



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-1884

Motion: 25-281

Type:

☒ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

Requested Handling:

☐ Normal

☒ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Subject: Interlocal Agreement and Temporary Construction Easement.

Scope: The Stillaguamish Tribe and Snohomish County have been working on a 230-acre floodplain restoration project along adjacent properties (Trafton Trailhead Park, including a section of the Whitehorse Regional Trail from Bridge 701 to Bridge 702, and Tribal lands). The Tribe will construct a new recreational trail, restore reach-scale river processes, salmon habitat, and increase flood protection of the Trafton Floodplain on the North Fork Stillaguamish River. The ILA outlines the pre- and post-construction management, monitoring, maintenance and adaptive management responsibilities at the County and Tribal properties to ensure that the project meets the County and Tribal shared and distinct objectives.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Duration: From execution through June 30, 2031, unless terminated sooner as stipulated within the agreement.

Authority Granted: Approves and authorizes the County Executive or their designee, to execute the interlocal agreement between Snohomish County and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians for the Trafton Floodplain Restoration Project and further authorizes the County Executive to sign any documents or administrative amendments to the agreement.

Background: County Council adopted a salmon recovery plan for the Stillaguamish River basin, which categorizes restoration projects in the lower North Fork as a First Floodplain Priority. The proposed tribal project would restore approximately 230 acres (158 acres owned by the Stillaguamish Tribe) within the Trafton Floodplain, located at 26819 115th Ave NE, Arlington, WA.

Snohomish County owns the Trafton Trailhead Park, and the section of the Whitehorse Regional Trail, adjacent to the tribal property. The Stillaguamish Tribe is seeking an Interlocal Agreement, including a Temporary Construction Easement to allow for access, staging, and construction through and on those portions necessary to facilitate the floodplain restoration project. This includes construction impacts to 115th Ave NE, and additional coordination and permitting with the Department of Public Works.

Requested Action: For Council to move to GLS June 18th to consider the motion. The request is to expedite this contract, as the hope is to start the project on June 16, 2025.