

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE renaming parcels 2521059081, 2521059007, 252159018 and 2521059075 within the Green River natural area in honor of Doreen Johnson, to recognize her service, dedication and profound influence in southeast King County.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Doreen Davis Johnson was born in 1929. She attended Puyallup High School, graduated from the University of Washington and married Howard Johnson in 1949.
2. Doreen and Howard Johnson lived in Auburn, then the Enumclaw plateau and raised three daughters, Jerene, Colleen and Nora. In addition to raising her family, Doreen Johnson dedicated her life to education and the environment.
3. Doreen Johnson was an expert in rhododendrons and enjoyed teaching people about them. She worked at Lake Tapps Rhododendrons and wrote for the Tacoma Rhododendron Society newsletter.
4. Beginning in 2003, Doreen Johnson donated the use of her family's property to the Pierce County Emergency Food Network to be used as Mother Earth Farm, supplying one hundred thousand pounds of organically grown food annually for community food banks.
5. From 1990 to 1994, Doreen Johnson was instrumental in the establishment of King County's first growth management comprehensive plan that designated the county's urban growth area, agricultural production districts and mineral resource lands. She served on the rural area task

force to identify and designate the rural area of King County.

6. For fifteen years, Doreen Johnson reviewed all forest practice applications in King County for the Washington Environmental Council, working with timber interests to protect stream and wildlife habitat.

7. From 1998 through 2004, Doreen Johnson served on committees for Water Resource Inventory Area 9 and Water Resource Inventory Area 10, helping develop salmon habitat plans for recovering the threatened chinook salmon population of the Green/Duwamish and White rivers. She was instrumental in leveraging millions of dollars to protect salmon habitat in the Middle Green river, including leading the preservation of the headwaters of Icy creek, the acquisition of the Kanaskat, O'Grady and Metzler reaches, and the creation of the one-thousand-acre Green River natural area.

8. In 2007, the King County executive awarded Doreen Johnson a Green Globe Award for her work to protect and improve King County's environment.

9. The King County community owes Doreen Johnson a great amount of gratitude for her service to King County and her leadership in protecting critical habitat and preserving valuable open spaces.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Doreen Johnson is honored and memorialized by renaming parcels 2521059081, 2521059007, 252159018 and 2521059075 within the Green River natural area as the Doreen Johnson conservation area.

SECTION 2. The executive shall include the Doreen Johnson conservation area designation in the King County geographic information system and on printed maps, as these are updated over time. Doreen Johnson conservation area signage shall be provided at trailheads, parking areas and entry points, where appropriate.