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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 the Anderson Rental Residence at Hovander Homestead Park

DATE: 1/26/2024

This memorandum is to provide background information to the February 6th introduction of the resolution to demolish the Anderson Rental Residence at Hovander Homestead Park.

This portion of the park contained a residential rental property unit that was included at acquisition. The house was built about 1931 and is currently in fair condition. The residence is situated within the 100-year floodplain of the Nooksack River and is subject to intermittent flooding. The building will require capital maintenance in the coming years, including reroofing, painting, replacement of windows, and replacement of interior finishes.

Parks plans to incorporate the portion of the parcel into a new Master Plan for Hovander Homestead Park. The area where the house is situated makes an ideal location for an enhanced entry sequence, as it is the point at which visitors enter either the Hovander House, Barn, and play-area portions of the park or the Tennant Lake Interpretive Center area.

The Anderson Rental House is located at 5305 Nielsen Avenue, Ferndale, WA.

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