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Executive Reardon proposes Community Enhancement Initiative

On Thursday, March 1, Executive Reardon proposed the details of Community Enhancement Initiative to the Snohomish County Council. He announced the initiative last week in the 2007 State of the County Address.

"Partnership between citizens and the County allows us to identify and prioritize neighborhood projects that more accurately reflect local community needs," says Executive Reardon.

The proposal will establish a Community Enhancement Team made up of County staff to partner with communities to identify and implement Park, Surface Water and Roads projects beginning in 2007. The initiative sets a target of \$1.6 million for Community Enhancement Contracts in partnership with local community organizations in 2008 and calls for accelerating identified high-priority projects – safer intersections and sidewalks near schools; farmland protection while enhancing salmon habitat; and, the beautification of local detention ponds – with a total two-year target for expenditures of \$4.6 million.

Last year's Community Infrastructure Development Initiative (CIDI) is already at work delivering 46 critical infrastructure projects to neighborhoods across Snohomish County. If approved by the County Council, the Community Enhancement Initiative will expand on our commitment to neighborhood infrastructure projects by bringing County government into our community to work side by side with citizens in identifying infrastructure improvement projects. And, as with CIDI, the Community

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Enhancement Initiative requires no tax increase.

Through this initiative, community groups such as parent teacher student associations, youth sport leagues and school districts will identify potential neighborhood infrastructure projects to be facilitated by the County.

By working with the community to provide these needed neighborhood infrastructure projects we will to continue to improve the quality of life in Snohomish County.

More information on the <u>Community Enhancement</u> Initiative

Update: Did you make a difference in traffic safety in 2006?

The Snohomish County DUI/Traffic Safety Task Force will accept nominations for their Annual Awards Ceremony until March 12, 2007. The date of the ceremony has been changed from March 14 to April 20, 2007. The event will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Everett PUD Auditorium.

If you know of someone who has made a traffic safety achievement in 2006 in Snohomish County, please call (425) 388-7200 to request a nomination form, or go to www.snoco.org and enter the search term "DUI Task Force."

Achievements may have taken place in such fields such as: education, treatment, media, transportation, medicine, corrections, politics, art, community organizations, and may include programs in your community which raised awareness about traffic safety. In the past, a wide range of individuals were recognized and included police officers, school crossing guards, witnesses at crash scenes, senior citizen volunteers, as well as victim panel speakers. If you know of someone who went above and beyond, please help us identify them!

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