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County to offer \$20 million in job growth bonds

Snohomish County will begin the process of making more than \$20 million in American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) bonds available to local companies to create new jobs.

The proposal to use the federally subsidized bonds to stimulate the economy was recommended by Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon in February and approved Wednesday by the County Council.

“The outcome of this program will be new family wage jobs for residents now out of work,” Reardon said. “Already, we’re seeing positive benefits from the more than \$40 million Snohomish County has received in service and infrastructure grants under the federal recovery program.”

“This is an excellent chance to use the federal stimulus package to build important infrastructure projects while reducing costs for Snohomish County residents,” Council Chairman Dave Gossett said.

The \$20 million in Recovery Zone Bonds for local companies is part of a larger bond program that can be used to fund public and private capital improvements promoting economic development and job growth throughout the county. Called the “ReCAP Initiative,” the extremely low-interest bond program focuses exclusively on capital projects such as essential public facilities and business infrastructure rather than on providing additional funding for county programs and services.

The county’s Economic Development Division will solicit proposals through a competitive bid process for distributing the \$20 million. Private-sector businesses assume full responsibility for payment of this bond debt, but funds will be available for

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capital improvements in different sectors including the aerospace and biotech industries as well agricultural improvements and renewable energy projects.

Snohomish County plans to use another \$13 million in Recovery Zone Bonds to complete capital improvements of certain public facilities, including the Snohomish County Fairgrounds, and public-safety roads projects. Both will provide temporary and permanent jobs while stimulating growth throughout the county.

Since the ARRA was approved by Congress, Snohomish County has received more than \$41 million in grants for projects including transportation improvements, public safety services and human services offered to residents. More than 500 part-time and full-time jobs have been created in Snohomish County from federal recovery funding.

County adds acreage to future Lake Stickney Park

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon announced Tuesday that an additional 7 acres, including 150 feet of waterfront, has been added to what eventually will become Lake Stickney Park.

This land is adjacent to previously purchased acreage at Lake Stickney and was bought with money from the Conservation Futures program totaling \$1.8 million. The sale included some donated property.

“I am pleased that the county was able to add this important section of open space to the park while conserving critical wetlands that will be enjoyed by our residents,” Reardon said. “This purchase gives future generations an opportunity to experience nature in a nearby urban setting.”

In 2008, Snohomish County acquired about 7 acres of critical habitat and waterfront at Lake Stickney. Snohomish County Parks and Recreation will work with interested residents to develop a master plan for this future park, now about 14 acres.

Working with a local volunteer and advocacy group – the Lake Stickney Conservancy – Snohomish County will use a \$4,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology to remove invasive vegetation and to replant native species at the site.

“We are delighted that our decade-long effort to preserve these

efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

acres of pristine wetlands is becoming a reality,” said Joyce Altaras, president of the Lake Stickney Conservancy and a local resident. “We are pleased to be working with the county toward this effort.”

South Snohomish County has experienced huge population growth through the years, impacting open green space that this park will provide. Preserving West Lake Stickney’s shoreline and wetlands also will protect Swamp Creek’s vital fish and wildlife habitat.

County’s DUI Task Force honors local heroes

The Snohomish County DUI and Target Zero Traffic Safety Task Force held its annual awards ceremony Monday night, recognizing law enforcement, youth, businesses and individuals who contributed to traffic safety in 2009.

Categories and award recipients include:

Community Champions

Arlington Times Reporter Adam Rudnick; Central Welding Manager Ken Berge; R & R Star Towing Owner Dan Kelleher & employees Robert Staggs, Kori Payne, and Tom Payne; Top Notch Towing Owner Bill Blackburn; SNOPAC Dispatcher Michelle Moore; and South District Court Legal Assistant Shirley McWayne.

Traffic Safety Innovation and Dedication

Lynnwood Police Sergeant Wayne Davis and Officer Mark Brinkman; Tulalip Tribal Police Sergeant Ken Johnson; Everett Police Department Lieutenant Mike Francowiak and Sergeant Ken Dorn; Washington State Patrol NEET Team: Sergeant Kris Schweigert and Troopers Derek Anderson, Joel Anderson, Jason Bart, Will Collier, Sean Templeton, and Mark Ward.

Voices of Victims

DUI Victim Panel Speakers: Jan Schemenauer, Adrian Paytayon, Aida Stump, Becky Banghart, Dawn Bruce, Dee Lawrence, Detective Craig Davis, Emily & Fred Zylstra, Grant Fosheim, Jim Swearingin, John & Karen Elliott, Kathy Davis, Lynda Pichler, Mary Olson, Rick Griffin, and Terri Deffries.

Youth Traffic Safety

SCSO “Drive It Home” Program: Detectives Al Baker, Scot Fenter, Joe Goffin, Doug Gold, George Metcalf, Deputy John Cummings,

Medical Examiner Shannon Impett and special moms (Sue Crolley, Kathy Davis, Jenny Lutz and Aida Stump).

SCSO Explorer Post #207: Captain Cassandra Kazcka, Lieutenant Dimitri Rondorf and parent advisors Cherie Kazcka and Brenda Rondorf.

Snohomish High School Driver's Education Program teacher Sherry Weatherby.

Leaders in Law Enforcement

Arlington Police Officer Mike McQuoid; Edmonds Police Department Officers Linda Mack and Steve Harbinson; Everett Police Detective Craig Davis; Lake Stevens Officer Wayne Aukerman; Lynnwood Police Officers Chris Breault and Dennis Molloy; and Marysville Police Officer James Maples; Mill Creek Sergeant Mike Reidt; Monroe Police Officers Javier Patton and Michael Young; Mountlake Terrace Officer Brian Osborne; Mukilteo Police Officer Alicia Quindt; Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Deputy John Cummings; Snohomish Police Officer Carl Whalen; and Troopers Debra Shearer and Jeffrey Leonard.

Task Force Ambassadors

Officer Darryl Stamey – Monroe Police; Joie Worthen - Mountlake Terrace Police; Jim Swearengin - Snohomish County Public Works; Conrad Thompson – DUI & Target Zero Task Force Chair; Jan Schemenauer – DUI Victim Panel Coordinator.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lynn McCormick: Former Cascade District Court probation officer for 15 years from 1994-2009, DUI Task Force coordinator from 1992-1994 and former alcohol and drug treatment counselor from 1977 to present.

Gayle Whitsell Award

Janice Ellis: Former Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney, for being a huge traffic safety and victim advocate. Ellis supported all traffic safety activities and events including the DUI Victims Memorial Wall.

Norma Thompson Award

Washington State Patrol Trooper Sean Templeton: For removing 264 impaired drivers in 2009 on 164 night shifts.

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