

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services

DATE: December 22, 2015

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize the Director of Environmental Services to initiate negotiations to develop two environmental and recreational partnerships and return to the County Manager with agreements for approval, upon completion of negotiations

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

The Department of Environmental Services is seeking council support for two environmental and recreational partnership initiatives.

1. Authorize the Director of Environmental Services to move forward and negotiate a partnership to assist in the mitigation of a 10.9 acre site along Salmon Creek with a private landowner. This site has over ¼ mile of Salmon Creek frontage. This partnership would allow the county to eventually acquire title to the property after mitigation is completed. This Salmon Creek frontage provides salmon habitat and is prime riparian habitat. There are also potential trail and low impact recreational opportunities for the public on the site.
2. Authorize the Director of Environmental Services to move forward and negotiate a partnership with homeowner associations next to Spud Mountain and the Chinook Archery Club to construct and connect two hiking trails that are separated from each other by the mountain. In addition to trail work, the draft agreements would include provisions for the Chinook Archery Club to use a portion of the Spud Mountain property for recreation. The trail connection would be 4 miles in length and constructed by the home owners associations. No County funds will be used for the trail construction or site improvements for the archery club.

The trail and onsite recreational use will assist the Department of Environmental Services in meeting the conditions of the transfer of the property from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to Clark County. Timber thinning operations on site will move forward and will not be impeded by the trails and or the recreational use.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Services will return to the County Manager with draft agreements for consideration upon completion of negotiations. These proposals would provide opportunities for the county to comply with the obligations of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and The Washington State Department of Natural Resources conditions of the land use transfer to Clark County of Spud Mountain.



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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy changes being requested. The request is consistent with existing County policies.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

These partnerships will allow for community recreational opportunities on these sites. Both proposals would generate hiking/walking trails and other low impact recreational opportunities for Clark County residents.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

BUDGET DETAILS

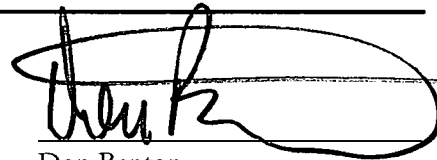
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APPROVED: 
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: Dec. 22, 2015

SR# SR 243-15

APPROVED: _____
Mark McCauley, Acting County Manager

DATE: _____

BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation

I. A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information

Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Total						

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III. A – Expenditures summed up

Fund #/Title	FTE's	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
		GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
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III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Travel						
Other controllables						
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
Total						