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Bennett Knox, Director
Christ Thomsen, Parks Operations Manager

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Bennett Knox, Director

**DATE:** May 22, 2024

**RE:** South Fork Park Carrasco Addition – Washington Wildlife and Recreation

Program – Trails (WWRP – Trails) Grant Application Authorizing Resolution

Enclosed you will find an Authorizing Resolution requesting authorization from the County Council to make an application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for funding through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Trails (WWRP – Trails) Program.

If awarded, this \$1,000,000 grant will reimburse a majority of the costs incurred in the acquisition of the Carrasco Farm parcel. This property was purchased to provide a critical trail connection to the Nesset Farm, and other properties associated with the South Fork Park complex. Once completed the trailhead and trail connections will greatly enhance trail-based recreation opportunities for hikers, bicyclers, and horseback riders in the South Fork Nooksack Valley.

Please feel free to contact Bennett Knox, Parks Director at extension 5855 if you have any questions or concerns.