

# CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works / Parks Division

**DATE:** April 26, 2016

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Approve the resolution between Clark County and the Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) to authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application for grant funding assistance to the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program for Phase II development of the Chelatchie Prairie Rail Trail.

Consent     Hearing     County Manager

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## **PUBLIC WORKS GOALS:**

- Provide safe and efficient transportation systems in Clark County
- Create and maintain a vibrant system of parks, trails and green spaces
- Continue responsible stewardship of public funds
- Promote family-wage job creation and economic development to support a thriving community
- Maintain a healthy, desirable quality of life
- Increase partnerships and foster an engaged, informed community
- Cultivate a nimble, responsive work force
- Make Public Works a great place to work

## **BACKGROUND**

The Chelatchie Prairie Rail-with-Trail is envisioned as a 33-mile multi-use trail within the rail road right-of-way. Clark County completed a one-mile segment from Battle Ground Lake State Park in 2011. The next priority is to complete the second of three phases between the City of Battle Ground and Battle Ground State Park. This phase II project will serve to develop an additional 0.6 mile segment of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail beginning at the existing termini 1.0 miles from Battle Ground Lake State Park, back toward the City of Battle Ground. The trail consists of a 10-foot wide multi use trail surface. The grant amount requested is \$454,147; the 50 percent county match would be \$454,147, for a total project cost of \$908,294. Currently, the City of Battle Ground is developing the trail segment from the Fairgrounds Park on the east edge of downtown Battle Ground to Battle Ground city limits.

Approval of the attached resolution by the Council allows Public Works to apply for the RCO grant. The Recreation and Conservation Office requires the approved resolution be submitted with the grant application. The grant application is due to the RCO by no later than May 2, 2016, in order to be eligible for this grant cycle.

## **COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The Board of County Councilors will need to provide local funds toward the 50% project grant match.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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*PW16-048*

The recently approved Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan identifies the Chelatchie Trail development project as a priority project for 2016. The Parks Advisory Board also voted to prioritize this project for grant fund support.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Approving the resolution between Clark County and RCO will commit the county to providing a 50% grant match in the amount of \$454,147 as a requirement. The Board of County Councilors can withdraw from the grant if budget cannot support it due to other commitments. **Please Note: Matching funds will not be requested until the 2017 Spring Supplemental budget process.**

YES	NO	
	X	Action falls within existing budget capacity.
	X	Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
X		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested in the next biennium. 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**

Local Fund Dollar Amount	\$454,147
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	\$454,147
Account	
Company Name	

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 Bill Bjerke  
 Parks Division Manager

  
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 Heath H. Henderson, PE  
 Public Works Director/County Engineer

**APPROVED:**   
 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
 BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: April 26, 2016

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PW16-048

## 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

The Chelatchie Trail Phase II project will require a one-time financial impact to the county R.E.E.T fund in the 2017-2018 biennium in the amount of \$454,147. This expense will serve as a 50% match for RCO grant funding. The grant request identifies grant funding needed in the amount of \$454,147 for a total project cost of \$908,294.

### Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
3083/ R.E.E.T Revenue	0	0	\$454,147	\$454,147	\$0	\$0
1032/ GCPD (Grant Revenue)			\$454,147	\$454,147		
<b>Total</b>	0	0	\$908,294	\$908,294	\$0	\$0

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
1032/ GCPD		\$0	0	\$908,294	\$908,294	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		0	0	\$908,294	\$908,294	\$0	\$0

III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$54,197	\$54,197	\$0	\$0
Contractual			\$90,829	\$90,829		
Supplies			\$300	\$300		
Travel						
Other controllables			\$45,415	\$45,415		
Capital Outlays			\$717,553	\$717,553		
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
<b>Total</b>	\$0	\$0	\$908,294	\$908,294	\$0	\$0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 04-13**

Authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to submit applications for grant funding assistance for the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

1           WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program  
2 (WWRP), as provided in WAC 286 and subsequent legislative action, Clark County may  
3 request state grant assistance to aid in financing the cost of construction of outdoor  
4 recreation facilities; and

5           WHEREAS, any grant assistance received by Clark County, pursuant to the  
6 requested aid through the WWRP program, will be used for direct costs associated with  
7 implementation of the projects referenced above; and

8           WHEREAS, Clark County expects that the County's matching share of project  
9 funding will be derived from the Parks Operating Budget and potential partnerships and,  
10 pursuant to WAC 286-13-040 (3), the County must certify the available match at least one  
11 month before funding approval; and

12           WHEREAS, Clark County will be responsible for supporting all non-cash  
13 commitments to this project that do not materialize; and

14           WHEREAS, Clark County acknowledges that the grant assistance, if approved, will  
15 be paid on a reimbursement basis and, pursuant to the terms of the grant, Clark County will  
16 only request payment from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office  
17 (RCO) after incurring eligible and allowable costs and remitting payment to our vendors,  
18 and that the RCO will hold retainage until the project is deemed complete; and

19           WHEREAS, Clark County acknowledges that any property owned by Clark County  
20 that is developed, renovated or restored with grant assistance must be dedicated for the

21 purpose of the grant in perpetuity after the project is complete unless otherwise provided and  
22 agreed to by Clark County and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in the  
23 project agreement or an amendment thereto; now, therefore,

24 **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE**  
25 **OF WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

26 1. The Director of Public Works or his designee (Director) is authorized to  
27 make formal application on behalf of Clark County to the Recreation and Conservation  
28 Office for grant assistance for the Chelatchie Prairie Trail project;

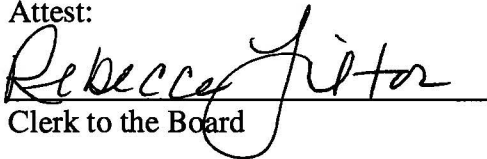
29 2. The Board will sign the attached resolution attached hereto as Attachment A  
30 which is a requirement by RCO for Clark County to qualify for grant funding for the above  
31 project;

32 3. The Director shall submit this resolution and the attached document as part  
33 of Clark County's formal application to the RCO for assistance; and


34 4. The recitals above are adopted as findings in support of this resolution.

ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

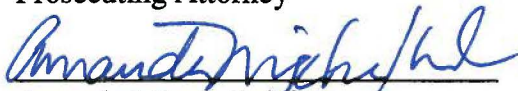
Attest:

  
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
FOR CLARK COUNTY

By:   
Marc Boldt, Chair

Approved as to form only:  
ANTHONY F. GOLIK  
Prosecuting Attorney

  
Amanda Migchelbrink,  
Civil Deputy

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Olson, Councilor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Madore, Councilor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Mielke, Councilor

**Recreation and Conservation Office  
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Application Resolution/Authorization**

ATTACHMENT A

Organization Name Clark County Resolution No. (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name and Number (s) Chelatchie Prairie Trail Phase II #16-1443

This form authorizes submitting application(s) for grant funding assistance for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) project(s) to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board as provided in Chapter 79A.15 and 79A.25 RCW, WAC 286, and other applicable authorities.

WHEREAS Clark County has approved a comprehensive parks and recreation or habitat conservation plan that includes this project; and

WHEREAS, under provisions of the WWRP program, state grant assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of Facility Development; and

WHEREAS, Clark County considers it in the best public interest to complete the project described in the application(s).

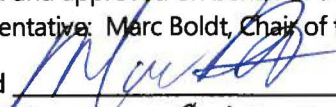
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Gary Albrecht, Clark County Community Planning Department, is authorized to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for grant assistance.
2. Clark County has reviewed the sample project agreement on the Recreation and Conservation Office's web site at: <http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/SampleProjAgreement.pdf> and authorizes Marc Boldt, Chair of the Clark County Board of County Councilors, to enter into such a project agreement, if funding is awarded. Clark County understands and acknowledges that the project agreement will contain the indemnification (applicable to any sponsor) and waiver of sovereign immunity (applicable to Tribes) and other terms and conditions that are contained in the sample project agreement. The sample project agreement may be revised periodically by the Recreation and Conservation Office. Clark County recognizes that such changes might occur prior to our authorized representative signing the actual project agreement, and we accept the responsibility and the presumption that our authorized representative shall have conferred with us as to any such changes before he/she executes the project agreement on behalf of the Clark County, and so executes with our authorization.
3. Any grant assistance received will be used for only direct eligible and allowable costs that are reasonable and necessary to implement the project(s) referenced above.
4. Clark County expects our matching share of project funding will be derived from Real Estate Excise Tax Funds (R.E.E.T) and that pursuant to WAC 286-13-040, we must certify the availability of match at least one month before funding approval. In addition, Clark County understands it is responsible for supporting all non-cash commitments to this project should they not materialize.
5. Clark County acknowledges that if the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approves grant assistance for the Chelatchie Prairie Trail Phase II project, the Recreation and Conservation Office will pay us on only a reimbursement basis. We understand reimbursement basis means that we will only request payment from the Recreation and Conservation Office after we incur eligible and allowable costs and pay them. The Recreation and Conservation Office may also determine an amount of retainage and hold that amount until the project is complete.

6. Clark County acknowledges that any property owned by our organization that is developed, renovated or restored with grant assistance must be dedicated for the purpose of the grant in perpetuity after the project is complete unless otherwise provided and agreed to by our organization and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in the project agreement or an amendment thereto.
7. Clark County acknowledges that any property not owned by our organization that is developed, renovated or restored with grant assistance must be dedicated for the purpose of the grant for at least twenty-five (25) years after the project is complete unless otherwise provided and agreed to by our organization and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in the project agreement or an amendment thereto.
8. This application authorization becomes part of a formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for grant assistance.
9. Clark County provided appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application.
10. Clark County certifies that this application authorization was properly and lawfully adopted following the requirements of our organization and applicable laws and policies and that the person signing as authorized representative is duly authorized to do so.

Location Clark County Public Services Center Date April 26, 2016

Signed and approved on behalf of the resolving body of the organization by the following authorized representative: Marc Boldt, Chair of the Clark County Board of County Councilors.

Signed   
Title BOCC CHAIR Date 4/26/16

Washington State Attorney General's Office

Approved as to form  March 15, 2016  
Assistance Attorney General Date

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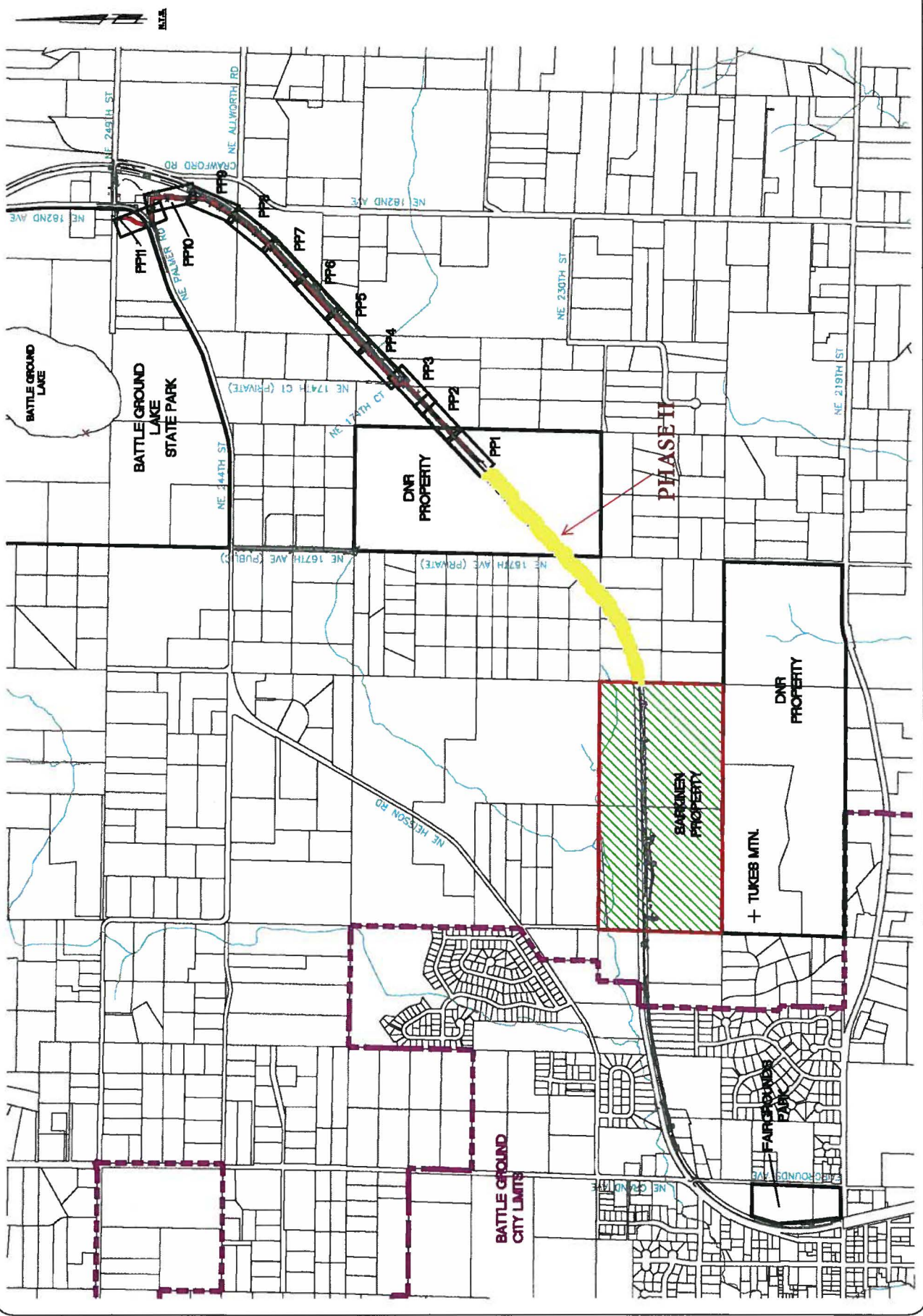
**Engineering & Recreation**

**CHLATCHIC PRARIS RAILROAD TRAIL - CRP #361212**  
PROJECT LAYOUT



**DESIGN SECTION**

DESIGNED: WA  
DRAWN: RW/RK  
DATE: 02/09/11  
LAW





**Project #16-1443, Chelatchie Railroad Trail Phase 2**

Current Status: Preapplication

**Project Details**

**Primary Sponsor:** Clark County

**Primary Contact:** Gary Albrecht  
(360) 397-2280 Ext 4318  
gary.albrecht@clark.wa.gov

**Funding Program:** WWRP - Trails

**Project Type:** Development

**Project Description**

This project will develop 0.6 segment of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail beginning at the existing termini 1.0 miles from Battle Ground Lake State Park. The project consists of a 10-foot wide path. The City of Battle Ground is developing the trail segment from the Fairgrounds Park on the east edge of downtown Battle Ground to Battle Ground city limits. Battle Ground Lake is one of only two developed state parks in Clark County. It provides over 15 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, as well as a swimming beach, camping sites, picnic tables and shelters, and fishing access. This trail corridor is a uniquely important recreation resource in Clark County. It extends 33 miles from the city of Vancouver in southwest Clark County to Chelatchie Prairie in northeast Clark County. Purchased in the mid1980s, it was dedicated for both commercial and recreational uses. Train traffic north of Battle Ground is generally limited to an excursion train. A fence may be installed to separate the trail from the rail line. The primary service area for this project is the Battle Ground Urban Area. Battle Ground has a population of 20,871 and has Clark County's highest growth rate by city. Between 1970 and 2014, the city's population growth rate grew by over 38% from 1,438 to over 20,871. In addition, because of the the project's central location and unique setting and recreation experience, this project will attract users from throughout Clark County. The County population has just exceeded 440,000.

**Project Overall Metrics (Outcomes, Benefits)**

Category / Work Type / Metric	Application Answer
<b>Trail Overview</b>	
Primary trail name	Chelatchie Prairie Trail
Alternate trail name	None.
Total length of trail developed/renovated in the project	0.60
How many new trail miles will be created as the result of this project	1.00
Total length of continuous trail after this project is complete	1.50
Managed trail uses	Cycling, Equestrian, Hiking/walking, Mountain biking
<b>Sites Improved</b>	
Project acres developed	4.00
Project acres renovated	0.00
<b>Completion Date</b>	
Projected date of completion	12/31/2019
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	
Projected economic benefit provided by the project	Clark County acquired the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad corridor to maintain commercial freight and passenger rail service and to establish a non-motorized trail across the county. The Chelatchie Prairie Rail-with-Trail is envisioned as a 33-mile multi-use trail within the rail road right-of-way where possible. Construction of this trail segment is anticipated to increase the transportation options available for residents within the East side of the City of Battle Ground by providing a safe and inviting trail as seen as an alternative to using motorized vehicles to travel between residential areas to various business, retail, and entertainment portions of the City.

**Project Funding**

Funding Request		Funding %	Min Match Required	Sponsor Match	Source
WWRP - Trails (FY2018)	\$454,147	50.00 %			Grant - Local
Sponsor Match	\$454,147	50.00 %	50%		
Total Project Funding	\$908,294	100.00 %			\$454,147
<b>Project Cost Summary</b>					
<b>DEVELOPMENT COSTS</b>		<b>Project %</b>	<b>Admin/A&amp;E %</b>	<b>Maximum for Selected Program</b>	
Development	\$908,294				
A&E	\$0		0.00 %		\$181,659 (20%)
Subtotal	\$908,294	100.00 %			
<b>Total Cost Estimate</b>	<b>\$908,294</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>			

## Worksites and Properties

County: Clark

Legislative Districts 2012: 18

Congressional Districts 2012: 03

Sections: 36

Township: T04NR02E

Coordinates: 45.78735544  
-122.50674386

### Worksite #1: Chelatchie Prairie Trail

Coordinates from Mapped Point: Latitude: 45.78735544 Longitude: -122.50674386  
Coordinates from Worksite Latitude: Longitude:  
Directions:

**Worksite Description:** General site preparation, Install fencing/barriers, Install signs/kiosk, Install site furnishings, Install stormwater system, Landscaping improvements, Obtain permits, Trail development

**Site Access Directions:** 1.0 mile south of Battle Ground Lake State Park on existing Chelatchie Prairie Trail.

**Worksite Address:**

### Development Metrics (Outcomes, Benefits)

Category / Work Type / Metric	Application Answer	Work Type Costs
<b>Trails</b>		
<b>Trail development</b>		
Total cost for Trail development		\$883,294.00
Total miles of hard surfaced trail developed / renovated	0.50	
Miles of hard surfaced trail developed / renovated by surface type - Asphalt	0.50	
Total miles of soft surfaced trail developed / renovated	0.00	
Miles of soft surfaced trail developed / renovated by surface type		
Is this a dual tread trail	No	
Trail design profile		
Select the trail structures		
Number of at-grade road / street crossings in this project		
Controls used for road / street crossings	No road / street crossings	
Project involve painting, striping, or other trail/pavement marking (yes/no)		
<b>Permits</b>		
<b>Obtain permits</b>		
Total cost for Obtain permits		\$25,000.00
Number of permits required for implementation of project	3	

### Development Questions

- 1 of 7** Is the worksite(s) located within an existing park, wildlife refuge, natural area preserve, or other recreation or habitat site? If yes, name the area and specify if the land is owned by local, state or federal government.  
Yes, Southwest portion of property address 16304 NE 226th includes a priority habitat buffer.
- 2 of 7** Identify the source of funds (i.e. federal grant, Conservation Futures, local appropriations, private land donation, etc.) that was originally used to acquire the property.  
Local appropriation through a DEED obtained Right of Way on these properties.
- 3 of 7** Has the worksite been investigated for historical, archeological, or cultural resources? If yes, when did this occur and what agencies and tribes were consulted? Attach related documents (letters, surveys, agreements, etc.) to your project in PRISM.  
Yes, April 9th, 2010 ASCC Survey Report No. 09591. A Cultural Resources Survey of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail Project Area, Battle Ground, Clark County, Washington by Kristen A. Fuld, B.A., Donna Holschub, B.A., & Alexander W. Wall, M.A. Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation review on February 24, 2009 found no historic properties will be affected by the current project as proposed. Log: 022309-03-RCFB January 21, 2010, Archaeology - APE Concur Log: 042209-25-FHWA
- 4 of 7** Describe existing project site conditions. The answer to this question will be used in cultural resource consultation so please provide detailed information.  
Existing conditions include a rail line with adjacent undeveloped property. The undeveloped property is zoned R-5 comprised of forested and/or pasture lands.
- 5 of 7** Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gravel, etc.) as part of this project? This includes hand or mechanized tools, for example: shovel, auger, pick axe, backhoe, etc. Also include specific information including length, width, and depth of the ground disturbance that will be required for all proposed work, if known. Please avoid subjective phrases such as "ground disturbing activities will be minor".  
Necessary ground disturbing activities for the project will include at most, 10 locations along the length of the project where a geotechnical consultant will introduce 4" diameter hand augured holes to depths of 5 feet. One sample location will be introduced approximately every 300 feet along the length of the

project, with two specific holes augured at each of two culvert locations near the west end of the project extents. Because of the difficult access and thick underbrush in the area needing testing, no heavy equipment will be used for these activities.

6 of 7 **Give street address for this worksite if available.**  
1.0 mile south of Battle Ground Lake State Park on Chelatchie Prairie Trail.

7 of 7 **Are there any structures existing on the property (including tidegates, dikes, etc.)? If so, please list all existing structures. Indicate if any of these structures will be altered or demolished as a result of the project, and provide the following information for each structure that could be altered or demolished: identifying name, year constructed, year(s) remodeled/renovated. Attach at least one photo of each of the proposed altered structures.**  
Yes, Railroad line exists on property. Trail development will occur adjacent to the existing railroad line.

## Property for Chelatchie Prairie Trail Worksite #1: Chelatchie Prairie Trail - terminus (#2)

Activity: Development

**Landowner**  
Clark County  
PO Box 9810  
Vancouver, WA 98668-9810

**Control and Tenure**  
**Instrument Type:** Easement  
**Purchase Type:**  
**Term Length:** Perpetuity  
**Expiration Date:**  
**Note:**

**Landowner Type:** Local Government

## Property for Chelatchie Prairie Trail Worksite #1: DNR

Activity: Development

**Landowner**  
Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
PO Box 47041  
Olympia, WA 98504-7041

**Control and Tenure**  
**Instrument Type:** Easement  
**Purchase Type:**  
**Term Length:** Perpetuity  
**Expiration Date:**  
**Note:**

**Landowner Type:** State Government

## Property for Chelatchie Prairie Trail Worksite #1: Hoffman Larry & Shirley PN: 229235000

Activity: Development

**Landowner**  
Hoffman Larry & Shirley  
16416 NE 226th CIR  
Battle Ground, WA 98604

**Control and Tenure**  
**Instrument Type:** Easement  
**Purchase Type:**  
**Term Length:** Perpetuity  
**Expiration Date:**  
**Note:**

**Landowner Type:** Private

## Property for Chelatchie Prairie Trail Worksite #1: Hoffman Larry & Shirley PN: 229236000

Activity: Development

**Landowner**  
Hoffman Larry & Shirley  
PO BOX 2736  
Battle Ground, WA 98604

**Control and Tenure**  
**Instrument Type:** Easement  
**Purchase Type:**  
**Term Length:** Perpetuity  
**Expiration Date:**  
**Note:**

**Landowner Type:** Private

## Property for Chelatchie Prairie Trail Worksite #1: Karlsen Neal & Lynn PN: 229192000

Activity: Development

**Landowner**  
Karlsen Neal & Lynn  
16304 NE 226th CIR  
Battle Ground, WA 98604

**Control and Tenure**  
**Instrument Type:** Easement  
**Purchase Type:**  
**Term Length:** Perpetuity  
**Expiration Date:**  
**Note:**

**Landowner Type:** Private

## Overall Project Questions

- 1 of 16 **Does the project site or project boundary lie within the urban growth area boundary of a city or town with a population of 5,000 or more? If yes, name the community and attach one map called Population Proximity Map under the Attachment Tab in PRISM.**  
No.
- 2 of 16 **Describe any ground disturbing work that will be necessary as part of the design process, such as geotech work. Include anticipated number of test sites, depth of disturbance, location, etc.**  
Necessary ground disturbing activities for the project will include at most, 10 locations along the length of the project where a geotechnical consultant will introduce 4" diameter hand augured holes to depths of 5 feet. One sample location will be introduced approximately every 300 feet along the length of the project, with two specific holes augured at each of two culvert locations near the west end of the project extents. Because of the difficult access and thick underbrush in the area needing testing, no heavy equipment will be used for these activities.
- 3 of 16 **When will the project be completed and made available to the public for outdoor recreation uses?**  
December 2019.

- 4 of 16 Describe any required mitigation as a result of the action in this proposal. Will mitigation occur on this site or another location?**  
The entire 2.9-mile Chelatchie Rail-Trail project alignment from Battle Ground Lake State Park south to the City of Battle Ground was permitted through the county's land use and environmental permitting processes, and through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's nationwide permitting process. Wetland and habitat permits were issued by both agencies for this project, including HAB2010-00036 and WET2010-00035 from Clark County Environmental Services and NWS-2008-0246. A majority of the habitat impacts permitted through the county's process occurred on the Sarkinen properties. The habitat areas impacted were a biodiversity area and riparian priority habitat. Based on the proposed alignment terminating at the Sarkinen properties, it appears these impacts would be outside of any regulated habitat area. However, any clearing of native vegetation within the vicinity of the Sarkinen property line could trigger the need for a habitat permit. We may not need to actually apply for a new habitat permit, because our previous approval should be considered vested. According to condition 13 from the Hearings Examiner's Final Order concerning HAB2010-00036 and WET2010-00035, "to vest this approval, the applicant must commence the use approved herein within 5 years of this decision. Upon commencement of any part of the use within 5 years of this decision, the (approvals) shall be considered valid for the entire 2.9-mile segment of the Chelatchie Railroad Trail." This vesting would need to be verified and any impacts would require mitigation at a ratio of 4:1. This vesting also covered a stormwater variance, which you can review in the attached final order. If you have questions about stormwater, those should be directed to Public Works, Construction & Engineering Division, Design Section. For the wetland permits with the county and the US Army Corps, mitigation was provided for all of the impacts along the entire 2.9-mile segment of trail through the use of mitigation credit from the Meadowland Mitigation Bank. It appears that the segment proposed would result in a minor amount of wetland impact, as shown in the attached mitigation bank use plan. The vesting mentioned above should be valid for the county wetland permit, but would not apply to the US Army Corps nationwide permit. As such, reverification of that permit would be necessary prior to construction of the project. However, use of the mitigation credit should still be valid and the reverification should be straight forward. Impacts to wetland from construction of this segment of trail should not require any additional wetland mitigation.
- 5 of 16 Are overhead utility lines present at the site, and if so explain how they will be relocated or buried.**  
No
- 6 of 16 Will this proposal create a new public park/recreation area where none presently exists? If yes, what will the area be named?**  
Yes. This new segment of Chelatchie Prairie Trail will connect to an existing 1.0 segment that joins to Battle Ground Lake State Park. In 2014, The City of Battle Ground received grant funding from the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program to complete the design and construction of a portion of the Chelatchie Prail Rail with Trail section within the City of Battle Ground. The county will seek future construction funding that will complete this trail segment from the City of Battle Ground to Battle Ground Lake State Park.
- 7 of 16 Will this proposal renovate or expand an existing public park/recreation area? If yes, what is the name of the existing area?**  
Yes.
- 8 of 16 How does this proposal implement goals in your agency's planning document and/or the Statewide Comprehensive Plan (Include references)**  
This development proposal implements the 2015 Clark County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, Regional Trails and Bikeway System Plan (2006), Clark County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.
- 9 of 16 Is this project scope part of a larger effort not reflected in the project application? If so, briefly describe the larger effort, funding amount(s) and source(s).**  
Yes, it is part of the Chelatchie Prairie Rail-with-Trail envisioned as a 33-mile multi-use trail within the regional right-of-way where possible.
- 10 of 16 Describe the nature of any rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, etc. to the project area.**  
None.
- 11 of 16 Does your project address or accommodate the anticipated effects of climate change? If yes or maybe, please describe how.**  
Yes, Yes, this trail segment provides an alternate mode of travel for recreational use.
- 12 of 16 Who will be responsible for administration, design, and/or implementation of this project (i.e. In-house staff, paid consultants, contractors, volunteers, other agency staff, etc.)? Explain.**  
Public Works staff and Parks staff.
- 13 of 16 Is there, or will there be, any significant public access or use restrictions? If yes, explain:**  
Restricted to motor vehicles.
- 14 of 16 Does this application contain state, federal or other grants as part of the "sponsor match"? If "yes," name the grant(s) and date grant will be available.**  
No
- 15 of 16 Does this application contain elements required for mitigation for other project(s)? If yes, explain:**  
No.
- 16 of 16 Is this project a subsequent phase to a previously funded RCFB project? If yes, please identify the grant project number(s) if known.**  
Yes, RCO grant 06-1983 developed 1.0 mile segment of Chelatchie Prairie Trail from Battle Ground Lake State Park.

## Project Attachments

Attachment Type	Title	Attach Date
Control & Tenure Documentation	Certificat or Right of Way.pdf	04/01/2016
Control & Tenure Documentation	Statutory Warranty Deed.pdf	04/01/2016

## Application Status

**Application Due Date:** 05/02/2016

<b>Status</b>	<b>Status Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Preapplication	03/03/2016		

Date of last change: 04/19/2016



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April 18, 2016

Bill Bjerke, Parks Manager  
Clark County Public Works, Parks Division  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver, WA 98665

Mr. Bjerke:

I am writing on behalf of the Battle Ground City Council to express support of the grant application submitted by Clark County Parks for the Chelatchie Prairie Trail Project.

Trail development in the City of Battle Ground in the Transportation System Plan Update (2015-2035) includes development of the Chelatchie Trail inside the Urban Growth Boundary. In 2013, the City of Battle Ground was awarded RTC's Transportation Alternatives Project grant funds to build a portion of the Chelatchie Prairie Trail between Main Street and Rasmussen Boulevard. Building another ½ mile section of this trail will eventually connect this portion of the 33 miles of planned Chelatchie Rail with Trail system and will connect with other key destinations and communities within the county.

The City has an outstanding working partnership with Clark County Parks in developing a regional trail system; your support of this important project will help further our efforts to serve the citizens of Battle Ground and the entire region.

Thank you for your work in creating and maintaining recreation opportunities and for your serious consideration of the Chelatchie Prairie Trail Phase 2 Project and the grant application submitted by Clark County Parks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 360-342-5005 if I can provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Swanson  
City Manager