



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive; and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Bennett Knox, Director

FROM: Dave Bramer, Parks Project Manager

RE: Demolition of Residential Structures at South Fork Park – Carrasco Addition

DATE: 2/10/26

This memorandum is to provide background information to the February 24, 2026 introduction of the resolution to demolish three residential structures at the Carrasco Addition of South Fork Park (6324 Saxon Road, Acme, WA).

On June 4, 2024 Whatcom County Council granted the Executive the authority to apply for a Washington Recreation and Conservation Office Wildlife and Recreation (Trails) grant for partial reimbursement of acquisition expenses as well as structure demolition and associated activities. The County has been notified of the grant award and a supplemental budget request to provide budget authority for grant activities has been introduced to Council on January 27, 2026 for consideration on February 10, 2026.

Three residential buildings, a one and one-half story house, a large maintenance barn house with attached living quarters, and one room yurt, were included in the acquisition of this 40 acres parcel, Parcel Number 3705221990540000, PID 37030. The buildings have been vacant since 2023. The buildings are incompatible with future use and are proposed for demolition at this property. Given these structures are vacant, there also remains the risk that they become the target of vandalism. Parks would like to raze the buildings to protect the County from risk associated with attractive nuisance of vacant buildings and facilitate future development for the Carrasco addition as a trailhead location.

With the building removed, Parks will have the opportunity to expand day-use and open, grassy field activities, provide public pedestrian access to the nearby Nessel Farm; trail access to the northern part of the South Fork Park complex; and to serve as an equestrian and hiking connection to the region.

Pursuant to Whatcom County Code Chapter 1.10.395, Parks requests Executive approval to declare these structures worthless and to refer the matter to county council for its approval prior to demolition.

Please see the attached resolution.

Please contact Dave Bramer at extension 5867, if you have any questions or concerns.