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Mr. Bill Zupancic
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Dear Mr. Zupancic:

This letter is to express the support of the Kitsap County Historical Society and Museum for the proposed Kitsap County Mosquito Fleet Trail Heritage Tour Route, and for the related grant application.

The Historical Society has long felt that such a proposed trail is of the utmost importance in the preservation of Kitsap County's history and heritage. The Mosquito Fleet was the glue which held early Kitsap County together, and the establishment of this trail will preserve this unique heritage for today's citizens. The creation of a Scenic Byway as defined by the State of Washington, as well as qualifying for designation as a National Heritage Tour route, would bring recognition of the importance of this heritage in the lives of all parts of this County.

Your plan to seek input from the County's cities, Parks and Recreation Districts, Historical Societies, and other public and private interest groups will insure a community- and history-based Trail. It should result in increased recognition and promotion of the environmental significance, historical value, cultural and educational importance, and scenic beauty of this, our Kitsap County.

The Historical Society is pleased to express our enthusiastic support for the Trail and its supporting grant application. We will be glad to help in any way we can.

Most sincerely,

Carolyn S. McClurkan
President