



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 13, 2010

Motion 13327

Proposed No. 2010-0480.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION establishing the King County council's support
2 for eco-industrial districts and establishing King County's
3 willingness to partner with other jurisdictions, nonprofit
4 organizations, labor and businesses to develop eco-
5 industrial districts and sustainable communities.

6 WHEREAS, eco-industrial districts help create sustainable communities by using
7 waste byproducts, maximizing resources, promoting green job creation, demonstrating
8 commitments by manufacturers to apply sustainable practices, and creating livable
9 communities by enhancing public transit and affordable workforce housing, and adding
10 recreational amenities, and

11 WHEREAS, an eco-industrial district can vary in size, from a few properties to a
12 large industrial community, within which manufacturers located in close proximity utilize
13 waste products from one firm as an input resource for a neighboring firm, and where
14 workforce housing, recreation and public transit are located nearby, and

15 WHEREAS, the city of Seattle has undertaken a 2010 economic recovery strategy
16 that includes developing an eco-industrial district program, among other efforts to
17 support green industries, ensure a supportive regulatory structure for business, and
18 support transportation, job training and education investments along with new public
19 safety and urban development strategies, and

20 WHEREAS, King County manages regional utilities including transit, solid waste
21 and wastewater treatment and could potentially coordinate and facilitate the use of these
22 resources in partnership with other entities to help develop eco-industrial districts, and

23 WHEREAS, resources, otherwise thought of as waste products or byproducts of
24 utilities management, including, but not limited to, heat from wastewater trunk lines,
25 treated wastewater effluent, mixed municipal waste and solid waste recyclables, can be
26 viable commodities for eco-industrial districts that manage and use a variety of resources,
27 and

28 WHEREAS, King County has successfully secured over six million dollars in
29 federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds for a wide range of
30 sustainable projects in government facilities and residential housing, that realized energy
31 savings and created green jobs, and if Congress renews funding for the grant program,
32 King County is willing and able to secure additional funds from this source that could be
33 used for projects that are part of eco-industrial districts, and

34 WHEREAS, King County is a recognized national leader and innovator in utility
35 management, as well as for its successful twelve-year program to reclaim brownfields by
36 securing over one million six-hundred thousand dollars in federal and state grants to aid
37 cleanup ninety industrial properties throughout King County. Reclaiming such properties
38 creates green cleanup jobs, and the resulting reclaimed properties may be redeveloped as
39 industrial land, ideally eco-industrial parks, and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to its regional management of solid waste and
41 wastewater, King County is also a leader in transit planning and urban planning,
42 including sustainability and urban development that promotes the colocation and best

43 practice of providing transit, housing, recreation and jobs in well-planned, transit-
44 oriented, sustainable urban communities;

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

46 A. The King County Council commends the city of Seattle for its leadership in
47 support of eco-industrial parks and districts, and the council expresses its own support for
48 and interest in partnering with the city of Seattle, other jurisdictions, non-profit
49 organizations, labor and businesses to help develop eco-industrial parks and districts.

50 B. The King County council requests that the executive coordinate and make
51 available staff resources from the executive office and the department of natural
52 resources and parks and other county agencies as appropriate to begin working with the
53 city of Seattle and other interested cities to develop eco-industrial districts or other
54 facilities such as "Living Buildings" that promote the sustainable use of resources and
55 encourage the development of green communities that foster job growth, business
56 development and the redevelopment of urban areas in King County.

57 C. The council further recommends coordinating resources with other regional
58 and local governments as the Puget Sound region develops and improves upon a
59 collaborative vision for land conservation, shared energy resources, recreational
60 amenities, improved transit, highway and rail access, a variety of residential opportunities
61 and best practices by individual businesses including new eco-industrial developments

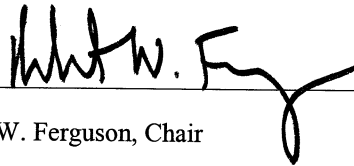
62 and communities so that local industries become a part of a sustainable ecological system
63 that uses all resources productively.

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Motion 13327 was introduced on 8/30/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/13/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None