

NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417
KING AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 648

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Northshore School District No. 417, King and Snohomish Counties, endorsing the efforts of the Friends of North Creek Forest to secure funding to purchase 64 acres of forest located near downtown Bothell, Washington, and immediately adjacent to two of the district's schools as well as Cascadia Community College and University of Washington Bothell Campus, which could afford unique opportunities for collaboration, mentoring and enhanced educational and recreational experiences for students and staff.

WHEREAS, North Creek Forest is the largest upland conifer forest in the Northshore School District; and

WHEREAS, North Creek Forest extends a wildlife corridor northward from Lake Washington; and

WHEREAS, North Creek Forest meets "Priority Habitat" criteria as defined by Washington Fish and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the forest filters a mile of surface water along a valuable salmon stream; and

WHEREAS, the forest is a rich repository of wildlife, birds and native plants; and

WHEREAS, North Creek Forest can become a 64-acre classroom for students of all disciplines; and

WHEREAS, recreational and athletic opportunities will be available to Northshore students and families; and

WHEREAS, groups as diverse as the Bothell City Council, the University of Washington, Native American Tribes, and a large number of educators at all levels support this effort;

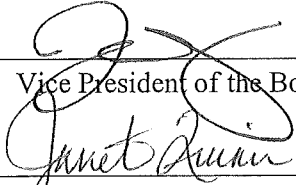
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Northshore School District No. 417, King and Snohomish Counties, hereby supports the conservation of North Creek Forest as a priority goal of Friends of North Creek to provide for unique educational and recreational opportunities for current and future generations of students.

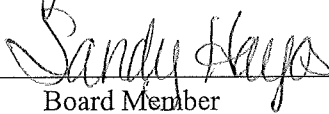
ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting of August 9, 2011.

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By _____
President of the Board

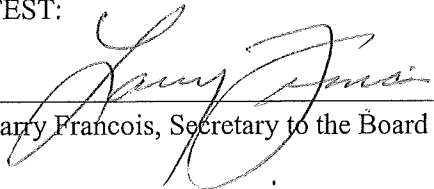
By _____
Vice President of the Board

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Board Member

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ATTEST:

By  _____
Larry Francois, Secretary to the Board