## **RESOLUTION NO. 312**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A CONSERVATION FUTURES GRANT TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO CIRQUE-BRIDGEPORT PARK.

WHEREAS, the City conducted a master planning process for Cirque-Bridgeport Park in 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission and some citizens expressed support for acquiring property to the south of the existing park; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property at 5203 Bridgeport Way, Anthony and Frances Riconosciuto, have expressed interest in selling to the city; and

WHEREAS, over 60% of the 5-acre Riconosciuto property is mature woodland with a small wetland and the property offers benefits of passive recreation, natural drainage, wildlife habitat and open space, and an access to the park from Bridgeport Way near major residential development, including a senior living community, and

WHEREAS, Pierce County Conservation Futures grants provide funds to preserve, protect and acquire open space land for public use or enjoyment; NOW THEREFORE

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE

Section 1. <u>Conservation Futures Grant application authorized.</u> Application for a 2001 Conservation Futures grant by the City to acquire the Riconosciuto property is hereby authorized.

Section 2. <u>Local match authorized.</u> The Council hereby authorizes provision of a 10% grant match up to \$50,000, whichever is less, with funds to be kept in reserve in the Parks Capital Improvement Program.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 14, 2001.

Lorna Smith Mayor

ATTEST:

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