

PETITION TO CREATE THE CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT

Whereas the Chuckanut Community Forest and surrounding area supports a diversity of rich ecological habitat and active recreational open space with important educational and community value; and
Whereas, permanent protection of these lands has additional benefits to the surrounding human community including human and community health, functioning transportation services, and aesthetic value, and
Whereas the City of Bellingham purchased 82 of these acres in 2011 using Greenways funds, Park Impact Fees, and an inter-fund loan of \$3,232,201 that requires repayment to ensure this entire property is permanently protected for the benefit of current and future generations; and
Whereas RCW 35.61.010 and 35.61.020, Sections 1 and 3, provide for creation of a metropolitan park district by the petition method and for boundaries of the park district as set forth in the petition; and
Whereas RCW 35.61.050, Sections 1 and 2, provide that five elected commissioner positions may be designated in the formation of a Park District; and
Whereas RCW 35.61.210 permits a Metropolitan Park District to levy a property tax not to exceed seventy five cents per thousand; and
Whereas a general tax on all property located in said Park District not to exceed twenty-eight cents per thousand of assessed value each year and not to exceed 10 years would be sufficient to pay off the inter-fund loan, assuming that a minimum of 90 percent of the levy is used to repay the City of Bellingham inter-fund loan of \$3,232,201, plus applicable interest, and assuming that no more than ten percent of the levy is be used by the commissioners for administrative purposes and for stewardship of the Community Forest in cooperation with the City and community. **NOW, THEREFORE**

1. The Chuckanut Community Forest Park District should be hereby created. The district boundaries generally would include all of Southwest Bellingham west of Interstate Five and south of Western Washington University and, specifically, would include all of precincts 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264 and 265 and the portion of precinct 259 west of Interstate Five. (The specific legal descriptions & Map of the proposed District are printed on the back of this petition.)
2. Pursuant to RCW 35.61.050, the District’s board of commissioners shall be composed as follows: five elected Park Commissioners.
3. **The petitioners encourage the County Auditor to place this measure on the ballot at the earliest possible opportunity. The following ballot measure should be presented to the voters:**
 - “For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by five elected Park Commissioners”
 - “Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.”

Warning: Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or signs a petition seeking an election when he or she is not a legal voter or signs a petition when he or she is otherwise unqualified to sign, or who makes herein any false statement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Petition to the voters of the proposed Chuckanut Community Forest Park District

To Debbie Adelstein, Auditor of Whatcom County:

We , the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the proposed Chuckanut Community Forest Park District, respectfully direct that the proposed measure know as the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District, a true and correct copy of which is printed hereon, shall be submitted to the legal voters of the proposed Park District, and each of us as signors state:

I have personally signed this petition, I am a legal voter within the boundaries of the proposed District and my address is correctly stated on this petition.

	Petitioner’s Signature (sign in ink)	Print name for Positive Identification	Residence Address, Street and Number (if any) in Bellingham	Zip	Date	Email (if available)
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For Viewing Purposes Only

Legal description of the boundaries of the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District

Beginning at the intersection of the extended shoreline of Bellingham Bay being the city limits of the City of Bellingham and the centerline of the extension of Olive Street; then southeasterly along said centerline of the extension of Olive Street and Olive Street to the intersection of the centerlines of Olive Street and South Garden Street; then northeasterly along the centerline of S Garden Street to the centerline of 17th Street; Then southerly along said centerline of 17th Street to its intersection with the centerline of S Garden Terrace; Then northeasterly along said centerline of S Garden Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the extension of Consolidation Avenue; then east along said centerline of the extension of Consolidation Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Highland Drive; Then southerly along said centerline of Highland Drive to its intersection with the centerline of W College Way; Then southeasterly and easterly along said centerline of W College Way and its continuation as E College way to its intersection with the centerline of the extension of 25th Street; then south along said extension of 25th Street and 25th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Bill McDonald Parkway; then west along said centerline of Bill McDonald Parkway to its intersection with the centerline of the extension of 23rd Street; then south along said centerline of the extension of 23rd Street and 23rd Street to its intersection with the centerline of Douglas Avenue; then east along said centerline of Douglas Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 30th Street; then north along said centerline of 30th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Taylor Avenue; then east along said centerline of Taylor Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate 5; Then southerly and southeasterly along said centerline of Interstate 5 to its intersection with the city limits of the City of Bellingham; then westerly along the city limits of the City of Bellingham, then northerly along said city limits to the point of beginning.

Map of the boundaries of the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District

