

Snohomish County Executive  
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 **Reardon signs critical environmental protections into law**

On Wednesday, Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon signed new regulations into law that will help protect the County's environment. The ordinance, which updates the County's critical areas regulations, was signed into law at a signing ceremony where Executive Reardon was joined by County Councilmen Somers and Sievers, county staff and community stakeholders.

The adoption of Snohomish County's Critical Areas Regulations represents over three years of dedicated work, compromise and commitment to improve protections for the most sensitive areas of the county's environment. The regulations will help protect critical areas, such as wetlands, wildlife habitat, steep slopes and river migration zones from the impacts of development in the county.

"We set out to rewrite our Critical Areas Regulations with the goal of protecting our environment for future generations while maintaining the property rights of our citizens," said Executive Reardon. "Through partnership with many devoted stakeholders we were able to update these important environmental protections responsibly."

This updated critical areas ordinance greatly enhances protections for critical habitat and sensitive species, protects water quality by reducing pressure on aquifers and wetlands and secures the future of cherished streams, lakes and marine waters. It also sets the stage for updating the County's Shoreline Master Program.

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Environmental protections improved in the updated critical areas regulations include:

- strengthening provisions regulating clearing;
- adding lakes, marine shorelines, state sensitive listed species and species of local importance to our list of protected areas;
- increased buffers;
- limitations on impervious surface and clearing adjacent to water bodies containing critical habitat;
- improved protection of habitat containing anadromous fish;
- provisions for habitat corridors to connect wetlands with high value for habitat to other critical areas.

The new regulations take effect October 1, 2007.



*(Councilmembers Dave Sommers and Kirke Sievers, County Staff, and guests join Executive Reardon at the signing of the CAR.)*

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## **Reardon dedicates North Creek picnic shelters, playground**

County Executive Aaron Reardon dedicated the newly constructed playground and picnic shelters at North Creek Park on Monday, August 13th.

North Creek Park is an 81-acre property featuring a boardwalk over extensive wetlands located at 1011 183rd Street, Bothell.

The new playground includes swing sets, a variety of climbing equipment, slides, jumper, bridges, hanging equipment, slide, and climbing rocks. The equipment serves children in the 2-to-12 year old age range.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

The playground project is funded by the Enhanced Community Infrastructure Development Initiative (ECIDI) launched by Executive Reardon and approved by the County Council in 2006.

ECIDI leverages the County's improved bonding capacity and existing available construction funds to build over \$50 million in needed infrastructure projects in three years—almost ten years ahead of previous schedules.

The initiative is already at work delivering 46 critical infrastructure projects to neighborhoods across Snohomish County.

For more information on the event, please call Snohomish County Parks at 425.388.6600 or for information regarding picnic shelter reservations visit our web site [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), and search "Parks" and select "Reservations."



*(Executive Reardon assists kids cutting the ribbon, while Parks Director Tom Teigen looks on at the North Creek Park dedication, August 13, 2007)*

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 **Music on the Plaza: featuring the Dave Hudson Band**

Bring your lunch and enjoy great Music on the Plaza with The Hudson Blues Band.

The Hudson Blues Band is a five-piece, Chicago/Texas-style Blues band that evolved from weekly session band hosted by drummer David Hudson, into an established Blues favorite of the Seattle club scene. The band consists of vocals, harmonica, guitar, bass & drums in the classic Chicago tradition.

The group will perform live **Wednesday, August 22nd from 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.** as part of Snohomish County’s Music on the Plaza summer concert series.

The lunchtime concerts will run through August 30 at the Snohomish County campus amphitheater located at Rockefeller Avenue and Wall Street in Downtown Everett.

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 **Movie nights in Willis Tucker Community Park**

In its inaugural season “Movies in the Park” has been a resounding success with over 2,000 Snohomish County residents taking advantage of the free outdoor movies at Willis Tucker Community Park.

On Wednesday despite the threat of rain over 400 people took a chance on the weather to watch “The Princess Bride.”

Don’t miss your last chance to see a free movie under the stars as the Movies in the Park series wraps up Thursday, August 23rd. The favorite children’s story “Charlotte’s Web”

Open seating begins at 7:30, movie start times will vary depending on daylight. Seating is on grass ~ bring low-back lawn chairs and blankets for comfort. Admission is free and popcorn and soda will be available for purchase. For more information visit the Snohomish County Parks Department website. Go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search for “parks.”

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Bring your blankets and spend a night under the stars with your family!

**Movie line-up:**

**August 23, 8:45p.m. – “Charlotte’s Web”**

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