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CFT Citizens Oversight Committee

Attn: David Tiemann

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RE: 2014 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals

Dear Mr. Tiemann:

King County Parks and Recreation Division (“Parks”), of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, is pleased to submit to the CFT Citizens Oversight Committee (“Committee”) the attached report of **2014 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals** for King County open space acquisition.

On February 21, the King County Executive transmitted a proposal to the King County Council to replace the two parks levies, which will expire at the end of 2013, with a CPI-indexed property tax levy lid lift measure for the August 6, 2013, ballot. In the executive’s proposal, approximately \$6 million in funding for the period of 2014-2019 would be available for regional open space acquisitions. The funding level and the timing may change as the proposal moves through council; changes in assessed values would also affect amount of funding available. If the levy is passed by voters, funding would become available in 2014 for regional open space acquisitions.

We are pleased to submit to the Committee the attached report describing the projects which are recommended for 2014 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition funds by the managers of Parks and of the Water and Land Resources Division.

Under the executive’s proposal, the distribution of Parks Levy funds for regional open space acquisition would continue to be reviewed by the CFT Citizens Oversight Committee as set forth in the open space and natural lands acquisition section of Attachment A to Motion 12809. Thus, Parks requests that the Committee review these proposals in parallel with the 2014 CFT proposals.

If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working with you on this process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown

Division Director

Attachments

cc: Monica Leers, Section Manager, Parks and Recreation Division
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