

Vote “Yes!” for the Open Space Preservation Act. It amends the King County Charter to enhance protection for over 156,000 acres of land already owned or held in a conservation easement by King County.

These irreplaceable properties include treasures such as Cougar and Taylor Mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, wildlife, and salmon habitat. They are truly special places, whether to walk, bike, bird watch, or simply enjoy their beauty from a distance. With high conservation and resource values, they are also working forests, preserving jobs and nearby natural riches.

The amendment requires no new land to be purchased and involves no direct costs – the properties are already publicly owned. The amendment strengthens protection against the sale or transfer of these properties by requiring a 28-day public comment period, finding of facts, and a supermajority vote (7 of 9) of the County Council before any change in property status can occur.

The Open Space Preservation Act is unanimously supported by the County Council, Executive, environmental groups and community leaders. Check the website for a complete list. It provides strong protection to our most cherished green spaces through a defined public process and leaves a legacy for future generations to enjoy.

www.openspaceamendment.org

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