



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion 16503

**Proposed No.** 2023-0437.1

**Sponsors** Dembowski

1                   A MOTION approving a forest carbon credit approval  
2                   report in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 18.35.

3                   WHEREAS, in May 2019, the executive launched a pilot forest carbon program,  
4 which involves voluntary payments to King County for carbon credits generated by  
5 preserving forests so they can continue to store carbon, and

6                   WHEREAS, in the pilot forest carbon program, King County acquired lands and  
7 created a forest carbon project through which 37,375 Verified Emissions Reductions  
8 Credits were verified in June 2022 from the King County Rural Forest Carbon Project  
9 (Verified Carbon Standard Project 1911), and

10                  WHEREAS, in October 2023, Ordinance 19671 related to the establishment and  
11 administration of the forest carbon program was enacted, which established new code in  
12 K.C.C. chapter 18.35, and

13                  WHEREAS, in the pilot forest carbon program, King County sold 22,068 forest  
14 carbon credits before the October 22, 2023, effective date of K.C.C chapter 18.35  
15 established by Ordinance 19671, and

16                  WHEREAS, King County desires to sell the remaining 15,307 verified credits to  
17 generate revenue for additional forest conservation, and

18                  WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 18.35 requires the executive to transmit a forest  
19 carbon credit approval report that provides details on the carbon project, including its

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20 location, the type of project, the protocol or methodology used to verify the carbon  
21 credits, and the number of verified credits created before any sales of carbon credits, and

22 WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 18.35 requires that carbon credits from projects  
23 described in a forest carbon credit approval report not be sold or transferred until a  
24 motion approving a report is passed;

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

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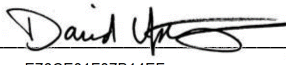
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26           The forest carbon credit approval report, Attachment A to this Motion, is  
27 approved.


Motion 16503 was introduced on 12/12/2023 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/12/2023, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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**Attachments:** A. Forest Carbon Credit Approval Report

## Forest Carbon Credit Approval Report

King County Code (KCC) chapter 18.35 requires a Forest Carbon Credit Approval Report be approved by the King County Council prior to the sale or transfer of carbon credits by the Department of Natural Resources and Parks.

**Project: King County Rural Forest Carbon Project Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Project 1911**

A batch of carbon credits from VCS Project 1911 was verified in June 2022, prior to the adoption of Ordinance 19671.<sup>1,2</sup> Approximately 60 percent of the credits were sold under the pilot phase of the forest carbon program, and 40 percent remain to be sold.

<b>Project Name</b>	King County Rural Forest Carbon Project (VCS Project 1911)
<b>Project Location</b>	96 properties, totaling 1,272.5 acres, throughout King County (Figure 1 and Table 1)
<b>Project Type</b>	Forestry sector, Improved Forest Management
<b>Protocol or Methodology Used to Verify Carbon Credits</b>	Verified Carbon Standard Methodology VM0012 Improved Forest Management in Temperate and Boreal Forests (LtPF) v1.2 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Number of verified credits created</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 37,375 verified credits created on June 22, 2022</li> <li>• 22,068 credits sold prior to October 22, 2023</li> <li>• 15,307 credits remaining to sell</li> </ul>

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<sup>1</sup> "Verified carbon credits" are those carbon credits that have undergone an independent third-party assessment of greenhouse gas emission reductions or removals that have occurred as a result of the carbon project.

<sup>2</sup> VM0012 [\[Link\]](#)

<sup>3</sup> Carbon Credits from VCS Project 1911 [\[Link\]](#)

# King County Forest Carbon Program Rural Project (VCS)

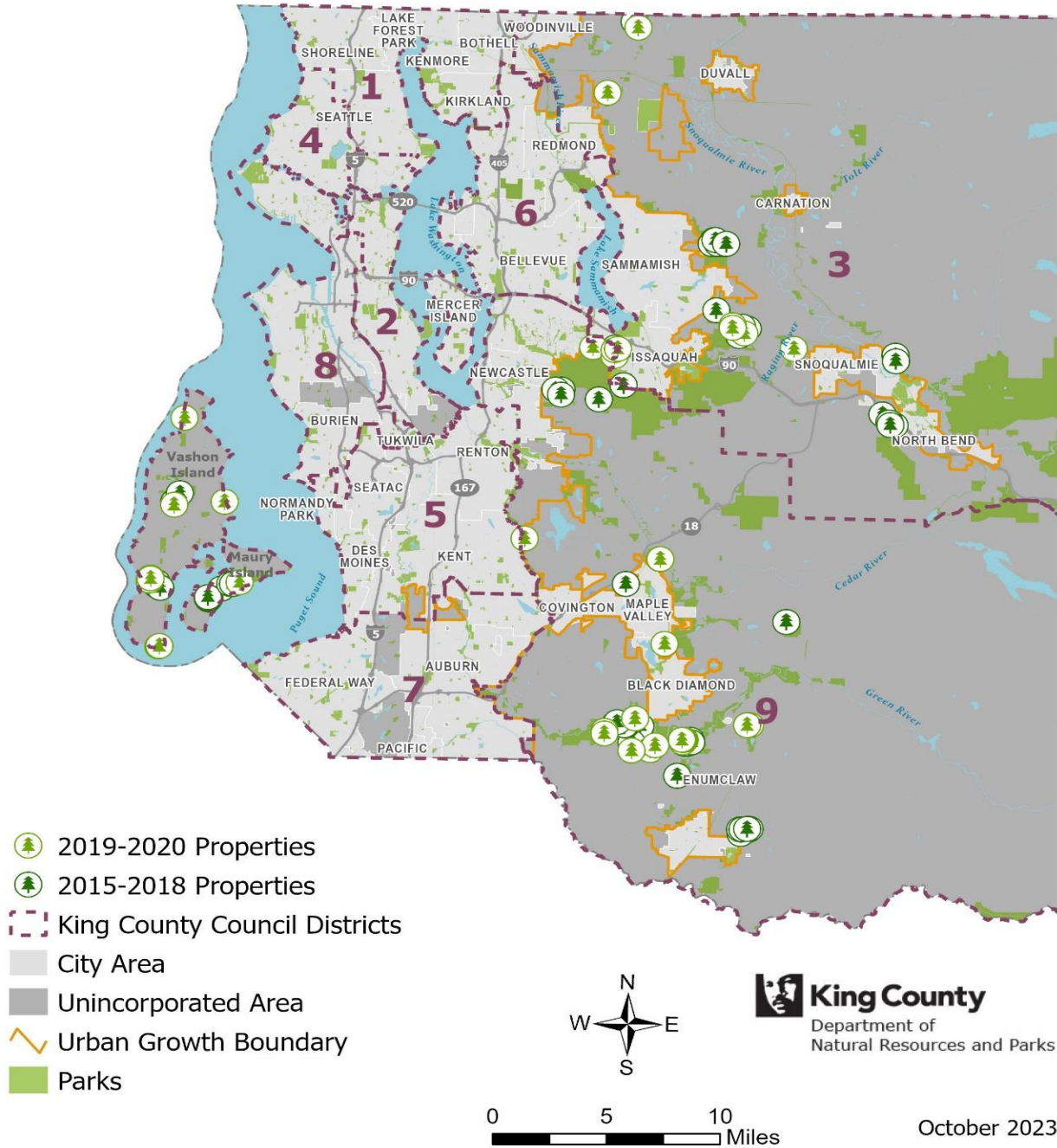


Figure 1. Location of King County Rural Forest Carbon Project Sites.

Table 1. Rural Forest Carbon Project Sites.

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2922039006	2015
2922039007	2015
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1324069042	2015
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7327710030	2016
2621069071	2017
2621069072	2017
2621069073	2017
2621069074	2017
0220069009	2017
3224069015	2017
1724079011	2017
2525069011	2017
2525069013	2017
2525069017	2017
2525069018	2017
2525069082	2017

<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Acquisition Year</b>
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3422079091	2017
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0223059001	2018
0223059002	2018
0223059004	2018
2821069004	2018
2422029016	2018
2522029115	2018
2020079002	2018
2020079006	2018
2020079007	2018
2020079008	2018
2020079020	2018
2020079023	2018
3321069025	2018
2621069075	2019
2621069076	2019
2924069010	2019
2924069021	2019
2924069031	2019
2322029035	2019
2322029036	2019
2322029199	2019
2921079039	2019
2921079062	2019
3421069007	2019
1824079012	2019
1824079114	2019
1924079001	2019
0526069039	2019
0122029004	2019
2621069077	2020
2621069078	2020
1531000010	2020
2121069019	2020
1823039092	2020
3024069029	2020

<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Acquisition Year</b>
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2085200980	2020
2085200985	2020
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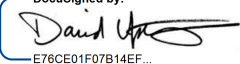
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