

MOTION NO. 2282

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3 A MOTION relating to the Watershed and Flood  
4 Control Projects for the Green River Valley.

5 WHEREAS, since the 1950's King County, in collaboration with  
6 the affected local governments, has exercised continuing  
7 responsibility for flood control and mitigation in the Green River  
8 Valley, and

9 WHEREAS, in 1960 King County joined with the cities of Auburn  
10 Kent, Renton and Tukwila and the Soil Conservation District and  
11 Flood Control Zone District as sponsors of the East and West  
12 Green River Watershed Projects to address identified storm-water  
13 related drainage problems, and

14 WHEREAS, in 1966 Congressional authorization was granted to  
15 the Soil Conservation Service to proceed with these watershed  
16 projects, and

17 WHEREAS, by 1972 the construction of the first phase of the  
18 projects, the Black River Discharge Facility, was complete, and

19 WHEREAS, in 1973 the Soil Conservation Service proposed to  
20 the local sponsors of the watershed projects that certain non-  
21 structural measures such as the preservation and enhancement of  
22 wetlands and wildlife habitat be added to the scope as a condition  
23 of proceeding with the projects, and

24 WHEREAS, due to increased flowage requirements made  
25 necessary by the watershed projects in 1965, King County requested  
26 the Corps of Engineers to study the alternatives available to  
27 expand the channel capacity of the Green and Duwamish Rivers, and

28 WHEREAS, in 1971, after preliminary alternatives had been  
29 identified by the Corps. King County requested that the study  
30 be expanded to include green belts, parks and trails, thereby  
31 providing a joint flood control/recreation development project  
32 along the Green and Duwamish Rivers between Allentown and  
33 Auburn, and

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WHEREAS, in 1971 the Corps of Engineers suspended their study until such a plan could be developed by the County and the Valley cities, and

WHEREAS, today the Green River Valley is a unique natural resource providing substantial agricultural, recreation, open space and industrial benefits to the Central Puget Sound Region, and,

WHEREAS, the Watershed and Flood Control Projects represent a viable approach to providing flood and drainage protection to the residents and property owners of the Valley while ensuring to the fullest extent possible that the agricultural benefits of the Valley will be preserved,

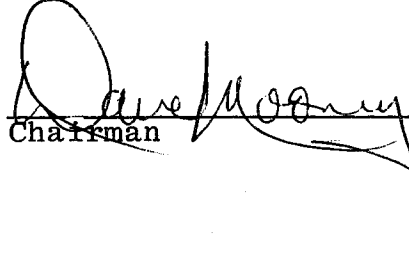
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

1. In order to determine the most effective means to implement the Watershed and Corps of Engineers Flood Control Projects the County Executive is hereby requested to carry out the studies outlined in the attached work program by December 31, 1976.

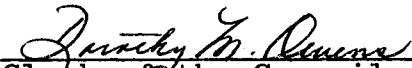
2. The County Executive is further authorized to submit a motion should additional funds be required to carry out this work program.

PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day January, 1976.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council

GREEN RIVER WATERSHED  
AND  
DRAINAGE PLAN SUPPORT PROJECT

SCOPE OF WORK  
(Objective and Work Program Elements)

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Development of functional plans necessary to effectuate implementation strategies for the Soil Conservation Service Green River Watershed Project in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers Levee Project and related plans and studies in the Green River Valley.

Work Program Elements

I. Green River Watershed Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

A. Tasks

1. Establish liasion with local sponsors, outside agencies and public.
2. Identify "pre-draft" EIS issues to be addressed in draft EIS.
3. Establish County responsibilities and requirements for assisting SCS in EIS preparation.
4. Develop completion timetable for draft EIS in conjunction with the SCS.

B. Product

Local sponsor input to draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Soil Conservation Service

II. Green River Watershed Project Financing Plan

A. Tasks

1. Inventory estimates of project costs and local sponsor participation
2. Re-evaluate local sponsor participation relative to current conditions
3. Establish local sponsor share
4. Determine role of Flood Control Zone District in financing plan
5. Coordinate and establish individual local sponsor contribution
6. Develop financing alternatives
7. Recommend preferred financing plan

B. Product

Submittal of financing proposal to legislative bodies of local sponsors for implementation of drainage project.

III. Green River Watershed Drainage Project Mitigation Program

A. Tasks

1. Coordination with local sponsors and public to establish mitigation program issues and concerns
2. Isolate "critical" wetland areas
3. Evaluate extent of desired wetland areas and possible substitutions with identified areas
4. Interface mitigation acreages with open space considerations, agriculture uses, greenbelt concept and urban uses.
5. Establish plan to relate wetlands in a coordinated meaningful manner
6. Develop wetland acquisition timetable and local responsibility for acquisition
7. Integrate mitigation program with other comprehensive planning studies such as the agriculture, preservation and support study.

B. Product

Implementation strategy for mitigation program.

IV. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Levee Project

A. Tasks

1. Develop base file on levee project and greenbelt plan
2. Evaluate land use plans and policy in Green River Valley - before, now and potential for future
3. Document development trends and correlation with City, County and regional policy and forecasts
4. Develop existing and projected land use information data
5. Integrate levee project with drainage project work program tasks
6. Establish liasion with Corps and levee study
7. Preliminary examination of levee alternatives, project phasing, greenbelt concept and fiscal impact of levee project

B. Product

Recommendation to the Corps on levee project and assistance in carrying out other support activities for this project

## ACTIVITY BUDGET

Department of Public Works		
Hydraulics Division		
Project Coordinator @ 11 months	20,399	
Cartographer/Illustrator @ 11 months	14,184	
Secretary I @ 1/2 time for 11 months	4,513	
Division of Planning		
Planner II @ 11 months	18,023	
Department of Budget & Program Development		
Program Coordinator II (Economist) @ 11 months	18,023	
Salary & Wages + Benefits		75,142
Supplies		3,000
Contribution to Cities		10,000
Total Project Cost		88,142