



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Motion 15806**

**Proposed No.** 2021-0047.1

**Sponsors** Dembowski

1           A MOTION providing direction to the conservation futures  
2           advisory committee on priorities for allocating conservation  
3           futures tax levy proceeds.

4           WHEREAS, RCW 84.34.010 declares that it is in the best interest of the state to  
5 maintain, preserve, conserve and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space  
6 lands for the production of food, fiber and forest crops and to ensure the use and  
7 enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being  
8 of the state and its citizens, and

9           WHEREAS, RCW 84.34.210 authorizes the county to acquire property rights "to  
10 protect, preserve, maintain, improve, restore, limit the future use of, or other otherwise  
11 conserve, selected open space land, farm and agricultural land, and timber land," and

12           WHEREAS, property right acquired under that authorization are defined as  
13 conservation futures, and

14           WHEREAS, RCW 84.34.230 authorizes the use of a property tax levy to fund the  
15 acquisition of conservation futures and the maintenance and operation of acquired  
16 properties, and

17           WHEREAS, RCW 84.34.240 authorizes counties to establish a special  
18 conservation futures fund to which the levy proceeds are credited, and

19           WHEREAS, King County has established a conservation futures tax levy and

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20 fund, and

21 WHEREAS, King County is required to establish a process to help ensure, over  
22 time, that the distribution of the tax levy is throughout the county, and

23 WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 26.12 establishes an annual process for distribution  
24 of the tax levy to acquire open space lands, including green spaces, greenbelts, wildlife  
25 habitat and trail rights-of-way, and

26 WHEREAS, the process includes an advisory committee that makes project and  
27 funding allocation recommendations for each project to the executive, and

28 WHEREAS, the executive makes project and funding recommendations as part of  
29 the budget process, and

30 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 26.12.010 allows the council to adopt a motion providing  
31 direction to the conservation futures advisory committee on priorities for evaluating  
32 project applications, and

33 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 26.12.025 establishes criteria for conservation futures project  
34 selection, which provides: "wildlife habitat or rare plant reserve; salmon habitat and  
35 aquatic resources; scenic resources; community separator; historic or cultural resources;  
36 urban passive-use natural area or greenbelt; park, open space or natural corridor addition;  
37 and passive recreation opportunity in an area with unmet needs; and projects that seek to  
38 redress historic disparities in access to or health benefits of open space in opportunity areas.

39 Additional criteria may include: educational or interpretive opportunity; impact to open  
40 space resources; feasibility, including ownership complexity, a willing seller or sellers or  
41 community support; partnerships; if the property identified in an adopted comprehensive  
42 plan, park open space, habitat, cultural resource or community plan; transfer of

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43 development rights participation; stewardship and maintenance; regional significance;  
44 adopted financial policies; and any other criteria consistent with chapter 84.34 RCW," and  
45 Motion 15513 gives additional detail on project eligibility criteria, and

46 WHEREAS, Big Finn Hill park, comprised of 220-acres, 9.5 miles of trails, and  
47 numerous recreational opportunities, is a beloved regional park and a treasured asset of  
48 King County, and

49 WHEREAS, Big Finn Hill park is an urban oasis and visitors to the park have the  
50 opportunity to enjoy ballfields, playgrounds, trails, mountain biking, open space and dense  
51 native vegetation, and

52 WHEREAS, the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance, a local community group, has  
53 been instrumental in preserving and protecting dozens of acres of open space for the benefit  
54 of the community, and has volunteered countless hours to preserve, maintain and expand  
55 Big Finn Hill park, and

56 WHEREAS, the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance has identified and is working to  
57 preserve in its natural state, nearly seven acres of privately held property, known as the  
58 Kosalos parcels, adjacent to Big Finn Hill park, and

59 WHEREAS, the Kosalos parcels provide important riparian habitat for rarer urban  
60 wildlife such as bobcat, long-tailed weasel, river otter and numerous bird species, and

61 WHEREAS, the Kosalos parcels contains aquatic resources including a substantial  
62 portion of Denny creek and portions of the Denny creek headwaters, and protecting that  
63 stretch of the waterway will help protect water quality and flow regime downstream in  
64 sections of the stream that could be suitable for salmonids, and help preserve habitat  
65 connectivity between Lake Washington and the uplands and wetlands, and

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66 WHEREAS, the Kosalos parcels are dominated by native vegetation, including  
67 native tree covering of cottonwoods and Douglas firs, important habitat elements for  
68 wildlife, and

69 WHEREAS, preserving the Kosalos parcels will expand an urban passive-use  
70 natural area adjacent to Big Finn Hill park and prevent the development of the parcel,  
71 which is permitted to allow more than twenty single-family homes, and

72 WHEREAS, use of conservation future tax levy proceeds for purchase of property  
73 rights in the area of the Big Finn Hill park and the Kosalos parcels for wildlife habitat,  
74 aquatic resources, urban passive-use natural area and an addition to an existing open space  
75 area meets the criteria in K.C.C. 26.12.025;

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

77 A. The council establishes as a priority for the conservation futures advisory  
78 committee's consideration during the annual project selection and funding recommendation  
79 process one or more projects that includes the purchase or property rights for the purpose of  
80 wildlife habitat, aquatic resources, urban passive-use natural area or open space system  
81 addition in or near Big Finn Hill park, including parcel numbers 2426049033,  
82 2426049032 and 2426049015, to preserve the existing open space.

83 B. The department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources  
84 division, is requested to work with landowners and jurisdictions in which properties  
85 reflecting this priority is located, in submitting project proposals that meet this priority, as

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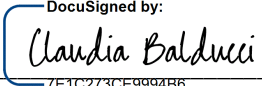
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86 part of the 2021 conservation futures tax levy funding selection process provided for in  
87 K.C.C. 26.12.010.  
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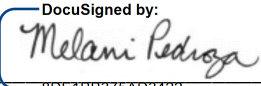
Motion 15806 was introduced on 1/19/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/9/2021, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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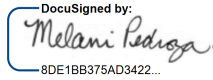
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