



## King County

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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

I am pleased to transmit a proposed ordinance that, if enacted, would honor the late James “Jim” Reed Ellis. The proposed legislation would name the park complex of Preston Athletic Fields, Preston Park, and Preston Mill as the Jim Ellis Memorial Regional Park at Preston.

Jim Ellis embodied the best of civic leadership. Throughout his career he tirelessly advocated for clean water, preservation of farmlands, and large-scale regional improvements. His extraordinary legacy left an indelible imprint on this region.

In developing the legislation, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks engaged partners such as the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, which has indicated that it supports the legislation.

The legislation supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, effective local and regional government.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance which honors Mr. Ellis as a civic leader for his tireless advocacy conserving vital forests, rivers, lakes, and parks.

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If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff

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Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

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