



GREENWAY DAYS

FROM MOUNTAINS TO SOUND
JUNE 28-29, 2008

June 16, 2008

Mayor Grant S. Degginger
City of Bellevue

Dear Mayor Degginger,

On June 28 & 29, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will hold its 5th annual Greenway Days Festival, linking eleven communities along Interstate-90, a designated National Scenic Byway. A host of attractions and activities will occur over the weekend to celebrate the legacy of the 100-mile Greenway landscape. From the shores of the Puget Sound, to the high desert at Thorp in Central Washington, communities will showcase natural, cultural, and historic assets preserved in their communities through public participation events and games.

The enclosed Festival Guide will be distributed to over 200,000 King County households, and covers the multitude of this year's various Greenway Days activities, including the Natural History Orienteering Adventure at Lewis Creek Park and Strawberry Festival at Crossroads International Park. Bellevue's Meydenbauer Marina and Mercer Slough Nature Park will be featured throughout the entire summer as designated Greenway Challenge Sites. Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm will once again serve as Bellevue's official Greenway Days Information Center.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust would like to express its gratitude to the City of Bellevue for its continued support and cooperative partnership. For years, the City has worked with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to link regional trails and green spaces, and to preserve and interpret our local history and heritage. Our success in pursuing this shared vision has enriched the lives of Bellevue residents and throughout our region, while benefiting the environment and economy.

For the last five years, Debbie Pettersson, Bellevue's Park Ranger/Environmental Education Program Coordinator has organized activities in Bellevue for Greenway Days, and for the last four years, Debbie has been serving on the Greenway Days Organizing Team and leads our regional Greenway Days Steering Committee. Her extensive knowledge, experience, and ability to facilitate communications between diverse Greenway communities are a major contribution to the success of the Festival.

I have attached this year's Greenway Days Proclamation, and invite the citizens of Bellevue to participate in celebrating our local and regional Greenway legacy. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Welti
Executive Director

Attachment: Proclamation

cc: Steve Sarkozy, Bellevue City Manager
Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services
Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director, Parks & Community Services
Cherie Clayton, Recreation Program Manager
Debbie Pettersson, Park Ranger/Environmental Education Coordinator
Parks & Community Services Board

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is committed to the preservation, protection, and stewardship of natural, cultural, and historic sites located on the I-90 corridor from the Cascade Mountains to the Puget Sound basin; and

WHEREAS; The City of Bellevue is also dedicated to fulfilling its Greenway and "*City Within a Park*" vision which aims to protect, preserve, and link natural, cultural, and historic sites within the City of Bellevue; and

WHEREAS; For over a decade, both the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and the City of Bellevue have shared a common vision and have worked to connect and link the Greenway corridor, optimizing the benefits for people, wildlife, the environment, and the economy; and

WHEREAS; On June 28 & 29, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and the communities along the I-90 corridor will celebrate the Greenway by hosting the 5th annual *Greenway Days*, "Do You Know Your Greenway?"; and

WHEREAS; Participation in the *Greenway Days* activities and events will help connect people to the Greenway, increasing their awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of our local and regional historic, cultural, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS; Continuous citizen awareness, support, and involvement in the Greenway are vital to its preservation and growth, and will enhance our quality of life and that of future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRANT S. DEGGINGER, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, do hereby proclaim *June 28 & 29, 2008* as

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and encourage all citizens of Bellevue to observe these days, join in the fun and get to know the Greenway by participating in the celebrations and events along the Mountains to Sound Greenway, as well as urge them to promote, preserve, and celebrate this Greenway corridor.



Cynthia Welti, Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Grant S. Degginger, Mayor
City of Bellevue