



**SI VIEW METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
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Si View Metro Parks Proposes a Capital Bond Measure to Meet the Recreation Needs of a Growing Community

North Bend, WA – Si View Metropolitan Park District is proposing a capital bond measure in November 2018 to address the recreation needs of our growing community. Proposition 1 to Connect and Protect Our Parks would fund future parks and greenspaces, trails connecting neighborhoods to parks and rivers, and improvements to existing parks and facilities to accommodate expanded use.

The District's 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update identifies connected trail network, and preservation of open space for passive and active recreation as the community's top priorities for future development. In order to provide for the recreation needs of a rapidly growing Snoqualmie Valley population, District is proposing a \$14.7M capital bond measure to address these community priorities.

Proposition 1 would develop trails linking greenspaces, regional trails and riverfront access, acquire property for future parks, and improve and equip existing park and recreational facilities to support expanded use. Proposed improvements to existing parks include a parking area, multipurpose trails and mountain bike trails at Tennant Trailhead Park; facility development at Tollgate Farm Park to support educational and recreational activities; rehabilitation of the North Bend Train Depot and surrounding park; safety and facility improvements at Torguson Park and renovation of the aging skate park; and improvements at District's other parks and facilities.

Capital bond measures are financed by property taxes. If Proposition 1 passes, it will cost the average District homeowner, with an assessed home value of \$500,000, \$7.87 per month. The District has identified potential partners and grant sources to leverage the bond proceeds where possible to maximize the community benefit for the proposed projects.

For more information about Proposition 1, including proposed trails map, potential land acquisition areas, and cost breakdown, please visit the District's website <http://www.siviewpark.org/connectandprotect.html> or contact Travis Stombaugh, Executive Director, by phone at (425) 831-1900 or email tstombaugh@siviewpark.org.