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SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO DEDICATE FIRST OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

County Executive Aaron Reardon will dedicate and officially open Snohomish County's first off-leash dog park, Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at Willis Tucker Community Park.

The three-acre off-leash dog park was developed in partnership with Sno-Dog, a community-based organization that has assisted Snohomish County Parks in the construction of the facility. Their participation is part of Parks "Triple Bottom Line" which includes community and stakeholder equity; creates a partnership to help cover maintenance and operations; and generates new revenue.

The project is funded by the Enhanced Community Infrastructure and Development Initiative (ECIDI) launched by Executive Reardon last year.

"Partnership between citizens and the County allowed us to identify and prioritize a neighborhood project that accurately reflects local community needs," Executive Reardon said. "The off-leash area combines two great passions, our connection with the great outdoors and the love of our dogs."

The ECIDI initiative---proposed by Executive Reardon and approved by the County council in 2006, has leveraged the County's improved bonding capacity and existing available construction funds to build over \$50 million in needed infrastructure projects in three years—almost ten years ahead of schedule.

The initiative is already at work delivering 46 critical infrastructure projects to neighborhoods across Snohomish County. Snohomish County Parks was allocated \$250,000 to assist in the construction of off-leash dog facilities. The first off-leash dog facility is being dedicated and officially opened at Willis Tucker Community Park.

Willis Tucker Community Park is located at 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish.

For more information on the event, please call Snohomish County Parks at 425.388.6600.

