



Getting Results for Families in Pierce 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 was rising 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 paycheck to paycheck. She is building a stronger economy for our state.

- She inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit four years ago. Since then, she cut spending and turned the state's deficit into a surplus.
- Gov. Gregoire led the effort to create more than 200,000 new jobs. Forbes Magazine ranks our state in the top-three to do business. In Gig Harbor, Gov. Gregoire helped create a job development fund.
- Under Gov. Gregoire, 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 130 completed projects.
- In Pierce County, nearly \$480 million is being spent to reduce congestion and improve transportation. HOV lanes are being built on I-5, SR 16 and SR 167 to reduce congestion. The Cross Base Highway is being built and SR 167 is being expanded to connect I-5 and SR 509.

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 helped fund a community center in South Tacoma and a Latino center in the Hilltop Renaissance Community.
- 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 90 percent of students passed the WASL.
- Gov. Gregoire is increasing investments in Pierce County schools to total \$1.68 billion. Tacoma, Puyallup and Fort Steilacoom community colleges will receive \$81.1 million in funds for new buildings and campus improvements. More than \$2 million will be invested into the Clover Park Technical College. Funds have also been set aside for the University of Washington branch campus in Tacoma with more than 500 new enrollment slots.
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes healthcare is a right, not a perk, especially for children. 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 habitats and leave a legacy for future generations. Grants were given to cleanup the Foss waterway and improve Gig Harbor's waste water system.

Gov. Chris Gregoire's Pierce County Investments

Governor Gregoire is getting results so that all our children have a world-class education. In Pierce County, she directed investments toward:

- Renovating the Cascade Building at Pierce College in Ft. Steilacoom
- Acquiring and remediating Land at the UW campus in Tacoma
- Building a Pierce County Skills Center
- Opening 540 new enrollment slots at the UW campus in Tacoma
- Investing in science and technology at Pierce College in Fort Steilacoom
- Building a Communication Arts/Health Building for Pierce College in Puyallup
- Building early childhood education and child care center for Tacoma Community College
- Constructing an Allied Health Care Facility for the Clover Park Technical College

Gov. Gregoire is taking on the challenge of making up for a decade of neglect on our highways. In Pierce County, she directed investments to:

- I-5 to build HOV lanes at the Puyallup River Bridge and from Port of Tacoma road to the King County Line, widen bridges on I-5 from S. 48th St. to Pacific Ave, and rebuild interchanges at the Portland Ave interchange with SR 167
- SR 167 for stage two of a new freeway between I-5 and SR 161, widening the roadway between 8th St. E and 277th St., adding a new northbound HOV lane from 15th SW in Auburn south to Pierce County, and a southbound HOV lane from 15th NW in Auburn south into Pierce County
- SR 16 to construct HOV lanes between I-5 and the Tacoma Narrows Bridge
- Tacoma Narrows Bridge for a new parallel suspension bridge
- SR 161 for a five-lane roadway with two-lanes of travel in each direction between 24th and Jovita
- I-5 and SR 16 for interchanges and bridges over Nalley Valley
- SR 509 to I-5 in Fife to build a new freeway
- A 20-mile bypass route through Lakewood, in coordination with Sound Transit

Gov. Gregoire is helping and protecting our families and communities. In Pierce County, she directed investments toward:

- Assigning community corrections officers (CCO) to partner with local law enforcement agencies in Tacoma to track down gang members, sex offenders and other dangerous felons.
- Creating a Job Development Fund for the City of Gig Harbor
- Supporting the Hilltop Renaissance Community - MLK Development Association
- Improving the Tacoma Rainier's Baseball Stadium
- Supporting Hilltop Renaissance Community - Centro Latino
- Investing in the Korean Women's Association
- Assisting the Goodwill of Tacoma
- Providing Washington Heritage Grants for the City of Gig Harbor

Gov. Chris Gregoire is getting results for a cleaner future, and directed investments to:

- Improve Chambers Creek Waterfront Access
- Improve University Place Town Square Plaza
- Construct Chambers Creek Pedestrian Bridge
- Creating a Puyallup River Habitat Mitigation Bank
- Improving the Gig Harbor Waste Water System
- Providing water Cleanup Grants on the Foss Waterway.