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Decision: Approved Sponsored By: Executive Committee

MOTION NO. 12-2

A MOTION implementing recommendations of the School Siting Task Force and amending the Countywide Planning Policies as previously approved by GMPC Motion 11-1.

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council approved Motion 11-2 on September 21, 2011 recommending that the County Executive convene a School Siting Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council set aside proposed policies DP-50, PF-12, PF-18, and PF-19 from the King County Countywide Planning Policies Final Draft, dated June 15, 2011 pending completion of the School Siting Task Force Report; and

WHEREAS, The 30-member Task Force, representing a broad coalition of stakeholders from throughout the region, met regularly from December 2011 through March 2012 and issued a final report by unanimous vote on March 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force made recommendations as to the use or disposition of eighteen properties owned or controlled by King County school districts, and concluded that future school siting should be consistent with VISION 2040.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning Council of King County hereby amends the King County Countywide Planning Policies dated September 21, 2011 with the text and policies in Attachment A and by adding the School Siting Task Force Report in Attachment B as Appendix 5. The Interjurisdictional Staff Team is authorized to make technical changes to the policies, text, maps, and tables such as fixing grammatical errors, correcting spelling, or aligning policy references without changing the meaning.

Dow Constantine, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

Attachment A: Policies and text relating to the siting of facilities and services
Attachment B: Appendix 5, Report of the School Siting Task Force

Motion 12-2 Attachment - A
Policies and Text Relating to the Siting of Facilities and Services

On page 27, after Policy DP-49, insert the following:

DP-50 Except as provided in Appendix 5 (March 31, 2012 School Siting Task Force Report), limit new nonresidential uses located in the Rural Area to those that are demonstrated to serve the Rural Area, unless the use is dependent upon a rural location. Such uses shall be of a size, scale, and nature that is consistent with rural character.

On page 46, after policy PF-11, insert the following:

PF-12 Prohibit sewer service in the Rural Area and on Resource Lands except:

a) where needed to address specific health and safety problems threatening existing structures; or
b) as allowed by Countywide Planning Policy DP-47; or
c) as provided in Appendix 5 (March 31, 2012 School Siting Task Force Report).

Sewer service authorized consistent with this policy shall be provided in a manner that does not increase development potential in the Rural Area.

On page 47, after policy PF-17, insert the following:

Locating Facilities and Services

VISION 2040 calls for a full range of urban services in the Urban Growth Area to support the Regional Growth Strategy, and for limiting the availability of services in the rural area. In the long term, there is increased efficiency and cost effectiveness in siting and operating facilities and services that serve a primarily urban population within the urban growth area. At the same time, those facilities and services that primarily benefit rural populations provide a greater benefit when they are located within neighboring cities and rural towns.

PF-18 Locate schools, institutions, and other community facilities and services that primarily serve urban populations within the urban growth area, where they are accessible to the communities they serve, except as provided in Appendix 5 (March 31, 2012 School Siting Task Force Report). Locate these facilities in places that are well served by transit and pedestrian and bicycle networks.

PF-19 Locate schools, institutions, and other community facilities and services primarily serving rural residents in neighboring cities and rural towns, or as provided in Appendix 5 (March 31, 2012 School Siting Task Force Report).

At the end of page 61, insert a new Appendix 5 (March 31, 2012 School Siting Task Force Report). Include the following text as a preamble to Appendix 5:

On March 31, 2012 the School Siting Task Force issued the following report and recommendations related to 18 undeveloped school sites in King County, and future school siting. Countywide Planning Policies DP-50, PF-12, PF-18 and PF-19 contain references to this report, and in particular the Site Specific Solutions table found on pages 15-19.