Nomination of **Martin Adams**

Martin Adams has been one of the primary volunteers for the Hansville Greenway and other Hansville area parks for more than 10 years. His contributions are numerous. He regularly walks the Greenway trails, installs and maintains signage, operates mowing equipment to clear and maintain the trails, clears fallen trees off trails, and takes on special projects like working with the US Navy to maintain the trails behind the Point No Point Lighthouse, and re-establishing the parking lot and the removal and preparation of newly added fencing at the Point No Point Park trailhead. He has always been one of the key workers in trail building, and construction of trail amenities like view platforms.

Because of the size of the Hansville Greenway and the many miles of trails, County employees cannot possibly develop and maintain the area for visitors without the help of volunteers. Martin has always been one of the first to volunteer to work on Greenway projects and do the day-to-day tasks required to keep the Greenway safe and enjoyable for visitors. When Parks maintenance supervisors have been short of staff they have asked him to help with tasks which otherwise could not have been accomplished. He has willingly and competently completed the tasks.

Martin's most significant contribution was in 2009 when he led the effort to design and construct a trail bridge over Hawk's Hole Creek in the Hansville Greenway. He saved the project from "management by committee" by stepping up and taking the lead. Committee members whole heartedly supported him. This was the most complex of all the construction projects undertaken by Greenway volunteers. The bridge is nearly 50 feet long and is located more than a half mile from the nearest public road. Martin managed the project from start to finish including working with designers and engineers on the design, ordering materials, arranging for professional builders to lead construction, figuring out the best way to get concrete and other materials from a nearby logging road the final 400 feet to the site, and recruiting volunteers to help. He was there every day during construction digging footings, hauling materials, helping the carpenters, and cleaning up. Without his leadership the project would not have been completed this year.

Martin's knowledge of equipment, willingness to do "hands-on" projects, and connections within the community, are the reasons he is often called upon by Parks staff to help on projects other than the Hansville Greenway. Martin has been a volunteer leader in the Hansville Community, with projects at Norwegian Point, and Point No Point County Parks. Park staff know that if we need help in the Hansville area that we can count on Martin to always be there with his “can do” attitude and a group of volunteers to help out!

Martin Adams' hundreds of hours of valuable volunteer work for the Hansville Greenway and Kitsap County Parks should be recognized with the Outstanding County Government Volunteer Award.