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County Planning Director Named Public Employee of the Year

EVERETT – December 11, 2007 – Snohomish County’s Craig Ladiser has been named “Public Employee of the Year” by the Puget Sound Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) and the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBA).

The first annual awards were created to honor employees in the public sector who demonstrate a commitment to finding meaningful solutions to the challenges of growth while pursuing responsible environmental stewardship.

“Craig is a great asset to Snohomish County,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon. “His hard work and dedication have allowed us to pursue a balanced approach to growth that protects the environment and promotes economic development.”

One of two award recipients, Ladiser was chosen for the award for his ability to build reasonable compromise on Snohomish County’s residential code update, buildable lands report and the County’s recently adopted critical areas update.

“We’ve brought transparency and a consensus building approach to planning for growth in Snohomish County,” said Ladiser. “Everyone has a seat at the table and a role to play in planning our County’s future.”

Craig Ladiser is the Director of Snohomish County Planning and Development Services. Appointed by Executive Reardon in 2004, Ladiser oversees the development and enforcement of the County’s building and land use policy, and is charged with ensuring regulations meet or exceed the requirements of the state’s Growth Management Act.

The American Planning Association is an organization whose membership includes citizen planners, professional planners, planning commissioners and other planning officials in Washington State. Members have a shared interest in housing, land use, environmental, transportation, social and economic planning.

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