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2 PROPOSED NO. 89-121

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4 ORDINANCE NO. 8867

5 AN ORDINANCE to establish a process to allocate
6 the proceeds of the Conservation Futures fund
7 in order to advance the acquisition of green
spaces, greenbelts and trail rights-of-way in
King County.

8 PREAMBLE:

9 King County is expected to gain an additional 300,000
10 residents by the year 2000. To sustain such growth while
11 maintaining the quality of life now enjoyed by the residents
of King County, a system of green spaces, greenbelts and trail
12 corridors must be preserved. Therefore, the King County
13 council hereby commits its Conservation Futures funds to the
14 acquisition of green spaces, greenbelts and trail corridors
throughout the county, both within its cities and
unincorporated areas.

15 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

16 SECTION 1. A process is hereby established for the biennial
17 allocation commencing in 1990 of the Conservation Futures fund to
18 acquire green spaces, greenbelts, and trail rights-of-ways
19 proposed for preservation for public use by either the county or
20 the cities within the county. King County government,
21 incorporated city governments within King County, citizen groups
22 and citizens may make application for funds in this allocation
process.

23 A. At least one month prior to a submission date determined
24 by the county council, all cities within the county shall be
25 provided notice of the opportunity to apply to the county for a
26 share of the biennial allocation of the Conservation Futures
27 funds. Notice also shall be provided in a daily newspaper of
28 general county circulation.

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1 B. By a date certain established by the county council during
2 a biennial allocation, the executive shall report to the council
3 on the compliance of all applications submitted for funding with
4 the county open space selection criteria, Ordinance No. 8657, and
5 any additional relevant criteria of the jurisdiction in which the
6 potential acquisition is located. The report also shall be
7 accompanied by a proposed appropriation ordinance setting forth
8 the applications recommended for funding by the Citizen Selection
9 Committee identified in Section 1.C, infra.

10 C. The citizen selection committee shall include an
11 individual from each King County council district. It shall be
12 composed of nine members appointed by the executive and confirmed
13 by the council. The committee shall elect a chair from its
14 members. The executive shall solicit nominations from the City of
15 Seattle and nominations from the Suburban Cities Association.
16 Once established, the terms of the members and chair shall be
17 rotated such that three of the seats become available for
18 appointment every year.

19 D. Prior to final council action on the biennial allocation
20 of the Conservation Futures fund, a public hearing will be held on
21 the applications submitted by the county and the cities.

22 E. Any application funded by this process shall be supported
23 by the jurisdiction in which the project is located with a
24 matching contribution no less than the amount of Conservation
25 Futures funds awarded to the project. This contribution may
26 consist of cash, land trades with a valuation verified by an
27 appraisal by a MAI certified appraiser, or credits for other
28 qualifying open space acquired on or after January 1, 1989. When
29 a project nominated by a citizen or citizen group is located
30 within a city jurisdiction and is recommended for acquisition by
31 the citizen selection committee, the subject city shall be
32 required to demonstrate a commitment to contribute within two
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1 years of application the required share for the project prior to
2 said application's final consideration by the King County
3 council. Otherwise, the conservation funding will be available
4 for reallocation to other current applications. In such instances
5 the subject city shall have 60 days to demonstrate its commitment
6 to contribute to the project.

7 F. For the purpose of this ordinance, all cities in excess of
8 20,000 population shall have promulgated a open space plan or its
9 equivalent prior to submitting applications to this process.

10 G. A \$500,000 balance will be reserved at the beginning of
11 each biennium of this process to be used at the discretion of the
12 council to fund options on parcels sponsored by either the county
13 or a city that would otherwise satisfy Section 1(D) through (F),
14 supra, but have become threatened prior to the next biennial
15 allocation by conversion to uses incompatible with their open
16 space characteristics. Prior to approving the purchase of an
17 option, the council must find that the subject parcel satisfies
18 both the county open space selection criteria and any additional
19 relevant criteria promulgated by the jurisdiction in which the
20 parcel is located.

21 SECTION 2. It shall be a goal of the council and the Citizen
22 Selection Committee to achieve an equitable geographical
23 allocation of funds from conservation futures over the long term.

24 SECTION 3. For the purpose of this ordinance, an open space
25 plan should define the term "open space" and its critical
26 attributes as applied to the specific natural environment of a
27 city. The plan should also establish the goals of the city
28 regarding the conservation and management of open space, policies
29 designed to achieve these goals and all necessary implementing
30 measures. Specific open space conservation opportunities should
31 also be identified.

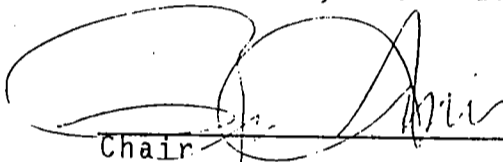
SECTION 4. On or before April 15, 1989, the executive shall transmit to the King County council the refined open space site evaluation system and resource rating criteria and administrative guidelines as required by Ordinance No. 8657, Addendum I, Additional Amendments - Draft Open Space Plan, (A) and Motion No. 7301.

SECTION 5. Conservation Futures funds may be allocated by the county council in 1989 for parcels which otherwise comply with Section 1 (C) through (E), supra, and for which there exists a demonstrable threat of conversion to non open space uses prior to June 1, 1990.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 6th of February, 1989.

PASSED this 27th day of February, 1989.

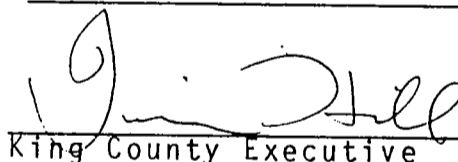
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 9th day of March, 1989.


King County Executive