

Signature Report

May 16, 2000

Motion 10936

Proposed No. 1999-0462.2

Sponsors Phillips and Derdowski

1 A MOTION adopting Three Forks Natural Area Executive
2 Proposed Master Plan.
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6 WHEREAS, King County has acquired four hundred eighteen acres of
7 undeveloped and developed land along the county's largest river system, and

8 WHEREAS, the land surrounding the confluence of the three branches of the
9 Snoqualmie river outside North Bend and Snoqualmie is a fragile riparian area deserving
10 preservation for the benefit of current and future citizens of King County, and

11 WHEREAS, the Three Forks Natural Area is a strategically located wildlife
12 corridor connecting the Cedar River Watershed, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and
13 the Mt. Si Natural Resource Conservation Area, and

14 WHEREAS, three of King County's park and recreation's trails, the Snoqualmie
15 Valley, Preston-Snoqualmie and Snoqualmie Valley Trail Extension, converge at Three
16 Forks Natural Area, and

17 WHEREAS, King County has appropriated funds to prepare a master plan for this
18 natural area, and

19 WHEREAS, King County parks and recreation prepared, and the council has
20 adopted Motion 9925, the park program plan for Three Forks Natural Area, and

21 WHEREAS, the department of construction and facilities management has
22 prepared a master plan for the natural area based upon the adopted park program plan,
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24 WHEREAS, King County has held over seven public meetings and solicited
25 public comments, during the formulation of the master plan, and

26 WHEREAS, the master plan interweaves the conscious stewardship of the scenic
27 and natural resources of the site with the needs and desires of the community and King
28 County, and

29 WHEREAS, the master plan divides the site into land classification units
30 established in the King County park comprehensive plan, including: A. natural areas; B.
31 passive recreation areas; C. special management habitat preservation areas; and D.
32 staging areas (parking), and

33 WHEREAS, some limited portions of Three Forks Natural Area has been in
34 greenchop production in support of King County and Snoqualmie valley agriculture, and

35 WHEREAS, the master plan has been reviewed for potential adverse
36 environmental impacts under the state Environmental Policy Act, and a determination of
37 nonsignificance has been issued on this master plan;

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

39 The attached Three Forks Natural Area Executive Proposed Master Plan is hereby
40 adopted.

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Motion 10936 was introduced on 8/30/99 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/15/00, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Fimia, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Pullen, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons

No: 6 - Ms. Miller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels and Mr. Gossett

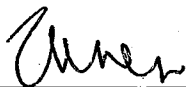
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Three Forks Natural Area Executive Proposed Master Plan and Amendments adopted by the Natural Resources, Parks and Open Space Committee on March 21, 2000 and by the Metropolitan King County Council on May 15, 2000

Passed by N.R.P.O. 5 3/21/00

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March 20, 2000
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Sponsor: _____
Larry Phillips

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AMENDMENT TO THE ATTACHMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 1999-0462, dated May, 1998.

On Page II-1, under the heading "Recommended Site Uses", delete "(non-motorized/car top access)".

Following page II-2 and Figure 2-1, amend Figure 2-2 by deleting "Water Access, small non-motorized boat put-in below and between bridges. Foot trail to access point."

On Page II-7, under the heading "Water Access", delete "Norman Bridge Put-in (between Norman Bridge and the vehicular bridge along 428th Avenue SE) - formalize foot access trail down to the water, provide information signage and shoreline improvements for small non-motorized boats and fishing access".

Page II-25, under the heading "Highest Priority", delete "boat launch".

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Effect: These amendments delete the "non-motorized boat put-in" proposal located at Norman Bridge.

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Sponsor: David W. Irons
David W. Irons

AMENDMENT TO THE ATTACHMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 1999-0462,
dated May, 1998.

On Page II-25, delete the entire page titled "Phasing and Priorities" and insert the following:

Capital Projects

Highest priority capital improvement projects are recommended as follows (Note: Dollar amount includes estimates for taxes, design, contingencies and administration).

Project List:

- **Old School Site** improvements including parking lot, seasonal restrooms, gateway entry sign, landscape plantings \$ 58,730.00
 - **Vista Point** improvements including parking lot, restrooms, entry signs, ADA accessible trail, interpretative signage kiosk, picnic tables and landscape planting \$ 55,230.00
 - **North Fork Loop Trail** with interpretation.....\$118,860.00
 - **Reinig Road** pedestrian/equestrian trail.....\$378,224.00
 - **Re-vegetation** of most highly damaged areas.....\$196,000.00
 - **Re-vegetation of 300' wide wildlife corridor** in greenchop area.....\$156,800.00
 - Secondary natural area identification sign (1) with Boundary emblems.....\$ 2,800.00
 - Gateway Signage (2)\$ 7,840.00
 - Boundary Emblems\$ 4,200.00
- SUBTOTAL \$ 978,684.00

Potential Future Projects:

Funding for development of other capital projects referenced throughout the Three Forks Natural Area master plan may be considered once a biological assessment for ESA compliance and the recommended studies identified on page II-24 of the master plan regarding wildlife and flooding have been completed. In future years, these projects may be considered if it can be demonstrated that they will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the wildlife and natural areas being preserved.

Effect: This amendment replaces the \$5.2 million capital project list that was included in the executive proposed master plan with a shorter list of capital projects that total \$978,684 (saving approximately \$4,282,141). The capital projects that are listed as priority projects allow limited development to occur on the north side of the Snoqualmie River (where the site has already been disturbed) for public access to the site, while preserving other portions of the site through revegetation projects.

Other capital projects identified throughout the master plan may be considered in the future, but only after the highest priority projects are completed, and only after the recommended studies and a biological assessment of the proposed projects have been completed.

Note: the temporary stairs at the north end of Meadowbrook Railroad Bridge (\$19,000) and the parking lot and restrooms at the Christmas Tree Farm site (\$77,000) were both deleted from the project lists. The temporary stairs were funded with leftover monies from another Parks capital project, and since this master plan was transmitted, the Christmas Tree Farm site has been purchased by the City of Snoqualmie for ballfield development.