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## Reardon Strikes Deal for West Monroe Sports Facility

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*County Executive submits land acquisition deal to Council*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has announced a property acquisition deal that would significantly expand parks and recreation activities in Monroe.

The purchase of the 38.58 acre property is part of the County's Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan to increase opportunities for children to participate in sports athletic fields closer to home. It gets the County one step closer to its goal of acquiring community park properties in areas impacted by the addition of 15,000 new residents within the planning horizon.

"Creating thriving communities where services keep pace with growth is one of our most important priorities." says Reardon.

The property owned by Dave and Jacque Remlinger, is located on the western edge of the Fryelands Elementary School site, which shares its northern boundary with Lake Tye Park.

The County's acquisition would create a multipurpose facility featuring as many as ten soccer fields and, if possible, several baseball fields.

"I am excited to see this deal come through so the 1,200 kids of the Sky River soccer league can have a permanent home." says Dave Remlinger.

The 38.5 acres site has a price tag of \$450,000, of which \$150,000 would be paid from a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program ("WWRP") grant awarded

by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (“IAC”) in 2004. The balance would be paid from the Parks Department’s 2006 budget.

In the Monroe area, there is a particularly high demand for sports fields. There are currently ten fields within the City park system and a few school and private fields. The existing fields are used heavily and the level of demand has resulted in leagues seeking private properties for use.

“Creating opportunities through sports and recreation in Snohomish County is essential to the continuing health and welfare of our families.” says Reardon.

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