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MOTION NO **10273**

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A MOTION supporting the Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space Gateway project and authorizing the Executive to develop a funding and implementation strategy.

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WHEREAS, the executive wishes to continue to partner with the Preston community, non-profit land preservation organizations, and other governmental entities to develop a funding strategy for the Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space Gateway, and

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WHEREAS, the Preston community has developed a comprehensive parks and open space vision, The Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space Gateway, which benefits all the citizens of King County and the thousands of users of the I-90 Greenway, and

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WHEREAS, the historic Preston community is a vital and integral part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway scenic corridor, and

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WHEREAS, the proposal resolves long-standing land use disputes in a manner acceptable to all parties, and

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WHEREAS, innovative land use techniques such as transfer of development programs, quality rural environment, and tax incentive programs are available for preserving valuable open space, and

1 WHEREAS, the Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space Gateway will provide
2 significant open space, recreational, water quality, air quality and educational benefits;

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

4 The King County executive is hereby authorized to develop and transmit by
5 October 15, 1997 an acquisition and funding program for the preservation of the properties
6 critical to the Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space Gateway. This acquisition and
7 funding program shall be developed in cooperation with the Preston community, non-profit
8 land preservation organizations, and other governmental entities. The funding program
9 shall include the identification of potential partnerships with non-profit organizations, the
10 leverage of county funding with state and federal funds, innovative acquisition, financing
11 mechanisms, and consideration of all available preservation techniques. The properties
12 targeted for preservation are as follows:

13 A. Properties targeted for near-term acquisition

- 14 • Preston Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
- 15 • Upper Snoqualmie Athletic Fields site
- 16 • The Old Preston Mill site

17 B. Properties for mid-term acquisition

- 18 • Critical edge properties buffering Preston and the I-90 Greenway

19 C. Properties for conservation through the use of incentives

- 20 • The Mitchell Hill Connector properties which connect the I-90
21 Greenway corridor to the Grand Ridge properties

1 The transmittal should also include a conceptual stewardship and maintenance program to
2 ensure that these properties continue to provide significant open space, recreational, water
3 quality, air quality and educational benefits. In order to facilitate the cost effective
4 development and management of the Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space
5 Gateway, the conceptual stewardship and maintenance program should include
6 recommendations on future uses, private capital development opportunities, potential joint
7 development and cooperative use agreements with non-profits such as the Preston
8 Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Foundation and sports leagues.

9 PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 18th day of August,
10 1997.

11 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
12 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

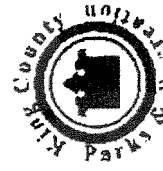
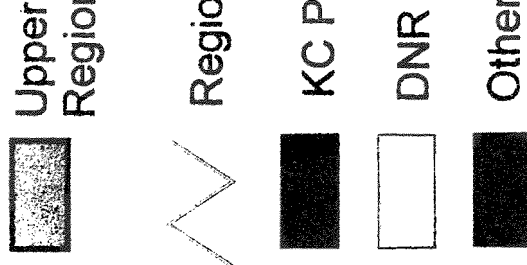
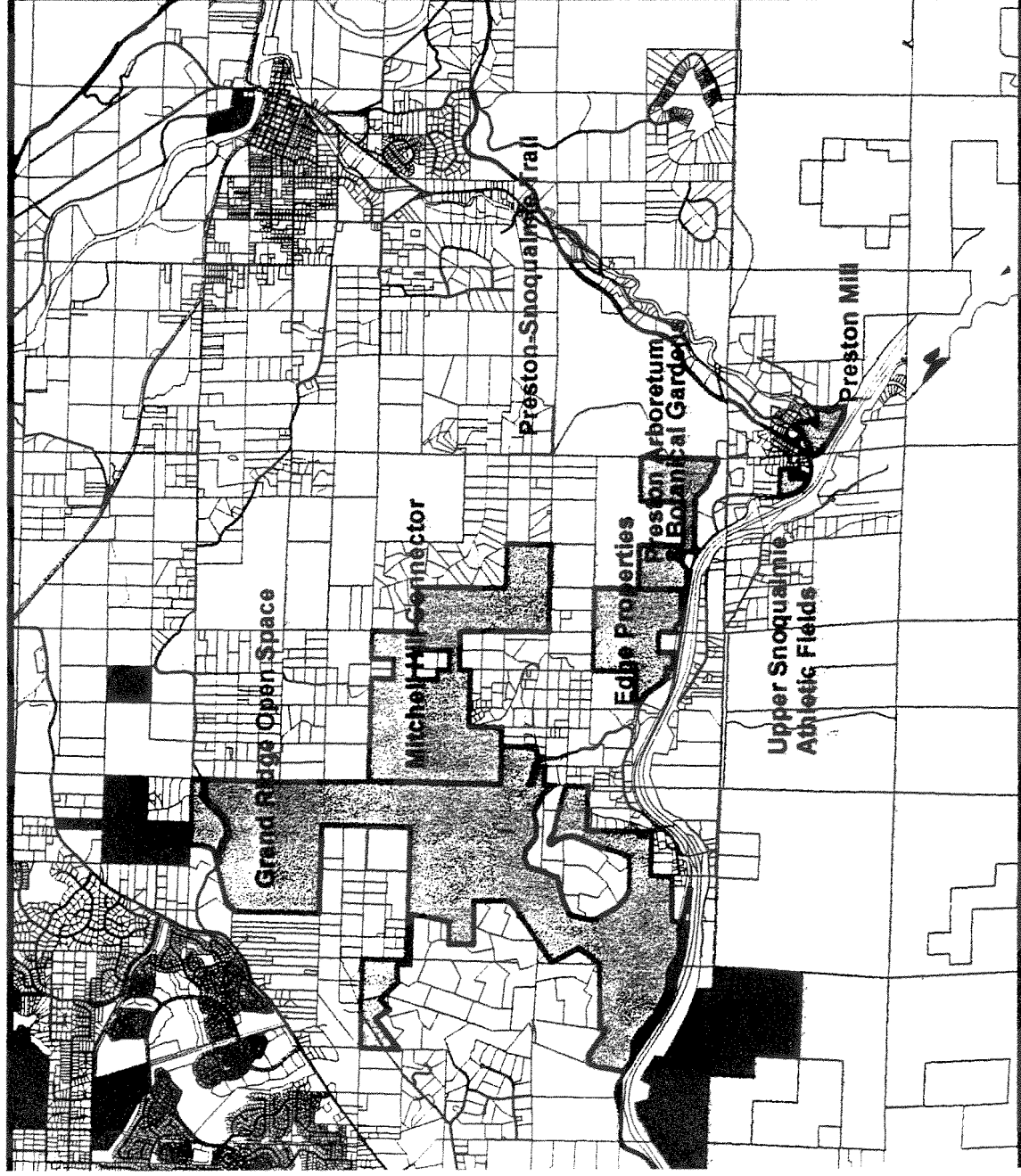
13 Jane Hague
14 Chair

15 ATTEST:

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17 Clerk of the Council

18 Attachments: Maps of the proposed Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space Gateway
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UPPER SNOQUALMIE REGIONAL OPEN SPACE GATEWAY



King County Parks and Recreation
Geographic Information Systems

Park information is preliminary and subject to refinement.