



## King County

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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits Analysis of Mature Forests in King County, Report 2. This is the second of two reports pursuant to Metropolitan King County Council Motion 16437, which requests the Executive to identify and analyze mature forests in King County and transmit two reports. These reports were initially due to Council on June 30 and September 30, 2024, but extensions were granted by the sponsors, and the amended due dates are September 15 and December 15, 2024, respectively.

This second report provides an analysis of the impacts of discontinuing harvest on mature forests managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP), as required by the motion. It includes results of analyses of revenue impacts, impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and their magnitude relative to targets in King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan, and impacts related to the social cost of carbon.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important work discussed in it will provide a new data source for King County to draw on to evaluate forest management options. These decisions about how King County forests are managed will affect the people and environment of King County for generations to come.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Badda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

for

Dow Constantine

King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

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