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Reardon to dedicate playground and picnic shelter at Machias Trailhead

County Executive Aaron Reardon will dedicate a newly constructed playground and a new picnic shelter at the Centennial Trail Machias Trailhead, July 31, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

The Machias Trailhead is located on the Centennial Trail, south of the City of Lake Stevens and is part of the completed 17.5 mile Centennial Trail. The trail is built on what was originally the right-of-way for the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad, constructed in 1889. Snohomish County purchased the abandoned right-of-way in 1989.

“The playground and shelter will give the many families that use the Centennial Trail a place to play and picnic as part of their day of biking or hiking,” Executive Reardon said. “The Centennial Trail is a valuable community asset enjoyed by over 250,000 visitors annually.”

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

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 \$150,000 to assist in the construction of the playground and picnic shelter at the Centennial Trail Machias Trailhead.

The Machias Trailhead features a restroom in the style of the original Machias Depot, picnic tables, benches, a watering station for horses using the trail, parking, the paved multi-purpose Centennial Trail and is located at 1600 Virginia St., Snohomish.

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