

Resolution No. 041-2012

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2012 UPDATE TO THE KITSAP COUNTY PARKS,
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN (PROS)**

WHEREAS, On May 7, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the 1998 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan. Adoption of the 1998 plan satisfied the requirements set forth in the Growth Management Act (GMA) including parks and open space elements. The Comprehensive Plan has been subsequently amended during the period of 2000 through 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Kitsap County completed a comprehensive public process and community survey to assist in the development of the Parks, Recreation and Opens Space Plan (PROS); and

WHEREAS, the 2006 PROS Plan showed a wide-ranging community interest in parks facilities from small community parks to the regional and heritage park system; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 PROS Plan was submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and subsequently approved; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the 2006 PROS Plan adoption, Kitsap County, in collaboration with its stakeholders and stewardship and community groups, have implemented the goals and policies of this Plan, acquiring hundreds of acres of parks land and developing numerous passive and active recreation facilities within them; and

WHEREAS, RCO requires jurisdictions to update their Plan's every six years which required Kitsap County to update their Plan in 2012; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, through numerous public, stakeholder and stewardship and community group meetings, Kitsap County has actively gathered information as to needed updates to the 2006 PROS Plan to reflect the changing Kitsap circumstances related to regional parks provision; and

WHEREAS, while the public's interests and desires for parks facilities have remained largely unchanged since 2006, the financial realities of Parks revenues will require a more strategic, phased approach to implementation and acquisition; and

WHEREAS, this 24-months of public participation was compiled into an updated 2012 PROS Plan released to the public in February 2012 for additional review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the updated PROS Plan includes a heightened emphasis on park maintenance and stewardship with continued acquisition efforts for its heritage parks and lands included in the Kitsap Forest and Bay Initiative (Port Gamble, Kingston and Hansville); and

WHEREAS, Kitsap County submitted a SEPA environmental checklist to the responsible SEPA official on February 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the updated PROS Plan was presented to the Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on February 10, 2012 for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the PRAB held a work session on February 15, 2012 and a public hearing on February 22, 2012 to discuss and take public testimony on the updated PROS Plan; and

WHEREAS, the responsible SEPA official issued a Determination of Non-Significance on the on February 23, 2012 for the updated PROS Plan; and

WHEREAS, the PRAB Board recommended approval of the updated PROS Plan on February 29, 2012 which reflected multiple edits from public comment; and

WHEREAS, the SEPA appeal period closed on March 8, 2012 with no appeals filed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on March 12, 2012 to consider the updated PROS Plan and take public testimony; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all public testimony received to date, the Board of County Commissioners deliberated on the merits of the updated PROS Plan on March 26, 2012 and March 28, 2012.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners approves the 2012 update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan as shown in Attachment A.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2012.

ATTEST:



Dana Daniels
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Clerk of the Board

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