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## Significant Progress for Snohomish County in 2021 Legislative Session

*Legislature passed and Governor approved \$15.26 million in capital projects*

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash., May 25, 2021** – On May 18, Governor Inslee signed the 2021 capital budget that approved Snohomish County-requested projects worth \$15,260,000. These projects will be used to support agriculture, natural resource protection, and flood mitigation throughout the county.

“We are profoundly grateful to our legislative delegation and Governor Inslee for the significant support for critical projects in Snohomish County,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “Our community will be healthier, safer, and more resilient because of this funding. We look forward to working with state leaders on a transportation package to address our transit, road, culvert replacement, and other urgent needs to keep our economy and residents moving.”

“Snohomish County has been growing quickly, and I am grateful that the legislature recognized our profound need for state capital resources,” said Snohomish County Council Chair Stephanie Wright. “The conservation of our natural resources is crucial for our residents’ quality of life and our long-term economic health.”

“Being able to support both environmental sustainability and our economic growth are critical to moving Snohomish County forward,” said Snohomish County Council Vice Chair Megan Dunn. “I am particularly grateful for the Community Floodplains Solutions projects in the Snohomish River Basin.”

Snohomish County’s Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) received a total of \$15,260,000 for significant natural resource projects throughout the county.

- The Surface Water Management Division (SWM) received an \$8.83 million grant to the Community Floodplain Solutions (CFS) project from the Floodplains by Design program to advance multi-benefit “farm-fish-flood” projects in the Snohomish River basin.
- SWM also received a \$265,000 grant from the Brian Abbot Fish Barrier Removal Board to replace two blocking culverts on tributaries to Little Pilchuck Creek.
- The Parks, Recreation & Tourism Division was awarded \$3,615,000 to go towards park improvement projects at Kayak Point County Park, Whitehorse Trail, the SR 530 Slide Memorial Project and Fairfield Youth Athletic Fields.

- The Office of Agriculture was granted \$2,550,000 in Local & Community Projects funding for the future Food and Farming Center which is planned at McCollum Pioneer Park in Everett.

“We appreciate the strong support we have received from the state and look forward to having these projects completed,” said Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring. “I am particularly grateful to the significant support we received for park improvements in North County.”

“We have many important capital projects that deserve state support, and we look forward to advocating for our needs,” said Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low. “I’m pleased the legislators from Snohomish County agreed to fund improvements at Fairfield Youth Athletic Fields in Monroe.”

“I’m grateful to my colleagues in the legislature for their strong support for Snohomish County’s capital requests,” said Snohomish County Councilmember Jared Mead. “The Food and Farming Center is an innovative way to support agriculture, the health of our community, and our economy.”

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