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July 25, 2014

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RE: Support for Cedar River Corridor Plan Implementation Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Sant:

On behalf of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council, I wish to convey our support of King County's Cedar River Corridor Plan Implementation proposal, which is being submitted for inclusion in the 2015 – 2017 Floodplains by Design budget request. The WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council is a partnership between 28 local governments, citizens, community groups, state and federal agencies, and businesses working together to implement the *WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan* (WRIA 8 Plan). King County's proposal directly supports high priority floodplain restoration in the WRIA 8 Plan and the WRIA 8 Three-Year Work Plan and would greatly boost Chinook recovery efforts in our watershed.

The Cedar River is the highest priority sub-basin for Chinook salmon recovery in WRIA 8, and restoring off-channel habitat through property acquisition and floodplain reconnection is central to WRIA 8's Cedar River recovery strategy. King County and the City of Seattle (a partner on the proposal) have acquired properties along the Cedar River for nearly 20 years. Acquisitions enabled significant habitat restoration and reduced flood risks to people, property, and infrastructure.

An example is the recently-completed Rainbow Bend Floodplain Restoration Project, which removed a levee and reconnected the Cedar River to over 40 acres of floodplain. King County's Floodplains by Design proposal is notable because it seeks funding for design of the next large-scale floodplain reconnection project on the Cedar—the Riverbend Levee Setback Project.

In addition to advancing the Riverbend project, King County's proposal supports the development of future Cedar River floodplain restoration projects through strategic property acquisitions in priority reaches. As noted above, King County and the City of Seattle have already secured many key parcels to date, and providing resources for this important reach-scale acquisition work will help accelerate implementation of critical multi-benefit habitat restoration and flood risk reduction projects.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, WRIA 8 Watershed Coordinator, either by phone at 206-477-4780 or email at [jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jason.mulvihill-kuntz@kingcounty.gov). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council  
Chair, Metropolitan King County Council

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