



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Bennett Knox, Director 

RE: Relinquishment of Foot Path Easement

DATE: July 10, 2026

Please find a revised Relinquishment of Foot Trail Easement related to the Carrasco Property. This document was previously reviewed and approved by Council (AB2026-313), but needs to be resubmitted due to the need to correct an error in easement language.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County purchased the Carrasco Property at 6324 Saxon Road in December 2023 for addition to the South Fork Park complex and to provide pedestrian access to the immediately adjacent County-owned Nessel Farm. In 2007, the previous property owners granted the Whatcom Land Trust a 10-year foot trail easement which was never utilized (Attached Document 2070602895). Purchase of the Carrasco Property nullifies the need for this easement. Whatcom County has received a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) which will reimburse a portion of the acquisition costs associated with the Carrasco Property purchase. As a condition of the grant, RCO has requested that this encumbrance to the property be removed. This attached documentation fulfills that requirement.

The previously easement language contained a Whereas clause that misstated that the original easement had expired, when the correct statement is that the easement was never executed because trail construction did not occur. The Department has updated relevant Whereas clauses and is resubmitting for approval

Recommendation

Approval and signature of the attached Relinquishment of Foot Path Easement

Funding Amount and Source

n/a