

MOTION NO. 2583

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2 A MOTION authorizing the County Executive
3 to transmit a Letter of Intent to sponsor
4 the Green-Duwamish River Levee Improvement
5 Project.

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

10 WHEREAS, since the 1950's King County, in collaboration with
11 the affected local governments, has exercised continuing responsi-
12 bility for flood control and mitigation in the Green River
13 Valley, and

14 WHEREAS, in 1965, due to increased flowage requirements
15 made necessary by the SCS Drainage Project, King County requested
16 the Corps of Engineers to study the alternatives available to
17 expand the channel capacity of the Green and Duwamish Rivers,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, in 1971, after preliminary alternatives had been
20 identified by the Corps, King County requested that the study be
21 expanded to include green belts, parks and trails, thereby pro-
22 viding a joint flood control/recreation development project
23 along the Green and Duwamish Rivers between Allentown and Auburn,
24 and

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

28 WHEREAS, the Green/Duwamish Levee Project represents a
29 viable approach to providing flood and drainage protection to
30 the residents and property owners of the Valley while ensuring
31 to the fullest extent possible that the agriculture and recreation
32 benefits of the Valley can be preserved, and
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1 WHEREAS, in January 1976, by Motion 2282 the County Council
2 requested the County Executive to determine the most effective
3 means to implement the Corps' project, and

4 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has requested further
5 correspondence indicating the County's intent to sponsor the
6 levee project before requesting Congressional authorization and
7 commencing additional studies necessary to implement the Levee
8 Project,

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

10 The County Executive is hereby authorized to transmit to
11 the Seattle District, Corps of Engineers, a letter of intent
12 indicating King County's willingness to sponsor the Green/
13 Duwamish River Levee Improvement Project.

14 BE IT FURTHER MOVED:

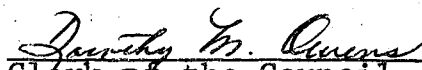
15 Before establishing the final scope of the project, the
16 County Executive is authorized to give special consideration to
17 the feasibility of set-back levees to permit the development of
18 a Green River Parkway, and is requested to develop a riverside
19 recreation plan as a part of levee improvement studies.

20 PASSED this 6th day of July, 1976.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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25 Chairman

26 ATTEST:

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28 Clerk of the Council