



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**May 29, 2002**

**Motion 11439**

**Proposed No.** 2002-0200.2

**Sponsors** Edmonds and Phillips

1           A MOTION requesting the conservation futures citizens  
2           committee to undertake additional oversight responsibilities  
3           pertaining to King County's conservation futures program.  
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6           WHEREAS, conservation futures tax levy funds are collected by King County as  
7           a dedicated portion of the property tax and are, by statute, available only for the  
8           acquisition of open space and natural resource lands, and

9           WHEREAS, Ordinance 13717 describes a process for the annual distribution of  
10          conservation futures funds, which includes an allocation of conservation futures funds by  
11          the council after receiving a recommendation from the conservation futures citizens  
12          committee, and

13          WHEREAS, implementation of a conservation futures-funded project by a city or  
14          King County agency may require a change in the original project scope and the review  
15          and recommendation of such scope changes by the conservation futures citizens  
16          committee will assist King County in furthering completion of such a project, and

17 WHEREAS, an annual project progress report by the conservation futures citizen  
18 committee will assist King County in furthering the completion of projects and in  
19 reallocating funds from uncompleted to previously-approved projects with funding  
20 shortfalls or to new projects; and

21 WHEREAS, King County is seeking to encourage partnerships among  
22 jurisdictions in order to provide greater flexibility in meeting the conservation futures  
23 local matching funds requirement to assist them in purchasing open space lands in their  
24 communities.

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

26 The conservation futures citizens committee is requested to:

27 1. Review and make recommendations to the executive and the council on scope  
28 change requests for projects funded by conservation futures tax levy funds;

29 2. Develop a recommendation for an annual reporting process to the council and  
30 executive on the status of conservation futures-funded projects. The recommendation  
31 shall be submitted to the council by December 1, 2002, for approval by motion and shall  
32 consider the following:

33 a. The status of uncompleted conservation futures projects which have extended  
34 beyond two years of their authorization date with unexpended fund balances; and

35 b. The criteria for recommending the disappropriation of funds from  
36 uncompleted projects or the reallocation of funds from uncompleted to previously-  
37 approved projects with funding shortfalls or to new projects;

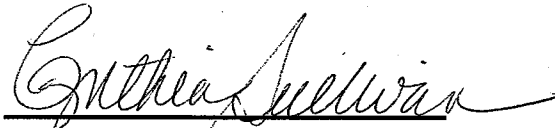
38 3. Review and make recommendations on the local matching funds requirements  
39 found in Ordinance 13717 to allow for matching contributions from project partners; and

40                   4. Review the state statute pertaining to the conservation futures tax (RCW  
41 84.04.230) and make recommendations to the council on expanding the use of the  
42 conservations futures tax and/or increasing the levy rate.  
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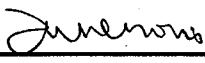
Motion 11439 was introduced on 5/6/2002 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/28/2002, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments       None