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Recreation and Conservation Office
c/o Laura Moxham, Outdoor Grants Manager
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**Re: Support of Fall City Metropolitan Park District's
Efforts for Wells Site Park Land Acquisition (RCO #10-1674)**

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

King County supports the efforts of the Fall City Metropolitan Park District to acquire land for the purposes of developing a public park and its corresponding grant application (RCO #10-1674) with the Recreation and Conservation Office.

The opportunities to develop public park recreational facilities within the Fall City area are limited due to the floodway limits of the Snoqualmie River, the forested slopes that flank the valley floor, and other environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands and streams. In addition, continuing residential development of available lands severely limits the ability of the community to find suitable park site locations in the Fall City area.

We believe that the Wells site provides our group and the community at-large with a tremendous opportunity to create a special public park place for all. This Wells site has many attributes including its proximity to the heart of the town, its suitability as a park site, its wide open views of the surrounding hills and Cascades, and the opportunity for a future 5-acre park expansion. The generally cleared and flat 9-acre site proposed for land acquisition could be developed into residential homes by the current property owners, therefore we strongly support the efforts of the District to acquire this private land now so that it may be developed into a community park in the future.

Thank you for considering our support of this park land acquisition grant application and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown

Director, King County Parks and Recreation Division

cc: Fall City Metropolitan Park District, P.O. Box 1180, Fall City, WA 98024