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Bothell Property Generously Gifted for New Snohomish County Park

3.43 acres gifted from Jim Corcoran for public park space in the midst of a booming residential neighborhood

EVERETT, Wash., October 16, 2019 – On September 11, 2019, Snohomish County Council passed a motion (Motion No 19-276) to accept the generous donation of property for future park space from United States Army Special Forces Veteran James (Jim) W. Corcoran. The property officially closed on Friday, Oct. 11. An on-site thank you and acceptance of the donation will take place **this Friday, Oct. 18 at 11:00 a.m. (21 E. Jonathan Rd, Bothell) and is open to media only.** A public ribbon cutting will occur when the park is completed.

Jim Corcoran has given a life-time of service from his time in the Army to continuous investment in his community and neighborhood through various organizations. He approached Snohomish County Parks in 2007 with his intent to gift the property stating it had been a lifelong dream of his that it become a park.

“It’s not often that a property of this size comes along in a well-developed area with an assessed value over \$1.5M,” said Tom Teigen, Snohomish County Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SCPRT) Director. “We are exceedingly honored and grateful for this beautiful gift to the public.”

So why is this a big deal? “How many people do you know would give away their life-savings for present and future generations to enjoy a wonderful park?” said Kye Iris, SCPRT Real Property Administrator.

The future Corcoran Memorial Park will include a play structure, potential dog park and other park features to be discussed during the public input process set to begin in 2020. The park will open sometime in 2021 and remain a public park in perpetuity.

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(Yellow rectangle shows future Corcoran Memorial Park and surrounding area)

