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### CITY MANAGER APPOINTS NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.**, – City Manager Morgan Smith appointed Heather Wright as the City’s Director of Planning and Community Development. Wright served as the Interim Director for the department since May 2019. She joined the City 12 years ago and has served as Planning Manager, Senior Planner, and Associate Planner.

“Heather brings an exceptionally thorough understanding of our City’s municipal code, highly-engaged residents, and overall community and comprehensive planning goals to this role. She’s uniquely qualified to lead the department and support the Council’s policy direction,” said Smith.

After earning a master’s degree in Urban Planning with a focus on the environment and land use from the University of Louisville, Wright began her planning career in Florida. With a strong interest in island planning, and after four hurricanes in three and a half years, she relocated to the Pacific Northwest.

“I am honored and humbled to serve as the Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Bainbridge Island,” said Wright, who is also a 2016 graduate of the Leadership Kitsap program. “I look forward to continuing to work with community members to help shape the Island’s future.”

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