

**CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 1261**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON,
EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR DREDGING CRITICAL PORTIONS OF THE
PUYALLUP AND WHITE RIVERS TO PROTECT ADJACENT COMMUNITIES AND
FACILITIES.**

WHEREAS, the Rivergrove community comprises approximately 480 residents in a combined 285 homes representing an aggregate investment of approximately \$41.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the community has been significantly impacted by floods in 1996, 2006 and 2009 with the combined damage from the three floods in the 10 year period being upwards of \$30 million; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of the Rivergrove residents were displaced in 1996, 2006 and 2009 and evacuated in 2007 which caused considerable emotional distress; and

WHEREAS, the flooding in 1996, 2006 and 2009 resulted in the extended closure of State Route 410; and

WHEREAS, the new FEMA flood mapping has reaffirmed the Rivergrove community is in the Puyallup River flood plain and subject to Puyallup River flooding; and

WHEREAS, industrial, residential, and recreational properties in the north Sumner industrial area were significantly damaged by flooding of the White River in January 2009, and

WHEREAS, future floods are inevitable since the Puyallup and White Rivers will experience higher peak flows and higher levels due to further urbanization and forest practices upstream and filling of the river channel due to the sediment and gravel deposits; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Puyallup River Flood Protection Executive Task Force has identified dredging in addition to raising levees, building setback levees, and non-structural approaches such as land use regulations as options for addressing flooding not only in the lower Puyallup River but also the upper Puyallup River and White River, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for approving and implementing these options, especially dredging, more properly rests with local, state and federal agencies such as Pierce County, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Section 1. That the City Council is fully supportive of dredging critical portions of the Puyallup and White Rivers to address flooding in addition to other flood control measures such as raising levees, building setback levees and non-structural approaches such as land use regulations.

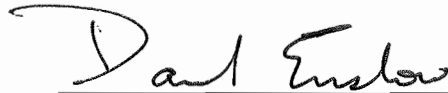
Section 2. That the City Council urges the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies such as Pierce County, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers to take the actions necessary to increase Puyallup and White River capacity and protect adjacent properties prior to potential flooding events in the fall and winter of 2009-10.

Section 3. That the City Council urges the Washington State legislature and the United States Congress provide the necessary appropriations to fund these actions.

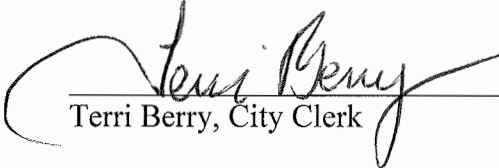
Section 4. The resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of April, 2009



David Enslow, Mayor

ATTEST:



Terri Berry, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brett C. Vinson, City Attorney