



## King County

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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits the Parks Levy Motion Snoqualmie Valley Trail Gaps Feasibility Assessment, required by Motion 15378. The Motion requested that the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) conduct an assessment of the feasibility and cost of closing the gaps in the Snoqualmie Valley Trail, including, but not limited to, the former Mill site in the City of Snoqualmie, and between the Issaquah Preston Trail and Snoqualmie Valley Trail.

As required by the Motion, the report includes an assessment of key gaps on the Snoqualmie Valley Trail along with costs associated with addressing these gaps. The gaps included in this assessment are:

- Snoqualmie Valley Trail North extension;
- Snoqualmie Valley Trail Mill gap;
- Preston-Snoqualmie Trail Extension; and
- Snoqualmie Regional Connector.

The Motion also requested that DNRP conduct an assessment of feasibility and cost of the south extension of the Green to Cedar Rivers Trail including connections to the Black Diamond Open Space Area. That report, titled [Alternative Uses for Levy Fund for Green to Cedar Rivers Trail North Segment A](#), was submitted to the King County Council in September 2020.

In developing the report, DNRP referenced the 2016 King County Regional Trails Needs Report (KC RTNR) which plans and prioritizes future regional trail projects and includes information on the four main gaps in the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. The KC RTNR is a part of the King County Comprehensive Plan.

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The work summarized in this assessment supports the King County Strategic Plan mobility goal to preserve and optimize the mobility system by helping the County to better understand the feasibility and costs necessary to address gaps in the Snoqualmie Valley Trail.

It is estimated that the report required 250 staff hours to produce, costing \$36,400. The estimated printing cost for this report is minimal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report.

If your staff have questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Director, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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