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Parks & Recreation
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Bennett Knox, Director
Christ Thomsen, Operations Manager

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Bennett Knox, Director 

RE: Aiston Preserve – Memorandum of Agreement for allocation of \$50,000 towards capital improvements

DATE: July 10, 2024

Enclosed is Memorandum of Agreement for allocation of \$50,000 in REET II funding for capital improvements at Aiston Preserve.

Background and Purpose

Aiston Preserve is a 105-acre parcel on Lummi Island owned by the Lummi Island Heritage Trust (LIHT). In 2016, LIHT granted the Whatcom County a Conservation and Public Access Agreement over the preserve. The County has a right to coordinate with LIHT to develop reasonable public access within the preserve and LIHT has responsibility for implementing related capital improvements. The currently-adopted Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan includes \$50,000 for Aiston Preserve Access Improvements and the 2023-2024 Whatcom County Budget authorizes expenditures of this \$50,000 in funding in 2024. This agreement provides the \$50,000 in REET II funding to the LIHT on a reimbursement basis to implement capital improvements including, but not limited to, installation of permanent wayfinding, path construction, parking improvements, and other visitor amenities within the Preserve

Funding Amount and Source

\$50,000 in REET II funding

Differences from Previous Contract

This is the first agreement associated with this project.

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

Encl.