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Ms. Lisa Keifel, Planning Portfolio Manager
Attn: CECW-CE
Headquarters; US Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

Re: Response to 2014-WRRDA, 7001; Three proposals from Kitsap County, Washington- Point-No-Point Environmental Restoration and Flood Risk Mitigation Feasibility Study
Silverdale Waterfront Environmental Restoration Feasibility Study
Burley Creek Watershed Flood Risk Mitigation and Environmental Restoration Feasibility Study

Dear Ms. Kiefel;

It is an honor to submit for further consideration and funding under the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, the above three projects. We believe these projects meet the spirit and intent of the US Army Corps of Engineers partnership program under this authority and serve to illustrate the key ecological and public welfare outcomes that WRRDA provides to our nation.

Attached to this request are the individual project proposals described in more detail per the published Corps' request. For your benefit, the summarized highlights of our proposals follow:

1. <u>Point-No-Point Environmental Restoration and Flood Risk Mitigation Feasibility Study</u>

   - Determine alternative approaches to restoration of freshwater and saltwater marsh habitats that include consideration of sea level rise, flood control and protection of infrastructure (roads, homes, parks, historic lighthouse).
   - Restore a more natural hydrologic and hydraulic regime that enhances intertidal connectivity, improves stormwater runoff attenuation and prepares the county and citizens for resiliency to sea level rise.

2. Silverdale Waterfront Environmental Restoration and Feasibility

- Restoration of saltwater intertidal and nearshore habitats, including: forage fish (mid-upper tidal), federal Endangered Species Act listed salmon (all nearshore is designated Critical Habitat), resident and migratory waterfowl pathways, and associated tidal-freshwater aquatic marsh communities.
- Restoration of ecological processes and biological diversity; improve stormwater runoff attenuation and enhance shoreline resiliency
- A secondary purpose is to enhance and improve active and passive recreational uses with emphasis on recreation that is compatible with the restored environment.

3. Burley Creek Watershed Flood Risk Mitigation and Environmental Restoration Feasibility Study

- Determine alternatives to address significant flooding and storm damage to public roadways and bridges in the watershed
- Address fish passage barriers to ESA listed species of salmon
- Determine alternative solutions to address water quality and pollution levels that are degrading saltwater shellfish fisheries.

Kitsap County, WA is the non-federal sponsor for the three proposals and fully supports the objectives of the projects. Kitsap County has the financial means to commit the appropriate cost-share for the feasibility studies and has completed significant study and research on each of the three identified proposals.

Please let me know if the County can provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at anelson@co.kitsap.wa.us or (360)337-4866.

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