



RESOLUTION NO. 40410

1 A RESOLUTION relating to open space; authorizing the execution of a grant
2 agreement and any associated term extensions with Pierce County
3 Conservation Futures, in an amount up to \$205,623, plus eligible costs;
4 accepting and depositing said sum into an escrow account, together with
5 funding of up to \$49,377 in matching City funds, budgeted from the
6 Surface Water Fund, for a maximum total of \$255,000, plus eligible costs,
7 to fund the appraisal and purchase of up to six parcels of land for the
8 purpose of protecting natural habitat and providing stormwater benefit;
9 and authorizing the execution and closing of purchase and sale
10 agreements and conservation agreements for said parcels.

11 WHEREAS the City's Environmental Services Department manages
12 passive open space parcels in a manner which, in addition to other benefits,
13 increases the stormwater benefit for public good through increased vegetation
14 cover, biodiversity, better health, and overall stormwater runoff absorption and
15 filtration, and

16 WHEREAS the passive open space properties currently enrolled in the
17 Open Space Program comprise approximately 488 acres of City-owned forests,
18 wetlands, streams, steep slopes, and buffer areas, and

19 WHEREAS these areas are generally undeveloped and covered with
20 vegetation, many are regulated by the City's Critical Areas Preservation Code,
21 and most provide or have the potential to provide benefits to stormwater quantity
22 and quality, and

23 WHEREAS the City has applied for and been awarded \$205,623, plus
24 eligible costs, in grant funding from Pierce County Conservation Futures for the
25 purpose of acquiring up to six parcels of property as a part of the Open Space
26 Program, as passive open space with forested and wetland areas, and



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WHEREAS these properties provide an opportunity to create recreational amenities in an underserved area, and are adjacent to two additional open space areas owned by the City and managed by the Open Space Program, and

WHEREAS this connectivity will maintain a habitat corridor between the properties, which will support urban biodiversity of both plants and animals, and

WHEREAS the grant award requires a City match of \$49,377, and

WHEREAS, under the grant process guidelines, the City Council must approve acceptance of grant funding; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with Pierce County Conservation Futures and accept an amount up to \$205,623, plus eligible costs, for deposit into an escrow account, together with funding of up to \$49,377 in matching City funds, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for a maximum total of \$255,000, plus eligible costs, to fund the appraisal and purchase of up to six parcels of land for the purpose of protecting natural habitat and providing stormwater benefit, said agreement to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.



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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute and close purchase and sale agreements and conservation agreements for up to six parcels of land, for the purposes set forth in Section 1.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney