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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
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Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is an ordinance authorizing the King County Executive to execute an interlocal cooperation agreement and deed of conveyance with the City of Federal Way, for three open space habitat properties located on Hylebos Creek in Federal Way, off Pacific Highway South.

The Friends of the Hylebos have been working to create public ownership of habitat lands along Hylebos Creek. The Friends of the Hylebos have secured two federal grants, and King County has allocated Conservation Futures Funds towards the protection of three parcels totaling 47.5 acres. King County will transfer the parcels to the City per the terms of the enclosed interlocal cooperation agreement, as the properties are located within the City of Federal Way and should rightfully be maintained by the City.

The three parcels are in different stages of the acquisition process. The first is a one-half acre parcel purchased by the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) at a tax foreclosure sale. The second parcel is a 14.23-acre parcel that DNRP has the right to purchase in November 2004, following the expiration of a redemption period for a Local Improvement District (LID) foreclosure lien on the property. The third is a 32.81-acre parcel to be acquired later this year, following successful completion of a grant agreement between King County, the City, and the granting agency. The proposed interlocal cooperation agreement is structured to allow for transfer of the parcels to the City of Federal Way as King County acquires them.



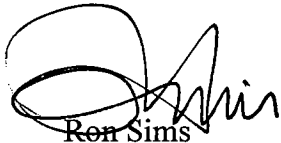
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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Roland, Acquisition Supervisor of the Capital Projects and Open Space Acquisitions Section in the Water and Land Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at (206) 296-7804.

Sincerely,



Ron Sims
King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: David deCourcy, Council Chief of Staff

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Steve Call, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Pam Bissonnette, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

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