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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive and the Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**THROUGH:** Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *ko*

**DATE:** January 2, 2024

**RE:** 2024 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for Education and Outreach Assistance with LWSU Stormwater Programs

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**Requested Action**

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive enter into a contract for services between Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) and Whatcom County for the sum of \$72,666.31, for the purpose of providing outreach and education assistance for various stormwater-related programs, with particular emphasis on the Lake Whatcom watershed.

**Background and Purpose**

The WCD will provide outreach and engagement opportunities for residents in the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) service area. Activities will include participation in education and outreach events and continued implementation of the Neighborhood Native Landscaping Program (NNLP). The goal for 2024 is to secure 8-10 participating properties within walking distance of each for a total of up to 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of native plant landscaping installed. The WCD will manage the individual NNLP projects, including site identification, outreach and landowner recruitment, feasibility analysis, project design, labor, supplies and materials procurement, and documentation.

**Funding Amount and Source**

Contract total of \$72,666.31 will be funded by existing authority in the LWSU budget (cost center 132100, work order 21215).

Please contact Holly Faulstich at extension 6290 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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