# CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
DATE:	Dec. 18, 2018
REQUESTED ACTION:	Approve donation agreement with Mark Hinton for 19-acre property, Tax Parcel No. 199477-000, and authorize the County Manager to accept the property's deed.
	X Consent Hearing County Manager

#### BACKGROUND

Mark Hinton acquired this property as an off-site mitigation area for the Costco and Padden Employment Center developments at Northeast 84th Street and Northeast Andresen Road. Wetland impacts resulting from the development were large enough that the Washington Department of Ecology regulated the mitigation under its authority to administer Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act. The mitigation performance standards have been met, and the Washington State Department of Ecology has issued a closeout letter for the site.

Curtin Creek runs through the parcel and was enhanced as part of the mitigation plan for the property to compensate for wetland impacts resulting from the previously mentioned development. Along a 1.8-mile section of Curtin Creek between Padden Parkway and undeveloped Curtin Creek Community Park, a lot of public land has been assembled by various agencies, including Clark County, Evergreen Public Schools, the city of Vancouver and Washington State Department of Transportation. These public lands are illustrated in the attached map, with the Hinton parcel shown in red horizontal striping.

Accepting this donation would add to the public greenway and contribute to a future trail connection as additional lands are assembled. The Curtin Creek corridor is shown as a high value conservation area in Clark County's Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan and acquiring the Curtin Creek trail corridor is a priority in Clark County's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan/six year capital improvement plan.

Curtin Creek is a primary cold water tributary of Salmon Creek, and 2.5 acres of the proposed donation on the west side of the creek could provide a mitigation opportunity for future county projects.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS None

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS None.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH None.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The property is recommended for acceptance as a Legacy Lands site. Ongoing maintenance costs are estimated at \$1,900 per year.

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YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
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	x	Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

### **BUDGET DETAILS**

NA	
Local Fund Dollar	\$1,900
Amount	
Grant Fund Dollar	NA
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Account	Conservation Futures 3085
Company Name	NA

### DISTRIBUTION:

Council staff will post all staff reports to the county website, www.clark.wa.gov/council-meetings.

Attachments: Map of public ownership in the Curtin Creek corridor Donation agreement

Kevin Tyler Lands Manager

Ahmad Qayoumi, PE Public Works Director/County Engineer

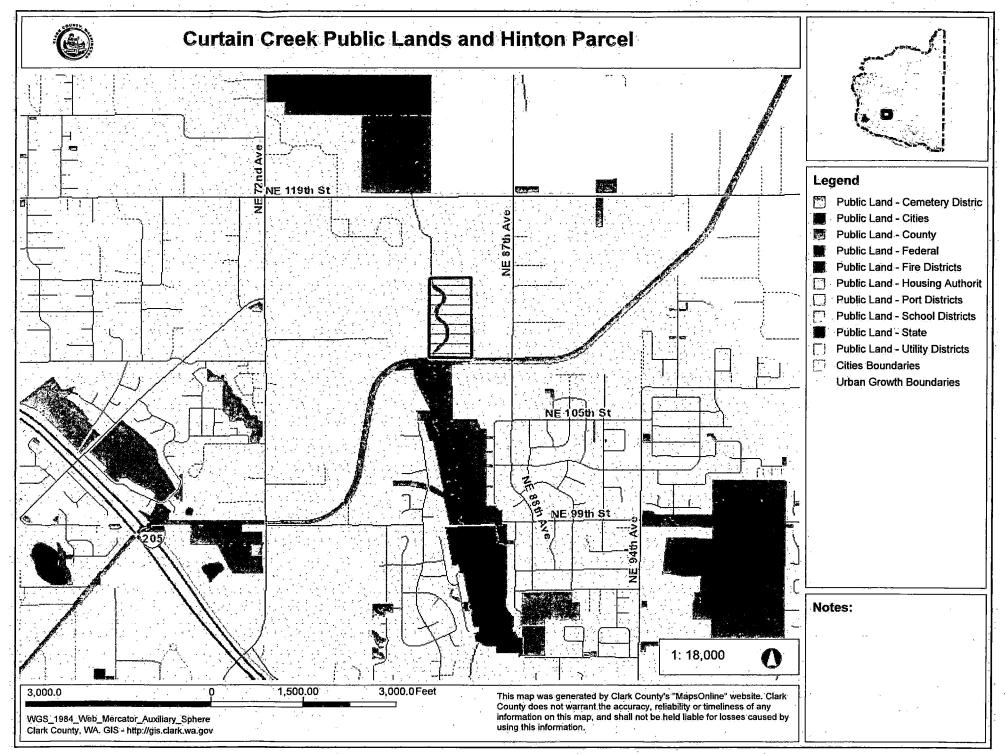
Primary Staff Contact: Patrick Lee, Ext. 4070

**APPROVED:** 

CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

DATE: <u>Dec. 18, 2018</u> SR#<u>201-18</u>





## **REAL ESTATE DONATION AGREEMENT**

Mark Hinton, hereafter referred to as "DONOR", agrees to donate Assessor's Parcel Number 199477-000, abbreviated legal description LOT #108, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, approximately 19 Acres in size, fully described on attached legal description, Exhibit A, to Clark County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, hereafter referred to as "COUNTY," for recreation and open space purposes. COUNTY agrees to accept the donation. DONOR and COUNTY mutually agree to this real estate transaction subject to the following terms and conditions.

- If requested by DONOR, COUNTY, will furnish documentation sufficient for tax deduction substantiation purposes, including information needed for DONOR to submit an IRS Form 8283 for the tax year in which COUNTY accepts the real property donation.
- 2. DONOR shall prepare and record a full boundary survey of the subject property and an associated legal description to be attached as Exhibit A to this agreement. DONOR further authorizes Clark County, its agents and designees, the right to access the property for the purpose of making any investigation, test or survey reasonably related to the acceptance of the real property donation.
- 3. DONOR warrants it is not aware of any claims or potential claims against title of the subject parcel. DONOR authorizes the closing agent, at DONOR's expense, to furnish a standard form owner's policy of title insurance, to be issued to Clark County. Should COUNTY notify DONOR of its disapproval of the condition of title prior to closing, this agreement shall terminate and have no further effect. Beyond the foregoing, DONOR makes no representations regarding title to the real property.
- 4. DONOR represents and warrants that it does not know, or have reason to know, that there is any contamination of hazardous wastes or toxic substances of any type whatsoever in existence, within and upon the subject property, including, but not limited to, contamination of the soil and/or groundwater. Upon closing, COUNTY agrees to accept the real property as is, and agrees to indemnify and protect DONOR from any and all liabilities and obligations that DONOR did not know, or have reason to know or anticipate, which obligation shall survive closing. "Closing" means the date on which all documents are recorded. DONOR shall provide COUNTY access to property to allow COUNTY to conduct any tests or inspections it deems necessary.
- COUNTY warrants that, prior to accepting the deed, COUNTY, its agents and designees, will have visited the property and concluded, based on personal inspection, that the property is adequate and acceptable for the intended purposes.

- 6. Fidelity National Title Company Attn: Becky Smith is designated as the closing agent for this transaction by DONOR and COUNTY. Closing shall be via Statutory Warranty Deed.
- 7. DONOR and COUNTY shall deposit with the closing agent all documents and monies required to complete this transaction in accordance with the agreement.
  - a. DONOR shall pay for:
    - i. One half of the escrow fee charged by the closing agent;
    - ii. The standard form owner's policy of title insurance referenced in terms and conditions 4 above; and
    - iii. Real property taxes for the full year in which closing occurs.
  - b. COUNTY shall pay for:

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- i. One half of the escrow fee charged by the closing agent;
- ii. Recording of the deed;
- iii. Excise-exempt processing fee.
- 8. Any amendments to this agreement shall be in writing and signed by both DONOR and COUNTY.

Executed this 18th CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL **Mark Hinton** FOR CLARK COUNTY. WASHINGTON BY BY: Marc Boldt, Chair APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY **ANTHONY F. GOLIK** BY: Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BY: BY: Amanda Migchelbrink Julie Olson, Councilor **Civil Deputy** BY: **Eileen Quiring, Councilor** BY:

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