

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2008-213

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	<i>[Signature]</i>	5-6-08	RECEIVED MAY 13 2008 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	5/20/08	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:	<i>[Signature]</i>	5-6-08			
Prosecutor:	<i>RCW</i>	5-5-08			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	<i>PR</i>	5-12-08			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Resolution adopting the Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution and memo to the Executive and Council

SEPA review required? Yes NO

SEPA review completed? Yes NO

Should Clerk schedule a hearing? Yes NO

Requested Date: 5/20/08

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.)*

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

5/20/2008: Amendment to the plan (not the resolution) and Approved. McFarland to work with the Lummi Island Dickinsons on the plan amendment coming forward in the future.

COUNCIL ACTION:

5/20/2008: Council Amended and Approved 7-0
Res. 2008-045

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Res. 2008-045

Please Note: *Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.*

SPONSORED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: Parks Department
INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/20/2008

RESOLUTION # 2008-045

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PARKS,
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department has requested the adoption of the updated Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the public, agencies and others participated in numerous meetings, surveys, and discussions pertaining to the development of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) has required Whatcom County to complete a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan pursuant to Manual 2: Planning Policies dated January 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the RCFB's planning requirements parallel those in the Growth Management Act (GMA), including a capital facility element with inventory, forecast of future needs and the multi-year financing plan; and

WHEREAS, the RCFB's planning requirements timelines for review and update of the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan do not coincide with the timelines of GMA review; and

WHEREAS, GMA does not require that the RCFB's planning requirement be integrated into GMA; and

WHEREAS, a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) was issued by the Deputy SEPA Official on May 9th, 2008;

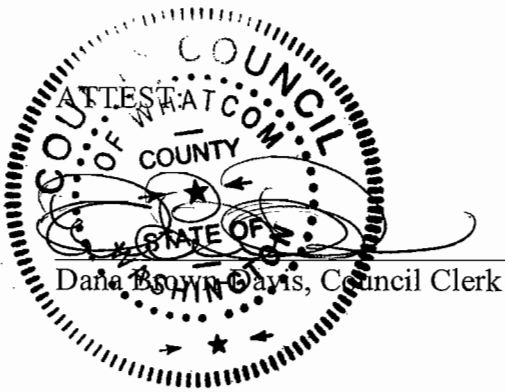
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council as follows:

1. The Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is hereby adopted pursuant to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) Manual 2: Planning Policies dated January 29, 2008.
2. This plan will be used to provide guidance and direction the Parks & Recreation Department in capital development and planning efforts.
3. The plan will be used to assist in updating the parks, trails and open space elements of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

4. The plan will assist the Parks & Recreation Department in providing a basis for calculating levels of service and fees.
5. Adoption of the plan will maintain eligibility for grant funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office.
6. This plan will provide direction to the County for recreation and open space planning through the year 2013.
7. The Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan will be forwarded for consideration and integration into the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan.

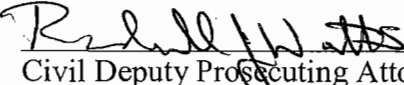
APPROVED this 20th day of May, 2008

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON




Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED as to form:


Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Whatcom County Draft
Comprehensive Parks,
Recreation and Open Space Plan
may be found at the following
website:

www.co.whatcom.wa.us/parks