

RESOLUTION R-5168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND  
ADOPTING THE 20-YEAR FOREST AND NATURAL AREAS RESTORATION  
PLAN.

1           WHEREAS, healthy sustainable forests and natural areas provide  
2 a natural way to filter stormwater runoff, remove carbon from the air,  
3 and provide important recreation opportunities for City residents to  
4 connect with nature; and

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6           WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution 4689 on February  
7 19, 2008, adopting the City's 20-Year Forest Restoration Plan for 372  
8 acres of forested natural parkland; and

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10          WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland in 2011 annexed the Finn Hill,  
11 Kingsgate and North Juanita Neighborhoods; and

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13          WHEREAS, the annexation resulted in a City-wide increase of 115  
14 acres of forested and other natural parks and open space which include  
15 areas in decline from invasion by non-native plant species; and

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17          WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Community Services  
18 updated the City's 2008 20-Year Forest Restoration Plan to the 20-Year  
19 Forest and Natural Areas Restoration Plan incorporating the new  
20 neighborhoods and guiding restoration of the City's forested and other  
21 natural areas; and


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23          WHEREAS, the Park Board reviewed the City's 20-Year Forest and  
24 Natural Areas Restoration Plan on October 14, 2015; and

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26          WHEREAS, in public meeting, the City Council considered the  
27 written report and recommendation of the Park Board.

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29          NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City  
30 of Kirkland hereby approves the City's 20-Year Forest and Natural Areas  
31 Restoration Plan.

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33          Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open  
34 meeting this 17th day of November, 2015.

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36          Signed in authentication thereof this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

  
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MAYOR

Attest:

  
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City Clerk