



Memo

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Doug Coutts, Director
Date: 1/11/2019
Re: Comprehensive Plan Programs

Projects List

The updated project ranking document has been sent out to Commissioners for review and re-ranking. I should have an updated overall summary for the board meeting if all Commissioners are able to get me their updated rankings by Thursday, January 10th so I can consolidate and update the spreadsheet. We will review this at the board meeting and will also review a draft Community Survey I developed to gather Community Feedback on the General projects listed. The survey is available for review here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5CLR27H>

Campground Phase 1 Update

We have the first check from the RCO! We have received \$197,636 as the grant portion of the acquisition costs and some administrative expenses. We can now leverage this in the Campground development process.

Staff met with Don and Matt to look at our next steps in December. The first thing that needs to be completed is a traffic Study. I contacted the County's new Traffic Engineer- Nikki Davis and we had a meeting to go over the project and a subsequent phone conference to look at our project and what would need to be done. I am working through this process with Nikki who is new to the County and trying to complete it quickly. As discussed at the meeting with Don and Matt, we are looking to do the traffic study for the entire build out of the Campground so it will only need to be done once.

Grant Applications Update

Governor Inslee's recommended budget has an allocation of \$115 million for the WWRP grant program. Funding at this level would fund the WWRP Local Parks grant for the Waterman Trails

property to its full level of \$315,325. This is good news, but please remember that this is only half of the Grant money needed to purchase the property and only a recommendation at this point. As an added encouraging sign, the WWRP Local Parks grant for the Waterman Property would be funded at the full amount if the actual WWRP grant program allocation were at \$80 million so there is a lot of room for negotiation before this grant would be dropped from funding.

I am heading to Olympia in February to meet with our Representatives and Senators to lobby for this program and other grant programs for the WRPA Legislative Day, I hope to speak with our two Representatives, Norma Smith and Dave Paul and our Senator, Barbara Bailey. These are our advocates in Olympia and I hope to have them working towards a budget that would support our Grant Applications.