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Skagit County Diking District No. 3 contributes One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the City of Mount Vernon to be used towards the completion of Phase II of the Downtown Mount Vernon Flood Protection Project.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON – Skagit County Diking District No. 3 Commissioner Dave Olson recently presented Mayor Jill Boudreau and Finance Director Alicia Huschka with a check in the total amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to be used towards the completion of Phase II of the Downtown Flood Protection and Waterfront Revitalization Project. The funding was made possible via an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County Diking District No. 3 and the City of Mount Vernon. This funding will be directed toward the construction of the flood protection measure which is designed to protect the lowest segment of the existing levee system and essentially eliminate the need for massive flood fight efforts every 3 to 5 years in our historic downtown. With this \$1,000,000 contribution, Diking District No. 3 has provided total funding of \$2,250,000 towards the City’s Downtown Flood Protection Project.

The Phase II Flood Protection Project includes the work required to a) complete the acquisition of needed property and the demolition of affected structures, b) construct approximately 1,650 linear feet of concrete flood wall to protect the historic downtown area, c) construct 1,650 linear feet of 24-foot wide riverwalk and trail connection to a regional trail system, and d) construct a 30,000 square foot Public Riverfront Park.

Mayor Jill Boudreau stated “We are very thankful to have such a strong working relationship with Diking District No. 3 and very much appreciate their cooperation and significant financial assistance on this most important project for our City and community.” Diking District No. 3 Commissioner Dave Olson emailed that “Skagit County Diking District #3 would like to thank Mayor Boudreau and her staff for their eagerness to see this project through to completion. Skagit County Diking District #3 would also like to give a special thanks to past Mayor Bud Norris. A flood protection project for Downtown has been talked about for years but Bud and his staff made it a reality.”

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