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Introduced by:
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MOTION NO. 4963

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2 A MOTION adopting A River of Green as a general planning
3 guide for future river related recreation and open space
4 planning in the Green River corridor and endorsing the
5 concept of setback levees, including specific setback
6 sites, for future levee feasibility studies by the Corps
7 of Engineers in the lower Green River Valley.

8 WHEREAS, King County and the Green River Valley cities are local sponsors
9 of the Green River Basin Program -- a comprehensive surface water and drainage
10 management program for the basin; and

11 WHEREAS, a major element of the basin program is the Corps of Engineers
12 levee feasibility studies designed to reduce flooding problems in the lower
13 Green River Valley; and

14 WHEREAS, King County, the local sponsor of the Corps levee studies, and
15 the Valley cities have requested the Corps levee studies incorporate recrea-
16 tion and multi-purpose features and include analysis of alternatives in which
17 levees are set back away from the river's edge; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1979 King County completed and transmitted to the Corps a
19 river recreation study called A River of Green which identified valuable
20 recreation opportunities, potential setback levee areas and general diking
21 guidelines for the purpose of assisting the Corps in future levee study
22 planning; and

23 WHEREAS, the Corps has recently requested additional assurances from
24 King County and the Valley cities in the form of a coordinated, official
25 recognition of A River of Green and the concept of setback levees so that the
26 levee study can progress to the next level of completion; and

27 WHEREAS, the Green River Basin Executive Committee which oversees the
28 development of the basin program has, at a regular meeting in May 1980, adopted
29 A River of Green as the guide for future levee alignment and design studies by
30 the Corps of Engineers and recommended that King County and the City of Kent
31 take action to officially recognize the setback levee sites identified in
32 A River of Green in their jurisdictions; and

33 WHEREAS, three of the eight identified setback sites are in unincorporated King County including the Auburn narrows site, Housing bend beach site and the Horsehead bend site:

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

2 1. King County adopts A River of Green as a general planning guide for
3 future river related recreation and open space planning and park development
4 programming in the Green River corridor.

5 2. King County, as coordinating local sponsor of the Corps of Engi-
6 neers levee feasibility studies in the lower Green River Valley, endorses the
7 concepts of setback levees and multi-purpose public benefits for the project
8 and requests that Corps of Engineers levee planning recognize those objectives
9 in future feasibility studies.

10 3. King County recognizes the following unincorporated sites identi-
11 fied in A River of Green as having the greatest potential to be incorporated
12 into setback dike alignments and requests the Corps of Engineers include analy-
13 sis of these areas in future feasibility studies of setback levee alternatives.

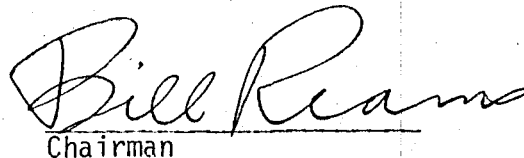
14 a. Auburn Narrows Site (Sections 16 and 17 Township 21N Range 5E)

15 b. Housing Bend Beach Site (Section 8 Township 21N Range 5E)

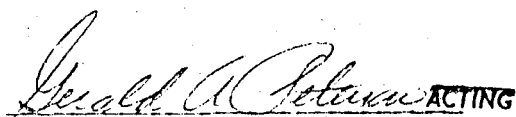
16 c. Horeshead Bend Site (Section 30 Township 22N Range 5E)

17 PASSED this 21st day of July, 1980.

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19 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
20 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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22 Chairman

23 ATTEST:

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26 Gerald A. Polansky ACTING
Clerk of the Council