



Getting Results for Families in Kitsap County

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 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 three best managed states in the nation.
- Gov. Gregoire led the effort to create nearly 250,000 new jobs. Forbes Magazine ranks our state in the top-three to do business. Fortune magazine ranks Washington in the top-five states for small businesses.
- The state invested in the Bremerton Downtown Economic Revitalization projects to help create jobs, increase tourism and bring money to local businesses.
- 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 with 109 more on the way.
- The state is building a new fleet of ferries to serve coastal communities across Puget Sound. Gov. Gregoire directed funds to the ferry terminals in Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Kingston and Southworth.

- Gov. Gregoire is replacing sections of Hood Canal Bridge to increase safety on the vital economic link between East Puget Sound and the Olympic Peninsula. The completed bridge will be safer, less congested and more reliable.
- Other transportation improvements in Kitsap County include the addition of two peak-hour HOV lanes and a pedestrian tunnel at the Bremerton Transportation Center Access.
- The Tacoma Narrows Bridge was built on time and \$114 million under budget.

Protecting Children and Families

As a mother and tough-on-crime former 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.
- Gov. Gregoire provided funding to Olympic College for much needed improvements. The money was used to build a new humanities and student services building. Olympic College has also started its first four year baccalaureate program, which is in nursing.
- The state invested in the Washington Youth Academy. The money will go toward the construction of new buildings and creation of new programs. The Washington Youth Academy is part of the National Guard Youth Challenge and provides educational and vocational training to at-risk teens.
- Gov. Gregoire invested into the Kitsap Mental Health Services Residential Facility
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes all of our children should have 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.

- Under her leadership, Washington is investing in the Kitsap SEED project, which will create a “regional center for clean tech business empowerment and opportunity.”
- 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. In Kitsap County, much needed funding was provided to help salmon recovery projects.
- Efforts are underway to clean up Hood Canal and prevent future pollution and “dead zones.” With the input of local communities, the Puget Sound Partnership and others are improving sewer management, implementing stormwater runoff plans and fixing septic tanks. Belfair Sewer improvements will also help restore the health of Hood Canal.
- She has provided funds for the acquisition of Miller Lake, which will protect and preserve one of the last remaining undeveloped lakes in Kitsap.

Gov. Gregoire’s Kitsap County Investments

Governor Gregoire is helping and protecting our children and families. In Kitsap County, she directed investments toward:

- Creating a Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend
- Building the Bremerton Boardwalk Trail
- Upgrading assisted living facilities
- Building a Bethel Community Center
- Creating a Squamish Museum & Arts Center

Gov. Gregoire is getting results for a cleaner future. In Kitsap County, Gov. Gregoire directed investments toward:

- Improving Bainbridge’s Island Wood Environmental Learning Center