



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 26, 2005

Motion 12164

Proposed No. 2005-0306.1

Sponsors Constantine

1 A MOTION relating to the Vashon/Maury Island Rural
2 Stewardship Plan pilot program; requesting a report from
3 the executive outlining the program and possible expansion
4 throughout the rural area, and stating council support for
5 continuation and expansion of the pilot program.

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 WHEREAS, Ordinance 15051 established "rural stewardship plans" as a
mechanism for tailoring environmental protections to local conditions and landowner
goals, and

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 WHEREAS, Ordinance 15051 directed the executive to provide low- or no-cost
technical assistance and resources to landowners to assist in preparing rural stewardship
plans, and

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 WHEREAS, Motion 12037 stated the council's intent to provide technical
assistance and staffing in support of flexible alternatives to "one-size-fits all"
environmental protections, and

17 WHEREAS, the department of development and environmental services
18 ("DDES") and the water and land resource division of the department of natural resources
19 and parks ("WLRD") recently implemented a six-week rural stewardship plan pilot
20 program on Vashon/Maury Island, and

21 WHEREAS, DDES and WLRD created a team approach to provide information
22 regarding permitting and rural stewardship planning to rural residents, and

23 WHEREAS, once a week, DDES and WLRD staff have met with landowners on
24 Vashon/Maury Island, and

25 WHEREAS, the responses of the rural residents to such convenient and easy
26 access to the pilot program staff has been very positive, and

27 WHEREAS, the Vashon/Maury Island pilot program has demonstrated that this
28 approach provides a valuable service to rural residents by enabling them to obtain
29 information regarding permit application requirements and information regarding rural
30 stewardship plans in a convenient location, and

31 WHEREAS, the increased interaction between the rural residents and DDES and
32 WLRD staff have served to increase the mutual understanding of the provisions of the
33 rural stewardship plan program and the challenges faced by rural residents, and

34 WHEREAS, DDES and WLRD staff are working toward additional pilot
35 programs in other areas in rural King County;

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

37 A. The council is aware and appreciative of the efforts of the executive staff,
38 especially those from DDES and WLRD, to work closely with rural residents through the
39 Vashon/Maury Island Rural Stewardship Plan pilot program.

40 B. The council views the Vashon/Maury Island Rural Stewardship Plan pilot
41 program as a model with great potential for providing invaluable service to rural
42 residents.

43 C. The council wishes to obtain information regarding the results of the program
44 as it is used in other areas of rural King County and, therefore, directs DDES and WLRD
45 to implement a pilot program, based on the Vashon/Maury Island model, in the northeast
46 area of rural King County and in the southeast area of rural King County.

47 D. The executive is requested to file with the clerk of the council, for distribution
48 to the chair of the growth management and unincorporated areas committee, by October
49 1, 2005, a joint report regarding status of the program, describing the activities of both
50 agencies and outlining recommendations as to whether the pilot program should be
51 expanded or become a permanent part of the critical areas ordinance implementation and
52 what resources are needed for this program.

53 E. If the recommendation is to expand the program or to maintain the program

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54 the council supports and intends to work with the executive to seek funding in the 2006
55 budget to support and expand this effort.

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Motion 12164 was introduced on 7/11/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/25/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None