

Chuckanut Community Forest Park District
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PRESS RELEASE—JULY 24, 2014—Baseline Study Solicitation

The Chuckanut Community Forest Park District Board of Commissioners is soliciting for a potential qualified consultant to conduct a baseline study intended to serve as a foundation for the Conservation Easement, granted by the City of Bellingham to the Park District, regarding the 82-acre Chuckanut Community Forest, also known as Chuckanut Ridge, Fairhaven Highlands, and the Hundred Acre Wood.

The baseline data report shall include the following elements:

1. Background information (grantor, grantee, easement purpose)
2. General property description
3. Property history
4. Land use and development
5. Easement restrictions
6. Reserved rights or permitted uses (including examples of comparable uses within the City)
7. Natural physical conditions and features at time of acquisition (including ecologically sensitive areas such as wetlands, steep slopes, uplands, salmon-bearing stream sheds, fish and wildlife habitat and related habitat corridors, forestry resources, tree canopy coverage, plant species, animal indicator species, biological resources (such as fish, wildlife))
8. Artificial or human made structures, features, impacts
9. Documentation of the size, dimension, and present use of off-site features specifically referenced for comparison in Conservation Easement Section IV at subparagraphs (h), (j), (m), (p), and (q)
10. Photographs of key features
11. Aerial photos and/or detailed maps identifying such physical and human made features such as property boundaries, waterways, resource areas, trails, roads
12. Soil map
13. Topographic map
14. Compilation of existing environmental studies of this property (including wetlands delineation, habitat and wildlife assessment).

The ideal consultant for this project will have experience in compiling existing data and conducting additional assessments, as needed, to create a complete baseline data report for applicable conservation easement purposes. The ability to work within a limited budget with a team of knowledgeable community volunteers and/or student interns is highly desirable, due to the Park District's

mission with respect for the ecological, recreational, and educational function of this publicly owned property.

For your reference, a copy of the Conservation Easement, related governing documents, and more information about the Park District is available on our website, <http://www.chuckanutcommunityforest.com/> .

If you would like to conduct this baseline study, please submit in both paper and electronic form a letter of interest, resume, qualifications, professional references, and examples of your work, to Vince Biciunas, CCFPD Clerk, P.O. Box 4283, Bellingham, WA 98227, vbici.ccfpd@gmail.com . Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, August 18, 2014.

CCFPD Commissioners will discuss the applications and determine the most qualified applicant at their regular meeting which starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 28, 2014, in the Fireplace Room at Fairhaven Library, 1117 12th Street, Bellingham. Contract negotiations will ensue following acceptance of the Board-selected qualified applicant.

Thank you for your consideration as a potential qualified applicant to conduct this baseline study. We look forward to hearing from you soon.