

Handout @ 9-27-07 Meeting



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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September 25, 2006

Lisa Parsons
Executive Director
Middle Green River Coalition
718 Griffin Ave. PMB #269
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Re: Green River Gorge Mountains to Valley Greenway

Dear Ms. Parsons:

The Middle Green River Coalition (MGRC) is a group made up of community and regional organizations, recreationists, private land owners, government, and others whose goal it is to protect the Middle Green River and its tributaries. By identifying and preserving key natural areas, we ensure the protection of wildlife and fish habitat and recreational opportunities.

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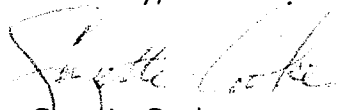
The greenway will protect one of the most important recharge areas in the Green River. Several major springs feed the Green River from the south side of the gorge between the Green River Gorge resort to the east and Icy Creek to the west. These are major sources of cold, clean water that are key to protecting salmon runs. This underground spring network lies in one of the least developed sub basins along the Green River and is key to protecting water quality and quantity in the river. By linking together existing public open space on the south side of the river we can help to ensure that these springs remain a viable source of cold, unpolluted water recharge into the Green River.

The greenway will protect an existing wildlife corridor from the foothills to the lowlands and provide a route on State Parks land for a multi-use recreational trail from Kanasket State Park to Flaming Geyser State Park. This trail will provide a route to hike, horseback ride, and mountain bike along the rim of the gorge and maintain access for fishing at key points along the gorge. Uplands protection will maintain the view corridor along the Green River Gorge, which is one of the premier whitewater rivers in western Washington.

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Sincerely,



Suzette Cooke
Mayor

Cc: Larry Blanchard
Mike Mactutis



December 27, 2005

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Jim White, Mayor

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Kent, WA 98032-5895

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Middle Green River Coalition
38220 272nd Ave. SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Dear Middle Green River Coalition Members:

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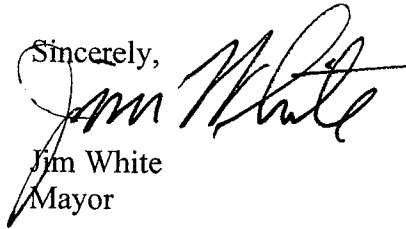
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jim White
Mayor

C: Mayor Elect Suzette Cooke
Kent City Council

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Auburn supports the project called "Green River Gorge Mountains to Valley Greenway" and the Middle Green River Coalition's efforts to preserve this unique natural wonder in southeast King County. As a City located in the Green River Watershed, we believe that protecting key areas along the Middle Green River will help ensure protection of our waterways for people and salmon and is vital to maintaining our quality of life.

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The Greenway will protect an existing wildlife corridor from the foothills to the lowlands. It will provide a route on State Parks land for a multi-use recreational trail from Kanasket State Park to Flaming Geyser State Park. This trail will provide a route to hike, horseback ride, and mountain bike along the rim of the gorge. It will maintain access for fishermen along key points along the gorge. Uplands protection will maintain the view corridor along the Green River Gorge, which is one of the premier whitewater rivers in western Washington.

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MGRC is a conservation group made up of community and regional organizations, recreational enthusiasts, private landowners, government, and others who want to protect the Middle Green River and it's tributaries. By identifying and preserving key natural resources, we ensure the protection of wildlife, fish habitat and recreational opportunities for the future.

Sincerely,



Peter B. Lewis, Mayor
City of Auburn

cc: Lisa Parsons, MGRC



City of Black Diamond

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BLACK DIAMOND, WA 98010
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February 3, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to express support for the Middle Green River Coalition (MGRC) and the vision of developing a "Green River Gorge Mountains to Valley Greenway" extending from the Cascade foothills to Flaming Geyser State Park in the Green River Valley along the Green River.

As a city located within the Green River watershed, we believe that the protection and careful management of key areas along the Middle Green River will help to ensure a healthy water resource for both people and salmon in our region.

The development of a greenway along the Green River will also provide opportunities for the development of a trail system linking existing parks, and will contribute to the protection of view corridors along this nearly pristine section of river.

Such a greenway will also help to protect important aquifer recharge areas that feed a number of cold water springs along the Green River, including the drinking water supply for the City of Black Diamond. In addition to serving the needs of current and future residents, these springs also provide an important source of cold water for salmon and other fish which utilize the Green River.

The City of Black Diamond looks forward to working with the Middle Green River Coalition and the diverse interest groups along the river corridor in achieving a lasting and coordinated greenway that can be enjoyed by current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Howard Botts

Mayor



JOHN G. WISE
MAYOR

November 9, 2004

Green River Gorge
Mountains to Valley Greenway
38220 272nd Avenue SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022
Attn: Lisa Parsons

Dear Ms. Parsons:

The City of Enumclaw supports the project called "Green River Gorge Mountains to Valley Greenway" and the Middle Green River Coalition's efforts to preserve this unique natural wonder in southeast King County. As a city located in the Green River Watershed we believe that protecting key areas along the Middle Green River will help ensure protection of our waterways for people and salmon, and is vital to maintaining our quality of life.

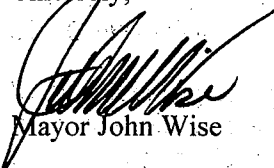
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Sincerely,



Mayor John Wise

cc: Mark Bauer, City Administrator
Les Johnson, Community Development Director



City of Covington

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July 20, 2004

Green River Middle Coalition
38220 272nd Avenue SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Green River Gorge
Mountains to Valley Greenway

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Covington supports the project called "Green River Gorge Mountains to Valley Greenway", and the Middle Green River Coalition's efforts to preserve this unique natural wonder in southeast King County.

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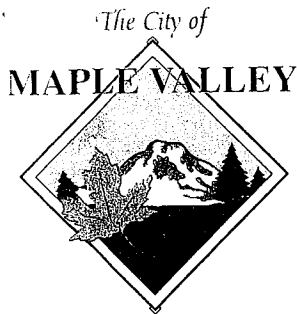
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Sincerely,

Tim Goddard
Covington City Mayor



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May 25, 2005

Lisa Parsons
Executive Director, Middle Green River Coalition
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Enumclaw, WA 98022

Dear Middle Green River Coalition Members:

The City of Maple Valley City Council is providing this letter of endorsement in support of the project called "Green River Gorge Mountains to Valley Greenway" and the Middle Green River Coalition's efforts to preserve this unique natural wonder in southeast King County. As a city located in the Green River Watershed, we believe that protecting key areas along the Middle Green River will help ensure protection of our waterways for people and salmon and support the maintenance of our quality of life.

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Sincerely,

Laure A. Iddings
Mayor