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Decision to Proceed

The Water and Land Resources Division of King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks has made a "Decision to Proceed" with the Agency Action, as described below.

Proposal Name

Lower Tolt River Floodplain Reconnection Project

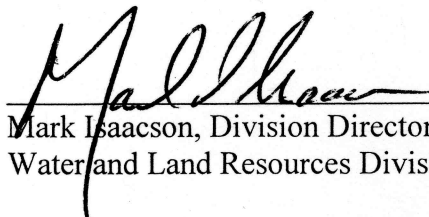
Proposal Description

King County and the City of Seattle are jointly proposing to restore and enhance salmon and wildlife habitat along the lower 0.5 mile of the Tolt River by reconnecting the river to a portion of its historic floodplain. Reconnecting the lower river with its floodplain will dramatically improve habitat conditions within the river and floodplain area as new, more complex habitats form and as existing habitats within the floodplain area have a more direct connection to the river.

The general project components include removal of approximately 2,460 feet of levee along the north bank of the Tolt River, construction of a setback levee roughly 800 feet north of the existing levee, placement of large woody debris to diffuse energy and encourage formation of desired habitat features, excavation of a new outlet channel in the floodplain, and revegetation with native riparian plant species in the project area. The project will also include construction of parking areas and interpretive and recreational elements to offset loss of the existing levee road and alterations to existing recreational uses in the park.

Agency Action

The Water and Land Resources Division Director hereby approves implementation of the Lower Tolt River Floodplain Reconnection Project, including the completion of final design and construction. King County fully complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules regarding notification, meetings, and SEPA documents for this proposal as required under RCW 43.21C, WAC 197-11, and Ordinance 12196.



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