

# CITY OF DUVALL WASHINGTON

## RESOLUTION NO. 15-16

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### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUVALL, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE DUVALL WATERSHED PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Duvall received a NEP Puget Sound Watershed Protection and Restoration Grant to draft a comprehensive Watershed Plan customized to the Duvall Community.

WHEREAS, like many communities on the urban fringe, the City of Duvall is striving to promote economic growth and development without sacrificing its rural character and environmental assets that are at the heart of the community's "small town – real life" identity. To help the city in achieving this goal, Duvall completed an analysis and prepared a Watershed Plan that: (1) informs the ongoing 2015 Comprehensive Plan update; (2) focuses future development based on an understanding of watershed processes; (3) protects and improves forest cover and open space; and (4) strengthens sensitive area and stormwater management to maintain water flow pathways and provide enhanced protection for important resources; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Plan is both a technical document and a policy document. Technical elements identify existing watershed characteristics in and immediately surrounding Duvall. Policy elements provide the City a roadmap for protecting watershed processes and focusing future development in appropriate areas within the city and its urban growth area. Development of the Watershed Plan has been funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program. The grant has been administered by the Washington State Departments of Ecology and Commerce as part of a six-year strategy to protect and restore watersheds that flow to the Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, to inform the Watershed Plan, the City convened a Watershed Planning Advisory Group to guide both technical and policy development. Advisory Group members included representatives from the Snoqualmie Tribe, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Stewardship Partners, Wild Fish Conservancy, Washington State Departments of Ecology and Commerce, King County Snoqualmie Watershed Forum, and the City of Duvall Planning and Public Works Departments. In addition to participating in the advisory committee, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum staff worked closely with the City as a technical partner throughout the project. The City also engaged the community during development of the Watershed Plan through several public events and activities, including a booth at Duvall Days in 2014, presentations and workshops at Planning Commission and City Council meetings, and an Open House earlier this year. The City also created a webpage for the project with links to draft Watershed Plan materials and collected public input via an online survey; and

WHEREAS, after the City adopts the Watershed Plan, staff will work with the Planning Commission and City Council to prioritize the drafting of watershed policies into the zoning code, Development Design Standards, and stormwater regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and took public testimony on August 19, 2015 and made a recommendation on September 2, 2015, that the City Council approve the Duvall Watershed Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing and took public testimony on the Duvall Watershed Plan on September 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council after considering all testimony at the public hearing is in agreement with the recommendations of the Planning Commission to adopt the Duvall Watershed Plan.

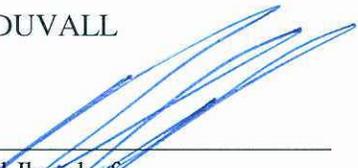
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUVALL, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Duvall Watershed Plan. The City Council hereby adopts the Duvall Watershed Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by this reference herein.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of the Resolution be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2015.

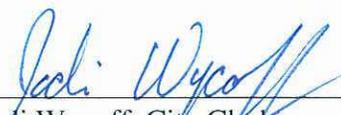
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Mayor Will Ibershof

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Rachel Turpin, City Attorney

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Jodi Wycoff, City Clerk