



## **King County**

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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the Flood Preparedness Planning in the Sliver by the River report in response to Ordinance 19861, Section 79, Proviso P1. The report describes a variety of actions King County is already taking or could take to improve flood preparedness and resilience in the urban unincorporated area known as the “Sliver by the River,” that is home to about 100 residents along the Duwamish River, surrounded by the City Seattle.

From the perspective of its residents, the Sliver is part of Seattle’s South Park neighborhood, an underserved community that is on the frontlines of climate change and sea level rise. The December 2022 King Tide flood was a reminder of the need for coordinated flood preparedness and response between the County, the City of Seattle, and community members.

As required, this report includes key actions to address flooding in the Sliver by the River, including highlighting elements of the Flood Management Plan, which provides a vision for reducing flood and flood-related risks countywide. Notably, because actions identified in this report are already defined in King County Code or policies, no Code or policy changes are included with the report.

The Department of Natural Resources and Parks engaged in a collaborative process to develop this report, involving seven County departments and agencies, Seattle Public Utilities, the Flood Control District, and community-based organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important work discussed in the report will help King County residents in the Sliver by the River safer during flood events and will help further develop a productive partnership with Seattle and the community.

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay

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If your staff have questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Director, Water and Land Resources Division, at 206-477-9440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Braddock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

for

Shannon Braddock

King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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