



**Signature Report**

**October 2, 2007**

**Motion 12587**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0482.1

**Sponsors** Hague

1                   A MOTION requesting the executive to establish a process  
2                   by which parks expansion levy projects will be developed,  
3                   reviewed and recommended to the King County council.  
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5                   WHEREAS, the citizens of King County recently approved the parks expansion  
6                   levy ballot measure, and

7                   WHEREAS, the parks expansion levy will be collected for six years, beginning in  
8                   January 2008, as a dedicated portion of the property tax, and

9                   WHEREAS, parks expansion levy funds are to be used in accordance with  
10                  Ordinance 15760, in part for the purpose of acquiring open space and natural lands  
11                  critical to the preservation of regional watersheds and streams, development of rights of  
12                  way for regional trails, missing critical links and maximization of regional trail use by  
13                  King County, Seattle and suburban cities, and

14                  WHEREAS, conservation futures tax funds are collected countywide as a  
15                  dedicated portion of the property tax, and

16                  WHEREAS, conservation futures tax funds are to be used in accordance with  
17                  K.C.C. 26.12.010 for the purpose of acquiring open space lands, including green spaces,

18 greenbelts, wildlife habitat and trail rights-of-way for the preservation of public use by  
19 either the county or the cities within the county, and

20 WHEREAS, conservation futures tax funds and parks expansion levy funds are  
21 similar in their objectives to preserve open space and natural lands, and

22 WHEREAS, the process for developing, reviewing and recommending potential  
23 conservation futures tax projects is outlined in K.C.C. 26.12.010, and

24 WHEREAS, the process for developing, reviewing and recommending potential  
25 conservation futures tax projects is transparent and accessible to the public, stakeholder  
26 groups, government agencies and officials, and

27 WHEREAS, the process by which parks expansion levy projects will be  
28 developed, reviewed and recommended to the council has not been identified or  
29 established, and

30 WHEREAS, the parks expansion levy program could benefit from the successful  
31 processes developed for the conservation futures tax program, and

32 WHEREAS, the parks levy expansion program will be overseen by the parks and  
33 recreation division, and

34 WHEREAS, the conservation futures tax program is overseen by the water and  
35 land resources division, and

36 WHEREAS, the parks expansion levy program and conservation futures tax  
37 program could maximize their objectives through coordination and communication  
38 regarding open space and natural lands acquisitions;

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

40           The county executive is requested to develop a process by which parks expansion  
41    levy projects will be developed, reviewed and recommended for council approval. The  
42    process shall be transparent and accessible to the public, stakeholder groups, government  
43    agencies and officials. The process shall include coordination and communication with  
44    the conservation futures tax program to maximize the objectives of open space and  
45    natural lands acquisitions by King County, Seattle and suburban cities. The county  
46    executive is requested to develop this process for implementation in 2008 with approval,

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47 by motion, by the council. The motion identifying this process shall be filed with the  
48 clerk of the council by December 15, 2007.

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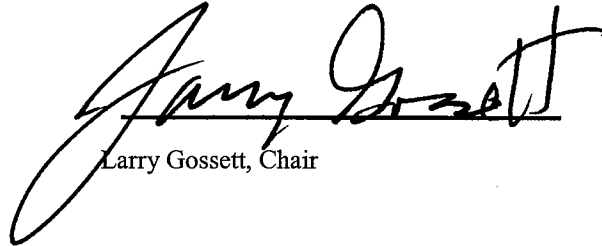
Motion 12587 was introduced on 9/17/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/1/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

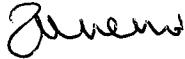
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None