



**Signature Report**

**November 9, 2004**

**Motion 12038**

**Proposed No.** 2004-0511.1

**Sponsors** Constantine, Edmonds, Pelz,  
Ferguson, Phillips, Patterson,  
Hague and Lambert

1           A MOTION outlining the intent of the council to enhance  
2           citizen access to information about new requirements  
3           adopted through the critical areas, stormwater and clearing  
4           and grading ordinances without an hourly charge.

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7           WHEREAS, new standards are being adopted for protection of critical areas,  
8           stormwater management and clearing and grading, and

9           WHEREAS, the critical areas ordinance provides for new tools for flexible  
10          application of wetland and aquatic area buffers to rural residential properties, and

11          WHEREAS, both the critical areas ordinance and the stormwater ordinance place  
12          a strong emphasis on best management practices, including flow control best  
13          management practices, and

14          WHEREAS, during consideration of these ordinances, the council heard  
15          testimony of numerous landowners calling for easier up-front access to information about  
16          standards and permitting processes to inform decisions about how to proceed with the  
17          permitting process before spending time and money, and

18 WHEREAS, during consideration of those ordinances, the council heard  
19 testimony of numerous landowners noting the need for staff who can meet informally  
20 with rural residents without an hourly charge, and

21 WHEREAS, many rural residents live far from the department of development  
22 and environmental services office in Renton;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

24 A. Through the 2005 budget process, the council will identify current expense  
25 fund revenue to support two additional staff to work in the rural areas. These staff will be  
26 available to answer questions about critical areas, stormwater and clearing and grading  
27 requirements without an hourly charge; and

28 B. Through the 2005 budget process, the council will direct the department of  
29 development and environmental services to develop customer information bulletins  
30 related to best management practices, including the flow control best management  
31 practices referenced in the stormwater ordinance. The department of development and

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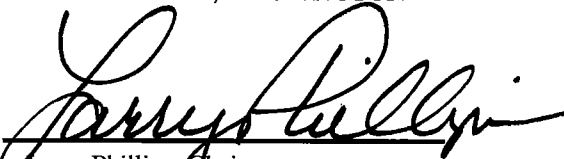
32 environmental services shall ensure that these bulletins are made available on the  
33 department's web site.

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Motion 12038 was introduced on 10/25/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 11/8/2004, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.  
Pelz, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and  
Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Mr. McKenna and Mr. Hammond

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None