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WATERFRONT LAND ACQUISITION SUPPORTS CITY VISION

The City of Poulsbo has taken a major step forward by adding quality low bank waterfront property to the City's park system by purchasing 2.61 acres for a new waterfront park in West Poulsbo. One of the City's main goals in the 2016 Park Recreation and Open Space Plan is to "identify and acquire a wide variety of lands for parks and public open space purposes", and that the City should acquire "lands that provide public access to the Liberty Bay shoreline". The City firmly believes that it is important to invest in shoreline properties while still available. This is an investment for residents and visitors alike, for now and in the future.

The purchase price of the property was \$723,000, paid for through a combination of general fund, stormwater reserves and a state grant through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (Water Access category). The grant funded 50% of the park acquisition and associated costs.

The undeveloped parcels sit along 5th Avenue NW and are bordered by an existing trail (County Road 59) and the shoreline on the east side. The City will undertake a visioning process for future park development in the next couple of years. Water access in this area will be suitable for a variety of recreational activities including a launch area for hand-carried boats, beach walking, wildlife viewing, and other active and passive recreation uses. Habitat restoration will also be done along the shoreline. The land is currently zoned residential low, but will be rezoned to a park designation.

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