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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed motion that, if enacted, would authorize the King County Executive to accept a donation of approximately 0.16 acres of riverfront open space on the Greenwater River near Greenwater, WA, assessed at \$78,000. The Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) will preserve and maintain the land for flood risk reduction purposes.

The King County Flood Hazard Management Plan states that King County is committed to managing its public lands, including vacant floodplain properties, for a variety of public values and benefits, including fish and wildlife habitat, passive recreation, trails, or other purposes that do not create a new risk from flooding and channel migration. In addition, King County's Land Conservation Initiative seeks to protect the remaining high conservation value lands within 30 years.

The proposed legislation would enable DNRP to acquire this open space, removing development potential of a vacant parcel in a high hazard area (floodway). A map showing the location of the property is attached. Passage of this legislation would conserve open space in an unincorporated area and maintain open space in a high hazard location.

This proposed legislation furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of a Healthy Environment by preserving and protecting open space. The proposed legislation also supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan Forests and Agriculture goal by permanently conserving open space in King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed motion. This important legislation will help preserve this acreage for future generations of King County residents.

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If your staff have any questions about this proposed legislation, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director of the Water and Land Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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