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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 *Ek*

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

**DATE:** November 12, 2025

**RE:** 2026 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for Education, Outreach and Technical 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 purpose of providing education and outreach assistance for various stormwater-related programs in 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. Their primary task will be implementation of the Neighborhood Native Landscaping Program (NNLP). The goal is to convert approximately 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn to native plant landscaping on 8-10 private properties in the Lake Whatcom watershed. 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. The WCD will also assist with the implementation of a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the 2025 native plant demonstration garden installation at the Sudden Valley Welcome Center on the shore of Lake Louise.

**Funding Amount and Source**

Contract total of \$90,000.00 will be funded by existing authority in the LWSU budget (cost center 19031000, 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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