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June 24, 2026

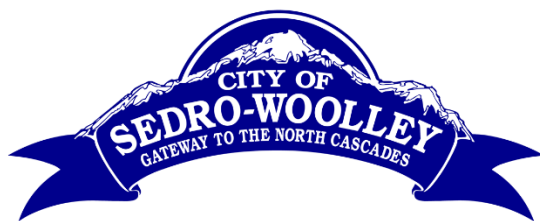
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LATE MATERIAL:

1. Councilmember Nora Pederson – Remarks on Resolution 1187-26, approving joint letter in opposition to Goldeneye BESS siting
2. Develop an interlocal agreement with Skagit County regarding the first phase of baseball fields at Northern State Recreation Area

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. William Calkins – Ball Field Support
2. Rod Cann – Ball Field Support
3. Sarah Diamond – Ball Field Support
4. Justin Olds – Ball Field Support
5. Louie Requa – Ball Field Support
6. Randy Collins – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board



City Council Agenda Item

Agenda Item No:

Date: June 24, 2026

From: William Bullock, PE - Public Works Director

Subject: Develop an Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County

NSRA Master Plan: Establish First Phase of Baseball Fields at NSRA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to direct City staff to engage Skagit County in developing an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the purpose of implementing a first phase of the NSRA Master Plan to establish baseball fields, parking lot, support facilities, and other amenities on the southerly portion of the NSRA property (City Proposal Option 1).

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY INFORMATION:

NSRA Master Plan

In January, 2002, the County adopted the Northern State Recreation Area (NSRA) Master Plan Update (excerpt attached).

This plan set aside approximately 500 acres of undeveloped open space to be enhanced (i.e. trails) to provide for fish, wildlife, water quality, and other environmental purposes.

The primary design element inside the perimeter berm was the establishment of baseball fields and parking infrastructure that utilized the majority of the acreage inside the perimeter berm.



Layout of Ball field elements at center of site

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In the aftermath of the 2021 and 2025 Skagit River floods, the baseball fields (two little league fields and two T-ball fields) suffered over \$300,000 in damage to fencing, dugouts, debris, and scour. Then need to relocate these fields out of the flood plain became a near term priority for the City. Initially, a strategy was developed to potentially swap locations with the soccer field at Winnie Houser Park. Soccer fields are less susceptible to flood

damage and the baseball fields could be relocated to high ground. This option is limited by a 20-year commitment with RCO (funding agency) to maintain fields at that location. The City thought process turned to the NSRA Master Plan that specifically identified the establishment of baseball fields as a primary goal. NSRA is within Sedro-Woolley's urban growth area and would support a nexus for the City to relocate the Riverfront baseball fields to that location and provide the funding to design, construction, maintain, and operate those facilities with minimal burden to the County. This option will preserve acreage at Riverfront Park for future recreational uses, such as additional soccer fields.

The City has benefitted from a recent property sale that resulted in \$300,000 of "one time money" that is best spent on infrastructure. This, along with \$100,000 to \$200,000 from City parks funding and other sources, would fully fund the construction of four new baseball fields, parking and amenities at the southerly portion of NSRA (the City's preferred alternative). The City would simply shift baseball field maintenance and operations load from Riverfront Park to NSRA. City maintenance is specifically suited to field maintenance and could easily meet that commitment.

The City evaluated three options to locate baseball fields at the NSRA location.

- Option 1 – Southside
- Option 2 – Northside
- Option 3 – Eastside of Helmick Road

For a list of the pros and cons of each, please see the "City Proposal Presentation" below.

Support for implementing this as a first phase of the NSRA Master Plan has come from a number of organizations and individuals including:

- Upper Skagit Tribe
- Senator Keith Wagoner
- Louis Requa
- Dan Sims
- Sarah Diamond
- Nicole Murton
- Tiffany Boggs
- Kim Brown
- Brad Worley
- Sedro-Woolley School District
- SW Mammoth Cal Ripken Team
- SW Youth Soccer Association
- Bill Calkins
- Carl Schefeilvien
- Jesse Howell
- Rod Cann
- Jen Lewis
- Several other Sedro-Woolley & Skagit County Citizens

FISCAL IMPACT, IF APPROPRIATE:

Option 1, the preferred alternative, is estimated to cost from \$400,000 to \$500,000. The majority of the project funds would come from a 2026 property sale (\$300,000). The remaining funding would come from a combination of REET, Parks Reserve Funding, or surplus General Fund Reserves.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Excerpt from NSRA Master Plan
2. City Proposal Presentation
3. 2018 Protected Critical Area Plan - NSRA

NSRA Master Plan

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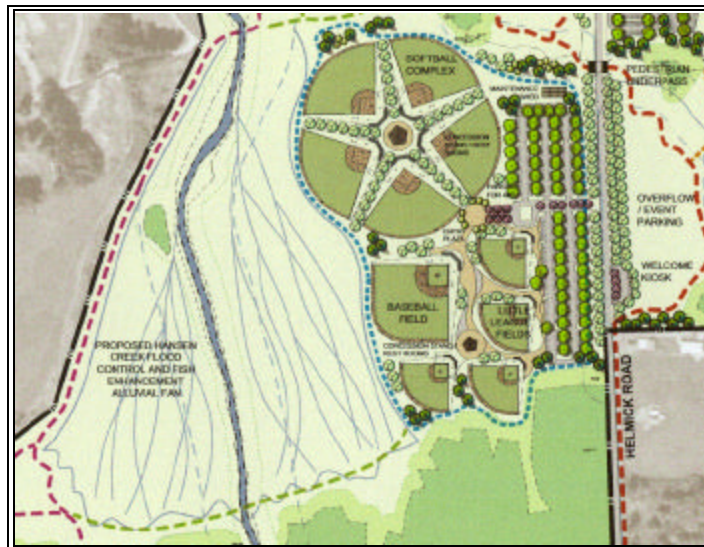
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Elements

The ball field component includes the following elements:

- 5 youth/adult softball fields
- 4 youth baseball fields
- 1 youth/adult baseball field
- Adequate parking for the fields
- Sufficient space for maintenance and operations
- Adequate concessions
- Play areas

Location

The ball fields and related infrastructure were designed to be constructed in the southern (lower) center region of the site. The charette participants felt that it was important to locate the fields close to one another so that they could share much of the infrastructure (maintenance area, concessions, play grounds, parking, etc.) that is needed to support the fields and related tournaments. The charette participants also felt that one of the alluvial fan alternatives, as recommended by the proposed Hansen Creek Management Plan, should be integrated into their designs if at all possible. The large contiguous block of buildable land in the lower center portion of the site quickly emerged as the only place large enough to accommodate the ball field facilities.

Design Considerations

Orientation & Architecture of Fields

All ball fields and supporting facilities were aligned along a number of tree lined pedestrian walkways. These walkways radiate out from the central plaza and create organization around which the facilities are located. Ball



Artist's rendering of concessions stand

fields were oriented with consideration to the sun. The majority of the fields have been designed in the optimal position. Due to the circular design of the softball five-plex, not all of the fields could be arranged in the ideal position. Trees and vegetation will be used as buffers for stray balls as well as view screening and blocking the low afternoon sun. The maintenance and concession/restroom buildings will be constructed to reflect the historic architectural character of the original Northern State Hospital buildings.

Softball Fields

The softball five-plex was configured in a circular layout to minimize space and to allow for proximity and ease when the site is host to tournaments. The ball field's largest concession building complete with restrooms will be located inside the five-plex to serve a more adult oriented crowd. The entire five-plex will be equipped with night lighting.

Baseball Fields

The baseball fields were aligned along the main pedestrian walkway as well as to optimize the sun angle and the environmental constraints of the site. The adult field was put farthest from the parking lots to reduce the chance of foul balls hitting the parked vehicles. Rows of columnar trees were added to help create spaces for the fields and provide separation. A satellite concession building with restrooms was located at the end of the pedestrian walkway to serve the baseball fields. Consideration should be given to not lighting the two youth baseball fields closest to the wetlands in the southern portion of the recreation area to reduce disturbance to adjacent neighbors, traffic on the highway, and wildlife.

Play & Picnic Areas

Play areas were designed to be as centrally located as possible so that adults playing and watching the ballgames could keep an eye on their children. Two picnic areas were located on the fringes of the fields to allow for some open space and respite from the crowds and noise of the ball fields.

Maintenance Area

A maintenance area was designed to be inconspicuous through the use of vegetative screening and location. The location of the maintenance area will also allow access to the softball fields without having heavy machinery using the foot traffic corridors to the fields. Some maintenance and operation equipment and gear will also be stored in the two-concession/rest room buildings to allow for easy access to the fields.

Parking

The parking lots are situated to provide easy access to the ball fields while minimizing impact to the rest of the recreation area's traffic flow. Over 400 vehicles are accommodated in the four parking lots, which should be more than sufficient for normal uses. Larger tournaments may require additional parking, which has been designed in the overflow parking area across Helmick Road to the east. The overflow parking will not be paved; however, other hardening techniques will be used to

support overflow parking for automobiles. Trees and other vegetation will act as view screens for the parking lots as well as the overflow parking area. A vehicular drop-off and turn-around allows for better handicapped access as well as expedite the dropping off and picking-up of visitors. An entry plaza will greet and guide ballpark visitors and provides for an integrated aesthetic experience by serving as the central location from which all walkways radiate to the surrounding facilities.

Entranceway

The visual experience of the visitor as he or she arrives into the park played an integral role in the design of the entranceway. The design of the entranceway and entire ball fields complex was planned so that the visual experience of the visitor seeking a more natural experience at Northern State Recreation Area was not impaired from the more developed feel of ball fields and their related infrastructure. As a result, the view towards the park from the main entrance on Helmick Road was designed to visually screen most of the ball fields as well as the parking. This will be achieved by planting four rows of large trees (two on either side of Helmick Road). In addition to the visual screening, at the access to the recreation area from Highway 20, an information kiosk and sign with vehicular pullout on the east side of Helmick Road has been planned to welcome and orient visitors.

Alluvial Fan

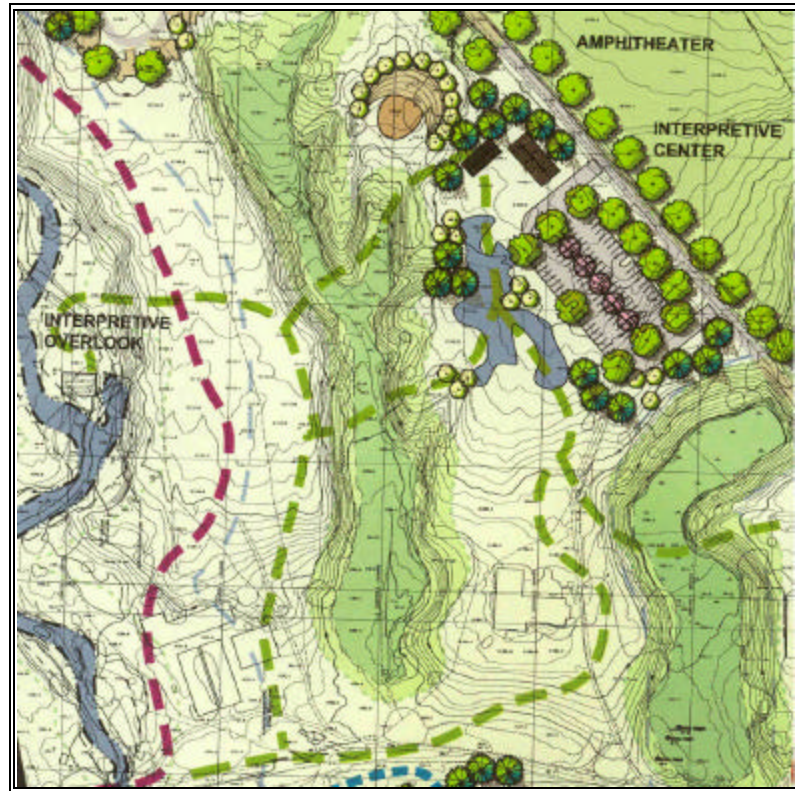
The ball field design team integrated their design with elements of the proposed Hansen Creek Management Plan. Every attempt possible was made by the design group to maximize the acreage available for the restoration of Hansen Creek's alluvial fan. A slightly reduced version of the medium-sized alluvial fan was the largest feasible alternative that could be integrated into the design of the ball fields and parking.

Ditch Realignment

The ditch or Dairy Fork that currently runs alongside Helmick Road will be realigned to closer mimic its historical path feeding into Red Creek. This will allow for more usable space for parking as well as provide for hydrological restoration.

Trails

The goal of the trails component is to develop an integrated non-motorized trail network throughout the Northern State Recreation Area property that provides for a minimum of at least five miles of trail. It should be emphasized that trails were identified as the highest priority type of facility to include at NSRA in the countywide survey administered prior to the charette.



Layout of trails near interpretive center

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Trail Types

The design team members quickly agreed to several types of trails to include in planning a trail system. These are:



Artist rendering of a multiple use trail

Multiple Use Trails

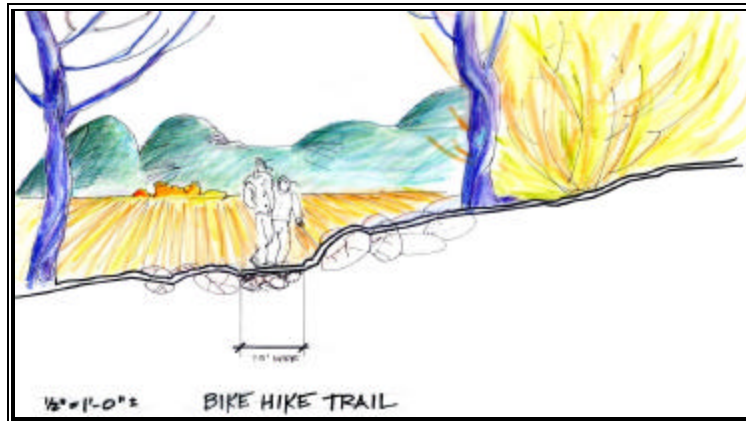
The main type of trails the design team felt should be developed at NSRA are the multiple use trails suitable for walking, hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. This type of trail should be ten feet wide with a cleared area of twenty feet horizontal and ten

feet vertical all around. It should be a hardened, compact surface, possibly using some type of binder for increased compaction. These trails should be made ADA accessible where feasible and include frequent widened 'pull-out' type areas with benches and interpretive signs (where appropriate). The

team designed a primary north/south route through NSRA that would be a multiple use trail and would provide outside connections to the Cascade Trail on the south and to DNR lands to the north that could eventually be extended to create a link to the Pacific Northwest Trail.

Mountain Biking/Hiking Trails

This type of trail has a narrower tread width of three to five feet in width and is designed for hikers and mountain bikers (similar to hiking in a National Park or Forest). The surface would



primarily utilize native materials, with some sections consisting of crushed rock, turnpike or boardwalk as needed. This type of trail would be more rugged and may not be ADA accessible in all areas. In the northwest corner of NSRA, the team designed a loop mountain bike/hiking trail that would lead off of the multiple-use trail loop and would parallel Hansen Creek for a short section. This would provide trail users appropriate and managed access to views of wildlife along the creek and around wetland areas. Short spurs leading to wildlife viewing areas could also be developed.

Another trail of this type was planned in the south central part of NSRA where it will skirt the bottom edge of the restored alluvial fan. This area will likely experience frequent flooding and washouts which will make it difficult and costly to maintain a trail surface. The concept is to leave this section 'open' with two trail endpoints. Trail users should be able to make their way through this short section with little difficulty and the location could serve as a useful interpretive site about Hansen Creek restoration.



Interpretive Trails

An important component of the trail system includes several interpretive loop trails starting and ending at the Interpretive Center. Each loop would be developed around a theme (i.e., cultural, geology, wildlife, restoration, etc.). These trails would be for walkers only and would be ADA accessible.

Limited Use Trails

A limited use area is provided for in the upper northeast corner of NSRA for hikers and horseback riders. This area would accommodate the desire from equestrian users for a space where they could occasionally set-up a cross-country course for timed events. The area would be closed to hikers during such events, but open to both hikers and horseback riders all other times. Horseback riders could access this area via the multiple use trails.

Exercise Trail

A one-mile exercise trail is included around the athletic fields complex. This trail would include frequent 'pull-out' type areas with exercise stations for stretching, sit-ups, pull-ups, etc.

Bike Lanes

Bike lanes are provided on roads in areas where separate pathways cannot be constructed.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

The goal of the environmental education and interpretation component is to develop ways in which these concepts could be incorporated into all aspects of the Northern State Recreation Area.

Interpretation & Educational Themes

The overarching theme for the recreation area will be “the natural resources and people’s relationship to them over time.” Of the many possible stories that could be interpreted at Northern State Recreation Area, the team chose the following as the most significant to accomplishing the educational and interpretive goals of the site. Each is stated as a theme:

1. Salmon Habitat Restoration

Hansen Creek restoration is an example of the steps being taken to restore salmon habitat in Skagit County.

2. The Northern State Hospital Farm

The Northern State Farm produced enough food to make the hospital self-sufficient and also supported other state institutions. Many county residents were involved with the operation of the farm and the hospital.

3. Natural Habitats & Biodiversity

The Northern State Recreation Area includes a great variety of habitats that support a significant diversity of plants and animals.

4. Native American Continuity

Indian people, some of who live adjacent to the site today, have for a very long time been inhabitants of this region and continue to preserve their culture here today.

In relation to number 4, the story of Native American cultural and historical continuity should be integrated into the interpretive stories rather than being treated separately. For example, wayside exhibits about salmon should include the tribes' perspective and mention their involvement in restoration work, habitat preservation, etc. It will be especially important in referring to Indian people to emphasize their presence and activities today, avoiding the implication that their story is all one of the past. In order to better accomplish this, the local tribes should be consulted during the planning or development of this the particular theme.

Guidelines for Interpretation

The following guidelines were recommended by the team:

- Include education as an element of the recreational experience
- Promote public understanding and stewardship of natural and cultural resources.
- Present topics of countywide significance.
- All designs, especially those of related to the educational facilities and devices, be sensitive to natural and cultural values of the site.

Environmental Education Center

An environmental education center will serve as the focal point for educational and interpretive opportunities on the site. It will also act a gateway to the more natural or northern portion of the Northern State Recreation Area. It will be located in the center of the site just north of the ball fields and west of the multi use events center.

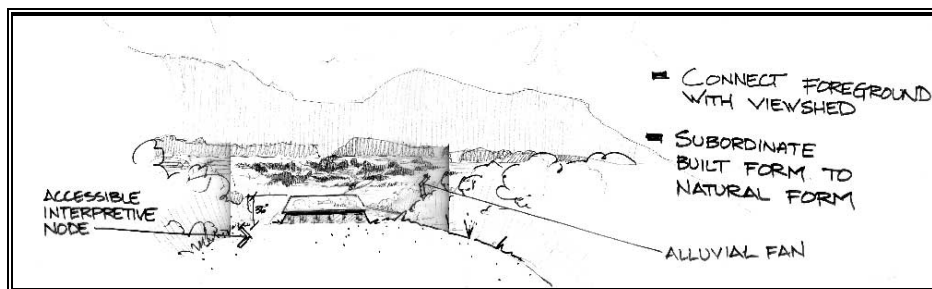
The following elements will be incorporated into the environmental education center:

- The structure will be designed to reflect the historic character of the site
- The structure will contain classrooms and/or theater(s)
- An outdoor amphitheater will be designed in close proximity to the environmental education center
- Exhibits will reflect the above mentioned themes

Interpretive Trails

Interpretive trails should start from the environmental education center and return visitors via a loop route. Trails should be of varying lengths and allow for ADA accessibility where possible. Themes of potential interpretive trails include:

- Dairy barn and related farm structures
- Hanson Creek and restoration efforts
- Habitat diversity

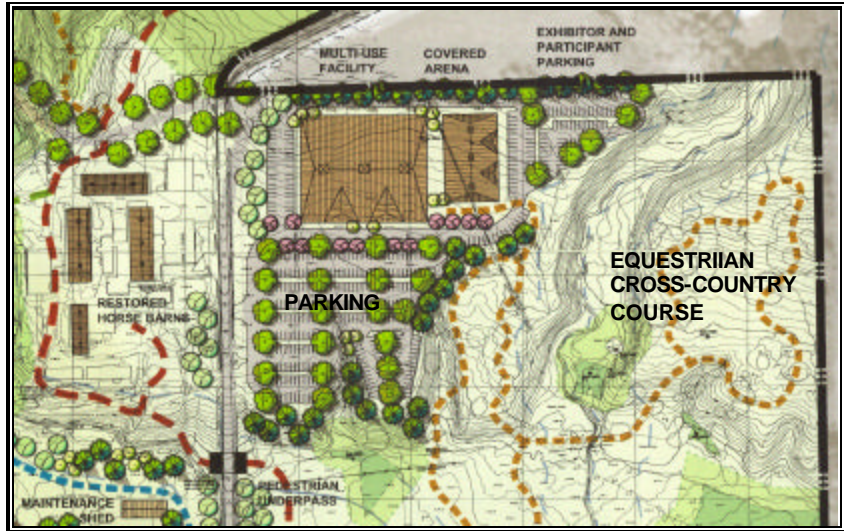


Rendition of alluvial fan interpretive site

Equestrian and Multi-Use Events Center

The goal of the equestrian and multi-use events center component is to develop a facility that can accommodate a variety of equestrian and community functions. These functions include (but are not limited to):

- rodeo and equestrian events
- school and educational programs
- trade shows
- craft fairs
- community and business meetings
- recreation classes
- family programs
- weddings and dances



Layout of Equestrian & Multiple Use Events Center Facilities

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Multi-Use Events Center

The Multi-Use Event Center building footprint is approximately 260 feet by 300 feet. The size of the structure is largely dictated by the need to fit an equestrian arena and spectator seating/grandstands inside. The open arena floor would be 240 feet by 140 feet. Grandstands/ bleachers would be installed on each side of the length of the arena, and will be capable of seating up to 2500 people. It is estimated that eight rows/banks of seating would be required on each side of the open floor to satisfy the seating capacity. The grandstands/bleachers may be designed as either permanent structures or as retractable seating, similar to that seen in high school gymnasiums. The arena floor will be designed so that the footing can be removed to expose a concrete floor for alternate uses.

In addition to the open floor and spectator seating area, the Multi-Use Event Center will house offices and meeting rooms, a concessions/kitchen area, an upstairs event announcer's and lighting booth, and restroom facilities. The building will be heated and lighted. Doors will be large enough to allow vehicle access for exhibitors, and for emergency and maintenance purposes. The building design will feature cupolas on the roof structure, as well as exterior design accents similar to the historic dairy barns across the street.

Covered Arena

An outdoor, covered arena will be located to the east of the Multi-Use Event Center. The overall footprint provides for a 200 foot by 100-foot equestrian arena and protection for onlookers or equestrians tacking up

their horses. The covered arena will be lighted, and is intended for use as a warm-up area during large equestrian events in the Multi-Use Event Center, as well as for general use by casual equestrians.

A driveway off Helmick Road provides vehicle access to the site, with a service road around the perimeter of the building. Handicap and general parking for approximately 300 cars will be located adjacent to the multi-use events center. Additional overflow parking is located in the lower field to the south of the center (see Ball Fields write-up). Pedestrian trails will offer a path for spectators to access the center or the ball fields from the lower parking area. Parking for horse trailers is located across the street inside the Equestrian Center, with a Pedestrian/Equestrian underpass designed to allow for the safe crossing of Helmick Road. An Exhibitor parking area for larger trucks and service vehicles is located to the east of the outdoors arena structure.

Users of the Multi-Use Event Center will be charged appropriate fees for specific uses. It is intended that use of this facility will produce sufficient revenues to offset the operating costs and maintenance of the facility and grounds.

Equestrian Center

A premier Equestrian Center will be located near the entrance of the park, in the historic Dairy Complex. It is a goal in the design of this center to preserve as many historical buildings as possible. Two or three of the old Dairy Barns will be saved and renovated to provide temporary stabling for 75 to 100 horses during equestrian events. The barns will be finished to include cupolas on the roofs and barn doors to match the original Dairy Barn designs. Barns will have interior lighting and a restroom facility. If feasible, a fourth barn building will be renovated as an open indoor area for a variety of meetings and group functions. Historic photographs and summaries describing site history and culture will be displayed throughout the Equestrian Center buildings. If possible, the old Dairy Barn mural on the old maintenance shed will be restored and moved to a new location within the Equestrian Center.

An equestrian Cross Country event course will be developed to the north of the Equestrian Center, extending up into the northeast corner of the park. The course will utilize the natural terrain of the park's open and a forested area to site jumps for the horses/riders. In addition to the cross-country course, equestrian trails will be developed throughout the park, with a concentration of trails to the east and south of the outdoor Covered Arena (adjacent to the Multi-Use Event Center) near Red Creek. A trail will extend south and will connect to the existing Cascade Trail. When not in use for events, the Cross Country course can be enjoyed by pedestrians and equestrians for casual use.

Access & Parking

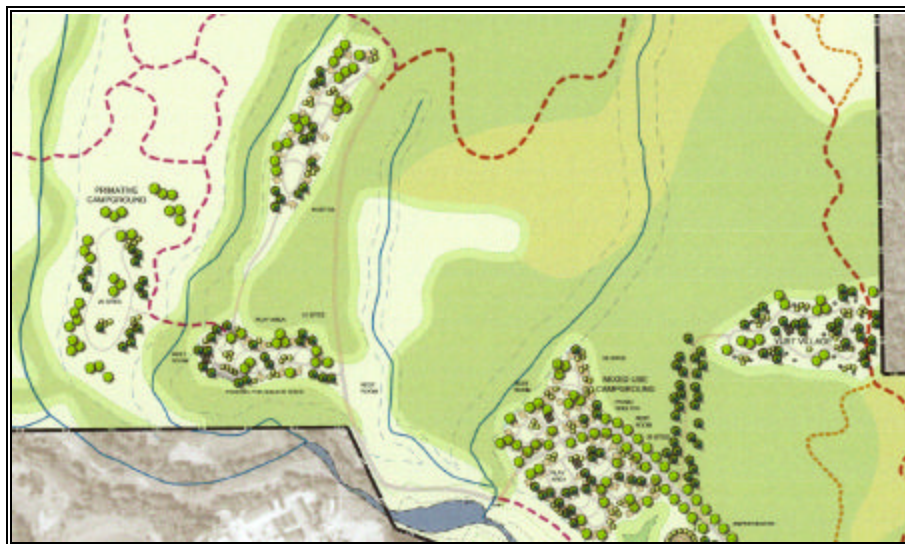
Vehicle access to the south end of the Equestrian Center will be from a driveway off Helmick Road, which leads directly into the center. Additionally, the center can be accessed from the north via the main entrance to the park. Parking for horse trailers and tow vehicles is available on the east side of the center, along the Helmick Road fence. Additional parking will be available directly to the west of the barns, with a road going around the perimeter of the center. Parking areas will be maintained as reinforced grassy fields to the extent possible. If necessary, the overflow parking area in the lower field south of the Multi-Use Event Center can be used for larger equestrian center events. The Pedestrian/Equestrian underpass will offer uninterrupted and safe crossing of Helmick Road by users.

Maintenance Building

If possible, a maintenance building will be located inside a restored building in the Equestrian Center. The building will be large enough to house a tractor and other equipment and tools needed for operations for the Equestrian Center and Multi-Use Event Center. Shavings bunkers will also be located on the site for the delivery and pick-up of shavings during equestrian events.

Campgrounds

The goal of the campgrounds component is to design a variety of camping experiences that address the regional deficiency in camping and picnic areas for a diverse set of potential users. The design team made every attempt to incorporate aesthetic values as well as



Layout of Campground Elements

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environmental education, conservation and restoration of the area's sensitive natural resources into the planning of the camping and picnic facilities.

Elements

The campgrounds component includes the following elements:

- 100 camping sites
- Year round availability
- Diversity in design.
- Multiple locations throughout the site
- Play areas and picnic facilities dispersed throughout the site.

Location

Camping facilities are located throughout the site near activity areas as well as in more remote locations. The sites of the various campgrounds, picnic areas and play areas were strategically located on small parcels of developable land left over after siting other facility needs and in relation to the sensitive areas to be retained as open space.

Design Considerations

Campers at the Northern State Recreational Area represent a broad cross section of needs whether participating in sports tournaments, environmental education or escaping from the pressures of modern life. Driven by diverse demand, facility needs vary from larger heavily developed open public group campgrounds to more rustic isolated, individual or group areas as the user moves deeper into the park. Availability of

utilities also follows this pattern. Trees and vegetation as well as elevation changes and physical separation will be used as buffers for noise as well as to enhance the sense of separation.



Quality of Experience

Each park visitor should come away from the experience remembering the uniqueness of the Northern State Recreational Area in terms of the events in which they participated. Campground facilities are to be designed and sited so as to be transparent. Tree and shrub buffered locations promote the sense of separation from the

other sites with views preserved at every opportunity and access to trails and other facilities.

Maintenance

Maintenance ease and cost help drive the planning of the various campgrounds. Limited utilities reduce not only initial construction costs but also maintenance costs.

Period of Usability

Remoteness of the hike-in areas limits their use in the winter, reducing the costs of maintenance. Yurts are designed as an all weather shelter for year-round use. Portable by design, the yurt village can be expanded as demand increases up to and beyond cost recovery.

Infrastructure

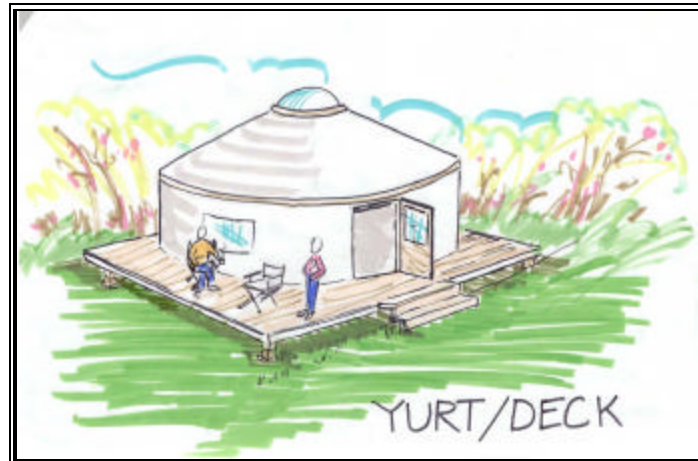
Access to areas by vehicle is in proportion to the type and number of likely users. A main campground loop is entered from the main entry drive with parking at the individual campsites. The yurt village accessed by an all-weather road, has a modest parking facility at the foot of the village. Parking for the more remote day use, camp and hike-in trailhead areas is reached by an all-weather but unpaved drive. Hike-in areas are approached by developed trails. Restroom and shower facilities are centrally located in more organized camping areas below the urban growth boundary. Each major campground and day use area is equipped with an appropriately sized open area for picnics, family sports and an equally proportional sized playground for younger visitors.

Accessibility

Access to the various camping, picnic areas and play areas follows the same pattern as the facilities themselves. Easy immediate handicapped accessible facilities are universal in the larger more developed areas. Some trails to the more remote hike-in camping areas may present barriers to some visitors.

Ecological Relationship

Balance is sought in siting the campgrounds between the need to protect environmentally sensitive areas and the camping needs of the general public. There is value in allowing park users to experience environmentally sensitive areas, but in a controlled manner so as to not jeopardize their integrity. For example, the yurt village and the upper camping areas provide for such access, while being separated by fences, screening or elevation changes from the more sensitive nature to be experienced that surrounds it.



NSRA Baseball Field Options

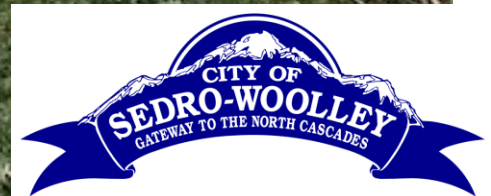
Necessity: Relocation of existing ballfields from Riverfront to a location outside the flood plain.

- Over \$300,000 of flood damage (2021 & 2025)
 - Bulk of damage to ballfields and fencing.
- City explored two options.
 - Swapping soccer fields at Winnie Houser.
 - Relocating fields to NSRA as part of the adopted Master Plan (first phase).
- Relocation to NSRA is the City's preferred alternative.
 - Preserves acreage at Riverfront.
 - Avoids renegotiating Winnie Houser commitment with RCO (20 year).















NSRA Baseball Field Development Proposal

Key Points of NSRA Location Proposed Interlocal Agreement

- City funds design and construction of project (Option 1).
 - Baseball fields
 - Additional parking.
 - Other amenities
- City manages the use of the fields and is responsible for routine operations and maintenance.
- County Parks will remain owner of the site (NSRA).
- County's contribution is primarily site acreage compliant with the NSRA Master Plan and chipseal parking surface.



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Parking

- All proposals address parking overflow (next slide)
 - Overflow slide depicts 49 cars on Helmick Road
 - Option 1 & 2 accommodate the overflow
 - Parking proposals assume landscaped parking
 - An unlandscaped option increases to 160 spaces.
- City would propose using county crew to chip seal the parking surface as an economical alternative to asphalt.



Parking Issue



NSRA Baseball Field Development Proposal

Option 1

Pros:

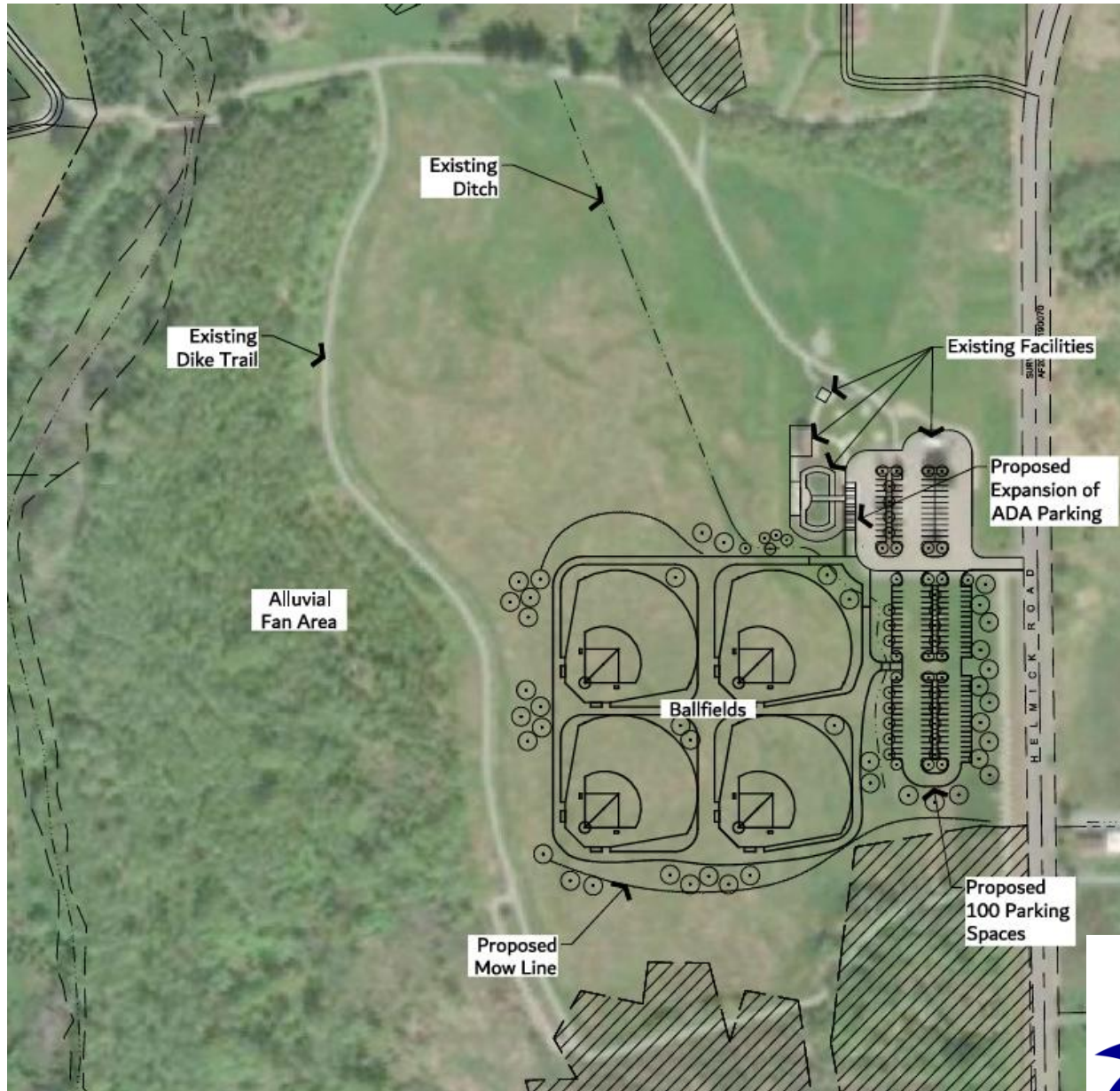
- Implements a first phase of the master plan to establish baseball fields (specifically) with four little league ballfields.
- Adds 100 parking spaces to the existing parking at NSRA.
- Smallest footprint - maximizes remaining acreage at NSRA for future use.
- Relatively no impact to existing facilities at NSRA.
- Least Cost – Can be fully funded by Sedro-Woolley.

Cons:

- Minor relocation of drainage ditch (easily addressed).
- Wetter area against the southern berm needs to be avoided (easily addressed).



NSRA Ballfield Option 1



NSRA Baseball Field Development Proposal

Option 2

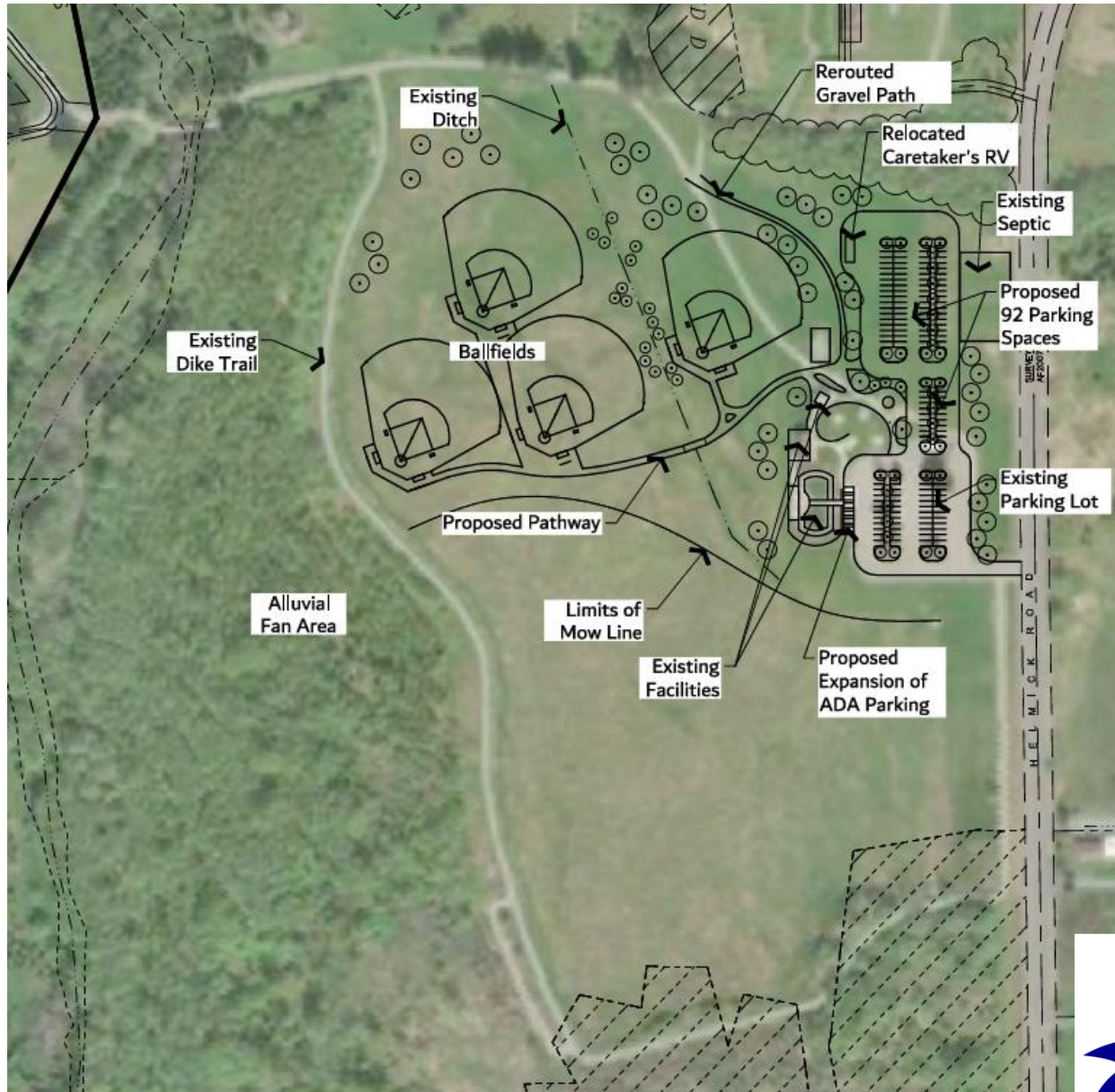
Pros:

- Implements a first phase of the master plan to establish baseball fields (specifically) with four little league ballfields
 - Location is a reasonable alternative
- Adds 94 parking spaces to the existing parking at NSRA

Cons:

- Requires relocation of a number of existing NSRA facilities.
 - Caretakers RV location and drainfield.
(Note: there is no impact to the Public Restroom drainfield)
 - Relocate a 300-400 foot portion of the trail.
 - Adjustment to at least one of the disk golf fairways.
 - Relocate hitching rails for horses.
- Requires some contribution from County or other source.

NSRA Ballfield Option 2



NSRA Baseball Field Development Proposal

Option 3

Generally Infeasible

Cons:

- Significant wetland impacts.
- Room for only two baseball fields outside primary wetland buffer. (no room for four fields)
- Creates potential and significant pedestrian traffic concerns crossing Helmick Rd.



NSRA Ballfield Option 3



American Bittern Question

- The Protected Critical Area (NSRA) recorded in 2018 specifically sets aside the entire NSRA property within the berm for the development of recreational uses.
- American Bitterns are not protected under either State nor Federal Threatened not Endangered species listings
- They are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act – Protections include:
 - Prohibits the taking, hunting, harassment (including nests).
 - Above would limit construction to non-nesting seasons when bitterns are not active.
 - Southside (Option 1) represents a rather small portion of the entire Bittern habitat within the larger regional area.
- Design would include environmental review and delineation to determine environmental mitigation requirements.

Proposed RCO Planning Grant



RCO Planning for Recreation Access

Timeline Generally Infeasible

- RCO planning grant would likely represent 3-5 year delay
- Northern location appears to be heavily impacted by wetlands as well.
- Extensive access improvements.

Alternative planning for norther area:

- Opportunity to develop birdwatching venue
 - Trails
 - Blinds
 - Interpretive signage
 - Better isolation from roads and vehicles



NSRA Baseball Field Development Proposal Summary

- City of Sedro-Woolley preferred alternative is NSRA Option 1
 - Consistent with the NSRA Master Plan.
 - Least impact to existing NSRA facilities (Option 1).
 - Triples existing NSRA parking (potentially quadruples).
 - Provides for flood resiliency.
 - Preserves acreage at Riverfront Park for additional soccer fields and open space to support events like Loggerodeo.
 - Option 2 is likely outside what Sedro-Woolley can fully fund (construction).

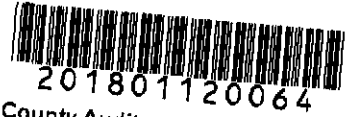


NSRA Baseball Field Development Proposal

Comment Responses

- Riverfront Park has 4 fields: 2 little league and 2 T-ball
 - Proposes four little league fields.
 - Economy of scale
 - Little league fields can support both T-ball & LL.
 - Constructing only 2 little league fields does not meet the need.
- Environmental issues
 - Project is required to conduct environmental review.
 - Stated at Advisory Board meeting that current estimate south side supports about six nesting birds (7+ acres).
 - Contrast: High value bittern nesting in 7 acres should support approximately 100-120 nesting sites (14-16/acre)
 - Appears to be a low value nesting site.

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PROTECTED CRITICAL AREA SITE PLAN

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Grantor/Owner: Skagit County

Grantee: PUBLIC

Site Address: 25749 Helmick Road

Property ID #: P39265 & P38653

Legal Description: Sec. 8 & 17 Twp. 35 Rng. 05 / Plat Name: --- Lot: ---

Permit/Activity #: BP06-1224 ✓

The PROTECTED CRITICAL AREA (PCA) is to be left undisturbed in its natural state. "With the exception of activities identified as Allowed without Standard review under SCC 14.24.070, any land-use activity that can impair the functions and values of critical areas or their buffers through a development activity or by disturbance of the soil or water, and/or by removal of, or damage to, existing vegetation shall require critical areas review and written authorization pursuant to SCC 14.24." SCC 14.24.060

No clearing, grading, filling, logging or removal of woody material, building, construction or road construction of any kind, planting of non-native vegetation or grazing of livestock is allowed within the PCA areas except as specifically permitted by Skagit County on a case-by-case basis consistent with SCC 14.24.

Representations on this site plan may be approximations only and should not be used for purposes other than for determining general locations of critical areas. Development activities beyond the scope of this plan may require additional studies and approvals.

The above references to "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall not be construed as a transfer of property ownership and are used solely for filing with the County Auditor.

Owner: Blew Date: 1-11-18

On this day personally appeared before me Brian Adams ~~Brenda Olson~~ to me known to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she/they signed the same as his/her/their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

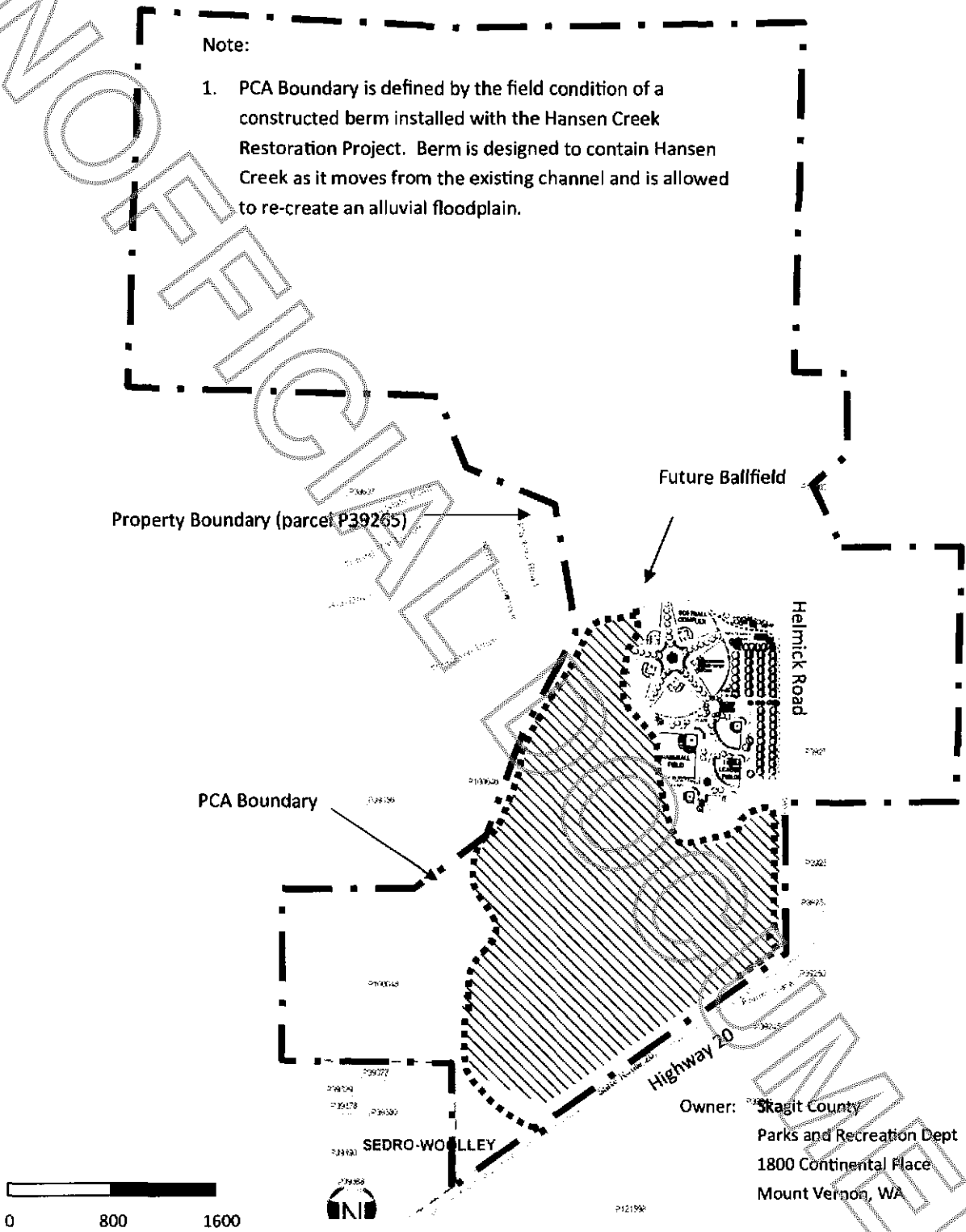
Given under my hand and seal of office this 11 day of January, 2018

BRENDA OLSON
STATE OF WASHINGTON
NOTARY --- PUBLIC
My Commission Expires 08-18-2021

Notary Public residing at Mount Vernon
My Commission Expires: 8-18-2021

Note:

1. PCA Boundary is defined by the field condition of a constructed berm installed with the Hansen Creek Restoration Project. Berm is designed to contain Hansen Creek as it moves from the existing channel and is allowed to re-create an alluvial floodplain.



Property Boundary (parcel P39265)

Future Ballfield

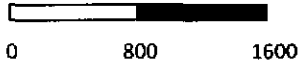
Helmick Road

PCA Boundary

Highway 20

SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Owner: Skagit County
Parks and Recreation Dept
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA



Protected Critical Area (PCA) Site Plan

Site Address
25625 HELMICK ROAD
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

July 3, 2012

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Nora Pederson

Council Member, Ward 3

To:	Mayor JoEllen Kesti and Members of the Sedro-Woolley City Council
From:	William R Calkins, 1104 Rhodes Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
Date:	June 10, 2026
Subject:	Community Summary — Support for Ballfield Relocation to Northern States

Introduction

My name is William Calkins, and since 1995 my wife and I have been residents of Sedro-Woolley, Washington. As a former American Legion Baseball Senior Commissioner, as well as a former Sedro-Woolley High School baseball coach and current Burlington-Edison High School baseball coach, I'm speaking up today on behalf of a group of community members — including approximately 800 Sedro-Woolley Little League families who are directly impacted by this proposal — who strongly support the relocation of the ballfields to the Northern States property. We are enthusiastic about this project and grateful for the opportunity to express that support directly to the Council.

Who We Are

The individuals I represent include residents, families, Sedro-Woolley Little League, coaches, and community members throughout Skagit County who benefit from — and deeply value — quality recreational facilities. We are people who have chosen to live and raise our families here because of this county's strong community spirit, and we believe that investing in recreational infrastructure is one of the most meaningful things the local government can do for its residents. We are united in our enthusiasm for the Northern States ballfield project and in our encouragement of the Council to move it forward.

Our Position

- **We fully support the relocation of the ballfields to the Northern States property.** This move represents a smart, forward-thinking investment in our community's recreational infrastructure — one that will serve Skagit County families for generations to come.
- **Better facilities for everyone:** The Northern States site offers the space and opportunity to build modern, well-designed fields that meet the needs of youth leagues, adult recreation programs, and organized tournaments alike.

- **Improved access and parking:** The new location provides superior road access and room for adequate parking, making it easier for families, spectators, and visiting teams to attend games and events.
- **Room for growth:** Unlike the current site, the Northern States property has space to accommodate future expansion as our community's recreational needs evolve.
- **Long-term planning benefit:** Relocating now, while the opportunity exists, is a responsible and visionary decision that reflects well on the Council's commitment to Sedro-Woolley's future.
- **The current site has already required FEMA-funded repairs:** Repairs to the Riverfront Parks ballfields were paid for by FEMA — a direct indicator that the current location is in a flood-prone area subject to federal disaster funding. This vulnerability underscores the wisdom of relocating to a more stable, permanent home at Northern States.
- **Direct impact on approximately 800 families:** This is not an abstract proposal — it directly affects the roughly 800 Sedro-Woolley Little League families who rely on these fields for their children's participation in organized youth baseball. These families deserve safe, modern, and reliable facilities.
- **Broad support, despite county-level opposition:** We are aware that the Audubon Society has lobbied and influenced two Skagit County Commissioners to vote against the new ballfields. We respectfully but firmly believe that recreation, youth sports, and the City's own financial commitment to this project should take priority. The community looks to the Sedro-Woolley City Council to champion this effort and ensure it moves forward for our families.

What We Ask of the Council

- Approve the relocation of the ballfields to the Northern States property and move the project forward without unnecessary delay.
- Ensure the community is kept informed of the project timeline and key milestones as planning and development proceed.
- Support adequate funding and resource allocation to ensure the new site is developed to a high standard that the entire community can be proud of. Notably, the City has already set aside **\$400,000** specifically to fund the move to Northern States — the financial commitment is in place, and the community urges the Council to act on it without further delay.
- Engage with local youth sports leagues, families, and recreational organizations as planning progresses to ensure the new facilities meet real community needs.

Closing

We thank Mayor Kesti and Councilmembers Loy, Cox, Pederson, Henderson, Cocke, de Jong, and Lavacca for their public service and for the time they have given to this matter today. We are genuinely excited about what the Northern States ballfield project will mean for recreation, youth sports, and community life in Sedro-Woolley. We look forward to seeing this project move forward and stand ready to support it in any way we can.

William R Calkins | 1104 Rhodes Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 | June 10, 2026 | Sedro-Woolley City Council

COMMUNITY BENEFITS SUMMARY

Introduction

This sheet outlines the key community benefits of relocating the ballfields to the Northern States property. It is offered to assist the Council in understanding the broad, positive impact this project will have on recreation, youth development, economic activity, and long-term community planning in Sedro-Woolley. The community strongly supports this relocation and encourages the Council to move forward with confidence.

Recreational Benefits

- **More fields and better layout:** The Northern States site provides ample acreage to develop multiple well-designed fields with proper orientation, spacing, and safety buffers — a significant upgrade over the constraints of the current location.
- **Improved playing surfaces:** Relocation is an opportunity to install modern, high-quality turf or well-maintained natural grass surfaces that support safe, competitive play for players of all ages and skill levels.
- **Lighting potential:** The new site's size and layout make it well-suited for the addition of field lighting, enabling evening games and practices — extending usability for working families and expanding scheduling capacity for leagues.
- **Year-round usability:** With proper design and drainage infrastructure built into the new facility from the ground up, the Northern States fields can be made usable across more months of the year than current facilities allow.

Community and Economic Benefits

- **Increased youth sports participation:** Better facilities directly correlate with higher participation rates in youth athletics. More kids playing means healthier, more connected communities and stronger social bonds among families.
- **Tournament hosting capacity:** Modern, multi-field complexes attract regional and state-level tournaments that bring visiting teams, families, and spending to local restaurants, hotels, and businesses — delivering meaningful economic benefit to Sedro-Woolley.
- **Approximately 800 Little League families served:** The Northern States ballfields will directly benefit an estimated 800 Sedro-Woolley Little League families — making this one of the most impactful recreational investments the City can make for its residents.
- **Reduced wear on existing facilities:** Consolidating and upgrading recreational capacity at the Northern States site will relieve pressure on other county parks and fields, extending their useful life and reducing maintenance costs.
- **Long-term cost savings:** Investing in purpose-built, modern infrastructure now avoids the escalating maintenance and repair costs associated with aging facilities, providing better value for taxpayers over the long term.

Planning and Access Benefits

- **Better road access:** The Northern States property benefits from superior road connectivity, making it easier for families, school groups, and visiting teams to reach the site safely and efficiently.
- **More parking:** Adequate, well-designed parking is a chronic challenge at the current location. The new site offers the space to provide parking that meets actual demand — reducing congestion and improving the experience for everyone.
- **Room for future expansion:** The property's size allows for phased development and future additions — additional fields, spectator amenities, concession facilities, and restrooms — as community needs and available funding grow.
- **Centralized location:** The Northern States site is positioned to serve a broader cross-section of Sedro-Woolley residents, making quality recreational facilities more accessible to more families across the region.
- **Financial readiness — \$400,000 already allocated:** The City of Sedro-Woolley has already set aside \$400,000 specifically to fund the relocation of the ballfields to the Northern States property. This is not a speculative or

unfunded proposal — the resources are in place and the project is ready to move forward. The Council can act with confidence knowing that fiscal planning for this investment has already been done.

Summary of Key Benefits

Benefit	Detail
Recreation Upgrade	More fields, improved surfaces, lighting potential, and year-round playability represent a major leap forward in recreational quality for Sedro-Woolley.
Access & Parking	Superior road access and ample parking make the Northern States site far more convenient and family-friendly than the current location.
Economic Impact	Tournament hosting capacity will draw regional visitors and generate spending at local businesses, restaurants, and accommodations throughout the county.
Youth Sports & Families	Better facilities drive higher participation in youth athletics, strengthening community bonds and supporting healthy, active lifestyles for children and families.
Long-Term Planning	Purpose-built infrastructure and room for expansion ensure the Northern States site will serve Sedro-Woolley's recreational needs for decades to come.

Recommended Actions

- Approve the Northern States site as the new home for the relocated ballfields and authorize staff to proceed with detailed planning and design.
- Allocate the planning and budgeting resources necessary to move the project forward on a timely schedule, taking advantage of the current opportunity to secure the site.
- Establish a community update schedule so that residents, youth sports organizations, and other stakeholders are kept informed of project milestones and can provide input throughout the planning process.

June 10, 2026

Sedro-Woolley City Council and County Commissioners
325 Metcalf Street
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Subject: Support for New Baseball Fields at Northern State Recreation Area

Dear Members of the Sedro Woolley City Council and County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Sedro Woolley partnering with Skagit County to build a new baseball facility at Northern State Recreation Area.

As a youth baseball coach and parent in Sedro Woolley, I have seen firsthand that we lack adequate facilities and fields to meet the demand from the many youth baseball teams that want to use the current ball fields. Due to limited field availability, our U-11 baseball team travels to Burlington for practices and games, and we are unable to host tournaments in Sedro Woolley. New fields would not only create better opportunities for our children, but would also create opportunities to host tournaments, which would provide an economic benefit to local and regional businesses.

Northern State Recreation Area is an ideal location for this kind of investment. The site was acquired by Skagit County to serve as a major regional recreation facility, and the master plan included a rough design for a larger sports complex specifically intended for youth and adult baseball fields. It not only provides adequate space for the proposed facility but also has much of the necessary infrastructure already in place, minimizing the initial investment. This includes restroom facilities, parking, and available power and water that would be needed for the proposed fields. In addition, with a partnership with Sedro Woolley, the County's cost to maintain the facility would be minimal.

As a resident and longtime business leader in Skagit County, I see this as a real opportunity for the County and the City of Sedro Woolley to partner on an impactful project that would provide regional benefits for our children and future generations. It would also bring additional economic benefit to local and regional businesses while drawing attention to the beauty of Northern State Recreation Area for visitors from outside the county. I strongly encourage the County Commissioners to continue exploring a partnership with the City of Sedro Woolley to make this public benefit a reality.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

Rod Cann



Kelly kohnken

From: Sarah Diamond <sarahdiamond18@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:11 PM
To: CityCouncil; Khansen@co.skagit.wa.us
Subject: Support for baseball/softball fields at Northern State Recreation Area - for public comment.

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To the City Council and Board of County Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the City of Sedro-Woolley's proposal to relocate the Riverfront Park baseball fields from the floodway to the Northern State Recreation Area.

For many years, the ballfields at Riverfront Park have been vulnerable to significant flood damage whenever the Skagit River rises above flood stage. This recurring damage results in ongoing repair and replacement costs borne by taxpayers and represents an unnecessary drain on public resources.

Developing new ballfields would not only help expand youth baseball and softball programs, but it would also create opportunities for growth in youth soccer and football. Relocating baseball and softball activities to the Northern State Recreation Area would allow portions of the existing Riverfront Park fields to be repurposed for these sports, helping address the increasing demand for athletic space across multiple youth programs. Additionally, fields designed for soccer and football would generally require less extensive maintenance and repair following flood events than specialized baseball and softball facilities, resulting in reduced long-term costs and improved field availability for local families.

As outlined in its master plan, Skagit County Parks and Recreation has long identified the development of ballfields at the Northern State Recreation Area as a priority. During my time as a Sedro-Woolley Little League Board member, I personally attended a meeting with former Mayor Julia Johnson and former City Attorney Eron Berg to review the

plans. The County's commitment to this vision was further demonstrated in 2018 when it recorded a document identifying the proposed ballfield location along the western edge of the alluvial fan.

For the benefit of the children and families in our community, I strongly encourage both the City Council and County Commissioners to support this project. Recreational space for youth and adults is in high demand, and quality athletic facilities are an important community asset. In addition to providing local recreational opportunities, well-designed and efficiently managed facilities can attract sports tourism to Sedro-Woolley, increasing foot traffic and generating additional revenue for local businesses, particularly in and around our downtown district.

This economic activity would contribute to the City's general fund through increased sales tax revenue, helping support essential services, including public safety. In turn, this could help reduce pressure for future levy lid lifts, providing long-term benefits for local taxpayers.

The City of Sedro-Woolley has presented a partnership opportunity that advances Skagit County's longstanding goal of developing ballfields at the Northern State Recreation Area while allowing the facilities to be operated and maintained with minimal cost to the County. This proposal represents a practical, cost-effective solution that benefits both organizations and the taxpayers they serve.

I respectfully urge the City Council and County Commissioners to move forward with this partnership proposal. It is a sensible investment in our community, our youth, our recreational infrastructure, and the responsible stewardship of public funds.

Sincerely,

Sarah Diamond

Sedro-Woolley resident, Ward 3

Former Ward 3 council member

Former SWLL board member and coach

Current NW Crushers 14U Fastpitch head coach

Kelly kohnken

From: Justin Olds <kolds075@gmail.com>
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To: CityCouncil
Subject: Youth baseball/softball

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Dear Sedro-Woolley City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for relocating Sedro-Woolley's baseball facilities to Northern State rather than moving them to Winnie Houser Park.

Our youth baseball program is already experiencing a shortage of field space, and the Northern State location presents a unique opportunity to create a larger, more functional sports complex that can serve our community for decades to come. Northern State offers the potential for additional fields, improved parking, safer playing conditions, and room for future growth as participation continues to increase.

While I appreciate the City's efforts to find a solution, I have concerns about Winnie Houser Park serving as the primary baseball complex. Limited parking, restricted space for multiple fields, and the proximity of homes and parked vehicles create challenges that could impact both player safety and the overall experience for families.

Youth sports play an important role in our community by teaching teamwork, discipline, and leadership. Our players deserve facilities that can accommodate current needs and support future generations of athletes.

I respectfully ask the City Council to consider the long-term benefits of relocating baseball to Northern State and to make an investment that will positively impact Sedro-Woolley families for years to come.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Justin Olds

Sedro-Woolley Youth Baseball Parent & Community Member

June 10, 2006

To those currently involved with the issue of moving the Sedro-Woolley Little League Fields.

My name is Louie Regua, retired co-owner of a 41 year old local business called Stegert Surveyors and Engineers. I am currently the Chairman of the Sedro-Woolley Rotary committee known as the "Northern State Recreation Area, and former Chairman of the Northern State Recreation Area Task Force. I am going to list a number of bullet points with respect to the above referenced movement.

Several of these bullet points would take more than three minutes to properly explain. I will do that in written form.

The reasoning behind each bullet point is to clarify the reasons for moving the Sedro-Woolley Little League fields to the Northern State Recreation Area along Helmick Road

1.) History: 1991 - Present

- Skagit County purchased 726 acres of the former Northern State Hospital property.
- The purpose was for the development of a premiere regional recreational facility. The first plan was developed in 1994.

2.) Planning Assistance: 2001

- Skagit County Parks & Recreation acquired a grant from the RTCA program of the National Park Service to assist in the development of a new NSRA master plan.
- Staff from RTCA and the Skagit County Parks Advisory Board and the NSRA Task Force conducted several meetings, including a 2 1/2 day design Charrette to develop and implement a new NSRA master plan. The project conducted a countywide recreational needs assessment to determine recreational preferences.
- The new NSRA master plan was approved by the County Board of Commissioners in January 2002, and is currently still listed as such in the recreational element of the S.Co. Comprehensive Plan.

Flooding Problem →

3.) Sedro-Woolley Little League fields flooding issues one reason to re-locate such fields. Was reported to me the cleanup costs after a flood is approximately \$80,000.00.

4.) Houser's landowner Agreement w/City of S.W
See Sk. Co. Auditor's File No. 201204130103 attached here-to. (Statutory Warranty Deed.) The Deed states the conveyance is for the purpose of providing park and open space and to be named Winnie Houser Park and Play fields.

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5.) Sedro-Wadley Little League.

Little League in all areas of Skagit County growing fast. Now Little League is girls softball and boys 90' baseball, creating a demand for a 90' baseball practice field and more girls softball fields. Houser's field does not have enough room for all needs. NSRA has the room. See NSRA map inside the attached plan for all ball field layouts.

6.) Grant monies and matching monies agreement with I RCO (Recreation and Conservation Funding Board) and the City of SW. Approval Date 06/27/2019 and copy attached hereto. The RCO & City agreement was clearly for the establishment of a soccer complex. The process outlined in the RCO to try to change the use for which the monies were designated for would be difficult.

Birds 7.) The issue with a certain class of warm-blooded egg-laying vertebrates currently using the tall grass environment to nest in needs to be better understood. Approximately two years ago I was informed the specific species of bird that maybe nesting there is not their normal and accustomary type of nesting environment. The resident Coyster population maybe easy targets for them in that tall grass.

Soccer 8.) With Soccer becoming much more popular it only makes sense to reserve the "Soccer fields at "Winnie Houser Park" with expansion entirely possible down at (North Front Park.)

9.) Moving little league fields make all the sense esp. with adequate room to do so at the NSRA already designated for that use. When I decided to create the NSRA Task force back in the late 1990's, this ball field complex has always been something obtainable

Kelly kohnken

From: Randy Collins <randysuecollins@gmail.com>
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To: Kelly kohnken
Subject: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Thank you.

To Mayor Kesti and Council Members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. I care deeply about our community and would welcome the opportunity to contribute my time, ideas, and volunteer efforts to help support and enhance our parks and recreational programs.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

Randy Collins

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