



## OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER WAYNE FOURNIER THURSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

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March 4, 2026

Mayor Callie Carpenter  
Town of Bucoda

Re: Town of Bucoda Congressional Funding Request

Dear Mayor Carpenter,

I am pleased to offer my support for the Town of Bucoda's request of federal funds for its Community Park and Facilities Upgrade Project, as this is an essential investment in the community's outdoor recreational spaces.

The critical need for enhanced infrastructure at the community park is extensively increasing as the demand for outdoor spaces is increasing in South Thurston County. I know the need will also be increasing as Bucoda is working to engage and encourage residents to gather for events and activities in their community focused spaces. This park serves a crucial function to promote healthy activity and lifestyles for not only residents of Bucoda but much of the surrounding area.

The Town of Bucoda has made major investments with many volunteer hours, staff-time and financial commitment, and I'm sure this project will continue receiving commitment from the community to support and maintain. The Town of Bucoda is a strong partner and will be able to continue its dedicated commitment to Thurston County residents with this federal funding.

The ultimate objective is to ensure that all citizens in Thurston County will be able to continue using this growing park and that the Town of Bucoda will have the financial resources to meet the needs. As the County Commissioner representing this community, I am proud of the work that has been accomplished and am excited for the continued partnership between our city, county, and federal partners.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my strong support of your request and look forward to the continued partnerships of parks in Thurston County.

Sincerely,

Wayne Fournier  
Thurston County Commissioner, District 4

# Bucoda Planning Commission

March 5, 2026

Brad Morrill  
Bucoda Planning Commission Chair  
710 S. Factory Street  
Bucoda, WA. 98530

RE: Volunteer Park Upgrades

Honorable Mayor Carpenter,

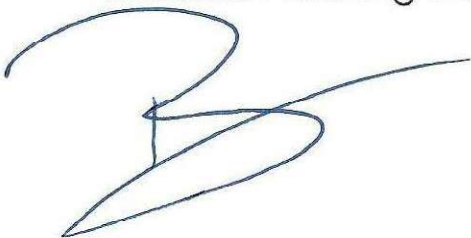
Please accept this letter as support for the Town of Bucoda's request for grant monies from Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Congressionally Directed Spending for the Community Park Upgrades Project. This project supports our current Comprehensive Plan and our S.T.I.P.

The project includes parking facilities upgrades, public restroom upgrades and much needed upgrades to a pedestrian walking bridge.

The Town of Bucoda has much to offer the residents of not only Bucoda, but Thurston County residents as well. We have a great Community Park, that when upgraded, will be a great place for families to gather and a place to hold civic community building activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Morrill  
Bucoda Planning Commission Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name 'Brad Morrill', written in a cursive style.



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**March 5, 2026**

Mayor Callie Carpenter  
Town of Bucoda

**Re: Town of Bucoda Congressional Funding Request**

Dear Mayor Carpenter,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for the Town of Bucoda's request for federal funding to support improvements to both community parks and public facilities. Investments in these spaces are critical to maintaining a safe, healthy, and resilient community for residents throughout Bucoda and the surrounding South Thurston County area.

Community parks and public facilities serve as important gathering places for residents, families, and community organizations. As these spaces continue to see increased use, there is a growing need to upgrade aging infrastructure to ensure these areas remain safe, functional, and accessible for the public. Improvements to infrastructure, equipment, and supporting facilities will help ensure these community assets can continue to meet the needs of residents now and into the future.

From a public safety perspective, well-maintained parks and community facilities also support emergency preparedness, community outreach, and coordinated response efforts when needed. These spaces often serve as locations for community education, public events, and potential coordination during emergencies, making reliable and modern infrastructure an important investment for both recreation and community resilience.

The Town of Bucoda has demonstrated a strong commitment to these improvements through volunteer support, staff time, and local investment. This dedication reflects the pride residents take in their community and their willingness to support projects that strengthen Bucoda for the future.

As Fire Chief, I value the strong partnerships between local agencies and the Town of Bucoda. I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for these efforts and look forward to continued collaboration between local, county, and federal partners to enhance the parks, facilities, and infrastructure that serve our community.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to improving Bucoda for its residents.

Sincerely,

Kris Gray

Fire Chief

I am wholly in support of the Town of Bucoda's request for funding appropriations to construct a walking bridge that would connect the main part of Town with our beautiful Volunteer park. The current structure is a vehicle roadway bridge that crosses the Skookumchuck river with two semi blind curves, no shoulder to speak of and is completely unsafe for foot traffic. The formation of a foot bridge would be a profound improvement for community safety and accessibility.

A foot bridge would provide safe access for residents- especially children and seniors to our largest and most usable green space. The current park hosts multiple Town events annually and is a favorite for picnic goers and river viewers. Truly the park is a cornerstone gathering place for many Bucodian's The beautiful scenic space has so much to offer for the families in town.

A footbridge would encourage residents to make use of the ball fields, picnic sites, river access, covered spaces and beautiful nature engagement opportunities. The foot bridge would also give added benefits of a peaceful walking trail across the Skookumchuck encouraging healthy habits of walking and outdoor activities. It would also encourage use of the green space and foster lasting memories for generations to come.

Mayor Carpenter and the rest of the Bucoda Council and Public works team have been hard at work making meaningful differences for the amazing community here and funding the walking bridge would be not only justified but essential to supporting a small town hard at work creating a safe, healthy and more connected community.

I strongly urge you to approve funding for this project and help bring this important vision to life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Wilson, Town Council Seat 1