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 **Cathcart plan mixes jobs, transit and green living**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon unrolled his plan Tuesday to create sustainable living, working and recreational opportunities on more than 600 acres of public land known as the Cathcart property.

Reardon's vision includes an employment cluster, housing and commercial services on 20 percent of the county owned property while protecting 80 percent for public space, parks and infrastructure.

The proposal will provide amenities for current residents in the area by linking existing walking trails and parks with new shops, public spaces, a transit hub and job center.

"We're proposing to build an environment-friendly neighborhood, job center and transit hub that will incorporate healthy, active lifestyles within natural surroundings," Reardon said. "Cathcart is poised to be a flagship for future development in Snohomish County"

Reardon's proposal calls for a series of public meetings to craft strict development guidelines to integrate the new project with existing residential neighborhoods; incorporate a diverse mix of commercial, public and residential uses; and protect the environment.

"We're talking smart growth, alternative energy, low-impact and green building as well as amenities such as parks and a transportation hub," Reardon said. "This is a rare asset that gives us the opportunity to create something special for future residents as well as those who already call the area home."

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Beginning the first week of June, Reardon and county officials will host a series of community meetings designed to engage public input on how Cathcart should look and integrate into the surrounding community. Meetings currently are scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 4 and 24 at Willis Tucker Park.

Current ideas under discussion include a mix of housing and commercial/business development, the creation of a transit hub at the crux of Highway 9 and Cathcart Way as well as experimental agriculture and solar-energy production on the county's former landfill.

"This is a great starting point for what to do with the Cathcart property," said County Councilman Brian Sullivan. "I look forward to working together with the executive on his proposal and believe it's a good basis from which to move forward."

The plan seeks to maximize the benefits of low-impact development without becoming a drain to county taxpayers.

"This property right now is accruing more than \$1.4 million in annual interest," Reardon said. "This new investment should return the property back to public use while helping pay off the initial purchase."

The county will hold monthly meetings with stakeholders and community members from June through September 2008 on conceptual design. In October 2008 the concept and rezone will be introduced to the Snohomish County Planning Commission as a part of the annual Comprehensive Plan review process.

Reardon, Sullivan oppose airline's request for Paine Field flights

A Nevada-based commercial airline has expressed interest in beginning flights to Las Vegas from Snohomish County's Paine Field, located between Everett and Mukilteo.

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, opposed to the idea, expressed his concerns over the request Friday and has referred the matter to county legal counsel for evaluation.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

“I do not support bringing commercial air service to Paine Field,” Reardon said. “We will proceed cautiously and investigate all steps that might be taken to prevent it.”

County Councilman Brian Sullivan, whose district includes Paine Field, also reacted strongly to the county’s receipt of the letter.

“I’ve opposed commercial air service at Paine Field for 25 years,” Sullivan said. “I will continue to work diligently on behalf of my constituents to ensure our council continues to oppose such service.”

Allegiant Air, which offers flights to recreational destinations from smaller cities, has asked to negotiate with the county for service for flights. The airline’s letter of interest suggests flights would be between Paine Field and Las Vegas, with the potential for additional regional locations later.

On Friday, the Snohomish County Executive Office began contacting community leaders and airport stakeholders – including the County Council, Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine, Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson, Edmonds Mayor Gary Haakenson and various resident groups – to notify them of the letter from Allegiant.

In 2005, Reardon convened a panel to review the Mediated Role Determination (MRD) document, with the intent of clarifying what role – if any -- commercial air service could play at Paine Field.

The initial MRD document, created between 1978 and 1979, identified general and industrial aviation as the primary uses of Paine Field. It also encouraged growth of aircraft-related industries, business and corporate aviation, air taxi and commuter service. It discouraged growth beyond 1978 service levels of air cargo aviation, supplemental and charter air passenger service, large transport crew training operations and military aviation.

Paine Field occupies more than 1,300 acres of land and has three paved runways. It is home to major aeronautics companies that account for more than 30,000 jobs in the Puget Sound, including The Boeing Co., Goodrich and

ATS.

 **Spray Feature grand opening set for Friday, May 23**

On Friday, May 23, please join Executive Reardon in celebrating the grand opening of the Spray Feature at Willis Tucker Community Park. The event is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

The kids will enjoy dodging the Tricky Soaker, Silverflow Cannon, Aqua Dome, Water Jelly, Aqua Jumper, Power Spinner, Power Volcano, Water Domes and Splash Palace at Willis Tucker Park's spray pad.

Friday, May 23
2:00 p.m.
Willis Tucker Community Park
6705 Puget Park Drive
Snohomish

For more information on the new Spray Feature at Willis Tucker Community Park, visit www.snoco.org and search "Spray Pad."

 **General Aviation Day is Saturday, May 17, at Paine Field**

The Washington Pilots Association and Paine Field will host General Aviation Day with The Taste of Mukilteo on Saturday, May 17.

The annual event will feature free Young Eagles flights for children between the ages of 8-17, a Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast, Taste of Mukilteo, the Cascade High School Jazz Band, the Flying Heritage Collection and more. Local pilots will also have their aircraft on display and tours will be offered for the Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing.

Paine Field
3220 100th St. S.W.
Everett

Schedule:
9 – 11 a.m., Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast (\$5, proceeds

benefitting the Northwest Burn Foundation)
10 a.m., Ramp opens
11:30 a.m., Taste of Mukilteo opens
Noon, Cascade High School Jazz Band

For more information please visit www.painefield.com.

Reardon releases report on county government inclusion

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon released his 2008 Inclusion Report Wednesday, outlining department goals and achievements during the past year.

In 2007, Reardon instructed county directors to identify clear objectives for increasing the inclusiveness and diversity of their departments. This report, the first report of its kind for Snohomish County, is a culmination of those efforts.

“Never before have so many people with such a rich combination of cultural, racial, national and linguistic heritages called Snohomish County home,” Reardon said. “Increasing the diversity of Snohomish County government is a high priority, and this report highlights some of the great work being done by our departments.”

The report was presented to the Snohomish County Diversity Council, an advisory body to the County Executive’s Office on how best to achieve the county’s diversity goals, at its monthly meeting.

Some efforts to increase diversity within county government include expanded job advertisement outreach to non-traditional news publications such as “Colors NW,” the Washington State Diversity Network, local tribal employment venues, online networks such as Diversity Web and monster.com and colleges nationwide, as well as distributing certain publications in foreign languages and providing vocational training for persons with disabilities.

“I am proud of the accomplishments made so far,” Reardon said. “The County Council’s recent approval of a new inclusion manager will further focus our actions to ensure everyone in Snohomish County has fair access to all services and that they have an equal opportunity to

contribute to the county's services as employees."

According to the Pew Research Center, by 2050 the U.S. population will be 53 percent Hispanic, black or Asian compared to 47 percent white and non-Hispanic. The percentage of older, non-work-age adults is expected to increase to 42 percent of the population compared to 37 percent as of 2005, creating an increased need for qualified workers.

As of January 2008, Snohomish County's population is 6.5 percent Hispanic, 2.3 percent black, 7.9 percent Asian, 1.4 percent American Indian and Alaska Native, less than one percent Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and 79.2 percent white, non-Hispanic according to data from the United States Census Bureau.

To view the report, please visit www.snoco.org and search "Inclusion Report."

Parks department now hiring seasonal lifeguards and swim instructors

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for seasonal summer lifeguard and swim instructor positions at the McCollum Park Pool.

The job of teaching swim lessons and lifeguarding develops leadership, public relations, conflict resolution and teamwork skills. Employees gain discipline and decision-making skills that help prepare them for their futures.

Those age 16 and older who meet the criteria below are encouraged to apply:

- have above average swimming skills
- enjoy working with the public
- can accept challenges and meet high standards
- can commit to the entire summer season (June, July & Aug)
- can work 25-35 hours/week

Free training will be provided to successful applicants. Interested individuals should contact Tony Trofimczuk, recreation supervisor at 425-338-6604 or tony.trofimczuk@snoco.org.

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