



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 18, 2012**

**Ordinance 17346**

**Proposed No. 2012-0068.1**

**Sponsors Phillips**

1 AN ORDINANCE renaming the Maple Ridge Highlands  
2 Open Space to reflect two distinct areas with historical  
3 community identity: Danville-Georgetown Open Space and  
4 Henry's Ridge Open Space.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

7 A. King County obtained the Maple Ridge Highlands Open Space as a condition  
8 of the Polygon Four-to-One development proposal, which was approved in 1997 as an  
9 amendment to the King County Comprehensive Plan. The Four-to-One program required  
10 the Polygon project to dedicate to King County four acres of open space land for every  
11 one acre of land given urban development potential along the county's urban growth  
12 boundary.

13 B. The Polygon Four-to-One Open Space was dedicated to the county in phases  
14 from 2000 to 2005 upon recording of the plats of the Maple Ridge Highlands  
15 development. The open space area is presently named for that development.

16 C. The Danville-Georgetown Open Space is named for the Danville Mine, one of  
17 the first coal mines in the area, and for the area's former town of Georgetown. It also  
18 encompasses the Rock Creek Natural Area and Landsburg Reach. Henry's Ridge Open

19 Space is named for an area featuring entertainment establishments such as dance halls  
20 and boat rentals, which was an attraction for miners from surrounding towns.

21 D. Public response to an on-line questionnaire on the King County parks and  
22 recreation division website about renaming this open space was overwhelmingly in favor  
23 of this proposal.

24 E. The county council is authorized to designate the name of any park or open  
25 space established by the county under RCW 36.32.430.

26 F. The sole purpose of this ordinance is to rename this site as authorized under  
27 RCW 36.32.430 and in furtherance of agency organization, reorganization, internal  
28 operational planning or coordination of plans or functions as contemplated under WAC  
29 197-11-800(14)(h).

30 SECTION 2. The King County council hereby renames the Maple Ridge

31 Highlands Open Space as Danville-Georgetown Open Space and Henry's Ridge Open  
32 Space.  
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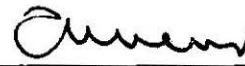
Ordinance 17346 was introduced on 3/5/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 6/18/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.  
McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

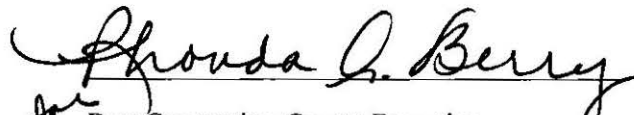
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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

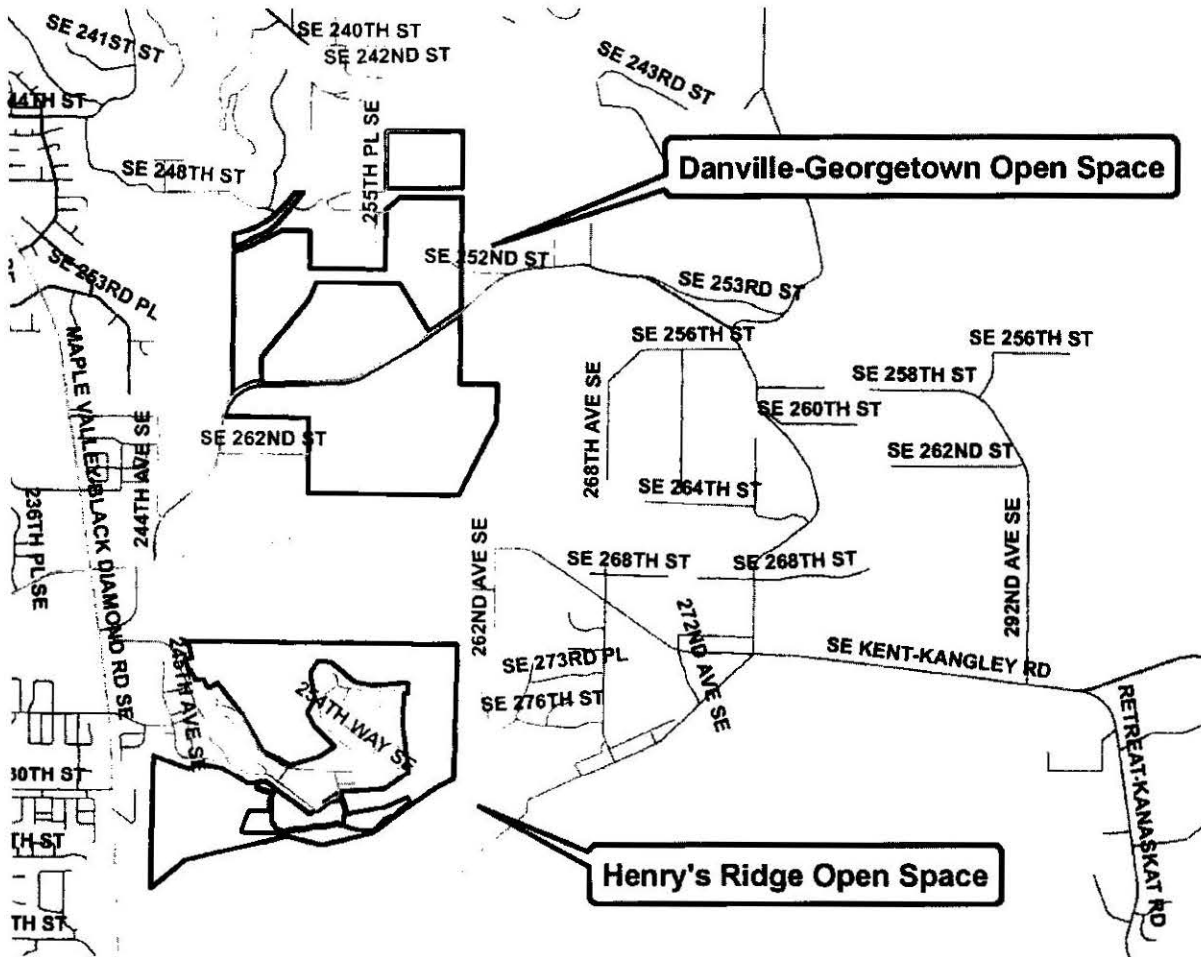
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Dow Constantine, County Executive

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**Attachments:** A. Maple Ridge Highlands Open Space Map with Proposed Changes, B. Historical  
Background

### Maple Ridge Highlands Open Space Map with Proposed Changes



**Historical Background for the Danville-Georgetown and Rock Creek Natural Areas,  
and Henry's Ridge**

Maple Valley's early history is tied to coal mining; however, there are relatively few remaining intact historic sites (be it mines, buildings, etc.) associated with this important industry. Therefore, naming open space areas in honor of the people who shaped this place, as well as the places themselves, keeps this history alive.

The proposal to name the area north of Kent-Kangley Road the Danville-Georgetown Open Space is appropriate because it commemorates the Danville Mine, formally located to the east of the open space, and the community of Georgetown, which was located to the southeast. The area previously known as Georgetown was once owned by the Northwest Improvement Company, a subsidiary of the Northern Pacific Railroad and today is part of the community of Ravensdale. The Rock Creek Natural Area could also appropriately be called Danville-Georgetown as it was all part of the same historical landscape.

The railroads which were brought in to move coal were instrumental in shaping initial development of Maple Valley. Early 20<sup>th</sup> century Kroll maps note the location of "Henry's Switch" where the tracks of the Northern Pacific Railroad and the Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad crossed. This switch was just off the southwest corner of the open space area proposed to be named Henry's Ridge Open Space, thus also a site that was important in the early history of Maple Valley.