D Eagle Ridge Park (6)	Rank 40
• 20-1518D Jacobsen Tree Farm Park Development	Rank 43
• 20-1831D Horseshoe Lake Americans with Disabilities Revitalization (2)	Rank 44
• 20-1255D Olmstead Park Development (6)	Rank 46
• 20-1857C Jenkins Creek Park Expansion (3)	Rank 47

• 20-1825D Heritage Square Redevelopment (2)	Rank 49
• 20-1682D Evergreen Playfield Complex Restroom Replacement (2)	Rank 50
• 20-1869D Kennewick Public Pool Rehabilitation Phase 2 (2)	Rank 51
• 20-1321D White Salmon Valley Pool (9)	Rank 52
• 20-1782A Narrows Park West Acquisition (3)	Rank 53
• 20-1649D Gateway Park Phase 4 Synthetic Turf Fields (1)	Rank 56
• 20-1551D Van Gasken Sound View Park Site Development (4)	Rank 57
• 20-1415D Benton City Splash Pad (3)	Rank 59
• 20-1840C Sweetwater Creek Waterwheel Park (8)	Rank 60
• 20-1812D Vista Park Nature Trail Foot Bridge (5)	Rank 63
• 20-1472A Leffler Field Acquisition (5)	Rank 65
• 20-1824A Welcome Park (4)	Rank 71
• 20-1879D Downtown Stevenson Park Plaza Development (4)	Rank 72
• 20-1786D Cordata Community Park Phase Two (3)	Rank 74
• 20-1668D Birch Bay Beach Park Development (1)	Rank 77



JEFFERSON  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

January 2, 2020

To Whom this May Concern,

Please consider this letter a statement of support for grant proposals to support JUMP (Jefferson Universal Movement Playground).

In its 2015 Open Space Plan, Jefferson County Parks and Recreation identified the need for five new playgrounds in our region with the understanding that play is vital to the brain development of all children. By providing new playgrounds, our community – and our children - are stronger. Because no child should be relegated to a separate play area due to their differences, it is critical that we build play spaces that are accessible to a full range of physical and mental abilities.

This need is difficult to meet due to budget constraints. If we are to make play available to all children in Jefferson County, cross-sector partnerships will be fundamental to our success. It is in this context that in July of 2017, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a playground development project between the County Parks and Recreation Department and JUMP.

Since that time the all-volunteer staff of JUMP have worked with County Parks and Rec staff to develop a playground plan and resource development strategy to build the first all-accessible playground in Jefferson County. This playground will be available to approximately 3000 children under the age of 16 and their families providing free, year-round play and socialization opportunities. Included in that number are local children with mobility impairments and other disabilities. At this playground, all of our local children will play together in the same space and the families of children with special needs will no longer have to drive over an hour each way to visit similar playgrounds in Bremerton, Port Angeles or Bainbridge Island.

We need your help to build this important and needed play space for our children. Your donation will not only help lead this project to completion but will also send the signal to other donors that this is a vital and sorely needed new community asset in which they should invest. Our children need this space. Your donation can help make that possible. Please approve this funding request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Siobhan Canty  
President & CEO







Board of County Commissioners  
1820 Jefferson Street  
PO Box 1220  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

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Kate Dean, District 1

David Sullivan, District 2

Kathleen Kler, District 3

May 31, 2018

From: Kate Dean, Jefferson County Commissioner

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to encourage you to fund the Jefferson Universal Movement Playground (JUMP!) community development application. This project, in partnership with Jefferson County Parks and Recreation, creates an opportunity to help meet the developmental needs of people of all abilities.

In July of 2017, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners unanimously and enthusiastically supported an agreement to accept the donation of playground equipment to HJ Carroll Park. JUMP! presents a partnership opportunity for the County to further our mission by providing much-needed funds to meet a need that would otherwise go unmet.

JUMP! founders have been instrumental in helping me, and many others in this community, understand the developmental imperative of play for kids of all abilities. While there are myriad options for kids to use their bodies in age-appropriate ways, there are very few that are accessible to those who are in wheelchairs or otherwise have limited mobility. Currently, families need to drive over an hour to find a playground that meets the sensorimotor needs of underserved people of all ages.

Jefferson County is lucky to have the professionals and volunteers of JUMP! so deeply committed to meeting the needs of ALL. The time and expertise they devote to this effort is truly a gift to the County and to the families that will benefit from the new playground.

I urge you to support the many local organizations who have contributed to this effort, further leveraging the impacts of your funds.

Thank you,

Kate Dean  
Commissioner, District 1  
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**Matthew Tyler**  
**Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Manager**  
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To Whom it May Concern

May 31, 2018

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing in support of the Jefferson Universal Movement Playground (JUMP!) Community Support grant application. It's been my good fortune to work with JUMP in developing their plans for this exciting facility located in the heart of HJ Carroll Park since its inception.

JUMP! volunteers (health care professionals and parents) have demonstrated their ability to create a unique facility with valuable community benefits. Throughout the process, the volunteers with JUMP! have been unusually thoughtful and dedicated. As the only playground of its kind in our region, JUMP! will be especially well-suited to children with special needs, and will also be attractive and challenging to children without special needs.

JUMP! is a public/private project that leverages the initiative and expertise of the organizers to enhance an established, and lasting public facility. JUMP! volunteers worked closely with staff, presented their ideas to the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and ultimately won an agreement with Jefferson County to donate the project. The agreement includes a long term plan for maintenance, funded by JUMP!, and completed by professional parks maintenance staff certified in playground safety. The project will serve the community for at least 25 years.

Located centrally to broader communities, HJ Carroll Park is an ideal location for this project. JUMP! The park serves thousands of families and is busy year 'round with youth sports, special events, and family gatherings. Enhancing community parks also helps attract new businesses and employees.

In conclusion, I would like to express my complete and unreserved support of this project. An investment in JUMP! is a lasting investment in the quality of life of the community.

Sincerely Yours,

*Digitally Signed on May 31, 2018 by Matthew L. Tyler*



**NORTH OLYMPIC SALMON COALITION**  
*Restoring wild salmon habitat on the North Olympic Peninsula*

www.nosc.org

March 4, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC) offers its enthusiastic support for the Jefferson Universal Movement Playground (JUMP) proposed for HJ Carroll Park. We are excited to support this accessible and inclusive playground in Jefferson County.

NOSC has worked in Jefferson County, and the greater North Olympic Peninsula, for three decades. Our deep community roots and expertise in salmon recovery make us well poised to be the point organization responsible for weaving the story of salmon into JUMP.

HJ Carroll Park is adjacent to Chimacum Creek and has a paved trail that provides visitors the opportunity to view spawning salmon. Chimacum Creek is home to coho, steelhead, cutthroat trout, fall chum, and the Endangered Hood Canal Summer Chum. There is a remarkable success story of the community rallying behind the recovery of Summer Chum in Chimacum Creek. In the 1980's, the summer chum population was wiped out due to a culvert washing out and burying all of the summer chum eggs in the lower reaches of the creek. Volunteers and community members took on the successful endeavor of re-introducing chum salmon into Chimacum Creek. We now have active runs of around 1,500 wild fish returning to the creek each year. Youth in our community have the opportunity to observe salmon as they return each year to the creek.

This story of recovery and resilience is an example of the collaborative restoration that the Chimacum watershed and community can tell for generations to come. Stories and associated artwork can be incorporated into the JUMP playground. These designs can encourage the youth to reflect on and understand the value of salmon to the watershed and community.

The NOSC education program serves more than 200 students each year. We are thrilled about the opportunity to share the news of this playground and encourage students and families to visit.

We fully support the Jefferson Universal Movement Playground and highlight recommend their proposal is funded.

Sincerely,

Hannah Seligmann

*Volunteer and Education Program Manager*

**North Olympic Salmon Coalition**



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98195

School of Medicine  
Department of Rehabilitation Medicine  
Division of Occupational Therapy



February 2, 2020

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter with great enthusiasm and support for JUMP! the Jefferson Universal Movement Playground. We became familiar with the JUMP! project when Sarah Grossman, the Board President of JUMP!, participated in a community capacity building meeting about 2 years ago for our Patient Centered Outcomes Research Project titled *Keep on Movin' Building a Child/Family, Community Stakeholder, and Researcher Partnership to Promote Physical Activity Access and Participation of Children With Disabilities*. Sarah became one of our regional coordinators for the project and assisted in recruiting Jefferson County community stakeholders and support for our research. The main goal of our project was to determine appropriate intervention strategies to support the community access and physical activity participation of children with disabilities. We are so pleased to see that one outgrowth of this project is JUMP!'s effort to build the first accessible and inclusive playground in Jefferson County.

Access to inclusive and safe community play structures is often limited for children who have disabilities and their families. Playgrounds, outdoor play and the social benefits of interacting with peers and other family members are a vital component of healthy growth and development. This inclusive playground will meet a critical need in the Jefferson County community, as families currently need to drive at least an hour each way to get to the nearest accessible playground. Through the efforts of JUMP!, local children will be able to experience the physical and social-emotional health benefits of outdoor play in spaces they can safely move and on play structures that are designed for all abilities.

The support JUMP! has already garnered for this effort is impressive. This includes support from the Mike Beery Memorial Children's Fund, a fiscal sponsor, who is donating funds to include a climbing section for the playground and Jefferson County Parks and Recreation who will contribute to making HJ Carroll Park more accessible overall, by improving parking, pathways, bathroom access as part of the playground project. The support JUMP! has from local service organizations, small businesses, churches, and community members shows that JUMP! has already laid important groundwork for this project and has garnered strong community endorsement.

JUMP! promises to be a model outdoor play space in the Jefferson County community with invaluable benefits to children and families for years to come. The need for additional funding through grants is critical to the success of JUMP! and reaching the final stages of this incredible vision.

Sincerely,

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January 20, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add my wholehearted support to JUMP, Jefferson Universal Movement Playground, for having such an important vision of creating a play space for children with and without disabilities. The concept of an inclusive playground where the environment is welcoming to children with disabilities and their friends and families is a wish that we hear often from the families we care for at Seattle Children's Hospital. It is a rarity to find a play space where typically developing children can play alongside kids with different abilities. This makes it so challenging for families to enjoy the outdoors and instill the joy of movement and play within their families.

Children in Jefferson County do not have the benefit of enjoying movement and learning in a safe and fun outdoor play area. We know that children learn motor, social and cognitive skills when they are encouraged to move and challenge themselves physically. We also know the great benefits of including children and adults with and without disability in environments where they can learn and teach each other and grow with compassion and kindness.

I would like to encourage funding of this important project that has the potential of touching many lives in such a profound and important way.

Thank you

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Cathy Graubert

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## Washington State Legislature

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter in strong support of the City of Othello's 2020 Lions Park Pride Rock Playground applications for RCO Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Local Parks and Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.

As the 9<sup>th</sup> district legislators, one of this project's most appealing aspects is that it will build on past investments in Lions Park by public and private sector organizations since the 1930's and by the state since 1974. Continuing this partnership, the City Council has committed local moneys in the City's Park and Recreation Reserve Fund to this project to maximize the funding available.

The existing Lions Park playground, largely installed in the 1970's, is unsafe, unappealing, and inaccessible to children with disabilities. The proposed playground will be designed with inclusion in mind and to meet all current regulatory standards. Children of all ages and capabilities will enjoy playing on the new equipment.

We are certain that the modernized playground will be tremendously popular with Othello's 8,000 residents, who make up about 40 percent of the Adams County population base. It will also be an incentive for families from other areas of Adams County, as well as neighboring counties, to visit Othello to play, eat and shop.

For all these reasons, we are in full support of this project. Thank you for considering this important request.

Sincerely,


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Senator Mark Schoesler  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Representative Joe Schmick  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Mary Dye  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
Post Office Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To whom it may concern;

Our family-owned business has been a proud member of the community in Othello for 26 years. We continue to enjoy watching the growth of our town, its families, and its public resources.

Small town life has many benefits but still faces similar challenges as larger metropolitan areas, like quality of life and access to public infrastructure. In our modest community, having modern features that leverage our wonderful geographic assets like great weather and sun, are important to our young families.

We strongly support the city's proposal to design and construct a state-of-the-art, safe and accessible new playground at Lion's park.

Warm regards,

**Brian Moreno**  
Owner



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the City of Othello's 2020 proposal to design and construct a "Lions Park Pride Playground" through grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks and from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

From my perspective as local business owner, installing a state-of-the-art playground at Lions Park would be highly welcome and a direct fit with our organizational missions and values.

- The existing Lions Park playground is unsafe, unappealing, and inaccessible to children with disabilities. The proposed playground will be designed with inclusion in mind and to meet all current regulatory standards. Children of all ages and capabilities will enjoy playing on the new equipment.
- Lions Park is located in the heart of a densely populated neighborhood of low-income, young families. The park is within walking distance for many of Othello's 8,000 residents, making its central location advantageous to young families and in-home caregivers who are eager to engage children in healthy outdoor activities.

We enthusiastically support this project. Lions Park is a well-used, much-loved community gathering place. Modernizing the playground and making it accessible will help us carry out our child-care mission and will bring much joy to young children and their families.

Thank you for considering Othello's Lions Park Pride Playground grant funding requests. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan Cox, PhD  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I support the City of Othello's application to design and construct a "Lions Park Pride Playground" through grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

- I care about the health and well-being of our community's many children.
- Some of our children don't have a lot of good options they can get to outside of walking.
- Lions Park is a wonderful and centrally-located place for it.

I am in support! Our church loves to bless our neighbors, and I feel this can be a good help to Othello. Thank you for considering the Lions Park Pride Playground request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Eric Depew  
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## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the City of Othello's application to design and construct a "Lions Park Pride Playground" through grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The Chamber's mission is to promote Othello by enhancing the local economy, our members, and tourism.

From the Chamber's perspective, installing a state-of-the-art playground in place of the current aged, unsafe and inaccessible facility is a direct fit with our organizational missions and values.

- A modern, safe and accessible playground will be a significant regional tourism draw and boost to local businesses. It will be an incentive for families from other areas of Adams County, as well as neighboring counties, to visit Othello to play, eat and shop.
- As economic development professionals, we know that quality of life, including recreational opportunities, plays an important role in decisions by businesses and their employees to locate and stay in a community and region. Othello's 8,000 residents represent 40 percent of the Adams County population base. The proposed playground will provide a refreshing quality-of-life "facelift" to Lions Park for current residents and give us another marketing tool to attract future businesses, workers and their families.
- Designing and constructing the playground within Lions Park aligns well with our business values. The project builds on past investments by the public and private sectors in Lions Park since the 1930's and by the state since 1974.

The Chamber is in full support of this project. We believe the playground as proposed will bring substantial economic benefits to our region and only enhance the civic legacy of Lions Park.

Thank you for considering the Lions Park Pride Playground request. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Sharon Skorick  
Manager, Othello Chamber of Commerce  
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May 20, 2020

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)  
Post Office Box 40917  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are excited about the opportunity to support the City of Othello's proposal to design and construct a state-of-the-art, safe and accessible new playground at Lions Park.

Physical activity as well as youth and family engagement are essential to the quality of life we continue to enhance in our community. Lions Park is a well-used, much-loved community gathering place. Modernizing its aging, unsafe, and inaccessible playground will bring much joy to hundreds of underserved children and their families.

We look forward to hearing the great news that Othello has been awarded the grant to make this project happen in 2022! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 509.331.2601

Sincerely,

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Connie Agenbroad  
CEO





*Keeping Healthy Those Who Feed the World*

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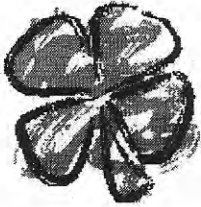
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Our organization is please to commit \$1,500 of private funding to show our steadfast support for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 509.488.5256.

We look forward to hearing the great news that Othello has been awarded the grant to make this project happen in 2022.

Sincerely,

Nieves Gomez  
CEO



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**Washington State Recreation and Conversation Office (RCO)**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are extremely excited that our City plans to install a new playground in our community through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

We believe a new playground will bring much joy to many members of our community. This will encourage many people to go out and play with their friends and family. This will positively impact Othello as spending quality time with friends and family is a vital part in enhancing the quality of life.

We are looking forward to the possibility of Othello installing a new playground in our community.

Thank You,

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Andrew Montemayor  
General Manager





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Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 509-265-4216

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Sincerely,

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# Snoqualmie Valley

## *Public Schools*

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May 22, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the effort to create an All-Inclusive Playground at Centennial Fields Park in the City of Snoqualmie.

This unique project will create accessible and inclusive play facilities for children of all abilities, helping address a recreational disparity for differently-abled youth, who daily face barriers that effectively exclude them from healthy play.

Snoqualmie is a young City, with 35% of residents under age 19, yet no City parks or playgrounds are currently designed for all-inclusive play. Centennial Fields park is the perfect site to add these improvements, with spacious fields and a welcoming natural environment. It is also located next to Snoqualmie Elementary School (SES), which houses the school district's elementary-level Special Education Team providing services for over 500 elementary level students, extending potential playground benefits district-wide. This makes the site a perfect inclusive recreation center, as the Snoqualmie Valley School District covers over 400 square miles, serving Snoqualmie, North Bend, Fall City and surrounding areas of unincorporated King County.

The Centennial Fields All-Inclusive Playground design proposes comprehensive amenities to finally meet this need in the Snoqualmie Valley. Improvements will provide extensive ramps and rubber surfacing to improve wheelchair access to the playground and onto play equipment. The project will add features for those dealing with mobility-impairments, such as swings and back-supporting spinners, as well as tactile and musical play equipment for both autistic and sight-impaired youth. Community members have emphasized the importance of perimeter fencing, which is also proposed in the project, along with seating areas with clear sightlines for parents.

A playground with universally-accessible play will help improve quality of life for youth; build confidence; and improve opportunities for peer interaction and community-building among youth and parents alike.

I would like to convey our support for the Centennial Fields All-Inclusive Playground Project, and hope you also support this much-needed needed facility for the Snoqualmie Valley.

Sincerely,

Nancy Meeks,  
Executive Director of Student Services  
Snoqualmie Valley School District  
425-831-8015



**King County**

*Kathy Lambert*

Councilmember, District 3

**Metropolitan King County Council**

May 23, 2018

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Sincerely,

Kathy Lambert  
King County Council  
District 3

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Landscape Structures, the designers of the Playground equipment, are a Partner with Kiwanis International. As the local Kiwanis Club, Snoqualmie Valley Kiwanis, we are very excited to be able to partner in the inception of this playground.

.A playground with universally-accessible play will help improve quality of life for youth; build confidence; and improve opportunities for peer interaction and community-building among youth and parents alike. As a former foster mother with a disabled child, I personally applaud and support these efforts.

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Sincerely,

Marie Jackson, President  
Snoqualmie Valley Kiwanis



**Office of the Mayor**

May 22, 2018

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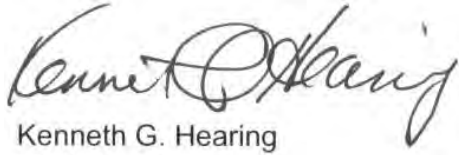
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth G. Hearing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenneth" and last name "Hearing" clearly distinguishable.

Kenneth G. Hearing

Mayor  
City of North Bend

June 27, 2018

To Whom it May Concern:

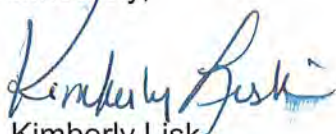
The City Council of the City of Carnation enthusiastically supports the effort to create an All-Inclusive Playground at Centennial Fields Park in the City of Snoqualmie.

This unique project will create accessible and inclusive play facilities for children of all abilities, helping address a recreational disparity for differently-abled youth, who daily face barriers that effectively exclude them from healthy play. Centennial Fields park is the perfect site to add these improvements, with spacious fields and a welcoming natural environment. It is also located next to Snoqualmie Elementary School (CVES), which houses the elementary-level Special Education Team for the school district servicing over 500 elementary level students, extending potential playground benefits district-wide.

The improvements will provide extensive ramps and surfacing to improve wheelchair access; play equipment for those dealing with mobility-impairments; as well as "tactile" and musical play equipment for both autistic and sight-impaired youth. A playground with universally-accessible play will help improve quality of life for youth; builds confidence; and improves opportunities for peer interaction and community-building among youth and parents alike and will be a welcome addition to the Snoqualmie Valley.

The City of Carnation would like to convey its support for the Centennial All-Inclusive Playground Project, and hope you also support this much-needed needed facility for the Snoqualmie Valley.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Lisk  
Mayor



Fall City Community Association PO Box 272 Fall City, WA 98024

August 10, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

We, the members of the Fall City Community Association, fully support the "Chelsea's Dream" effort to create an All-Inclusive Playground at Centennial Fields Park in the City of Snoqualmie.

This unique project will create accessible and inclusive play facilities for children of all abilities, helping address a recreational disparity for differently-abled youth, who daily face barriers that effectively exclude them from healthy play.

The Snoqualmie Valley—including unincorporated Fall City—does not presently have any such play facility and the prospect of such a play-place is welcome.

We would like to convey our support for the Centennial All-Inclusive Playground Project, and hope you also support this much-needed needed facility for the Snoqualmie Valley.

Sincerely,

Ashley Glennon

President, Fall City Community Association

On behalf of the Members of The Fall City Community Association

[RAGlennon@gmail.com](mailto:RAGlennon@gmail.com)

(425) 442-5893





May 22, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Encompass is proud to support the effort to create an All-Inclusive Playground at Centennial Fields Park in the City of Snoqualmie. Our organization has a 50-year history of providing early intervention and support to families of children with intellectual and physical disabilities in the Snoqualmie Valley area. Our evidence-based practices help children of all abilities reach their full potential, and our mission aligns with this project's vision.

This unique project will create accessible and inclusive play facilities for children of all abilities, helping address a recreational disparity for differently-abled youth who daily face barriers that effectively exclude them from healthy play.

Centennial Fields Park is the perfect site to add these improvements, as it is located next to Snoqualmie Elementary School (SES), which houses the school district's only developmental preschool for kids ages 3-5 who need special education services.

At Encompass, we believe what happens early in life matters, and we envision a community where ALL children thrive. This All-Inclusive Playground project supports that vision and will create a place where all children can be included and be successful.

I would like to convey our support for the Centennial Fields All-Inclusive Playground Project. I hope you will join me in supporting this much-needed needed facility for the Snoqualmie Valley.

Sincerely,

Nela Cumming  
Executive Director  
Encompass

May 22, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the effort to create an All-Inclusive Playground at Centennial Fields Park in the City of Snoqualmie.

This unique project will create accessible and inclusive play facilities for children of all abilities, helping address a recreational disparity for differently-abled youth, who face daily barriers that effectively exclude them from healthy play. Many children with disabilities are unable to participate in many of the quintessential activities of childhood; such as playing on a soccer team, playing at a friend's house, and going to summer camp, just to name a few.

This playground is uniquely designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of children with special needs all while creating a fun and engaging space for all children to play and learn from one another. This playground will be fully enclosed in a colorful fence that will keep children who are prone to elopement safe in a contained and controlled environment. It will have structures that give children who are easily overwhelmed a space that they can retreat to for a much needed break. It will also have wheelchair-accessible structures that will allow children of all abilities to play together face-to-face and in the same environment. This time spent playing in an truly inclusive environment is such a valuable opportunity for children to learn that they have much more in common with one another than they have differences. They are able to see that all children love to play, no matter what they may look like.

As a parent of a child with special needs, I have seen first hand how many of the quintessential activities of childhood are inaccessible to children like my own.

35% of the residents of the City of Snoqualmie are under age 19, yet there are no City parks or playgrounds in our community that are currently designed for all-inclusive play. Centennial Fields park is the perfect site to add these improvements, with spacious fields, level ground and walking paths and a welcoming natural environment. It is also located next to Snoqualmie Elementary School (SES), which houses the school district's elementary-level Special Education Team providing services for over 500 elementary level students, extending potential playground benefits district-wide. Our own son attended this developmental preschool program and the excellent teachers have expressed great interest in having an ongoing field trip permission slip arrangement, so that they can bring the children over to play in this safe, inclusive and contained environment during recess. This makes the site a perfect inclusive recreation center, as the Snoqualmie Valley School District covers over 400 square miles, serving Snoqualmie, North Bend, Fall City and surrounding areas of unincorporated King County.



The Centennial Fields All-Inclusive Playground design proposes comprehensive amenities to finally meet this need in the Snoqualmie Valley. Improvements will provide extensive ramps and rubber surfacing to improve wheelchair access to the playground and onto play equipment. The project will add features for those dealing with mobility-impairments, such as swings and back-supporting spinners, as well as tactile and musical play equipment for both autistic and sight-impaired youth. As mentioned above, it will be fully enclosed with a fence and will have seating areas with clear sightlines for parents.

A playground with universally-accessible play will help improve quality of life for youth; build confidence; and improve opportunities for peer interaction and community-building among youth and parents alike.

I would like to convey the support of the Robinson Family Foundation for the Centennial Fields All-Inclusive Playground Project, and hope you also support this much-needed needed facility for the Snoqualmie Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Robinson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Andrew Robinson

Robinson Family Foundation

Board of Directors



May 22, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network board of directors, I am writing in support of the creation of an All-Inclusive Playground at Centennial Fields Park in the City of Snoqualmie.

We are excited about this project because it will create accessible and inclusive play facilities for children of all abilities, helping address a recreational disparity for differently-abled youth, who face barriers that exclude them from healthy play. **To my knowledge, a playground with this level of accessibility does not exist in the entire Snoqualmie Valley.**

The Snoqualmie Valley communities are largely made up of children and youth. For example, in the city of Snoqualmie, 35% of residents are under age 19, yet no City parks or playgrounds are currently designed for all-inclusive play. Centennial Fields park is the perfect site to add these improvements, with spacious fields and a welcoming natural environment. It is also located next to Snoqualmie Elementary School (SES), which houses the school district's elementary-level Special Education Team providing services for over 500 elementary level students, extending potential playground benefits district-wide. This makes the site a perfect inclusive recreation center, as the Snoqualmie Valley School District covers over 400 square miles, serving Snoqualmie, North Bend, Fall City and surrounding areas of unincorporated King County. **It is our belief that families will also travel to Centennial Fields from Carnation and Duvall to utilize this unique and accessible park.**

A playground with universally-accessible play will help improve quality of life for youth; build confidence; and improve opportunities for peer interaction and community-building among youth and parents alike.

We are in full support for the Centennial Fields All-Inclusive Playground Project, and strongly encourage you to support this much-needed needed facility.

Sincerely,

*Laura Smith*

Executive Director  
Snoqualmie Valley Community Network  
[www.snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org](http://www.snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org)  
laura@svcn.info  
425-333-6614



August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clover Park School District wholeheartedly supports the City of Lakewood's grant application to improve outdoor spaces for students and families in the Lakewood community. This grant application enhances the city's mission to create a healthy and vibrant community within our city.

As a school district, we have partnered with the City of Lakewood for many years to build community and create social connections within our City. Recently we established a joint use agreement with the City to further our efforts to share public resources in the form of fields and facilities where alignment exists.

The City has been a tremendous advocate of supporting youth and families. It offers a rich history of supporting youth activities to include sports and family time in outdoor spaces that encourages health and wellness.

The District serves a highly diverse student population, and our students deserve every opportunity to become active and engaged in the wider community. The District understands that offering a varied selection of youth recreational activities benefits our families tremendously by creating safe and healthy places for children to visit, learn and play.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have pockets of poverty and lack park resources in some communities. This plan addresses the need for increased access and equity for students.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for our students and overall community. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood. Please feel free to contact me at (253) 583-5190 if you require additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Banner".

Ron Banner  
Superintendent



# WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

*Proudly serving the citizens of Lakewood and University Place*

3631 Drexler Drive West, University Place, WA 98466  
phone 253.564.1623 | fax 253.564.1629 | [www.westpiercerescue.org](http://www.westpiercerescue.org)

July 31, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support for the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at American Lake Park.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue provides fire and rescue services for the Lakewood Community. Providing ADA access to the waterfront at American Lake Park would be an incredible safety improvement and will help us to respond more quickly to incidents at the lake.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue supports the City of Lakewood in the endeavor because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. West Pierce Fire & Rescue has conducted many park beautification and cleanup projects at this site and will continue to support this park when the enhancements are made.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. Public access to the water is very limited and the park development at this site will go far in addressing access and equity in our community and providing youth and families with a safe place to visit, learn and play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Lake City neighborhood area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

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Jim Sharp  
Fire Chief





# Partners For Parks

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May 29, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at American Lake Park.

Partners for Parks is a collaboration of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We have raised funds to purchase land, build restrooms, expand trails and enhance park sites. We have volunteered to clean up parks and improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and visitors.

Partners for Parks is interested in supporting and partnering with the City of Lakewood because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We also believe that many hands make light work and if you put the right team together you can do amazing things. Partners for Parks has conducted many park beautification and cleanup projects at this site and will continue to support this park when the enhancements are made.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. There are very few public access to the water and the park development at this site will go far in addressing access and equity in our community and providing youth and families with a safe place to visit, learn and play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Lake City neighborhood area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President  
Partners for Parks



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CITY OF  
LAKEWOOD

**KIWANIS CLUB OF CLOVER PARK**  
9524 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW  
City of Lakewood, WA 98499-1514

June 9, 2020

Grant Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Clover Park to support the improvements of North American Lake Park being proposed by the City of Lakewood.

A popular annual event at North American Lake Park is the Ray Evans Youth Fishing Day held in May. The motto of the Kiwanis is "Helping the Children of the World." The Ray Evans Youth Fishing Day provides an opportunity for young people in our community to enjoy a positive outdoor recreational opportunity. The Kiwanis Club of Clover Park provides the event volunteers a free hot dog and beverage lunch.

The proposed improvements to North American Lake Park will further enhance the enjoyment of this facility by members of the Lakewood community.

Sincerely yours,

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Jerry Dunlap

Secretary

Kiwanis Club of Clover Park



March 4, 2020



Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham:

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance that our parks are of high quality.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. My family and I have participated in multiple formal and informal events here. The renovation project will add many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come.

Key parts of our mission is to help our friends and neighbors live full and vibrant lives. Robust parks encourages walking and activity for pleasure and wellbeing. It also encourages social interaction and neighborliness. Each of these behaviors enable longer and healthier lives.

Please award grant dollars to the City to be used to renovate Lions Park.

Thank you,

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Norman Thiel  
Executive Director



March 3, 2020

Karen Hedine, CEO  
PH (509)525-8863 x 104  
khedine@wwymca.org

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham:

The Walla Walla YMCA is pleased to support the grant application being submitted by the City of College Place to the Recreation Conservation Office. The grant application addresses the City's plans to renovate Lions Park.

The City of College Place is served by the Walla Walla YMCA, which provides year-round outdoor education and play activities for thousands of area youth. Given the tremendous need to keep children active outdoors, it is of the utmost importance to the community that the parks offer engaging opportunities and are of high quality.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The Walla Walla YMCA's many youth programs, including those serving underserved youth in the community, would make use of the renovated park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come.

We support an award of grant dollars to the City to be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Karen Hedine

**PACIFIC LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**P.O. Box 96**  
**WALLA WALLA, WA. 99362**  
**"So Kids Can Play"**

**April 30, 2018**

**Att: Recreation & Conservation Office WA State**

It is our great pleasure to recommend the City of College Place for a grant from the RCO.

Walla Walla Pacific Little League has been partners of both organizations for many years.

In 2000 and 2001, Pacific Little League received a grant from the Interagency of Outdoor Recreation to increase the size of our Little League fields at the Veterans Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington.

Lions Park in College Place has granted Pacific Little League Softball and Baseball access for Little League games and practice fields for over 40 years.

College Place is within the boundaries of Pacific Little League. Practice fields are hard to find in our area and we support the City of College Place in their efforts to improve the park.

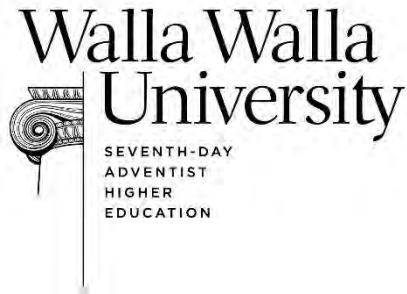
John Zodnick, President of Pacific Little League

/s/ John Zodnick

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Financial Administration  
204 S College Ave  
College Place, WA 99324-1198  
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May 12, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the park renovation grant applications submitted by the City of College Place to the Recreation Conservation Office. The City only has 17 acres of park land, so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide variety of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, Movies in the Park as well as family picnics and recreation. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is a treasured asset to all for years to come.

Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steven G. Rose'.

Steven G. Rose  
VP Financial Administration  
Walla Walla University  
204 South College Avenue | College Place, WA 99324  
509-527-2303



Walla Walla Valley Academy  
*A Seventh-day Adventist High School*

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Erik Borges

Principal



**Youth Advisory Commission**

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

The College Place Youth Advisory Commission strongly supports the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Eli Stanciu Jr, Commission Chair





March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I am writing in support of the City of College Place grant application made to the Recreation Conservation Office. Lions Park is a vital gathering place at the heart of the community and serves as a gathering place for diverse purposes. College Place is a wonderful community but lacks public green spaces. Enhancing the park amenities will greatly increase the usability for everyone and allow the park to serve as an event destination as well as a place to recreate. The weekly Farmers Market is one such event that brings people of all ages to the park and gives local growers, vendors and craftspeople the opportunity to sell their products and interact with the community. Other holiday events, celebrations and athletic events contribute the wonderful quality of life and community pride enjoyed by the people who live in our city.

After reviewing the proposed enhancements, I believe this project fits the purpose of the grant in providing recreation space and opportunities, encouraging health through outdoor recreation and conserving green space for the benefit of the community. Please consider funding this project and the efforts of the City of College Place.

Thank you,

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Kyle Tarbet  
President and CEO  
Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce





March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

We ask that you will support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is very important to our city, it is our main park for most events and community activities. We use the park for the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park, birthday parties, company parties, church gatherings, just to name a few. Our city is growing and the need for this renovation project is very important to our community. Please consider our request to award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lambert", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeff Lambert

Manager

Andy's Market

1117 S College Ave

College Place WA 99324

(509) 529-1003



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Erin Hubbard  
Branch Manager



**Blue Mountain Action Council**

Building thriving communities.

March 8, 2020

Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia WA 98504-7027

Re: Support for City of College Place's Lions Park renovation grant application

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

I am writing in support of the City of College Place's grant application to the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park, an important community resource that serves not only the growing city's residents but also the greater Walla Walla area and out-of-area visitors. State grant dollars would be well spent in allowing the city to renovate Lions Park for a variety of uses by current and future generations.

Lions Park is an almost-hidden gem, considering the city's proximity to larger Walla Walla. It's centrally located within College Place, boasting wide open spaces, trees, a baseball diamond, and Garrison Creek running through it. It's a great place for picnics, walks, and play. Additionally, families and individuals are drawn by weekly farmers' markets and Movies at the Park nights. The Annual Youth Fishing Derby is a big draw, introducing children to the sport and a bonding experience for families and friends.

The city's park renovation plan would add several attractive features that would add comfort, interest, safety, and better use of the current open spaces and the growing community. Among them are a splash pad, great for our hot summers; an innovative playground with play structures based on nature; a purpose-build, meandering exercise path; and a fishing platform.

Blue Mountain Action Council is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides a variety of social services. We've long partnered with the City of College Place to help others, such as administering the city's utility discount program for low-income seniors and disabled adults. We applaud the city for applying for RCO's grant to improve Lions Park, thus further improving people's lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Covey".

Kathy Covey  
Chief Executive Officer  
KC:nb



March 3rd, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

I Shawniene Bingham, Executive Director of Camp Fire Walla Walla strongly support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Camp Fire appreciates the City of College Place and the openness they have to us using their Park for programming. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Shawniene Bingham  
Executive Director  
Camp Fire Walla Walla  
414 S Park Street  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-525-3180

[shawniene@wwcampfire.org](mailto:shawniene@wwcampfire.org)



*March 3, 2020*

*Ms. Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027*

*Dear Ms. Cottingham,*

*As a long-time resident and business owner in College Place, I enthusiastically support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park.*

*Located on a main thoroughfare, it plays an aesthetic role in College Place as one of the main outdoor public gathering spaces—and serves as one of four parks (totaling 17 acres) for community use.*

*Although it is host to many community activities and is centrally located, it is showing signs of deterioration and aging which detracts from its potential as a gathering place for community residents. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is well-used asset and a place that truly enhances our community life together.*

*Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.*

*Sincerely,*

*DeLona Lang Bell, President  
CMBell Company  
48 North College Avenue  
College Place, WA*





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March 31, 2020

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Kaleen Cottingham, Director  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

I am delighted to write this letter in support of the City of College Place's grant applications to renovate Lions Park!

The City of College Place only has four parks, totaling 17 acres, so it is critical that the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City and is a host to a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is a treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so they can be used to renovate Lions Park.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Campbell

Mary A. Campbell  
Executive Director  
509.540.6720

Catherine Veninga  
Study Coordinator  
509.529.0119

Rachel Elfenbein  
Advocacy Coordinator  
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**Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission**

March 2nd, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

The College Place Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission (EDTEC) strongly supports the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park. Renovating the park will greatly enhance the livability of the community and enhance a number of community events currently held in the park including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park events. The City's burgeoning Summer youth recreation programs are also held in this park. The City only has four parks at 17 acres total so it is of the utmost importance the parks are of high quality. Lions Park is centrally located in the City. The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award grant dollars to the City so it can be used to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures are present. The first signature, 'Keeli Leen', is written in a cursive script. The second signature, 'Kyle Jarlat', is also in cursive and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

College Place Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission

March 3, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

As superintendent in the only public school system in College Place, I can strongly attest to the important role that our parks play in our community. We use our local city parks for after school activities, summer activities, summer meal programs, field trips and so much more. To have quality parks promotes strong, active communities, as you know. I give my full support the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park.

Our City only has four parks currently on very little acreage. Lions Park is the anchor to our city falling geographically in the center of the City and is central to our City activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. Memories are made at Lions Park daily and this renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park provides future generations with many more memories. I know that you will see a lot of demand for these grant dollars, but by supporting our request, you will provide support is critical and timely, as the needs at Lions Park are demanding to be addressed right now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Fry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Fry" clearly distinguishable.

Jim Fry  
Superintendent, College Place Public Schools  
[jfry@cpps.org](mailto:jfry@cpps.org)  
(509) 525-4827



# Columbia REA

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March 4th, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
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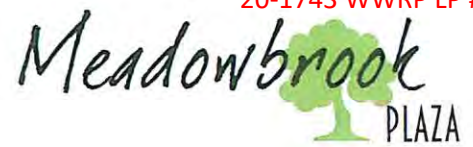
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Thank you,

Sincerely,

Doug Case  
Manager of Marketing and Member Services  
Columbia REA



March 10, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham,

I am writing to express my strong support for the renovation of Lions Park and for the grant applications submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office by the City of College Place. With the City of College Place containing only four parks totaling 17 acres, it is of the utmost importance that each park is of highest quality. As a local business owner, I support projects, such as the renovation of Lions Park, that help attract families, retain citizens, and grow the population of the City of College Place.

Lions Park is centrally located in the City and hosts a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park. I have reviewed the renovation plans and especially approve of the addition of family-centered amenities such as the Splash Pad and Recreation Pathway. These community-focused improvements will guarantee that Lions Park continues to be a treasured asset for years to come.

Please review the City of College Place's application and award grant dollars to ensure the renovation of Lions Park.

Sincerely,

Travis Watts  
Owner/Operator  
Meadowbrook Plaza



March 3rd, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

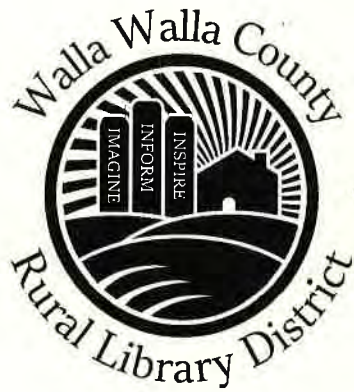
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Sincerely,

Randy Grant

Chair PAR Commission





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March 2, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-7027

Dear Ms. Cottingham:

I am writing to express my strong support of the grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park.

The City only has four parks with only 17 total acres. The importance of having parks in College Place that are high quality, well maintained, and ready for future generations of residents cannot be understated. Lions Park in particular is centrally located within the City and hosts a wide array of community activities including the Annual Youth Fishing Derby, weekly Farmers Markets, and Movies at the Park.

Our new library branch in College Place will benefit greatly from this renewal at the Lions Park as we do outreach to residents, encourage them to visit the library, and do programs for residents of all ages at the park.

The renovation project will include many key amenities needed by the community that will ensure Lions Park is treasured asset to all for years to come. Please award the needed grant funds to the City of College Place to renovate Lions Park. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Rhonda K. Gould  
Executive Director

# Hays

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March 6, 2020

Ms. Kaleen Cottingham – Director  
State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street, SE  
Olympia, Washington, 98504-7027

Dear Mrs. Cottingham,

The grant applications submitted by the City of College Place into the Recreation Conservation Office to renovate Lions Park is something I hope you look at with a lot of care and love. The City of College Place has depended on the surrounding communities for their parks and recreation facilities that provide more than Lions Park. Lions Park is our community's central location for fun. The town has enjoyed the facilities for years but would love to have its own splash pad for our own kiddos and for those that are not able to afford to travel to other surrounding cities to enjoy other recreational facilities. This is an amazing little community that could use the funding to increase the health benefits of being outdoors and being active.

Sincerely,



Linnae Hays  
Hays Electric, LLC

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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE



July 14, 2020

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Evaluation Committee(s):

Re: Bremerton's RCO grant applications for **Haddon Park Renovation Project**

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of the **Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play** Group (BBAP). Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play is a community group dedicated to bringing accessible play opportunities that go beyond the ADA requirements to people of all abilities in Bremerton in Kitsap County. BBAP was established in 2011 by parents and community members with a mission to foster friendships and understanding among children and adults for all abilities through inclusive play that is challenging for all and a barrier to none.

The Bremerton School District and local non-profit Holly Ridge Center serve more than 1,700 children in our community ages 1-21 with special needs. This high number is owed to the fact that Bremerton is one of five communities the Navy has classified as an Exceptional Family Member (EFM) Program. This program provides placement of military families with children with special needs in Bremerton and surrounding areas due to fact that there are medical and educational services available to meet their special needs.

**Currently no part of Haddon Park is handicap accessible.** The Haddon Park renovation project will remedy these deficiencies by installing accessible off-street parking and accessible pathways throughout the site to access new children's playground, restroom, picnic shelter, site furniture and renovated sports court.

In partnership with the City of Bremerton we are pleased and excited to support the Haddon Park Renovation Project to ensure it provides recreation opportunities to everyone in our community, regardless of ability, the opportunity to play.

So ALL may play,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darla Hicks".

Darla Hicks, Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play

July 23, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Local Park Advisory Committee  
RE: Warren Avenue Playfield



Dear Recreation & Conservation Office Local Parks Review Committee,

The Bremerton Parks Foundation (BPF) is excited to support the City of Bremerton's project to redevelop an existing neighborhood park, Haddon Park!

A grant to help update this park is greatly needed. The BPF is excited to see the planned updates to this older neighborhood park. We are looking forward to the new play equipment, multiuse sports court and ADA upgrades that will be made; with the help of this grant, in the hopes that more people will get to enjoy Haddon Park. This project is a high priority for the BPF.

**The BPF is pleased to support the Haddon Park Improvement Project; in the 2020 Bremerton Parks Foundation Grant season, of up to \$10,000.00!**

The BPF's mission is to cultivate resources to develop and improve the quality of, and access to, parks and recreational activities in Bremerton. It is our intent to promote social welfare by assisting in developing, maintaining, supporting, and promoting public parks in the City of Bremerton, Washington, and their use and enjoyment by the public.

BPF was established just over four years ago, by a small group of Bremerton residents, who believe that safe accessible public parks are vitally important to Bremerton and her citizens. We believe that city parks increase health, social connection, aid the environment and have positive impacts on the local economy of Bremerton and her citizens. BPF has an endowment fund to improve city parks. The mission of the endowment is to provide help with matching funds; for capital improvements, to city parks projects that the Bremerton Parks and Recreation Department and Bremerton Parks and Recreation Commission have approved. Recent projects, have depended heavily on grants and community investment rather than solely on the Parks and Recreation Department budget. This adds some pressure to find sources for matching funds. The BPF is one of those sources. We look forward to having an opportunity to donate financially to the Haddon Park Improvement Project, thus having an impact on improving city of Bremerton Parks.

The Bremerton Parks Foundation supports the grant application for the Haddon Park Improvement Project!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wheeler

President, Bremerton Parks Foundation

P.O. Box 745; Bremerton, WA 98337     [brem Parks Foundation@gmail.com](mailto:brem Parks Foundation@gmail.com)





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July 28, 2020

Dear **Recreation & Conservation Office Grant Evaluation Committee(s)**,

The Bremerton Parks & Recreation Commission would like to express its strong and unanimous support for the City of Bremerton's **Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) and WWRP-Local Parks** grant applications to fund renovations to **Haddon Park**.


The Haddon Park Renovation Project is identified as a high priority in the 6-year Capital Facility Plan adopted in the 2020 Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan after an extensive 16-month public outreach and comment period. The project description in the Capital Facility Plan calls for a need to bring the park up to standard to include ADA parking and pathways, new playground, restroom, a shelter, updated sports court, site furniture and shade trees. Currently no part of the park is ADA accessible and the playground, sports court and restroom are in disrepair. The Parks and Recreation Commission has collaborated with the City to develop a master plan that addresses these site deficiencies and has conducted several public meetings to invite community feedback on the proposed improvements.

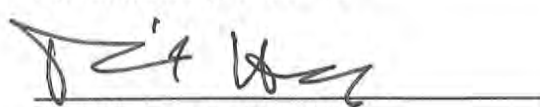
We thank you for your consideration to support revitalization of this aging park located in a low-income neighborhood of Bremerton. These necessary improvements will provide an accessible, close-to-home recreational experience that will greatly enhance the quality of life in our community.

Sincerely,

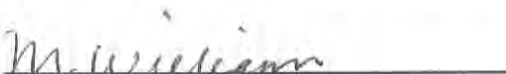
Bremerton Parks and Recreation Commission

  
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# Partners For Parks

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May 29, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Wards Lake Park.

Partners for Parks is a collaboration of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We have raised funds to purchase land, build restrooms, expand trails and enhance park sites. We have volunteered to clean up parks and improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and visitors.

Partners for Parks is interested in supporting and partnering with the City of Lakewood because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We also believe that many hands make light work and if you put the right team together you can do amazing things. Partners for Parks has conducted many park beautification and cleanup projects at this site and will continue to support this park when the enhancements are made.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. The park development as well as the improvements to the natural areas will go far in addressing some of the negative issues happening around the park and providing youth and families with a safe place to visit, learn and play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Northeast neighborhood areas. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President  
Partners for Parks





August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee,

This letter is to inform you of USA Cycling's support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Wards Lake Park.

USA Cycling is a proud member of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Within the United States, USA Cycling is the national governing body for the sport of cycling and oversees the disciplines of road, track, mountain bike, cyclocross, and BMX.

Projects inclusive of cycling infrastructure have seen wide community participation post-project and can be attributed to the physical and mental health of a community. Especially those that are created with the younger generation in mind, thereby creating a lifelong interest in physical activity. Projects such as these support USA Cycling's mission to develop the sport of cycling and achieve sustained international racing success. BMX/pump track and mountain biking are the most popular cycling discipline at this time and with support will engage the community for years to come.

In December of 2019, we partnered with the City of Lakewood to host one of our largest National Championships at Fort Steilacoom Park. The City of Lakewood's support was critical for the successful execution of this prestigious cycling event. From our experience with the City of Lakewood and their park staff, we are confident any grants awarded will be successfully used to provide positive recreational opportunities to the Lakewood community.

Sincerely,

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Tara McCarthy  
Director of National Events

To Whom it May Concern,

Our organization, Low Pressure Promotions, in conjunction with USA Cycling and Tacoma Sports, hosted the 2019 Cyclocross National Championships in Ft. Steilacoom Park in Lakewood. We were extremely fortunate to have such tangible support from the City of Lakewood and Tacoma Sports.

The 2019 edition of the annual race featured amateur and elite athletes from all over the country visiting Ft. Steilacoom competing on a very technical course with steep ups, and technical downhills. More than ever, the modern-day US National Championship courses require riders to be very adept bike handlers with the ability to quickly maneuver their bikes on steep chutes, bumpy downhills, and technical terrain. The course at Ft. Steilacoom emphasized this point.

Some of the best cycling athletes across any discipline (road cycling, mountain biking, cyclocross) all have a common trait: they are superior bike handlers. This skill is learned through many resources, and an outdoor pump track is one of those key resources.

By investing in infrastructure to allow for a pump track at Wards Lake, the City of Lakewood would be giving opportunity to kids and adults alike to have a positive outdoor place to socialize, better their health, and sharpen their bike handling skills. These skills translate to all walks of cycling life: recreation, safe commuting by bike, and competitive racing. A pump track is an inclusive gathering place where learning and positive, life-long skills can be fostered. It is our hope as an organization that the City of Lakewood can successfully receive grant funding to offer such a positive outdoor attraction.

Sincerely,

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Zac Daab

Co-Founder, Low Pressure Promotions  
(206) 595-1181



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May 29, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support of the City of Lakewood's grant application to build a pump track at Wards Lake Park.

Partners for Parks is a collaboration of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We have raised funds to purchase land, build restrooms, expand trails and enhance park sites. We have volunteered to clean up parks and improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and visitors.

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We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have areas of poverty and lacking in park resources. This new addition to Wards Lake Park and the adjacent neighborhoods will go far in providing youth with a safe place to play and learn a new sport.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the Northeast neighborhood areas. We know it will make a positive impact to the families who live there.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President  
Partners for Parks



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July 31, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

This letter is to inform you of our support for the City of Lakewood's grant application to make improvements at Wards Lake Park.

The project includes installing a new pump track, creating loop trails, pedestrian safety improvements, artwork, environmental restoration, as well as education opportunities. These park improvements will provide the children and families in our community a way to get out and exercise, develop bike skills and have an alternative to "screen time". These improvements will also enhance the safety of the park which will benefit the first responder community.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue supports the City of Lakewood in this endeavor because we understand the importance of creating safe and creative opportunities for children to play. We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – the area near this park suffers from significant poverty and this will greatly improve the opportunity for outdoor play.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for the area. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood.

Sincerely,

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Jim Sharp  
Fire Chief





August 5, 2020

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clover Park School District wholeheartedly supports the City of Lakewood's grant application to improve outdoor spaces for students and families in the Lakewood community. This grant application enhances the city's mission to create a healthy and vibrant community within our city.

As a school district, we have partnered with the City of Lakewood for many years to build community and create social connections within our City. Recently we established a joint use agreement with the City to further our efforts to share public resources in the form of fields and facilities where alignment exists.

The City has been a tremendous advocate of supporting youth and families. It offers a rich history of supporting youth activities to include sports and family time in outdoor spaces that encourages health and wellness.

The District serves a highly diverse student population, and our students deserve every opportunity to become active and engaged in the wider community. The District understands that offering a varied selection of youth recreational activities benefits our families tremendously by creating safe and healthy places for children to visit, learn and play.

We understand the issues that youth in Lakewood face – we have pockets of poverty and lack park resources in some communities. This plan addresses the need for increased access and equity for students.

We are excited to see what this improvement will do for our students and overall community. We know it will make a positive impact to the families in Lakewood. Please feel free to contact me at (253) 583-5190 if you require additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Banner".

Ron Banner  
Superintendent



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May 20, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The Kalispel Tribe's Natural Resource Department would like to take this opportunity to show our support for the Republic Skate Park Project. The town of Cusick, which is adjacent to the Kalispel Tribe's Reservation, was awarded a similar grant many years ago. Cusick's skate park is a very popular gathering place. Getting today's youth off their devices and outside doing something active is very challenging. Skate parks seem to effectively do just that.

The Northeast corner of Washington is a very rural and beautiful place. With most of our land consisting of public land our tax base is very small. We depend on tourism as an important piece of our fragile economy. Having a state-of-the-art skate park in our community will help us diversify the recreational opportunities we have to offer. I appreciate your consideration for approval of this time sensitive project.

Sincerely,

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Mike Lithgow  
Information and Outreach Coordinator



## Republic Chamber of Commerce

May 21, 2020

Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office

RE: Republic Skatepark

The Republic Chamber of Commerce would like to offer our full support for the proposed skate park project in Republic.

Over the years, Republic has transformed from a logging/mining town to one of recreational tourism.

Our area offers miles and miles of wilderness, pristine lakes and hiking trails (including our very popular Ferry County Rail Trail). Tourism has become a large part of our local economy.

Republic has not much to offer youth – either our own – or those visiting. We are remotely located 50 miles from the nearest pool, skatepark, movie theater or bowling alley. Republic has a high incident of substance abuse among our youth and we feel this can be in part, due to the lack of activities. We feel it is beyond time to invest in our youth, our future.

We feel that a skate park would be extremely beneficial to our community and fully support this effort.



Mary Masingale, President  
Republic Chamber of Commerce



May 16, 2020

To: City of Republic & Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the Republic Skatepark project.

Ferry County has become a second home for me – it's a special place with much to offer. I enjoy spending time exploring the trails and lakes, visiting with friends, and giving back to the community.

For several years, I've volunteered with and donated to the Ferry County Rail Trail, Get Out Fest, and the Republic Skatepark Committee. I've used Dropbox's corporate donation matching to give \$6,000 to those groups to promote healthy, constructive outdoor activities in Ferry County.

These efforts are important to me because they create opportunities for all residents, especially kids, to enjoy healthy outdoor activities without any special equipment, entrance fees, or other costly barriers to entry.

Having grown up in a rural town like Republic, I know firsthand how beneficial it is to have constructive places for kids to spend time outside of school — especially those who may not have recreation options at home, or the ability to drive long distances for safe recreation.

A skatepark offers a safe place to hang out, get exercise, and connect with other folks in the community. Generations of kids in Ferry County would benefit from the new skills, friendships, and sense of community gained in a skatepark.

I ask that you lend your full support to the Republic Skatepark project. I pledge to continue my own volunteer and financial support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Bilbrey".

Sandra Bilbrey  
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Carolann Gutierrez-Principal

Kevin Young-Superintendent

May 14, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for the Republic Skatepark to be built in Republic Washington. Having a skatepark in the community would greatly benefit our youth with their athletic and outdoor experiences.

I am currently the acting principal for Republic Schools which serves students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. We have approximately three hundred and thirty students who are active, enthusiastic, and excited to have a skatepark in their town.

I had several middle school students this year who had miniature skateboards that they would play with. They built a small track out of paper, old plastic, and other materials to display the tricks and speed which their individual skateboards would compete with. Having a skatepark where they could actually visit and hang out at, would be a true gift for our young folks.

Republic is a wonderful community with numerous outdoor activities. It lacks however, the infrastructure such as a skatepark for our young adults to enjoy. Families would have the opportunity to visit the park with young children and begin the wonderful lessons on biking, triking, and eventually skateboarding. I see this as a win, win for all in our community.

When the park is built, our students would love to visit and help out however we can to ensure that this project takes off! I fully support it, and look forward to the grand opening where our Republic Tigers will have the chance to show off their skateboarding skills.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolann Gutierrez'.

Carolann Gutierrez (Mrs. G.)



## **CURLEW SCHOOL DISTRICT 50**

**Home of the Cougars**

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PO Box 370  
Curlew, WA 99118  
Phone: 509-779-4931

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Republic Skatepark. I teach students grades 7-12 in the Northern half of the county at Curlew School. Our school is ~50% free and reduced lunch. Our students tend to be athletic, self-sufficient and deprived as far as extra curricular activities. If a student does not play a school sport, there are not many other after school clubs or groups that they can join. There is not a movie theatre, fast food restaurants, a mall or other places where kids can hang out and goof around after school or in the summer. Many students have dirt bikes, ATVs and snowmobiles, but those cost a lot of money and require a lot of upkeep. If we had a skatepark, a kid could just roll down there on their bike or get a basic skateboard.

Nobody likes to talk about this, but especially in the summer, some kids are stuck at home in fairly toxic environments. Ferry county, like many other places, has a fairly severe opioid problem, not to mention the regular pitfalls of alcoholism and other drug use. It would be a lifesaver for some kids to be able to escape that trauma for a bit and find a supportive group at the local skatepark.

Republic has two other parks, one has super old playground equipment and appeals to younger kids and the other tends to just attract people that are interested in hiking and riparian areas. We also have an awesome rail-trail system, but the surface is not conducive to skateboarding. A skatepark would be a good middle ground for gathering and it would prevent skateboarders from getting in trouble and risking their own safety skating around town.

Another advantage of a skatepark, is you might find a different mindset of people than you encounter at other venues. I grew up in Ferry County and did not find a peer group that was welcoming of open-minded people. For kids like me who let their freak flag fly at an early age, I might have found a set of allies and friends who could have supported me during a fairly lonely and ostracized time of my life.

Overall, I can see no negatives of having a skatepark. It provides one more healthy outlet for our local youth and skateboard enthusiasts and it might even draw in local youth from other nearby rural areas.

Sincerely,

April Barreca  
Curlew School District



4/30/2020

Tri County Economic Development District  
986 S Main  
Colville, WA 99114

RE: Republic Skatepark Support

**To Whom it may concern,**

Tri County Economic Development District (TEDD) would like to lend its support to the Republic Skatepark being proposed for the City of Republic in Ferry County. This project would create a positive asset for the community of Republic and the surrounding residents.

TEDD believes that the addition of the Skatepark is a very important step to enhance the quality of life for the youth in the area. This type of engaging infrastructure will enhance the community, and make it a more desirable place to live and do business. These are the type of projects that will ultimately contribute to greater economic development in an area where growth is challenged.

The Skatepark would also be a valuable asset that the town of Republic can use to promote more of the outdoor recreational activities it is known for, and attract visitors that would enjoy another quality recreation option.

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support on behalf of Tri County Economic Development District for the development of such an important project for the community of Republic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Koffel".

Jeff Koffel  
Executive Director  
Tri County Economic Development District

BUSINESS & FINANCE ASSISTANCE

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**Ferry County View  
PO Box 1117  
Republic, WA 99166  
(509)775-2425**

January 9, 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the Republic Skate Park project being proposed in the City of Republic. This project is seeking grant monies.

This project would be located just outside the downtown core along State Highway 20. I fully support this project for the following reasons:

- A skate park would provide outdoor activities for area youth.
- A concrete skate park requires minimal maintenance and repair.
- A skate park located across from the Republic School District would offer a safe and convenient location for youth.
- Grants are available for this project and the property has been pledged.
- Options are being included for additional parking – which would give further parking for users of the Golden Tiger Pathway.

Republic is a rural community, 50 miles from the nearest skate park, movie theater or shopping mall. Average income is among the lowest in Washington state, unemployment is high and many of our youth are considered "at risk." The Colville Indian Reservation is also located in Ferry County and many of our youth are tribal descendants.

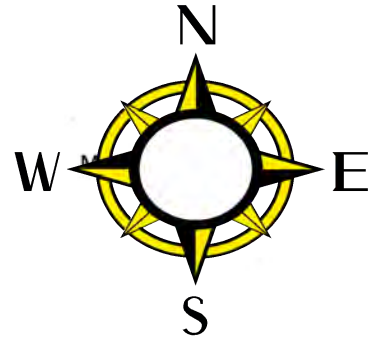
Your consideration for approval of this project is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Gregory S. Sheffield  
Publisher





Pestka Racing  
Jason Pestka  
Owner/Operator  
PO Box 394  
Republic, WA  
99166

To whom it may concern:

We are a local and regional dirt modified race team. We want to express our support for the Republic Skatepark. We believe the youth of our community need and deserve a safe place to congregate, while both building face to face social skills and staying active. Our culture today is geared towards online activities and gaming. We believe the best way to change that is to get people involved again, find ways to be active and productive. Ferry county and namely Republic, WA is in great need of this venue. We hope this letter will be given the proper consideration.

Kindest Regards,

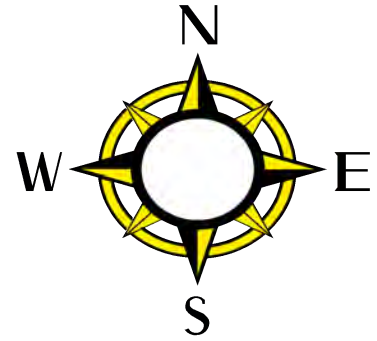
*Jason Pestka*

Jason Pestka  
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Granite Creek Survey and Mapping  
George H. Stolp; PLS  
Professional Land and Construction Consulting Services  
P.O. Box 743  
Republic Washington 99166  
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June 8, 2020

Republic Skate Park Committee  
City of Republic  
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office



RE: Republic Skate Park Support

To Whom It May Concern,

We are George and Kymbra Stolp, owners of Granite Creek Survey and Mapping located here in Republic. We would like to show our support for the skate park by **donating our services** for defining the donated parcel, write the legal description, set corners, draw and record the Record of Survey at an **estimated cost of \$2,500.00**.

We believe the skate park would be a positive asset for Republic and the surrounding area by providing youth activities for local youth as well as visiting youth to the area. The proposed location is ideal for youth, as it is directly across the highway from the Republic Elementary, Jr. High, and High Schools where traffic lights and cross walks provide safe access.

Our community is remotely located in the mountains of northeast Washington, although it is a beautiful place to live and raise a family, it is very isolated from bigger city activities, such as shopping, movie theaters, sport complexes, and other organized activities, leaving young people with little to do to stay active and healthy. The skate park would be a much needed outlet for our youth to exercise and socialize safely.

Sincerely,

George and Kymbra Stolp

May 22, 2020

To: Republic Skatepark Committee / City of Republic / Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

On behalf of the Ferry County Natural Food Cooperative and Kettle Crust Bakery, I am writing in support of the Republic Skatepark Project.

Our store is located within the City of Republic in the remote mountains of Northeast Washington State and we have a community membership of over 2,000 people. We promote a healthy lifestyle that includes outdoor recreation and healthy foods. Our Co-op supports all forms of outdoor activity in our community and in particular, opportunities to increase getting youth outside and participating in healthy outdoor activities.

Ferry County currently has no skateparks. The City of Republic is bisected by busy State highways 20 and 21. Bicycling and skateboarding on city sidewalks is illegal. This is a formula that puts area youth at risk of injury and discourages healthy outdoor activity.

As an employer of eight people and a volunteer staff of 10, we are well aware that Ferry County frequently has the highest unemployment rate and lowest incomes in Washington and is consistently listed as the least healthy county in the State.

Our Strategic Plan promotes community health and relies on customers who participate in outdoor recreation, particularly recreation opportunities, such as the Republic Skatepark that bring recreators into the City of Republic.

Positive points:

- A skatepark will build community and be a positive asset to ensure that our area youth can thrive.
- Recreational tourism is on the uptick and the park will provide another draw for visitors.
- The location is adjacent to the Golden Tiger Pathway trailhead, which connects to the Ferry County Rail Trail, a 30-mile, off-highway trail that connects four towns, two school complexes, and the Ferry County Fairgrounds.
- The skatepark enjoys the support of the City of Republic Business community.

Ferry County Co-op appreciates your consideration for approval of this time sensitive project.

Sincerely,

Sage McKee  
Board  
President



May 14, 2020

**To: Republic Skate Park Committee / City of Republic / Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office**

**Subject: Republic Skate Park Support**

I am writing in support of the Republic Skate Park Project. The City of Republic is the county seat of Ferry County, located in the remote mountains of Northeast Washington State. Ferry County currently has no skate parks. The City of Republic is bisected by a busy State highway. Bicycling and skateboarding on city sidewalks is illegal. This is a formula that puts area youth at risk of injury and discourages healthy outdoor activity.

Ferry County frequently has the highest unemployment rate in Washington and is consistently listed as the least healthy county in the State.

**Ferry County Health Wholeheartedly Supports this Project for the Following Reasons:**

- ❑ This project promotes the health of our youth!
- ❑ A skate park will build community and be a positive asset to ensure that our area youth can thrive.
- ❑ Recreational tourism is on the uptick and the park will provide another draw for visitors.
- ❑ A skate park ranked highly in comprehensive recreation surveys conducted by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville and Ferry County.
- ❑ The proposed location across from the Republic School complex is ideal, and offers a safe and convenient location with good visibility.
- ❑ The location is adjacent to the Golden Tiger Pathway trailhead, which connects to the Ferry County Rail Trail, a 30-mile, off-highway trail that connects four towns and two school complexes.
- ❑ The skate park support group has raised over \$15,000 and the property has been donated, providing the required matching funds for the grant.
- ❑ The entire project will be designed, constructed, and maintained without using City or County resources.

I appreciate your consideration for approval of this time sensitive project.

Sincerely,

Aaron Edwards, MHPA  
Superintendent and CEO, Ferry County Health

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Karrie Stevens  
Ferry County Women's Hiking Club

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March 21, 2020

To: Republic Skatepark Committee / City of Republic / Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

On behalf of the Ferry County Women's Hiking Club, I am writing in support of the Republic Skatepark Project.

We are an outdoorsy collective of mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, and cousins who hike, bicycle, ride ATV's, backpack, jog, alpine and cross-country ski, and skateboard. We support all forms of outdoor activity in our community and in particular, opportunities to increase getting youth outside and participating in healthy outdoor activities.

The City of Republic is the county seat of Ferry county, located in the remote mountains of Northeast Washington State.

Ferry County currently has no skateparks. The City of Republic is bisected by a busy State highway 20 and 21. Bicycling and skateboarding on city sidewalks is illegal. This is a formula that puts area youth at risk of injury and discourages healthy outdoor activity.

Ferry County frequently has the highest unemployment rate and lowest incomes in Washington and is consistently listed as the least healthy county in the State.

Positive points:

- A skatepark will build community and be a positive asset to ensure that our area youth can thrive.
- Recreational tourism is on the uptick and the park will provide another draw for visitors.
- The location is directly across State highway 20/21 from Republic School District #309 (K-12), and is adjacent to the Golden Tiger Pathway trailhead, which connects to the Ferry County Rail Trail, a 30-mile, off-highway trail that connects four towns, two school complexes, and the Ferry County Fairgrounds.
- The skatepark enjoys the support of the community and adjacent landowners and the support group has raised over \$15,000 toward this project.
- The entire project will be designed, constructed, and maintained without using City or County resources.

Our group appreciates your consideration for approval of this time sensitive project.

Sincerely,

Karrie Stevens

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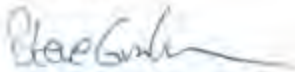
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May 26th, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Republic Skate Park. There has always been a lack of things to do for young people in this town. I have lived here for 25 years, and I served as the elected prosecutor here for 1998-2002. I believe the park would be a good place to get some fresh air and exercise as opposed to being indoors and playing on computers. The people that are helping to get the park started are quality people who will assure that this skate park gets done.

Sincerely,



STEPHEN T. GRAHAM  
Attorney at Law



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PO Box 37 - 60 Mary Rose Lane - Malo, WA 99150  
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To:

- Republic Skatepark Committee
  - City of Republic
  - Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
- c/o Republic Skatepark PO Box 25, Republic, WA 99166

Subject: Our strong support for the Republic Skatepark

We're writing this letter in support of the Republic Skatepark Project.

Our area does not have any skateparks for kids and young adults to recreate. Skateboarding is popular in Ferry County yet there's few places to skate. Skateboarding on city sidewalks is illegal. We need to avoid putting skateboarders at risk of injury when they seek hazardous areas to skate.

We believe a skatepark will be a positive asset to our community and a safe place for youth to recreate outdoors. A park could also draw visitors to our community.

The projected skatepark across from the Republic School is the perfect location. This location offers a safe and convenient location for kids getting out of school and on the weekends.

Fortuitously the skatepark location is close to the Golden Tiger pathway that connects to the Ferry County Rail Trail, increasing the opportunity for muscle powered recreation.

We feel it's significant that the skatepark group raised over \$15,000. Plus, the property for the skatepark was donated. These points should not be overlooked nor this opportunity lost.

Our understanding is this entire project will be planned, built, and maintained while not using any precious City or County resources. That's great!

We support and strongly recommend the approval of the Republic Skatepark.

Sincerely,

*R. Steve Anthes*  
*Deborah Daday-Anthes*