



## King County

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June 27, 2014

The Honorable Fred Butler  
Mayor, City of Issaquah  
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Dear Mayor Butler:

Over the past decade, King County and the City of Issaquah have worked cooperatively to meet our mutual growth management goals, to create great urban spaces and to protect the last, best places in King County. Some examples of our successful partnership include the Issaquah Highlands and Park Point urban growth area agreements, and most recently the County's acquisitions on Squak Mountain. These joint actions will ensure that the Issaquah Alps remain the undeveloped scenic and recreational backdrop that make Issaquah – and King County – a great place to live.

An equally important part of our partnership is the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) interlocal agreement (Agreement) that the City and County entered into in October, 2007.

The goal of this Agreement is to protect important salmon habitat in the Issaquah Creek basin while concentrating development growth in the City's urban center. To accomplish this, the Agreement provides that 75 development rights from the King County portion of the Issaquah Creek Basin be purchased by in-city developers to achieve increased development capacity in the City's designated TDR receiving areas.

Upon adoption of the Agreement, King County committed to provide the City with \$200,000 in amenity funds to help acquire park and open space inside the City. In 2008, the City used these funds to acquire the 6.3 acre Corra and Anderson properties along the east fork of Issaquah Creek as part of the Issaquah WaterWays Initiative.

However, since adoption of the Agreement in 2007 only one development right has been transferred from the rural Issaquah Creek Basin into the City, in part due to the recession and weak real estate environment that persisted from 2007 through 2012. As such, our mutual goals set forth in the Agreement have not yet been accomplished.

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In the spirit of the long history between Issaquah and King County, I am requesting a five year extension to the Agreement so that the City and the County can continue to work together to achieve the outcomes envisioned back in 2007.

Thank you for your many years of partnership, and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

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King County Executive



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July 8, 2014

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RE: TDR ILA Extension

Dear Dow,

I received your letter dated June 27, 2014 requesting a 5-year extension to the *Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and the City of Issaquah Implementing a Transfer of Development Rights Program*, recording number 2007110900517. This Agreement, executed by the parties in October of 2007, was executed for a term that expired July 1, 2014. Pursuant to Section V.B of that Agreement, the Agreement may be extended for a maximum of five (5) years by agreement of the County Executive and City Mayor.

Please allow this letter to serve as my agreement that the above-cited Agreement may be extended until July 1, 2019. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the City's TDR Program, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Fred Butler  
Mayor

cc: Keith Niven, Economic Development Director  
Darren Greve, King County TDR Manager