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RESOLUTION NO. 275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND DEVELOPMENT OF A GREATER ECHO LAKE/LAKE BALLINGER /MCALEER CREEK WATERSHED BASIN AND ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek watershed is vital to the communities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, and Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ballinger accepts waters that flow from Echo Lake, Hall Lake, and Chase Lake and also receives stormwater runoff from many area roads and highways such as Aurora Ave N and SR 104; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ballinger is headwaters to McAleer Creek, a Chinook bearing stream, which flows from Mountlake Terrace through Shoreline and Lake Forest Park to Lake Washington and subsequently to Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, that stormwater runoff negatively impacts the water quality, salmon habitat, riparian areas, and also causes severe city infrastructure and personal property damage due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, many problems from runoff are caused by pollution such as toxic chemical pollution from fertilizers and pesticides, heavy metals, fecal coliform, and sedimentation which contribute to poor water quality and health problems for residents and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, these municipalities consider it a high priority to collectively work to improve the condition of all the water bodies mentioned and the quality of life for their residents with clean water and a better environment so that these waters are eventually "fishable and swimmable," and have been working diligently to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned cities are all subject to the NPDES Phase II municipal stormwater permit issued by the Department of Ecology in February of 2007 and recognize that there are advantages in terms of cost effectiveness and successful program outcomes to complying with the permit requirements through collective action to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, the State of Washington, and the Counties of King and Snohomish, are also required by their laws to protect the water quality of Echo Lake, Lake Ballinger, McAleer Creek Lake Washington, and Puget Sound; now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Shoreline supports regional efforts to address stewardship of the Echo Lake / Lake Ballinger / McAleer Creek Watershed.

Section 2. The City of Shoreline is committed to working and meeting with other city and county officials in creating an interlocal agreement to support regional efforts addressing the stewardship issues of the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek watershed.

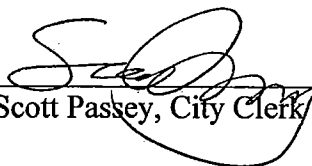
Section 3. Shoreline City Council directs staff to build upon and continue their considerable effort to work collaboratively with other cities, Snohomish County, the State of Washington and the federal government to address these issues, to commit to addressing local issues to improve and resolve water quality and habitat problems through stewardship of the watershed within our own boundaries, and work on developing an "Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Watershed Basin and Action Plan" for future review, with the intent of addressing stewardship issues of the Echo Lake/Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek watershed.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 28, 2008.



Cindy Ryu, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott Passey, City Clerk