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July 6, 2018

The Honorable Dow Constantine
Executive, King County
King County Chinook Building
401 5th Ave., Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104

Joe McDermott, Chair
Metropolitan King County Council
Room 1200, Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Constantine and Chair McDermott:

Please find attached KCD's *2017 Annual Report* and *2019 Proposed Annual Program of Work and Rates and Charges Budget*. Our Annual Report documents the progress made during our third year of a five-year Implementation Plan under our Inter-Local Agreement with King County.

The *2019 Program of Work* outlines our fifth and final year under the current ILA. The focus of KCD's programs is to build a regional, sustainable and equitable food system, improve the health of our forests, neighborhood tree canopies, and shorelines, and ensure clean water for all.

The *2019 Annual Program of Work and Rates and Charges Budget* contain the same priority focus areas as in the previous Programs, with roughly the same budget levels. The priority focus areas were identified through the 2013 KCD/KC Conservation Panel and Task Force process.

Working hand in hand with King County, the KCD Advisory Committee and other partners, KCD made significant progress in its new programs and services in 2017, including:

- In **Regional Food**, KCD invested over \$175,000 in Strategic Initiatives to expand markets and awarded over \$600,000 in regional food grants. Strategic Initiatives included support for expanding farmers markets, direct marketing, and institutional purchasing of locally-produced food.
- The **Urban Forestry** program engaged with 15 King County cities to assess and improve canopies across the region.
- KCD's **Shoreline** program is providing greater outreach to cities to identify stewardship and conservation opportunities of the highest value on private property in proximity to every city.
- KCD's **Urban Agriculture** program declared 2017 *The Year of Hugelkultur* and educated hundreds of King County residents on this ancient and effective form of building soil from woody debris.
- **Rural Agriculture** lands benefited from a partnership between King County and KCD that resulted in agriculture drainage projects that brought 58 new acres of key farmland back into production and improved drainage on 327 acres.
- On private **Rural Forest** land, KCD in partnership with landowners planted over 20,000 trees.

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We look forward to presenting the *2017 Annual Report* and *2019 Program of Work* at the July 17th King County Council Planning, Rural Service and Environment Committee. In the meantime, if we can answer questions, provide information, or be of assistance please let me or the KCD staff know.

Thank you again for your continued support of our goal to create ***better ground*** in King County.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Ryon". The signature is stylized with large, rounded letters and a prominent initial "D".

Dick Ryon
Chair, Board of Supervisors
King Conservation District

cc:

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