

NEWS RELEASE

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SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE
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RE: Mason County Parks and Trails Department Survey

Mason County Facilities, Parks and Trails Department are currently working on a project to update the County Parks Plan. A seventeen-member Citizen Advisory Committee is helping the County Parks and Trails Department with this project.

One crucial element of the Park Plan update process is soliciting comments from citizens regarding parks and recreation issues in Mason County. In an effort to solicit public comment, the county has recently prepared a citizen survey. The survey will take on average about ten minutes to complete. Mason County Parks staff would like to encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey. The information from the survey process will be extremely valuable in preparing the update to the Mason County Parks Plan. In 2006, the last time the Parks Plan was updated, the county received over 600 responses.

The survey will be distributed to locations throughout Mason County, including on the county website. The survey will also be available at numerous county offices, including the Parks Office located at MCRA Park and also at the County Courthouse Building #1. If you would like to complete the survey online, you can do so by accessing the Mason County Website at:

<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/parks/index.php> Then look for the following link:

Mason County is looking for your ideas about parks, recreation and trails in our community. Please click the link to complete a short online survey. ONLINE PARKS PLAN UPDATE SURVEY.

In addition, Mason County will also be sponsoring two Park Plan Open Houses to solicit public comment. The open house meetings will be held at various locations around the county and will be announced.

If you have any questions about the Mason County Park Plan update or the survey, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669.

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