



# Capital Budget Request Partnership with Nisqually Indian Tribe for Fort Steilacoom Park Improvements

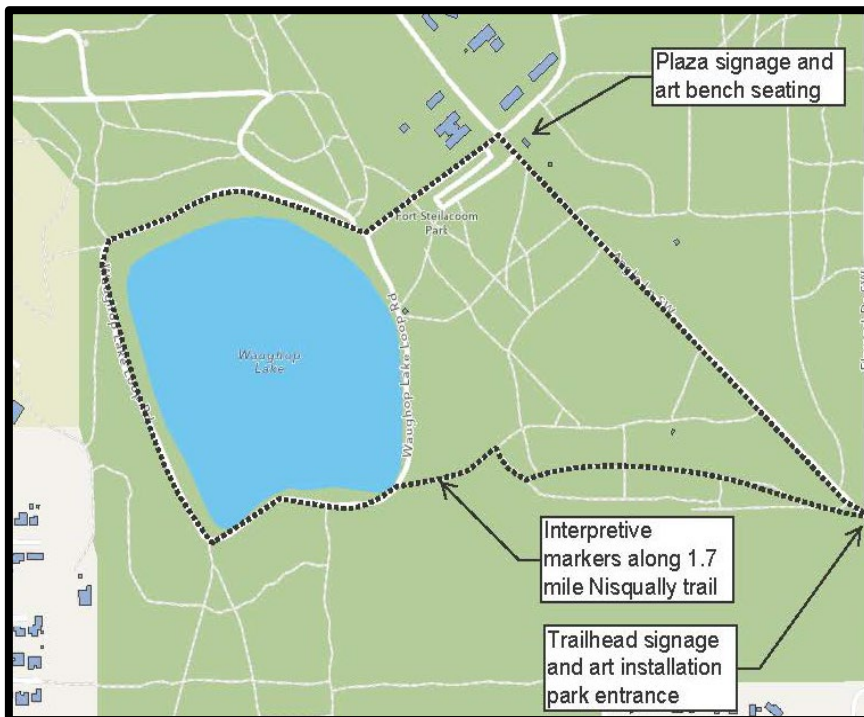


**Request:** The City, in partnership with the Nisqually Indian Tribe, requests \$250,000 to fully fund art and signage improvements at Fort Steilacoom Park related to the history and culture of the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

**Background:** The City of Lakewood and the Nisqually Indian Tribe are engaged in a collaborative partnership to develop interpretive installations on public lands within the City featuring the unique culture and history of the Nisqually Indian Tribe. The City and Nisqually Indian Tribe’s partnership pilot project at Ft. Steilacoom Park intends to add signage, art, and interpretive information throughout the park that will provide an introduction to the Nisqually people and will include Lushootseed language. The installations incorporate information regarding Chief Leschi’s legacy. Cultural interpretive markers will be installed along the 1.7 mile Nisqually Loop Trail.



**Plaza Area:** A new kiosk sign with historic territory map, land acknowledgement statement and introduction to Nisqually Tribe (**Figure 1**), along with new benches that include tribal artwork.



**Nisqually Loop Trail:** 6-8 interpretive markers featuring seasonal tribal cultural practices and/or highlighting flora and fauna endemic to the park with Lushootseed language along the trail.

**Chief Leschi Trailhead:** Trailhead kiosk signage (**Figure 1**) and a significant sculptural art installation at newly established park entrance honoring the past and present legacy of the tribe and Chief Leschi.

Funding Sources	
City	\$50,000
State	\$250,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

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