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MOTION NO 6991

A MOTION requesting the Department of Parks, Planning and Resources to prepare and implement a conservation easement program and authorizing the Council Chair to execute a contract with Northwest Institute for Historic Preservation.

WHEREAS, the King County council's conservation easement program recently demonstrated that conservation easements are a viable means for acquiring the limited development rights of private land in the county by using federal income tax incentives,

WHEREAS, the conservation easement demonstration program also identified a number of opportunities to obtain easements which will result in the preservation of county wetlands, open space and other sensitive lands,

WHEREAS, the King County Comprehensive Plan recognizes and encourages the use of, among other planning tools, conservation easements to preserve wetlands, open space and other sensitive lands in King County,

WHEREAS, there remain issues to be addressed on how conservation easements can best be integrated into the county's existing programs for protecting resource and other sensitive lands,

WHEREAS, wetlands, open space and other sensitive lands frequently cross jurisdictional boundaries and cooperation on the use of conservation easements is one method of protecting these resources,

WHEREAS, several non-profit environmental organizations have expertise in the use of conservation easements and these organizations can assist King County in using such conservation easements;