

PROPOSED BY: _____

INTRODUCED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department has requested the adoption of the updated 2024 Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the public, agencies and others participated in the numerous meetings, surveys and discussions pertaining to the development of the plan; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office requires Whatcom County to have a qualified Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan pursuant to Manual 2; Planning Guidelines dated July 2023 to maintain eligibility for certain grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's timelines and update of the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan do not coincide with the timelines of the County's Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, THE Growth Management Act does not require that the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's planning requirement be integrated into the County's Comprehensive Plan or Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, a Determination of Non-Significance was issued by the SEPA Official on November 9, 2023 (no. SEPA2023-00089);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that:

1. The Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is hereby adopted as a departmental planning document for the Parks & Recreation Department.

2. This plan will be used to provide guidance and direction to the Parks & Recreation Department in capital development and planning efforts.
3. The plan will be used to assist in informing the parks, trails and open space elements of the County's Comprehensive Plan.
4. The plan will assist the Parks & Recreation Department in providing a basis for calculating levels of service, programming and fees.
5. Adoption of the plan will maintain eligibility for grant funding through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.
6. This plan will provide direction to the County for recreation and open space planning through the year 2029.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

(Name of current chair), Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

(Name), Civil Deputy Prosecutor