

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2008-191

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Samya Lutz:	SL	April 9, 2008	RECEIVED APR 29 2008 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	5/06/2008	Nat. Resources Comm/ Council
Division Head: Linda Peterson	LP	4.9.08			
Dept. Head: David Stalheim	DS	4-10-08			
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham	RB	4-11-08			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive: Pete Kremen; Dewey Desler	PK				

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
 Resolution authorizing Whatcom County's application for funding assistance for the proposed RCO (WWRP-FPP) Farmland Preservation Project

ATTACHMENTS:
 Resolution, Memo to County Executive and Council

SEPA review required? () Yes (x) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (x) NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

Authorization and approval of the RCO Authorizing Resolution under WCC 3.25A – Purchase of Agricultural Development Rights Program.

COMMITTEE ACTION:
 5/6/2008: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:
 5/6/2008: Council Approved 7-0
 Res. 2008-037

Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2008-037
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SPONSORED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: Planning
INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/06/2008

RESOLUTION # 2008-037

AUTHORIZING WHATCOM COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PROGRAM (WWRP) PROJECT TO THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE (RCO) AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 79A.15 RCW, ACQUISITION OF HABITAT CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS.

WHEREAS, Whatcom County government recognizes agriculture as a major contributor to the local economy and a high quality of life for Whatcom County citizens; and

WHEREAS, our organization has approved a comprehensive plan that includes this project area (farmland preservation); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of WWRP, state funding assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of land acquisition and preservation of farmland; and

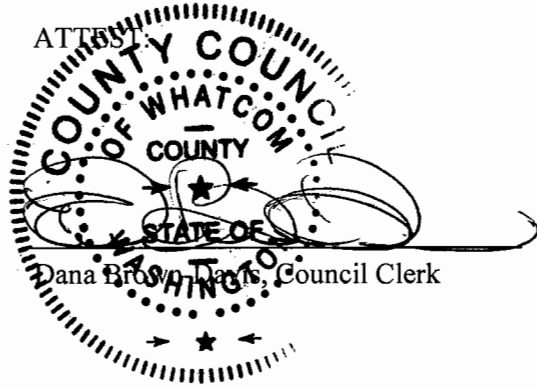
WHEREAS, our organization considers it in the best public interest to complete the acquisition project described in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that:


1. The County Executive be authorized to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for funding assistance;
2. Any fund assistance received be used for implementation of the project referenced above;
3. Our agency hereby certifies that its share of project funding is committed and will be derived from local Conservation Futures Funds and/or USDA Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program Funds;
4. We acknowledge that any property acquired or facility developed with financial aid from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) must be placed in use for the funded purpose and be retained in such use in perpetuity unless otherwise provided and agreed to by our organization and RCFB;
5. This resolution becomes part of a formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office; and
6. We provided appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application.

APPROVED this 6th day of May, 2008

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



APPROVED as to form:



Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Carl Weimer, Chairperson