



**Signature Report**

**October 6, 2009**

**Ordinance 16676**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0446.1

**Sponsors** Dunn

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the use of the King County  
2 Agricultural Conservation Easement: Deed and Agreement  
3 Relating to Development Rights by the farmland  
4 preservation program.

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6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. Ordinance 4341, passed by the county council on June 18, 1979, called  
8 for an election to submit to the voters Proposition One: Farm and Open  
9 Space Bonds. The voters approved the proposition and authorized the  
10 issuance of \$50,000,000 in bonds to acquire development rights on  
11 selected farmlands throughout King County. These and other acquisitions  
12 of farmland development rights have been implemented under King  
13 County's farmland preservation program ("FPP").
- 14 2. In the early 1980s, in the course of acquiring the development rights  
15 called for through Ordinance 4341, the council passed a series of  
16 additional ordinances authorizing the acquisition of development rights on  
17 specific farmlands and approving a form of conveyance entitled Deed of

18 and Agreement Relating to Development Rights (" the deed and  
19 agreement"), which granted development rights to King County and which  
20 placed on subject properties restrictive covenants that specified allowable  
21 and prohibited uses and activities on the properties.

22 3. Since the early 1980s, one amendment to the deed and agreement has  
23 been authorized by the council. Ordinance 15221 authorized additional  
24 covenants in the revised deed and agreement required by a federal funding  
25 source grantee, which was the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection  
26 Program, which provided grant funds to King County for additional  
27 purchases of farmland development rights.

28 4. From the time the FPP was established, agriculture in the county has  
29 undergone significant changes. Regional socioeconomic factors, such as  
30 increased land prices and costs of living, challenges in securing and  
31 appropriately providing for required labor, potentially conflicting land  
32 uses practices, and increased demand for water and water rights all have  
33 potential adverse impacts on the long-term viability of farming in King  
34 County and the ability to keep FPP properties in active farming.

35 5. While these forces present challenges to preserving and promoting  
36 King County's farming tradition, other opportunities have emerged to  
37 promote local farming in new ways. Most notably, demand for market  
38 crops and value-added products (such as jams and ciders) has increased  
39 dramatically and new means have emerged to allow farmers access to  
40 consumers throughout the Puget Sound area and beyond. Recent changes

41 to the King County Code have supported value-added processing and  
42 direct marketing of farm products; however, farmers whose properties are  
43 enrolled in the FPP may be unable to take full advantage of these recent  
44 code changes.

45 6. For the past several years, the agriculture commission has been  
46 working in cooperation with King County FPP staff to assess and respond  
47 to the challenges and new opportunities facing farmers in the county. The  
48 commission has determined that changes to the covenants in the deed and  
49 agreement are needed to ensure that requirements are appropriate,  
50 adequate, and clear in order to protect and promote active farming in King  
51 County now and into the future.

52 7. The Washington state Farmland Preservation Program is a new source  
53 of funding for acquiring development rights on agricultural lands. The  
54 Washington state Farmland Preservation Program requires that additional  
55 provisions and restrictions be included in the document conveying the  
56 development rights when its funds are used for the purchase of such rights.  
57 These provisions and restrictions, along with additional new provisions  
58 relating to the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, are also  
59 proposed for inclusion in the deed and agreement, to be used when  
60 funding from these sources is utilized. These added provisions and  
61 restrictions are not inconsistent with the restrictions that have been  
62 imposed on acquisitions utilizing funding generated by the 1979  
63 Farmlands and Open Space Bonds initiative.

64 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

65 SECTION 1. The King County council hereby authorizes the use of the King  
66 County Agricultural Conservation Easement: Deed and Agreement Relating to  
67 Development Rights, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, for use  
68 by the farmland preservation program for the acquisition or the donation of farmland  
69 development rights, as these rights are defined in K.C.C. 26.04.020.

70 SECTION 2. The King County council hereby authorizes the use of the King  
71 County Agricultural Conservation Easement: Deed and Agreement Relating to  
72 Development Rights as a substitute set of restrictions and covenants in place of those  
73 contained in the original deed and agreement or the revised deed on properties currently  
74 enrolled in the farmland preservation program, upon agreement of the property owner,  
75 the farmland preservation program on behalf of the county as grantee, and any other  
76 grantees, provided that there will be no change in the number of reserved dwelling units  
77 or in the amount of permitted nontillable surface from that allowed in the original deed  
78 and agreement or the revised deed.

79 SECTION 3. Farmland development rights that are placed under the King  
80 County Agricultural Conservation Easement: Deed and Agreement Relating to

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82 Development Rights shall be held by the county in trust on behalf of the citizens of the  
83 county and maintained as specified in K.C.C. 26.04.080.

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Ordinance 16676 was introduced on 9/21/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 10/5/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von  
Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

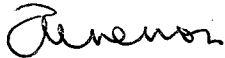
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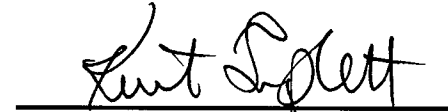
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

**Attachments**      A. King County Agricultural Conservation District Easement: Deed and Agreement  
Relating to Development Rights

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**KING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT:**

**DEED AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO  
DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

**THIS DEED AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS** entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, **BY AND BETWEEN (Enter name(s) of Grantor(s))**

hereinafter referred to as “Grantor(s),” **AND KING COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington** hereinafter referred to as {“Local”} “Grantee” {**Insert if the United States is a Grantee:** and the **United States of America**, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the “United States”. }

**[Insert THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES, as appropriate:** Each of the following third party beneficiaries (collectively the “Beneficiaries” and individually the “Beneficiary”) has certain rights hereunder, including third party rights of enforcement: The State of Washington, by and through the Recreation and Conservation Office (“RCO”); **and/or** the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the “United States.”]

**WHEREAS:**

The Grantors are the present owners of the lands described in Exhibit A (the “Protected Property”) and graphically depicted in the Site Plan (Exhibit B); said Protected Property includes Water Rights as described in Exhibit C; all of which exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

King County and the Grantors **[Insert as appropriate:** and the State of Washington **and/or** the United States **has/have]** mutual interests in preventing the conversion of agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses and it is the purpose of this Deed and Agreement Relating to Development Rights (“Deed and Agreement” also sometimes referred to herein as “Conservation Easement”) to protect the prime farmland soils and to retain the agricultural viability of the Protected Property.

The Grantors recognize that the Protected Property is Farm and Agricultural Land as defined in RCW 84.34.020(2) **[Omit if State funding is used:** or Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land as defined in RCW 84.34.020(8)] and that it possesses agricultural soils as well as having other characteristics, referred to herein as “Conservation Values”, that make it very suitable for the commercial production of agricultural products. The Protected Property also contributes natural, open space, ecological, habitat, and scenic values, referred to herein as “Open Space Values”, which are of importance to the Grantors, the Grantee{s}. **[Insert as appropriate:** the people of the

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47 State of Washington] and the citizens of King County.

48 The Grantors desire to cooperate with the Grantee{s} **[Insert as appropriate: and the**  
49 **Beneficiary/Beneficiaries]** in preserving land devoted to agricultural and open space uses. The  
50 characteristics of the Protected Property are documented in an inventory of relevant features of the  
51 Protected Property, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ and located in a file entitled Baseline  
52 Documentation on file at the offices of the {Local} Grantee and incorporated herein by this  
53 reference. The Baseline Documentation consists of reports, maps, photographs, surveys of known  
54 cultural sites and other documentation that provide, collectively, an accurate representation of the  
55 Protected Property as of the date of this Deed and Agreement and which are intended to serve as  
56 an objective information baseline for monitoring compliance with the terms of this Deed and  
57 Agreement.

58 The Grantors are willing to grant and convey to the {Local}Grantee **[Omit if United States is**  
59 **not a Grantee: and the United States]** the Development Rights in the Protected Property as such  
60 rights are defined in King County Ordinance No. 4341 (said rights being the interest in and the  
61 right to use and subdivide land for any and all residential, commercial, and industrial purposes and  
62 activities which are not incident to agricultural and open space uses), on the terms and conditions  
63 and for the purposes hereinafter set forth. The Grantee{s} is {are} willing to purchase the  
64 Development Rights in the Protected Property and accept this instrument of conveyance.

65 The {Local} Grantee has determined that the acquisition by the {Local} Grantee of Development  
66 Rights in Farmland and Open Space Land will benefit the public through the preservation of  
67 property devoted to agricultural and open space uses.

68 **[Insert if State funding is used:** Permanent protection of the Protected Property will further  
69 the purposes of the Washington State Farmlands Preservation Account (FPA) established under  
70 RCW 79A.15.130(1), which provides that moneys appropriated to the FPA “must be distributed  
71 for the acquisition and preservation of farmlands in order to maintain the opportunity for  
72 agricultural activity upon these lands.” The legislatively declared policies of the State of  
73 Washington in the Washington State Open Space Tax Act, Chapter 84.34 RCW (OSTA),  
74 provide that “it is in the best interest of the state to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise  
75 continue in existence adequate open space lands for the production of food, fiber and forest  
76 crops, and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the  
77 economic and social well being of the state and its citizens.” Under the OSTA, lands eligible for  
78 preferential real property tax treatment include lands such as the subject Protected Property  
79 where the preservation in its present use would conserve and enhance natural resources and  
80 promote conservation of soils. Pursuant to this legislative directive, King County has adopted an  
81 Open Space Tax Program, Ordinance No.1076, as amended, that recognizes the importance of  
82 and provides preferential tax treatment for the production of food and fiber crops, and to assure  
83 the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-  
84 being of the county and its citizens.]

85 **[Insert if State funding is used:** These Development Rights are acquired in part with a grant  
86 from RCO pursuant to that certain grant agreement **[insert grant agreement number]** between  
87 RCO and {Local} Grantee dated \_\_\_\_\_ (“RCO Grant Agreement”).]

88 **[Insert if federal funding is used:** Part of the funds for the purchase of these Development  
89 Rights is being provided by the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), 16 USC  
90 3838h and 3838i. Under the FRPP, the Secretary of Agriculture acting through the Natural  
91 Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation,  
92 purchases Conservation Easements and other interests in land on behalf of the United States for

93 the purpose of protecting topsoil from conversion to non-agricultural uses. ]

94 The grant and conveyance of Development Rights by the Grantors to the Grantee{s} will  
95 preserve the Protected Property for activities consistent with agricultural and open space uses in  
96 perpetuity in accordance with the specific terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

97 Grantor and Grantee{s} have agreed that, in order to maintain the opportunity for the commercial  
98 production of agricultural products upon the Protected Property and to protect the Open Space  
99 Values of the Protected Property, the Development Rights that are granted and conveyed in this  
100 Deed and Agreement include the right to enforce the use of any and all water rights appurtenant to  
101 the Protected Property (Water Rights). This term, Water Rights, includes any and all of the rights  
102 associated with the historical and beneficial use of any of the embankments, flumes, head gates,  
103 measuring devices or any other structures that are appurtenant to those Water Rights, together with  
104 all easements and rights of way therefore. The Water Rights are bound by and permanently  
105 subject to the covenants, terms and conditions contained in this Deed and Agreement.

106 The conveyance and preservation of the Development Rights by the Grantors to the Grantee{s}  
107 furthers the objectives of the King County Comprehensive Plan to ensure the conservation and  
108 productive use of the County’s natural resource lands and is responsive to the Washington State  
109 Growth Management Act as it serves to retain open space, encourages the conservation of  
110 productive agricultural lands, discourages incompatible uses of these lands and maintains and  
111 enhances natural resource-based industries occurring thereon.

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113 **NOW THEREFORE WITNESSETH**, that the Grantors, for and in consideration of  
114 \_\_\_\_\_ **DOLLARS** lawful money of the United States of America, paid  
115 to the Grantors by the Grantee{s}, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the Grantors  
116 being therewith fully satisfied, do by these presents grant, bargain, sell, transfer and convey unto  
117 the Grantee{s} forever all Development Rights in respect to the Protected Property in order to  
118 carry-out the aforementioned purposes, subject only to those defects and/or encumbrances (if any)  
119 identified on Exhibit D (collectively, “Permitted Exceptions”), hereby perpetually binding the  
120 Protected Property to the restrictions limiting permitted activities to agricultural and open space  
121 uses as specifically delineated in the covenants, terms, and conditions contained herein, and do  
122 also grant such interests, rights and easements, make such covenants, and subject the Protected  
123 Property to such servitudes as are necessary to bind the Protected Property in perpetuity to such  
124 restrictions. This conveyance is a conveyance of an interest in real property under the provisions  
125 of RCW 64.04.130.

126 The Grantors and Grantee{s} hereby agree that the Protected Property shall be bound by and  
127 permanently subject to the following restrictive covenants, terms, and conditions. None of these  
128 covenants, terms, and conditions shall be construed as allowing a use that is not otherwise  
129 permitted by applicable state and local laws, codes, standards, and ordinances. Grantor shall  
130 conduct all reserved and permitted uses and activities under this Deed and Agreement so as to  
131 meet all requirements of federal, state and local statutes, rules, and regulations as they may be  
132 amended from time to time.

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135 **RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THE PROTECTED PROPERTY**

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137 **I. Uses Restricted to Agricultural and Open Space Uses; Agricultural and Open Space**  
138 **Uses Defined.**



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Use of the Protected Property is permanently restricted to solely agricultural and open space uses. The Grantee{s} strongly encourages (use singular if United States is a Grantee) the Grantor to farm the Protected Property or to lease the Protected Property for farming. Such uses shall be carried out in accordance with applicable law and in compliance with the purpose and terms of this Deed and Agreement.

The Protected Property must be managed or farmed under a Farm Management Plan, also sometimes referred to herein as a “Conservation Plan”, as it exists as of the date of this agricultural conservation easement and as may be amended or revised in the future. Said Farm Management Plan is as defined in King County Administrative Rule PUT 8-21 (PR), or its successor, and approved by an agency or agencies designated by {Local} Grantee, by which the Protected Property is maintained in a condition capable of supporting current and/or future commercially viable agriculture. A copy of the Farm Management Plan shall be kept on file at the offices of the Grantee, specifically the office that houses the King County Farmland Preservation Program.

A. “Agricultural uses,” as used herein, means:

- (1) The growing, raising, and production of horticultural and agricultural crops, including, but not limited to, vegetables, berries, other fruits, cereal grains, herbs, hay and the processing and marketing, for consumption off-premises, of such crops and products. Although intended to support agricultural activity on the Protected Property, such processing and marketing may include agricultural crops from other properties provided such activity serves to maintain the economic viability of agricultural operations on other farmlands in King County and provided that the amount of such activity is approved in writing by the {Local} Grantee **[Insert if State funding is used:** and by the State of Washington, by and through the RCO]. On-premises tasting and sampling of horticultural and agricultural crops is permitted if necessary for the performance of processing and marketing activities that are otherwise allowed herein.
- (2) All forms of animal husbandry, including the processing and marketing for off-premises consumption, of the animals or their products. Although intended to support agricultural activity on the Protected Property, such processing and marketing may include animal products from other properties provided such activity serves to maintain the economic viability of agricultural operations on other farmlands in King County and provided that the amount of such activity is approved in writing by the {Local} Grantee **[Insert if State funding is used:** and by the State of Washington, by and through the RCO]. On-premises tasting and sampling of animals or their products is permitted if necessary for the performance of processing and marketing activities that are otherwise allowed herein.
- (3) Uses that are consistent with the classification as “Farm and Agricultural Land” as defined in RCW 84.34.020(2).
- (4) Agricultural uses do not include the primary use of the Protected Property as a site for processing and/or marketing agricultural crops and animal products as these activities must be secondary to the use of the Protected Property for the

185 growing, raising, and production of horticultural and agricultural crops and/or all  
186 forms of animal husbandry.

187 (5) Infrastructure and facilities, such as manure digesters or wind turbines, that  
188 support and/or enhance the agricultural use of the Protected Property, are  
189 permitted, provided that the predominate use of the property and the majority of  
190 its area that is suitable for agricultural production is used for the growing or  
191 raising of agricultural crops and/or animal products. Infrastructure and facilities,  
192 such as manure digesters, that utilize agricultural products, must use products  
193 that are produced on-site, but may combine those products with products or  
194 materials produced off-site, provided that such activity is approved in writing by  
195 the {Local} Grantee[**Insert if State funding is used:** and by the State of  
196 Washington, by and through the RCO]. It is the intent of this provision to  
197 promote the economic viability of agricultural operations on the Protected  
198 Property and on other farmlands in King County.

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200 B. "Open space uses," as used herein, means:

- 201 (1) Agricultural uses as defined above;
- 202 (2) Non-agricultural uses that conserve and enhance natural, scenic, or designated  
203 historic resources on the Protected Property and that do not permanently  
204 compact, remove, sterilize, pollute, or otherwise impair the use of the soil on the  
205 Protected Property for the raising of horticultural or agricultural crops.

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207 Neither open space nor agricultural uses include the following: commercial and industrial  
208 activities that are unassociated with agriculture; the construction, habitation, or other use of  
209 a dwelling unit and/or farm worker housing, except to the extent such use is specifically  
210 reserved in this Deed and Agreement; placement, construction or expansion of buildings,  
211 structures or roads for non-agricultural uses; restaurants or other establishments primarily  
212 intended for the consumption of food or beverages; the construction or use of golf courses,  
213 parking lots unassociated with agricultural uses, zoos, kennels, catteries, athletic fields,  
214 campgrounds, or vehicle raceways or animal raceways other than those principally used for  
215 the exercise of animals grown, raised, or produced on the Protected Property. Agricultural  
216 and open space uses do not allow or include the conversion of Protected Property to fish or  
217 wildlife habitat, unless such conversion will directly benefit the agricultural use of the  
218 Protected Property as approved in writing by the {Local} Grantee [**Insert if State funding is**  
219 **used:** and by the State of Washington, by and through the RCO] or unless the area is  
220 designated in the Baseline Documentation as being available for such conversion. Open  
221 space uses may include trails for non-motorized use by the public.

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223 **II. Dwelling Units**

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225 "Dwelling Unit," as used herein, means: A permanent or mobile structure designed and used for  
226 single-family residential occupancy.

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228 A. **Reservation of Dwelling Unit(s).** The Grantors reserve the right to the use of (may be  
229 zero) \_\_single-family dwelling units(s). The location(s) of all reserved dwelling units,  
230 both those existing on the Protected Property at the date of this Deed and Agreement

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231 and those which are reserved but which do not exist on the Protected Property at the  
232 date of this Deed and Agreement, are shown on Exhibit B as the building envelope(s)  
233 within which the aforementioned reserved dwelling units must be located. Grantor  
234 may not change the location of any building envelope(s), as shown on Exhibit B,  
235 without the express written permission of the {Local} Grantee and of the Beneficiaries,  
236 if any.

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238 No more than the number of reserved dwelling units stated above and depicted on  
239 Exhibit B as of the date of this Deed and Agreement will be permitted, regardless of  
240 whether the Protected Property is subdivided or its boundaries are altered by the  
241 Grantor or by any successor in interest of the Grantor. If the Protected Property is  
242 subdivided, or its boundaries altered, reference to this Deed and Agreement must be  
243 shown on the map of the subdivided, or altered property and Exhibit B must be  
244 recorded as part of the subdivision or alteration so that any future conveyance or  
245 change in ownership of the Protected Property shall be explicitly subject to and  
246 governed by Exhibit B.

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248 If a portion of the Protected Property is conveyed separate from the whole, the  
249 conveyance instrument shall state the number of reserved dwelling units that are  
250 allocated to that portion, and Exhibit B, showing the building envelope(s) within which  
251 the reserved dwelling units are or will be located, shall be attached to the conveyance  
252 instrument and recorded with it.

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254 Failure to record Exhibit B upon subdivision, boundary alteration, or upon the  
255 conveyance of a portion of the Protected Property, shall not invalidate or otherwise  
256 affect the restriction of the total number of reserved dwelling units and their location(s)  
257 on the Protected Property.

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259 **[If Grantor chooses to limit the size of the reserved dwelling units, insert the**  
260 **following wording:** The total living space square footage of any new or remodeled  
261 reserved dwelling unit shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ square feet which is 150% of the median  
262 size of dwelling unit living space in King County’s Agricultural Production Districts,  
263 as determined by King County Assessor’s records, upon the date of this Deed and  
264 Agreement.]

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266 Reserved dwelling units must be used for the sole purpose of accommodating the  
267 Grantors and their successors in interest to the Protected Property, the farm operator, or  
268 the families of such persons, or for accommodating on-farm agricultural employees of  
269 the owner or operator and their families. Reserved dwelling units cannot be leased to  
270 the public-at-large.

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272 B. “**Accessory Dwelling Unit,**” as used herein means: a separate, complete dwelling unit  
273 that is attached to or contained within the structure of a reserved dwelling unit or  
274 is contained within a separate structure that is accessory to and on the same legal lot as  
275 a reserved dwelling unit. The total living space square footage of an accessory  
276 dwelling unit shall not exceed 1,000 square feet unless the accessory dwelling unit is

277 wholly contained within a basement or attic of a reserved dwelling unit. Only one  
278 accessory dwelling unit is permitted for each reserved dwelling unit. Property  
279 containing an accessory dwelling unit cannot be subdivided or conveyed separately  
280 from the property on which the reserved dwelling unit is located unless the accessory  
281 dwelling unit is removed prior to such action.

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283 The use of accessory dwelling units shall be limited to the Grantors and their  
284 successors in interest to the Protected Property, the farm operator, or the families of  
285 such persons, or for accommodating on-farm agricultural employees of the owner or  
286 operator and their families. Accessory dwelling units cannot be leased to the public-at-  
287 large.

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289 C. **“Agricultural Employee Dwelling Unit,”** as used herein means: a dwelling unit in  
290 which the total living space square footage does not exceed 1,000 square feet and  
291 which is used to house agricultural employees who are employed to work on the  
292 Protected Property. Such agricultural employee dwelling units are not included in the  
293 number of dwelling units reserved nor are they considered to be accessory dwelling  
294 units. If the primary use of the Protected Property changes to a non-agricultural use, all  
295 agricultural employee dwelling units shall be removed. Property containing  
296 agricultural employee dwelling units cannot be subdivided or conveyed separately from  
297 the rest of the Protected Property unless said structures are permanently removed prior  
298 to such action. Agricultural employee dwelling units may only be occupied by  
299 agricultural employees who are employed to work on the Protected Property.

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301 The location(s) of accessory dwelling units and of agricultural employee dwelling units  
302 that exist on the Protected Property upon the date of this Deed and Agreement, are  
303 included within a building envelope as shown on Exhibit B.

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305 The Grantor must obtain written permission from the {Local} Grantee prior to the  
306 construction or installation of any accessory dwelling units or agricultural employee  
307 dwelling units not existing on the Protected Property upon the date of this Deed and  
308 Agreement. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive the requirement to obtain any  
309 required permits from the agency of the appropriate government responsible for issuing  
310 development permits. New accessory dwelling units and/or agricultural employee  
311 dwelling units must be located within an existing building envelope. Any addition of  
312 accessory dwelling units and/or agricultural employee dwelling units shall be shown on  
313 an updated Site Plan which has been approved in writing by the {Local} Grantee and  
314 which shall be added to the Baseline Documentation on file at the offices of the  
315 {Local} Grantee.

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317 **III. Emergencies.** Grantor may undertake any activities that are necessary to protect health or  
318 safety or prevent significant property damage on the Protected Property or are required by  
319 and subject to compulsion of any governmental agency; provided, however, that Grantor  
320 shall first reasonably attempt to notify {Local} Grantee prior to taking such action. If  
321 {Local} Grantee cannot provide consent, with or without conditions, within such time as is  
322 reasonable under the circumstances, Grantor may proceed with such action without consent.

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- IV. Further Restriction on Use of the Protected Property.** Potential uses of the Protected Property are limited in that the Grantors, their heirs, successors, and assigns shall only be entitled to use, lease, maintain, or improve the Protected Property for agricultural and open space uses, and they shall comply with the following terms, conditions, restrictions, and covenants, which are permanently binding on the Protected Property:
- A. No subdivision of the Protected Property that reduces any parcel to less than 10 acres **[As appropriate, replace with: 35 acres or, if federal funding is used replace with: \_\_\_\_\_(insert number) acres, which is the average size of farms in King County as of the most recent published Census of Agriculture,]** shall be permitted. *[Explanation for subdivision size if no federal funding is used: Parcels may not be subdivided or the minimum size of parcels created by any future subdivision will be restricted to 10 or 35 acres depending on the location of the property; properties in the Lower Green, Upper Green and Sammamish River Valley Agricultural Production Districts (APDs) and those outside of APDs will be restricted to a minimum parcel size of 10 acres, properties in the Snoqualmie River Valley and Enumclaw Plateau APDs will be restricted to a minimum parcel size of 35 acres.]* The Grantor must obtain written permission from the {Local} Grantee and all Beneficiaries, if any, prior to initiating any subdivision or boundary line adjustment. All restrictions imposed by this Deed and Agreement shall survive any subdivision. A boundary line adjustment that combines the Protected Property, or any portion thereof, that is subject to this Deed and Agreement, with property on which the development rights have not been conveyed to King County, is prohibited. Subdivisions or boundary line adjustments which would result in any parcel exceeding the limit on non-tillable surface as specified in Section IV.B. of this Deed and Agreement are prohibited.
  - B. No more than a total of \_\_\_\_\_percent **[Insert maximum of 5, minimum of 2]** of the Protected Property or of any parcel thereof resulting from any future subdivision of the Protected Property, boundary line adjustment, or conveyance of a portion of the Protected Property, shall be covered by structures and/or non-tillable surfaces **[Insert as appropriate: and no more than \_\_\_\_\_percent [Insert maximum of 5, minimum of 2] of Parcel(s)\_\_\_\_\_of the Protected Property or of any parcel thereof resulting from any future subdivision of the Protected Property, boundary line adjustment, or conveyance of a portion of the Protected Property, shall be covered by structures and/or non-tillable surfaces].** *[Explanation: Certain properties or specific parcels within a property may be restricted to less than 5 percent non-tillable surface.]* “Structures” shall include but are not limited to residences, barns, machine sheds, permanent greenhouses, associated structures, retail and processing facilities, surfaced parking areas, surfaced driveways, surfaced roadways, and surfaced pads. Temporary shelter for soil-dependent cultivation of horticultural or viticultural crops is not considered a structure. “Non-tillable surfaces” shall include but are not limited to asphalt, concrete, gravel, and any other cover material not normally associated with cultivation of the soil. Naturally-occurring non-tillable surfaces, such as rock out-crops or bodies of water, shall not be counted against the \_\_\_% non-tillable surface limitation. Non-tillable surfaces within public right-of-way or utility easements, that exist upon the date of this conveyance or which are approved in writing by the {Local} Grantee and the Third Party Beneficiaries, if any, subsequent to this Deed and Agreement, shall not be counted against the \_\_\_% non-

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369 tillable surface limitation. Prior to the creation of any non-tillable surface, the topsoil on  
370 the area so affected shall be removed and used elsewhere on the Protected Property; said  
371 requirement is subject to permitting restrictions. Should the amount of non-tillable  
372 surface on any parcel as of the date of this Deed and Agreement exceed \_\_\_\_\_ percent  
373 **[Insert maximum of 5, minimum of 2]**, such parcel cannot be sold separately but must  
374 remain under the same ownership as other parcels of which the Protected Property is  
375 comprised, said parcels being of sufficient size so that, collectively, their total non-  
376 tillable surface does not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ percent **[Insert maximum of 5, minimum of 2]** of  
377 their total acreage.

378 C. No mining, drilling, or extracting of oil, gas, gravel, or minerals on or under the  
379 Protected Property that breaks the surface of the Protected Property, shall be permitted.  
380 Temporary disruption of the Protected Property, not to exceed one acre in total, for the  
381 extraction of subsurface materials is permitted only if the extracted materials are used in  
382 connection with agricultural activities occurring on the Protected Property. No part of  
383 the surface of the Protected Property shall be used for storage or processing of gas, oil,  
384 or minerals taken from the Protected Property, other than storage for the private use of  
385 the occupants of the Protected Property.

386 D. No subsurface activities, including excavation for permitted underground utilities,  
387 pipelines, or other underground installations shall be allowed that cause permanent  
388 disruption of the surface of the Protected Property. Temporarily disrupted soil surfaces  
389 shall be restored in a manner consistent with agricultural uses, including restoration of  
390 the original soil horizon sequence, within one year of when the soils were initially  
391 disrupted. **[Insert as appropriate:** Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the  
392 contrary, Grantor shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and shall  
393 give notice to and receive consent from {Local} Grantee, in writing, with respect to  
394 any alteration of the Protected Property that would have the effect of physically  
395 disturbing a known cultural site, a survey of which is included in the Baseline  
396 documentation and incorporated herein by this reference.]

397 E. No dumping or storage of solid or liquid waste, or of trash, rubbish, hazardous, or  
398 noxious materials shall be permitted. Hazardous materials include explosives,  
399 veterinary or medical wastes, radioactive wastes, chemical, biological or petroleum  
400 products that are not being used for agricultural purposes and which may pose a  
401 substantial present or potential hazard to humans, wildlife or the environment and  
402 which, either singularly or in combination, have toxic properties that may cause death,  
403 injury or illness or have mutagenic, teratogenic, or carcinogenic properties or are  
404 corrosive, explosive, flammable, or may generate pressure through decomposition or  
405 other means. However, the temporary storage of waste generated on the Protected  
406 Property is permitted so long as such storage is in compliance with all applicable laws.  
407 Temporary storage means storage for the duration of not more than one year.  
408 Composting of biodegradable materials for on-site application at agronomic rates is  
409 permitted, so long as the composting is done in accordance with all applicable laws.  
410 Production of compost for sale and/or off-site application must be predominately of  
411 biodegradable materials produced on the Protected Property or of biodegradable  
412 materials that have been used for agricultural purposes on the Protected Property, and in  
413 accordance with all applicable laws. Hazardous or noxious materials shall not include  
414 biosolids, herbicides, pesticides, rodenticides, insecticides, and fertilizers applied and

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- 415 maintained in accordance with federal, state and local law.
- 416 F. No activities that violate sound agricultural soil and water conservation management
- 417 practices shall be permitted.
- 418 G. No signs shall be erected on the Protected Property except for the following purposes:
- 419 (1) to state the name of the property and the name and address of the occupant;
- 420 (2) to advertise any use or activity consistent with the agricultural or open space uses as
- 421 herein defined; or
- 422 (3) to advertise the property for sale or rent.
- 423 H. Recreational uses of the Protected Property are limited to passive recreational open
- 424 space uses such as hiking, fishing, horseback riding, in-season hunting and fishing and
- 425 other forms of recreation that do not require site modification to accommodate
- 426 motorized, mechanical or electronic accessories. All forms of developed recreation or
- 427 recreation that adversely impacts the conservation purposes of this Deed and Agreement
- 428 are prohibited.
- 429 I. In order to maintain the ability of the Protected Property to support commercial
- 430 agricultural production, the Grantor shall cooperate with the {Local} Grantee to help
- 431 assure the maintenance of the Water Rights. Grantor shall retain all Water Rights
- 432 necessary for present or future agricultural production on the Protected Property and
- 433 shall not transfer, encumber, lease, sell, abandon, relinquish or otherwise separate, by
- 434 action or inaction, such quantity of Water Rights from title to the Protected Property.
- 435 Grantor shall take affirmative actions to avoid such abandonment, relinquishment, loss
- 436 or forfeiture, including but not limited to the following:
- 437 (1.) Exercising the Water Rights by putting them to any beneficial use that is not
- 438 inconsistent with the terms of this Deed and Agreement in accordance with Chapter
- 439 90.14 RCW;
- 440 (2.) Seeking to place or enroll the Water Rights in the Washington State trust water
- 441 rights program on a temporary basis, provided that any acquisition of the Water Rights
- 442 by the State shall be expressly conditioned to limit its use to instream purposes and its
- 443 duration to a term no longer than 10 years; or
- 444 (3.) Seeking to lease the Water Rights for use on land other than the Protected
- 445 Property for a term no longer than 10 years, with prior written notice to and consent of
- 446 the {Local} Grantee, after obtaining approval in accordance with RCW 90.03.380,
- 447 90.03.383, 90.03.390, or 90.44.100 for a temporary transfer or change of the Water
- 448 Rights; provided, however, that any such lease shall require the lessee to make
- 449 beneficial use of the Water Rights in accordance with Chapter 90.14 RCW and for
- 450 agricultural purposes only (collectively, "Water Rights Maintenance Actions.") If
- 451 Grantor is unable to take the Water Rights Maintenance Actions and the Water Rights
- 452 are under threat of abandonment, relinquishment, loss or forfeiture, Grantor shall
- 453 convey ownership of said Water Rights to {Local} Grantee for {Local} Grantee's use in
- 454 order to maintain the opportunity for commercial agricultural production on the
- 455 Protected Property.
- 456 If Protected Property possessing divisible Water Rights is subdivided, a Water Right
- 457 of sufficient quantity to support any present or future economically viable agricultural
- 458 practice must be allocated to each parcel created by the subdivision. Any
- 459 relinquishment, loss or forfeiture of the Water Rights shall not be deemed or construed
- 460 to be a waiver of {Local} Grantee's rights under this Deed and Agreement or to defeat

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461 the purpose of the Deed and Agreement, and shall not otherwise impair the validity of  
462 this Deed and Agreement or limit its enforceability in any way.

463 J. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, trees may be cut to control insects and disease,  
464 prevent personal injury and property damage, obtain wood for personal use, construct  
465 fences as permitted herein, and, with advance written permission of {Local} Grantee,  
466 maintain grasslands. Except for trees produced as agricultural products, any  
467 commercial harvesting of trees shall be conducted in accordance with a King County  
468 approved forest stewardship plan prepared by a professional forester and in accordance  
469 with state and local regulations. This provision shall not be construed to allow uses  
470 otherwise inconsistent with agriculture and open space uses as defined herein.

471 K. Existing fences may be repaired or replaced and new fences may be constructed for the  
472 purposes described in the Farm Management Plan referenced in this instrument.

473 L. Ditches, drainage tiles, and other water conveyance and/or impoundment features may  
474 be lawfully installed, repaired and maintained to support and further enhance the  
475 agricultural purposes cited in this conveyance.

476 M. Construction, installation or relocation of roads and of public or private utilities  
477 including communication services and alternative energy facilities over or under the  
478 Protected Property, that affect the suitability of the Protected Property for agricultural  
479 use, are prohibited, except to the extent necessary to serve the Protected Property and  
480 uses permitted by this Deed and Agreement or unless, as specified in Ordinance 4341,  
481 the King County Council has found it necessary to convey a road or utility easement for  
482 such construction, installation or relocation. **[Insert if State and/or federal funding is  
483 used: Should the King County Council find it necessary to convey a road or  
484 utility easement for which compensation is required, the compensation received  
485 will be distributed between/among the Grantor, Grantee(s) and all Beneficiaries,  
486 if any, according to the distribution method specified in this Deed and  
487 Agreement in the section titled "Condemnation."]** Grantor may not convey any road  
488 or utility easements, including temporary easements, without the express written  
489 permission of the {Local} Grantee.

490 N. Grantor shall not engage in any use or activity that causes or is likely to cause significant  
491 soil degradation or erosion or significant contamination or pollution of any soils or  
492 surface or substrate waters on the Protected Property.

493 O. The creation, enhancement, restoration or preservation of wetlands, fish or wildlife  
494 habitat, or other natural resources for the purpose of, directly or indirectly,  
495 compensating for or mitigating resource losses or damages in any way associated with  
496 actual or potential impacts of development except for impacts caused by Grantor on the  
497 Protected Property ("Compensatory Mitigation") is prohibited on the Protected  
498 Property. Compensatory Mitigation includes, but is not limited to, mitigation banking,  
499 conservation banking, and any other sale or exchange of mitigation credits based on the  
500 creation, restoration, enhancement and/or preservation of such natural resources within  
501 the Protected Property.

502 P. Home occupations or home industries, as defined in Chapter 21A.06 of the King County  
503 Code, or its successor, **[Insert if State funding is used:** which are consistent with the  
504 provisions of RCW 84.34.020(2)] and which are subordinate to the use of the Protected  
505 Property for agricultural purposes, are permitted, provided that:

506 (1.) The home occupation or home industry must be consistent with the size, scale



- 507 and intensity of the existing agricultural use of the Protected Property at the  
 508 date of this Deed and Agreement and must maintain the primacy of and be  
 509 subordinate to the use of the Protected Property for agricultural purposes; and  
 510 (2.) The home industry or home occupation must adhere to the restrictions  
 511 contained in this Deed and Agreement and in Chapter 21A.30 of the King  
 512 County Code, or its successor; and  
 513 (3.) The home industry or home occupation must be owned and operated by the  
 514 property owner or the farm operator; and  
 515 (4.) All activities associated with the home occupation or home industry must  
 516 remain within the building envelope as depicted on the Site Plan (Exhibit B)  
 517 which is attached to this Deed and Agreement; all structures and surfaces  
 518 within the building envelope are subject to the limitation on non-tillable  
 519 surfaces as is specified in Section IV.B. of this Deed and Agreement; and  
 520 (5.) If the home industry is sited in a barn or other agricultural structure, the  
 521 property owner must be able to provide verification that the home industry is  
 522 subordinate to the use of the Protected Property as a farm; and  
 523 (6.) No new structures or surfaces, to be used primarily for the operation of a home  
 524 industry or home occupation, shall be constructed or installed on the Protected  
 525 Property; and  
 526 (7.) Should there be any discrepancy between the covenants and restrictions  
 527 contained in this Deed and Agreement and the restrictions on home industries  
 528 and occupations contained in the King County Code, the more restrictive of the  
 529 two shall prevail.  
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531 **V. Restriction on Use of the Protected Property to Satisfy Conservation and Open Space**  
 532 **Requirements for Development or Use of Other Real Property.** Except as is otherwise  
 533 provided below, in the event that an application is made at any time to a federal, state, or  
 534 local governmental authority for permission to make use of any other real property including,  
 535 but not limited to, real property that is contiguous to any of the Protected Property hereby  
 536 restricted, which proposed use is conditioned by such government authority on the existence  
 537 of a specified quantity of open space or other restrictions on development, the Protected  
 538 Property shall not be used to contribute toward the satisfaction of any such open space  
 539 requirement. This restriction shall not apply if the proposed use of the other real property is  
 540 an agricultural or open space use, as defined herein.  
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543 **ADDITIONAL COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS**  
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545 The Grantors and Grantee{s} further agree as follows:

546 **Conservation Plan.** The Grantor, his/her heirs, successors, or assigns, shall maintain the Land  
 547 and conduct all agricultural operations on the Land in a manner consistent with a Conservation  
 548 Plan, also sometime referred to herein as a “Farm Management Plan”, prepared in consultation with  
 549 the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and which meets the approval standards of  
 550 **[Insert if State funding is used:** the State of Washington, by and through the RCO and] any  
 551 other agency or agencies as designated by the {Local} Grantee. This Conservation Plan shall be  
 552 developed using the standards and specifications of the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide and 7

553 CFR part 12 that are in effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ . However, the Grantor may develop and  
554 implement a management plan that proposes a higher level of conservation and is consistent with  
555 the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide standards and specifications. The {Local} Grantee and the  
556 Beneficiaries, if any, shall have the right to enter upon the Protected Property, with advance notice  
557 to the Grantor, in order to monitor compliance with the Conservation Plan.

558 **[Insert if no federal funding is used:** In the event of noncompliance with the Conservation  
559 Plan, the Grantee shall work with the Grantor to explore methods of compliance and give the  
560 Grantor a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed twelve months, to take corrective action. If  
561 the Grantor does not comply with the Conservation Plan, the Grantee shall take all reasonable  
562 steps (including efforts at securing voluntary compliance and, if necessary, appropriate legal  
563 action) to secure compliance with the Conservation Plan.]

564 **[Insert if the United States is a Grantee or a Third Party Beneficiary:** In the event of  
565 noncompliance with the Conservation Plan, NRCS shall work with the Grantor to explore  
566 methods of compliance and give the Grantor a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed twelve  
567 months, to take corrective action. If the Grantor does not comply with the Conservation Plan,  
568 NRCS will inform {Local} Grantee of the Grantor's noncompliance. The {Local} Grantee shall  
569 take all reasonable steps (including efforts at securing voluntary compliance and, if necessary,  
570 appropriate legal action) to secure compliance with the Conservation Plan following written  
571 notification from NRCS that (a) there is a substantial, ongoing event or circumstance of non-  
572 compliance with the Conservation Plan, (b) NRCS has worked with the Grantor to correct such  
573 noncompliance, and (c) Grantor has exhausted its appeal rights under applicable NRCS  
574 regulations.

575 If the NRCS standards and specifications for highly erodible land are revised after the date of this  
576 Deed and Agreement based on an Act of Congress, NRCS will work cooperatively with the Grantor  
577 to develop and implement a revised Conservation Plan. The provisions of this section apply to the  
578 highly erodible land conservation requirements of the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program  
579 and are not intended to affect any other natural resources conservation requirements to which the  
580 Grantor may be or become subject.]

581 **Covenant Against Encumbrances.** The Grantors covenant that they have not done or  
582 executed, or allowed to be done or executed, any act, deed, or thing whatsoever whereby the  
583 Development Rights hereby conveyed, or any part thereof, now or at any time hereafter, will or  
584 may be charged or encumbered in any manner or way whatsoever.

585 **Subsequent Liens.** No provisions of this Deed and Agreement should be construed as  
586 impairing the ability of The Grantor to use this Protected Property as collateral for a loan,  
587 provided that any mortgage or lien associated with the loan is subject to or subordinated to this  
588 Deed and Agreement.

589 **Responsibilities of Grantor and Grantee{s} Not Affected.** Other than as specified here, this  
590 Deed and Agreement is not intended to impose any legal or other responsibility on Grantee{s} or  
591 in any way affect any existing obligations of Grantor as the owner of the Protected Property.

592 **No Public Rights Conveyed by Deed and Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that, except  
593 as specifically provided herein. Grantor does not grant, expand or extend any rights to the  
594 general public through this Deed and Agreement, including without limitation, any rights of  
595 public access to on or across. or public use of, the Protected Property.

596 **Remedies.** {Local} Grantee has the right to enforce the terms of this Deed and Agreement and  
597 to prevent and correct or require correction of violations of the terms, conditions, restrictions  
598 and covenants of this Deed and Agreement. {Local} Grantee shall have the right to prevent, or

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599 cause Grantor to prevent, any use of, or activity on, the Protected Property that is inconsistent with  
600 the purpose and terms of this Deed and Agreement, including trespasses by members of the public,  
601 and shall have the right to undertake or cause to be undertaken the restoration of such areas or  
602 features of the Protected Property as may be materially damaged by activities contrary to the  
603 provisions hereof. After giving reasonable notice to the possessors of the Protected Property, the  
604 {Local} Grantee or its authorized representative shall have the right to enter from time to time onto  
605 the Protected Property and into structures located thereon for the sole purposes of inspection and  
606 enforcement of the terms, conditions, restrictions and covenants hereby imposed. In addition,  
607 {Local} Grantee shall have the right to enter upon the Protected Property, at a mutually agreeable  
608 date and time and upon prior notice to Grantor, to inspect the Protected Property after major  
609 natural events occur, such as fires, windstorms, and floods. {Local} Grantee shall exercise its  
610 access rights in compliance with applicable law and in a manner that will not materially disturb or  
611 interfere with Grantor's reserved rights, any other person's lawful use of the Protected Property, or  
612 Grantor's quiet enjoyment of the Protected Property.

613 If {Local} Grantee becomes aware of or finds a violation of this Deed and Agreement, {Local}  
614 Grantee may at its discretion take any and all appropriate legal action in law or equity and/or  
615 pursue administrative remedies under the King County Code (KCC) for violations arising under  
616 the provisions of the KCC. Upon discovery of a violation, {Local} Grantee shall notify Grantor  
617 in writing of the violation. Except when an ongoing or imminent violation could, as determined  
618 by {Local} Grantee, seriously impair the Conservation Values of the Protected Property, {Local}  
619 Grantee shall give Grantor written notice of the violation and 30 days to correct it before filing  
620 any legal action, including any administrative activity under the KCC.

621 If Grantor fails to cure the violation within 30 days after receipt of a notice of violation,  
622 {Local} Grantee may (1) seek enforcement under the provisions of the KCC and/or (2) bring an  
623 action in court to enforce the terms of this Deed and Agreement, to enjoin the violation, and to  
624 require restoration of the Protected Property to the condition that existed prior to any such  
625 injury. Grantor agrees that {Local} Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of  
626 this Deed and Agreement are inadequate and that {Local} Grantee shall be entitled to the  
627 injunctive relief described in this Section both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such  
628 other relief to which {Local} Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the  
629 terms of this Deed and Agreement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the  
630 inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. All such actions for injunctive relief may be  
631 taken without {Local} Grantee being required to post bond or provide other security. Where a  
632 court finds that a violation has occurred, Grantor shall reimburse {Local} Grantee for all its  
633 expenses incurred in halting and correcting the violation, including but not limited to actual  
634 costs of restoration, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees. In as much as the actual  
635 damages to the Agricultural Conservation Value that could result from a breach of this Deed and  
636 Agreement by Grantor would be impractical or extremely difficult to measure, the Parties agree  
637 that the money damages {Local} Grantee is entitled to recover from Grantor shall be, at {Local}  
638 Grantee's election, the higher of (i) the amount of economic gain realized by Grantor from  
639 violating the terms of the Deed and Agreement or (ii) the cost of restoring any Agricultural  
640 Conservation Values and/or open space values that have been damaged by such violation. In the  
641 event {Local} Grantee chooses the second of these two measures, Grantor agrees to allow  
642 {Local} Grantee, its agents or contractors, to enter upon the Protected Property and conduct  
643 restoration activities.

644 Enforcement of the terms of this Deed and Agreement shall be at the discretion of the {Local}

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645 Grantee, and any forbearance by {Local} Grantee to exercise its rights under this Deed and  
646 Agreement in the event of any breach of any terms of this Deed and Agreement by Grantor shall  
647 not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by {Local} Grantee of such term or of any of {Local}  
648 Grantee’s rights under this Deed and Agreement. No delay or omission by {Local} Grantee in  
649 the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or  
650 remedy or be construed as a waiver. Moreover, any failure by {Local} Grantee to discover a  
651 violation of this Deed and Agreement or forbearance by {Local} Grantee in exercising its rights  
652 under this Deed and Agreement in the event of any violation of its terms by Grantor shall not be  
653 deemed a waiver by {Local} Grantee of such rights with respect to any subsequent violation. No  
654 waiver or waivers by the {Local} Grantee, or by its successors or assigns, of any breach of a term,  
655 condition, restriction, or covenant contained herein shall be deemed a waiver of any subsequent  
656 breach of such term, condition, restriction or covenant or of any other term, condition, restriction,  
657 or covenant contained herein.

658 **No Alteration or Amendment.** The terms, conditions, restrictions, and covenants contained  
659 herein shall not be altered or amended unless such alteration or amendment shall be made with the  
660 written consent of the {Local} Grantee [**Insert as appropriate: the United States (if a Grantee**  
661 **or Third Party Beneficiary)**] and of [other] Beneficiaries, if any, or their successors or assigns,  
662 and any such alteration or amendment shall be consistent with the purposes of King County  
663 Ordinance No. 4341, as heretofore or hereafter amended. Any amendment to this Deed and  
664 Agreement shall be recorded in the official records of King County, Washington.

665 **Restrictions Binding on Successors and Third Parties.** The Grantors and Grantee{s} agree  
666 that the terms, conditions, restrictions, and covenants contained herein shall be binding upon the  
667 Grantors, their agents, personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and all other successors in interest  
668 to the Protected Property and possessors of the Protected Property, and shall be permanent terms,  
669 conditions, restrictions, covenants, servitudes, and easements running with and perpetually binding  
670 the Protected Property. Any interests in the Protected Property held or obtained by third parties  
671 shall be subordinate to the terms of this Deed and Agreement.

672 **Notice.** Certain provisions of this Deed and Agreement require Grantor to give notice to {Local}  
673 Grantee prior to undertaking certain uses and activities (e.g., Sections [**insert reference numbers**  
674 **of pertinent Sections**]) for the purpose of affording {Local} Grantee an opportunity to adequately  
675 ensure that the proposed use or activity is designed and implemented in a manner that is consistent  
676 with the purpose of this Deed and Agreement. Whenever such notice is required, and no other  
677 timeline for notice is set forth elsewhere in this Deed and Agreement, Grantor shall provide such  
678 notice in writing not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date Grantor intends to undertake the  
679 use or activity in question. The notice shall describe the proposed use or activity in sufficient  
680 detail to permit {Local} Grantee to make an informed judgment as to its consistency with the terms  
681 of the Deed and Agreement. [**Insert if there are Third Party Beneficiaries:** Upon receipt of  
682 such notice, {Local} Grantee shall forward a copy to each Beneficiary to this Deed and  
683 Agreement.] {Local} Grantee shall provide a written response to the notice in a timely manner.  
684 [**Insert if State funding is used: Consent by Third Party Beneficiary Required.** Wherever in  
685 the Deed and Agreement {Local} Grantee’s consent is required, such consent is also required of  
686 the State of Washington, by and through the RCO as a Third Party Beneficiary to this Deed and  
687 Agreement. The RCO shall provide such consent in writing within a reasonable time.]

688 **Consent Not Unreasonably Withheld.** Wherever in this Deed and Agreement a Party’s  
689 consent is required, such consent may be withheld only upon a reasonable determination by the  
690 consenting party that the action as proposed would be inconsistent with the purpose or terms of

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691 this Deed and Agreement and cannot be modified to make the proposed action consistent with the  
692 purpose and terms of this Deed and Agreement. Any consent may include reasonable conditions  
693 consistent with the purpose and terms of this Deed and Agreement that must be satisfied in  
694 undertaking the proposed action, use, or activity.

695 **Addresses for Notices.** Any notice, demand, request, consent, concurrence, approval, or  
696 communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing either  
697 served personally or sent by registered mail or overnight courier with proof of delivery, addressed  
698 as follows:

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700 To Grantor: name  
701 street address  
702 city, state, zip  
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704 To Grantee: name  
705 street address  
706 city, state, zip  
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708 **[Insert as appropriate:**

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710 To RCO: name  
711 street address  
712 city, state, zip  
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714 To NRCS: name  
715 street address  
716 city, state, zip]  
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719 **Transfer of Rights by {Local} Grantee.** The {Local} Grantee agrees that the Development  
720 Rights to the Protected Property shall not be sold, given, divested, transferred, or otherwise  
721 reconveyed in whole or in part in any manner except as provided in King County Ordinance No.  
722 4341, as heretofore or hereafter amended **[Insert as appropriate:** and with the consent of the RCO  
723 **(and NRCS)** prior to initiating said transfer of rights. In the event of such transfer, the  
724 reimbursement due the {Local} Grantee **[Insert as appropriate:** the United States if a funding  
725 contributor] and the Beneficiaries, if any, shall be the percent of the compensation that is equal to  
726 the percent of the {Local} Grantee’s **[Insert as appropriate:** the United States’] and the  
727 Beneficiary/Beneficiaries’ funding that was originally used to acquire the Development Rights  
728 interest as is set forth below in the condemnation provision.] The Grantors, their personal  
729 representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, shall be given the first right of refusal to purchase the  
730 Development Rights in the Protected Property provided such disposition and reconveyance be  
731 lawfully approved.

732 **Subsequent Transfers.** For the purposes of this Section, “Transfer” includes but is not limited  
733 to any sale, grant, lease, hypothecation, encumbrance, assignment, conveyance, or any transaction  
734 the purpose of which is to effect a sale, grant, lease, hypothecation, encumbrance, assignment, or  
735 conveyance. Grantor shall give written notice to the {Local} Grantee of the transfer of any interest  
736 in all or a portion of the Protected Property at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such transfer.

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737 Such notice to {Local} Grantee shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the  
738 prospective transferee or such transferee’s representative. Grantor agrees to: (1) incorporate by  
739 express reference the terms of this Deed and Agreement in any deed or other legal instrument by  
740 which it divests itself of any interest in all or a portion of the Protected Property; and (2) describe  
741 this Deed and Agreement in and append it to, any executory contract for the transfer of any interest  
742 in the Protected Property. The failure of the Grantor to perform any act required by this Section  
743 shall not impair the validity of the Deed and Agreement or limit its enforceability in any way. A  
744 party’s rights and obligations under this Deed and Agreement terminate upon the transfer of the  
745 party’s interest in the Protected Property or this Deed and Agreement, as the case may be, except  
746 that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive transfer.

747 **[Insert as appropriate: Succession.** If {Local} Grantee shall cease to exist, then {Local}  
748 Grantee’s rights and duties hereunder shall become vested and fall upon RCO, who may then assign  
749 **[Insert as appropriate:** with NRCS’s consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld] {Local}  
750 Grantee’s rights and duties hereunder to an organization with a similar mission to that of {Local}  
751 Grantee.]

752 **No Merger.** If {Local} Grantee or the Beneficiaries, if any, at some future time, acquire the  
753 underlying fee title in the Protected Property, the interest conveyed by this Deed and Agreement  
754 will not merge with fee title but will continue to exist and be managed as a separate estate.

755 **Condemnation.** If all or any of the Protected Property is taken by exercise of the power of  
756 eminent domain or acquired by purchase in lieu of condemnation, so as to remove the previously  
757 acquired Development Rights interest, in whole or in part, Grantor and {Local} Grantee shall act  
758 jointly to recover the full value of the interest in the Protected Property subject to that taking or in  
759 lieu purchase and all direct or incidental damages resulting from the taking or in lieu purchase.  
760 **[Insert one of the following:** i) Grantee; ii) Grantee and RCO; iii) {Local} Grantee and the  
761 United States; iv) {Local} Grantee, RCO and the United States] shall be entitled to  
762 compensation in accordance with the following Section, “Valuation,” for the value of the  
763 Development Rights taken and the Grantor shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with  
764 applicable law for the value of the underlying fee title and improvements taken. **[Insert as**  
765 **appropriate:** In the event that {Local} Grantee is the recipient of the proceeds from any  
766 condemnation, then {Local} Grantee shall distribute to **[Insert one of the following: i) RCO; ii)**  
767 **the United States; iii) RCO and the United States]** their respective shares of the proceeds as soon  
768 as is practicable.]

769 **Valuation.** These Development Rights constitute a real property interest immediately vested in  
770 the Grantee{s}. For purposes of this Section, the Parties stipulate that these Development Rights  
771 have a fair market value determined by multiplying (a) the then fair market value of the Protected  
772 Property unencumbered by the Deed and Agreement (minus any increase in value attributable to  
773 improvements on the Protected Property), at the time of termination or extinguishment, as  
774 determined by an appraisal that meets standard real property appraisal methods by (b) the ratio of  
775 the value of the Development Rights at the time of this grant to the value of the Protected Property,  
776 unencumbered by the Deed and Agreement, at the time of this grant. For purposes of this Section,  
777 the Parties agree that the ratio of the value of the Development Rights to the value of the Grantor’s  
778 property unencumbered by the Deed and Agreement at the date of this conveyance is evidenced by  
779 that certain real property appraisal prepared by \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, on file with {Local}  
780 Grantee. This ratio is \_\_\_\_\_(e.g., 0.375) and shall remain constant.

781 **[Insert if RCO is a Third Party Beneficiary:** The amount of compensation entitled to the  
782 RCO shall be the percent of the {Local}Grantee’s share that is equal to the percent of RCO funding

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783 that was originally used to acquire the Development Rights interest, which is\_\_ %. Upon recovery  
784 of the value of these Development Rights, {Local} Grantee shall promptly remit to the RCO its  
785 share of the proceeds.]

786 **[Insert if the United States is a Grantee or a Third Party Beneficiary:** The amount of  
787 compensation entitled to the United States shall be the percent of the {Local} Grantee’s share that  
788 is equal io the percent of federal funding that was originally used to acquire the Development  
789 Rights interest, which is\_\_ %. Upon recovery of the value of these Development Rights, {Local}  
790 Grantee shall promptly remit to the United States its share of the proceeds.]

791 **No Affirmative Obligations; Indemnification.** Grantee{s}, in purchasing the Development  
792 Rights and related interests described herein, assumes no affirmative obligations whatsoever for  
793 the management, supervision or control of the Protected Property or of any activities occurring on  
794 the Protected Property. Grantors shall indemnify Grantee{s} and hold Grantee{s} harmless from  
795 all damages, costs (including, but not limited to, attorneys’ fees and other costs of defense incurred  
796 by Grantee{s}) and other expenses of every kind arising from or incident to any claim or action for  
797 damages, injury, or loss suffered or alleged to have been suffered on or with respect to the  
798 Protected Property. Nothing in his Deed and Agreement shall be construed as giving rise, in the  
799 absence of a judicial decree, to any right or ability in Grantee{s} **[Insert as appropriate:** or any  
800 Beneficiary to this Deed and Agreement] to exercise physical or managerial control over the day-  
801 to-day operations of the Protected Property, or any of Grantor’s activities on the Protected  
802 Property, or otherwise to become an operator with respect to the Protected Property within the  
803 meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
804 1980, as amended (“CERCLA”). This provision shall be binding upon the Grantors for so long as  
805 they hold fee title to the Protected Property, and shall bind their successors in interest to the fee  
806 title to the Protected Property.

807 **Environmental Warranty.** Grantor warrants that it is in compliance with, and shall remain in  
808 compliance with, all applicable Environmental Laws. Grantor warrants that there are no notices by  
809 any governmental authority of any violation or alleged violation of non-compliance or alleged non-  
810 compliance with or any liability under any Environmental Law relating to the operations or  
811 conditions of the Protected Property. Grantor further warrants that it has no actual knowledge of a  
812 release or threatened release of Hazardous Materials, as such substances and wastes are defined by  
813 applicable federal and state law.

814 Moreover, Grantor hereby promises to hold harmless and indemnify the {Local} Grantee **[Insert**  
815 **as appropriate:** the United States **and/or** the Beneficiary(ies), if any,] against all litigation,  
816 claims, demands, penalties and damages, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, arising from or  
817 connected with the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials on, at, beneath or  
818 from the Protected Property, or arising from or connected with a violation of any Environmental  
819 Laws by Grantor or any other prior owner of the Protected Property. Grantor’s indemnification  
820 obligation shall not be affected by any authorizations provided by {Local} Grantee **[Insert as**  
821 **appropriate:** the United States and/or the Beneficiary(ies), if any,] to Grantor with respect to  
822 the Protected Property or any restoration activities carried out by {Local} Grantee at the Protected  
823 Property; provided, however, that {Local} Grantee shall be responsible for any Hazardous  
824 Materials contributed after the date of this Deed and Agreement to the Protected Property by  
825 {Local} Grantee.

826 “Environmental Law” or “Environmental Laws” means any and all Federal, state, local or  
827 municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, guidelines, policies or  
828 requirements of any governmental authority regulating or imposing standards of liability or

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829 standards of conduct (including common law) concerning air, water, solid waste, hazardous  
830 materials, worker and community right-to-know, hazard communication, noise, radioactive  
831 material, resource protection, subdivision, inland wetlands and watercourses, health protection and  
832 similar environmental health, safety, building and land use as may now or at any time hereafter be  
833 in effect.

834 “Hazardous Materials” are as defined in Section IV.E. of this Deed and Agreement.

835 **Remediation.** If, at any time, there occurs, or has occurred, a release in, on, or about the  
836 Protected Property of a hazardous substance, Grantor agrees to take or compel responsible third  
837 parties to take all steps required under applicable law and necessary to assure its containment and  
838 remediation, including any cleanup that may be required (except that the use of institutional  
839 controls shall not be allowed without {Local} Grantee’s consent), unless the release was caused by  
840 {Local} Grantee, in which case {Local} Grantee shall be responsible for such remediation to the  
841 extent the release was caused by {Local} Grantee. At its discretion, {Local} Grantee may assist  
842 Grantor in compelling third parties to contain and remediate any such release.

843 **Warranties.** Grantors warrant that they are the sole owners of and have title to the Protected  
844 Property in fee simple and that there is legal access to the Protected Property. The Grantors further  
845 warrant, to the best of their knowledge, that Grantors and the Protected Property are in compliance  
846 with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and requirements applicable to the Protected  
847 Property and its use.

848 **Rules of Construction.** This Deed and Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the  
849 State of Washington and the United States. Any ambiguities in this Deed and Agreement and  
850 questions as to the validity or interpretation of any of its specific provisions shall be resolved in  
851 favor of the {Local} Grantee so as to preserve the agricultural and open space uses of the Protected  
852 Property and to obtain the goals and objectives expressed in King County Ordinance No. 4341  
853 **[Insert if State funding is used:** and the Farmland Preservation Account as per RCW  
854 79A.15.130]

855 **Severability.** If any section or provision of this Deed and Agreement shall be held by any court  
856 of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, this Deed and Agreement shall be construed as  
857 though such section or provision had not been included in it, and the remainder of this Deed and  
858 Agreement shall be enforced as the expression of the parties’ intentions. If any section or provision  
859 of this Deed and Agreement is found to be subject to two constructions, one of which would  
860 render such section or provision invalid, and one of which would render such section or provision  
861 valid, then the latter construction shall prevail. If any section or provision of this Deed and  
862 Agreement is determined to be ambiguous or unclear, it shall be interpreted in accordance with the  
863 policies and provisions expressed in King County Ordinance No. 4341 **[Insert if State funding is**  
864 **used:** and the Farmland Preservation Account as per RCW 79A.15.130].

865 If any material provision of this Deed and Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or  
866 circumstance, is found to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction or is  
867 superseded by state or federal legislation, rules, regulations or decision, so that the intent of these  
868 provisions is frustrated, the parties agree to immediately negotiate a replacement provision to  
869 fulfill the intent of the superseded provisions consistent with the purpose of this Deed and  
870 Agreement and applicable law.

871 **Entire Agreement.** This Deed and Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the Parties  
872 with respect to the Development Rights and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations,  
873 understandings, or agreements relating to the Development Rights, all of which are merged herein.  
874 No alteration or variation of this Deed and Agreement shall be valid or binding unless contained



875 in an amendment that complies with this Deed and Agreement.

876 **Recitals.** The Parties agree that the terms and recitals set forth in this Deed and Agreement are  
877 material to this Deed and Agreement, and that each Party has relied on the material nature of such  
878 terms and recitals in entering into this Deed and Agreement. Each term and recital set forth herein  
879 is fully incorporated into this instrument.

880 **[Insert if federal funding is used: Rights of the United States of America.** Under this Deed  
881 and Agreement, the same rights are granted to the United States that are granted to the {Local}  
882 Grantee. However, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (the  
883 Secretary), on behalf of the United States, will only exercise these rights under the following  
884 circumstances: in the event that **{insert one of the following: i) {Local} Grantee fails or ii)  
885 {Local} Grantee or RCO fail}** to enforce any of the terms of this Deed and Agreement as  
886 determined in the sole discretion of the Secretary, the Secretary and his or her successors or  
887 assigns may exercise the United States' rights to enforce the terms of this Deed and Agreement  
888 through any and all authorities available under federal or State law. In the event that **{insert one  
889 of the following: i) {Local} Grantee attempts or ii) {Local} Grantee or RCO attempt}** to  
890 terminate, transfer or otherwise divest itself of any rights, title, or interests in this Deed and  
891 Agreement without the prior consent of the Secretary and, if applicable, payment of  
892 consideration to the United States, then, at the option of the Secretary, all right, title, and interest  
893 in this Deed and Agreement shall become vested solely in the United States of America.]

894 **[Insert if RCO is a Third Party Beneficiary: RCO Third Party Right of Enforcement.**  
895 RCO is hereby granted third party right of enforcement of this Deed and Agreement. As such,  
896 RCO may exercise all the rights and remedies provided to {Local} Grantee herein, and is entitled  
897 to all of the indemnifications provided to {Local} Grantee in this Deed and Agreement. RCO and  
898 {Local} Grantee each have independent authority to enforce the terms of the Deed and Agreement;  
899 provided, however, that {Local} Grantee shall have primary responsibility for monitoring and  
900 enforcement of the Deed and Agreement. In the event that RCO and {Local} Grantee do not agree  
901 as to whether the Grantor is complying with the terms of the Deed and Agreement, RCO or  
902 {Local} Grantee may proceed with enforcement actions without the consent of the other. If RCO  
903 elects to enforce the terms of this Deed and Agreement, it shall first follow the process described  
904 in the Section titled "Remedies" above; provided, however, that RCO shall not be obligated to  
905 repeat any non-judicial dispute resolution steps already taken by {Local} Grantee. This third party  
906 right of enforcement does not extend to any other third party and will automatically transfer to  
907 another State agency charged with maintaining, preserving and/or restoring agricultural lands in  
908 the event RCO is dissolved or reorganized.

909 In the event that the Protected Property is used by Grantor in a manner that is not consistent with  
910 the purpose of this Deed and Agreement or the terms of the RCO Grant Agreement, RCO shall  
911 have the right, in addition to any other remedies described in this Deed and Agreement, to require  
912 that Grantor pay to RCO, at RCO's election, the higher of (i) an amount equal to the fair market  
913 value of the Development Rights, which shall be determined and distributed as provided above; or  
914 (ii) an amount equal to the Total Project Cost as specified in the RCO Grant Agreement with  
915 interest due and payable from the date of breach at the rate provided for in RCW 43.17.240, as may  
916 be amended from time to time. Any costs, fees or damages paid by Grantor for enforcement of this  
917 Deed and Agreement or restoration of the Agricultural or Open Space Values of the Protected  
918 Property shall be deducted from this amount. RCO agrees that it will follow the process described  
919 in the Section titled "Remedies" before exercising this right, unless legally compelled to do  
920 otherwise. Any amounts due and owing RCO under this paragraph shall be due and owing within

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921 120 days of receiving a written demand for repayment by RCO. Upon grantor’s repayment of such  
922 amount to RCO, {Local} Grantee and ROC agree to prepare and record, **[Insert if applicable:**  
923 with NRCS’s consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld),] a deed amendment to release  
924 Grantor from any further obligations to RCO or {Local} Grantee under this Deed and Agreement.]

925 **[Insert if RCO is a Third Party Beneficiary and/or if the United States is a Grantee or a**  
926 **Third Party Beneficiary:** Before Grantee{s} or any Beneficiary to this Deed and Agreement  
927 exercises its rights to undertake mediation, arbitration or legal action, the party contemplating  
928 such action agrees to confer with the other parties holding enforcement rights under this Deed  
929 and Agreement as to whether they will join the mediation, arbitration or legal action and share  
930 costs and expenses related to such action; provided, however, that this agreement to confer shall  
931 not be construed as a limitation on the ability of Grantee{s} or any Beneficiary of this Deed and  
932 Agreement to exercise its enforcement and other rights under this Deed and Agreement. If  
933 Grantee{s} and/or any Beneficiary of this Deed and Agreement decide(s) to join in the action and  
934 share costs and expenses related to the action, the parties joining in the action and sharing costs  
935 and expenses related to the action shall apply any recovery to reimburse such parties for their  
936 costs and expenses; provided, however, that any amount received based on loss of value to the  
937 Development Rights or resulting from condemnation and/or extinguishment of the Deed and  
938 Agreement, shall be **{Insert one of the following: i) distributed to RCO; or ii) shared equally**  
939 **by RCO and the United States}** only after reimbursing such parties for their costs and expenses.

940 If Grantee{s} or any Beneficiary of this Deed and Agreement choose{s} not to undertake  
941 mediation, arbitration or legal action and/or share costs and expenses related to such action, such  
942 party shall not be entitled to any recovery for enforcement costs; provided, however, that any  
943 amount received based on loss of value to the Development Rights, or resulting from  
944 condemnation and/or extinguishment of the Development Rights, shall be distributed in  
945 accordance with this Deed and Agreement only after first reimbursing any party for its costs and  
946 expenses that are not otherwise separately paid as part of any arbitration award or judgment.]  
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948 **Schedule of Exhibits. (list the exhibits)**

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950 **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** unto King County, Washington, its successors and assigns  
951 forever.

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953 **[If the United States is a Grantee substitute the following: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD**  
954 **unto King County, Washington, its successors and assigns, and unto the United States of**  
955 **America, forever.]**

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hand and seals the day and year first above written.**

GRANTEE

GRANTORS

KING COUNTY

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BY \_\_\_\_\_

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**[Insert as appropriate: signature blocks for the United States and Third Party Beneficiaries]**

**[Insert Notary acknowledgement(s)]**