

# Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

## Parks & Recreation

Suppl ID # 3978 Fund 372 Cost Center 372100 Originator: Rod Lamb

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 1 2023 Add'l FTE  Add'l Space  Priority 1

Name of Request: Hovander Rental Property Conversion to Maint. Shop

X  5/23/23  
 Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6190	Direct Billing Rate	\$10,000
	6630	Professional Services	\$30,000
	7350	Buildings & Structures	\$90,000
	<b>Request Total</b>		<b>\$130,000</b>

### 1a. Description of request:

This project will convert the Hovander Park rental property (formerly the Ranger's Residence) into a park maintenance facility. The structure is centrally located within Hovander Park and is outside of the floodplain making an ideal location for supporting daily maintenance activities, and responding to occasional severe weather events.

Parks anticipates that the project will span approximately 24 months and requests that funding is secured as a Project Budget.

### 1b. Primary customers:

Ultimately, this project benefits Whatcom County Park users, as a centrally located maintenance facility expedites efficient daily maintenance and custodial activities performed by the department's front-line staff.

### 2. Problem to be solved:

The existing maintenance facility is located within the park's central core, in proximity to the historic home and barn. The location is not ideal for two primary reasons. First, the area experiences frequent seasonal flooding consuming significant staff resources to initially prepare for anticipated flooding, and then to make repairs to the structure, equipment and supplies after the flood event. Second, the facility's location is within a highly visited area of the park creating conflict and potential danger to park users because of active equipment movements into and out of the facility.

### 3a. Options / Advantages:

Other options that have been considered include maintaining or reconstructing the existing facility in its current location. Parks has elected over the last few years to maintain rather than reconstruct, but the building condition has degraded to a point that continued maintenance is no longer viable. Reconstruction in the current location doesn't address the problem of frequent flooding or continued conflict with park users. Relocating the facility out of the flood plain is the best option at this time.

### 3b. Cost savings:

The rental facility will need some repairs, and likely upgrades before it can be utilized as a maintenance facility. However, renovation of an existing structure currently serviced by water, electricity and serviced by an onsite septic system will be considerably less costly than new construction.

### 4a. Outcomes:

There will be two main outcomes associated with this effort. First, the primary maintenance facility for the park will be located outside of the floodplain. Second, existing conflict and associated hazards associated with having the maintenance facility located within an active popular area of the park will be eliminated.

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The first phase of the project will be conducting a structure and use assessment. This effort will identify necessary repairs and renovation requirements to facilitate conversion from residential to park maintenance use. The second phase will include preparation of plans, specification, and cost estimate for permit approval and bidding. Following permit approval, the renovation project will be competitively bid for construction services. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in fall of 2024.

### **4b. Measures:**

Once maintenance equipment and supplies have been moved from the existing maintenance building and into the renovated maintenance facility, and the degraded structure is removed from the park core outcomes of the project will have been realized, and success measures will have been met.

### **5a. Other Departments/Agencies:**

Yes, Planning & Development Services, Public Works, and the Health Department will be involved in permit review and approval.

### **5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:**

Unknown at this time

### **6. Funding Source:**

REET II