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## **Reardon hosting groundbreaking at Willis D. Tucker Community Park**

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*Snohomish County Executive to be joined by Councilmember Gossett at kick-off to bring additional ballfields, trails and recreational amenities to fast-growing area*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon will host a groundbreaking ceremony at the Willis D. Tucker Community Park that will bring needed ball fields, trails and additional recreational amenities to the fast growing Cathcart area.

The ceremony will be held on Friday, July 30 at 11:00 a.m.

The 84-acre park, named after Snohomish County's first executive, is located at 134<sup>th</sup> Place SE and Snohomish Cascade Drive east of Mill Creek. Design and engineering for Phase I of the park, which is projected to open next summer, is being handled by Worthy and Associates and Miller/Hull.

Development of Willis Tucker Community Park is expected to take place in three phases. Phase I of the development, which begins with Wednesday's groundbreaking, consists of 21-acres that will include two 300-foot baseball fields, playgrounds, picnic facilities, a community activity center, trails, the Parks Administration Facility, an amphitheater, parking, landscaping and support infrastructure such as water, sewer, power, phone, drainage, underdrainage for the ballfields and irrigation.

Reardon said, "Willis Tucker Community Park will be a tremendous asset to families throughout our community for generations to follow. By providing soccer and baseball fields for kids, an off-leash area for dog owners, new trails and acres of open space, Willis Tucker Community Park is just a first step towards meeting the critical need for parks and recreational areas throughout Snohomish County."

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Joining Reardon at the ceremony will be Snohomish County Council member David Gossett, in whose district the expanded park is located.

“The groundbreaking on Friday is a great day for Snohomish County families,” Gossett said. “I’ve worked to make this park a reality for years, first as a staff person developing the plan to buy the property and now as a Councilmember getting the park built. With soccer and baseball fields, a community center, trails, playgrounds, and acres of open space, this park will be a real asset for our kids and our families.”

Willis Tucker Community Park is one of seven community parks called for in the 2001 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan for Snohomish County. Future phases of the development will include three soccer fields, an off-leash dog park, natural area enhancements, a skateboard park, sport courts and additional trails, picnic facilities and restrooms.

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