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## **Snohomish County Begins Construction on Phase I of the North Creek Regional Trail**

*New trail will connect to a regional system that includes the Burke-Gilman Trail and proximity to the Interurban Trail*

**EVERETT, Wash., March 31, 2021** – Walkers, runners, cyclists and other active transportation users will soon have a new option for commuting and exercising as Snohomish County has recently begun construction on Phase I of the new North Creek Regional Trail. The first phase of the project is scheduled to be completed in summer of 2022 and will be located between State Route 524 and Sprague Dr, west of Bothell-Everett Highway.

“Trails represent an important part of our future transportation network in Snohomish County, giving us more opportunities to get exercise, commute, or just enjoy some time in our beautiful outdoors,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “The North Creek Regional Trail will give our residents access to hundreds of miles of regional trails. When it opens in 2022, we expect it to become one of the most popular trails in our large network.”

The North Creek Regional Trail, constructed by Public Works and maintained by the Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), will link up with a regional trail system that includes connections through Bothell to the Sammamish River and Burke-Gilman Trails in King County and through the City of Mill Creek to McCollum Park and ultimately to the Snohomish County Regional Interurban Trail.

The current estimate for funding all three phases of the project is \$20.5 million.

- Phase I - State Route 524 to Sprague Dr - \$8 million
- Phase II - Waxen Rd to 183rd St SE - \$5 million (future construction)
- Phase III - Pedestrian bridge structure between Sprague Dr and Waxen Rd - \$7.5 million (future construction)

A \$1.64 million grant from the federal Surface Transportation Program and a \$1 million grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Surface Transportation Program were awarded to Snohomish County Public Works for the construction of North Creek Trail Phase I.

Parking areas will also be included along the route, which will ultimately connect with North Creek County Park in Mill Creek and when all three phases are complete.

For more information about the North Creek Regional Trail Project, visit <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/680>

#### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

#### **About Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources**

The Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) includes the Division of Surface Water Management; the Division of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; the Office of Energy and Sustainability and the Office of Agriculture. DCNR works in support of thriving communities; a clean and healthy environment to foster environmental stewardship; ensuring food security; supporting a green economy, and strengthening communities by providing regional parks and infrastructure; protecting the region's water, air, land and natural habitats; enhancing agriculture and recreation; and reducing flooding. <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/5758/Conservation-Natural-Resources>

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