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### **County planner honored for “green” building**

Snohomish County Senior Planner Deanna Carveth will be honored this week at the 2008 Built Green Conference in Seattle.

Carveth will receive the Built Green Pioneer Award, designed to recognize people who have played an integral role in developing and maintaining the Built Green program. Carveth is a senior planner in the county’s public works department.

The Built Green program is operated by the Master Builders Association in partnership with King and Snohomish counties.

“The Pioneer award is the most prestigious award offered by Built Green,” wrote Built Green Director Aaron Adelstein to Carveth. “Without your time, energy and support, the program would not be the success that it is today.”

Carveth helped create the county’s Sustainable Development Task Force at Snohomish County. Now a nonprofit organization, the task force teaches builders, developers and real-estate agents in Snohomish County the benefits of environmentally friendly, or “green,” building.

The task force has about 45 members including realtors, developers, participating cities, engineering firms, architects and the Snohomish County Public Utility District.

Her work with the task force and the county has caused local developers to “think outside the box,” and embrace new green-building techniques. The result has been a number of green projects including Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream’s environment-friendly construction of their new headquarters in Maltby.

“Deanna’s work is exemplary of the kind of bright and innovative people that work at Snohomish County,” said Public Works Director Steve Thomsen. “It’s nice to have her on staff to guide us in our efforts to become a sustainable county.”

Carveth also helped bring last year’s Built Green conference to Everett, with the highest attendance ever recorded at the annual event.

The conference this year will be held at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, on March 13 and 14. Snohomish County is one of the leading sponsors. County Executive Aaron Reardon will speak the morning of March 14 on the economics

of green building before introducing keynote speaker Andrew Winston, founder of Winston Eco-Strategies.

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