



## **Getting Results for Families in Clark County communities**

When Governor Gregoire took office in 2004, she inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit, the state had made massive cuts to education and healthcare, unemployment had risen and critical areas like transportation had suffered years of neglect.

The governor took on these and many other challenges and set out to make a difference in the lives of Washington's citizens and working families.

But there is still much work to be done, and with Governor Gregoire's leadership, our state can continue to make progress and look forward to four more great years.

### **Strengthening the Economy**

Gov. Gregoire was raised by a single, working mother, and understands what it's like to live through tough times. She is building a stronger economy for our state.

- She inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit four years ago. Since then, she cut red tape and turned the state's deficit into a big surplus. The Pew Center on the States ranks Washington as one of the best managed states in the nation.
- Gov. Gregoire led the effort to create nearly 225,000 new jobs. Forbes Magazine ranks our state in the top-three to do business. Fortune Magazine ranks Washington as the fifth-best state for small business.
- Under Gov. Gregoire's leadership, our highways are recovering from a decade of neglect. From 2003 to 2004, only 12 transportation projects were completed. Thanks to Gov. Gregoire's focus on transportation, today we have 165 completed projects. In the next six months, 109 more projects will be started or completed.
- She is providing ongoing leadership and coordination with officials in Oregon to build the Columbia River Crossing to resolve the bottleneck on the I-5 corridor.
- Gov. Gregoire provided the initial funding for the Vancouver Riverfront Redevelopment project, which will eventually be a \$1 billion-plus waterfront project.

- In Clark County, Gov. Gregoire's work on the SR-502 exchange has widened the highway, reduced congestion, and significantly improved access to portions of North Clark County and Battleground. She has also pushed to invest \$40 million into safety measures and congestion relief at the I-5/Columbia River crossing. A new, \$52.4-million bridge in Vancouver will allow drivers and pedestrians to bypass train tracks, improving transit for both trains and automobiles.
- Gov. Gregoire supported a new West Vancouver Freight Access line to improve freight capacity to and from the mainline and the Port of Vancouver.
- As part of a \$16.6 million investment to support salmon recovery, Gov. Gregoire provided nearly \$900,000 in grants for habitat improvements in the county. Gov. Gregoire is also moving forward with a plan for hatchery reform and conversion of non-tribal fisheries into fully selective fisheries, including mass marking all Coho and Chinook salmon.

### **Protecting Children and Families**

As a mother and former tough-on-crime attorney general, Gov. Chris Gregoire understands what it takes to protect and help our children and families.

- Under her leadership, Washington's crime rate is at a 14-year low. Nobody is tougher on sex offenders: she increased jail sentences for sex offenders, required electronic monitoring of the worst, and expanded the state DNA registry for criminals convicted of sex crimes.
- Gov. Gregoire increased funding for schools to reduce class sizes, increase teacher pay, and focus on math and science standards, so our children will be prepared for the global economy. In 2008, more than 91 percent of students passed the WASL.
- She provided funds to open 425 new enrollment spots at WSU Vancouver, build new classrooms and design a Applied Technology building.
- In Clark County, Gov. Gregoire funded the construction of the East County satellite at Clark College to ensure that the community's education needs are met in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes all of our children should have access to healthcare. She has expanded healthcare to 84,000 more children with the goal to cover all kids by 2010.

### **Creating a Cleaner Future**

Gov. Gregoire believes our environment is our greatest asset and legacy to our children and grandchildren. She is creating a cleaner, greener Washington.

- Gov. Gregoire is leading the nation's fight against global warming. Laws passed under her administration will create real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

- Washington is one of the nation's largest producers of renewable energy. Gov. Gregoire put the state on track to create 25,000 green collar jobs by 2020 in areas like renewable energy to continue Washington's leadership.
- She is working with businesses, communities, Tribes and elected officials to clean up Puget Sound, restore fish habitat and leave a legacy for future generations.
- Under Gov. Gregoire's leadership, more than \$15 million in grants were given to the ports of Ridgefield and Vancouver for cleanup projects.
- Gov. Gregoire approved the transfer of land at Camp Bonneville to Clark County, which will speed up the cleanup of the park and provide 3,000 acres and a public park. The camp is also under consideration for the location of a veterans' cemetery.

## **Gov. Gregoire's Clark County Investments**

**Gov. Gregoire is getting results so all of our children learn. In Clark County, she directed investments toward:**

- Improving vocational education, and constructing a new cafeteria and support building at the School for the Deaf
- Supporting Vocational Skills Centers
- Improving the Evergreen School District Health and Biosciences Academy
- Improving the Child and Family Studies Center at Clark College

**Gov. Gregoire is taking on the challenge of repairing a decade of neglect on our highways. In Clark County, she directed investments toward:**

- Providing a new overpass bridge for drivers and pedestrians at W. 39<sup>th</sup> St. in Vancouver and adding bypass tracks to allow passenger trains to go around freight congestion
- Relieving congestion by widening SR 502 to four lanes from I-5 east into the city of Battle Ground
- Constructing a new interchange with SR 502 at 219th Street to reduce congestion
- Connecting the I-205/Mill Plain northbound off ramp to NE 112th Ave
- Providing new freight rail access to and from the rail mainline and the Port of Vancouver

**Gov. Gregoire is helping and protecting our children and families. In Clark County, she is directing investments toward:**

- Expanding Share House
- Expanding the Confluence Project
- Constructing new reservoirs to aid with water conservation in Sunnyside Valley
- Providing services to the disabled through Innovative Services Northwest
- Improving the Camas segment of the Washougal River Trail