


**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
**Parks & Recreation**  
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**Bennett Knox, Director**  
**Christ Thomsen, Operations Manager**

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Bennett Knox, Director 

**RE:** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bellingham for the Lake Whatcom Watershed Forest Management Plan

**DATE:** September 5, 2024

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Enclosed is Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham related to implementation of the Lake Whatcom Watershed Forest Management Plan.

### **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County is in the process of awarding a contract for professional services for development of a 30-year management plan for County-owned properties in the Lake Whatcom Watershed (the Contract). The City of Bellingham expressed interest in partnering with the County to add their properties in the watershed to the planning scope. The attached interlocal agreement outlines the partnership arrangement. The County will have overall responsibility for managing the contract for plan development. The contract will be for the full amount to plan for both County and City parcels, respectively. Per the attached ILA, the City of Bellingham will reimburse the County for plan development expenses that are specific to City-owned parcels.

### **Funding Amount and Source**

The total value of the contract for development of the management plan is \$133,060. Per this interlocal agreement, the City of Bellingham will reimburse the County for up to \$41,295 in expenses related to their parcels.

### **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a new contract.

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

Encl.