




MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Bennett Knox, Director 

RE: Access Agreement Between Blaine School District and Whatcom County for Bay Horizon Park

DATE: July 26, 2024

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County acquired what is now Bay Horizon Park, formerly the Blaine Air Force Station, in the mid-1980's as surplus property from the U.S. Government. At that time, a portion of the acquired property was contemplated as suitable for construction of an elementary school on the premises. Over the ensuing years, there have been periodic discussions of this proposal, with the most substantial conversations occurring most recently in the mid-2000s. The Blaine School District has recently initiated renewed outreach to the County regarding this opportunity and seeks to undertake analysis of the originally-contemplated area within Bay Horizon park for suitability.

This access agreement, if approved, would allow the District to perform necessary due diligence to evaluate the site prior to initiating necessary negotiations with the County.

Funding Amount and Source

This agreement does not involve transfer of funds.

Recommendation

The Department recommends approval of this access agreement.

Please contact me at extension 5855 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement

Encl. 1) Access Agreement including map of subject area