

# Capital Facilities Recommendations



*Mariner High School (left) is one of several schools serving the growing population of 30,000 persons in the 128<sup>th</sup> Street/ Mariner Area indicated below in blue).*

## 128th Street/Mariner Area

### Recommendation

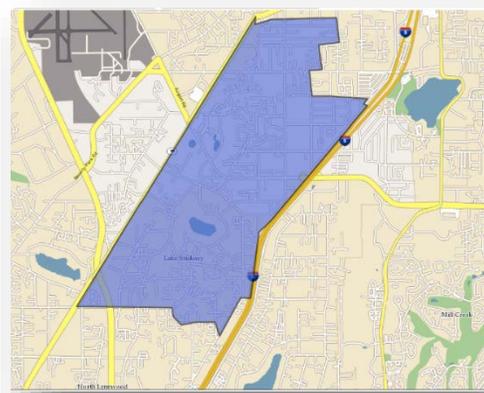
A library demonstration project within the 128<sup>th</sup> Street/ Mariner area.

### Reasoning

The area south of the Everett city limits, east of Paine Field and Mukilteo, west of Mill Creek and north of Lynnwood is underserved by the library district. Residents in this area are a significant distance from the existing Mill Creek, Mukilteo and Lynnwood libraries.

The following factors were also considered:

- Key community leaders highlighted this area as needing additional attention from Sno-Isle Libraries.
- The most recent income data show this area has higher percentages of residents living below 200 percent of the Poverty Line compared to the Mill Creek and Mukilteo library geographic regions (51 percent in the 128th Street area compared to 20 percent in Mill Creek and 21 percent in Mukilteo).



- Sno-Isle Libraries is aware of other community resources in the 128th Street area, including a Boys and Girls Club and nearby schools that would be better supported by offering library services in this area.

### **Current Library**

Currently there are no direct library services or facilities provided to residents in the area.

### **Growth Impacts**

The 128th Street area is anticipated to experience high population growth over the next 10 years. Sno-Isle Libraries is concerned the distance to nearby libraries creates travel and accessibility challenges to current and new residents resulting in non-use of library services or facilities. A library facility in a convenient location will enable easy access and better serve this area.

### **Community Response**

The final recommendation reflects the consideration of input, comments and feedback received from community members and leaders during initial and later outreach phases. Sno-Isle Libraries heard the following general themes from this community:

- The 128<sup>th</sup> Street/Mariner area needs dedicated library service to serve the growing population.
- This library should focus on meeting the needs of students from nearby schools.
- The library should provide ample parking and be located with nearby public transit service.
- Library space should be available for classes and programs (for example, English as Second Language study areas and community meetings).
- Access to technology and the Internet are high value to residents.
- Repurpose or renovate an existing structure.
- Provide additional information about what a “library demonstration project” would offer the community.

### **Key Theme**

Community and customer feedback acknowledged the need for library facility-based services conveniently located within the community and welcomes a library demonstration project.