



King County

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To whom it may concern:

I write to express my strong and unequivocal support for OneBothell's efforts to work with local, regional, and state governments and organizations to acquire, preserve, and protect all land currently operating as Wayne Golf Course in Bothell. The property holds important historic, recreational, and environmental significance. Development of the property would be contrary to long-standing parks and recreation and habitat preservation efforts and plans.

King County stands ready to help in this undertaking, and may be able to assist with the funding of acquisition and/or protection efforts. King County funds project acquisition through a number of programs, including our regional parks levy, the Conservation Futures program, a Clean Water Act mitigation bank program, and where appropriate, funding from our Flood Control District. Other creative funding solutions, such as transfer of development rights programs, may also be available. These programs require partnerships and a commitment by property owners and local governments to participate.

King County has a proud history of funding the initial efforts to conserve much of the Wayne Golf Course in the mid-1990s. I stand strongly behind OneBothell's community-based effort to finish this work. I encourage all elected officials and leaders in the conservation movement to join this effort and finish the job before it is too late. I encourage the owners of the property to take a pause and work with us to do the right thing for our community.

Very Truly Yours,

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