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KING COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM
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Dear Grant Review Team Members:

Seattle City Light supports the Urban Homestead Foundations proposal being submitted to the King County Conservation Futures Program (CFT) for the purchase and preservation of our former Dakota Substation site.

The Urban Homestead Foundation is embarking on a mission to purchase the land at the corner of Dakota and 50th Avenue SW in West Seattle in order to establish an active green space and urban gathering center that models, promotes and teaches green building and sustainable food systems through community and leadership development. "The Dakota Homestead" will be developed to support sustainable green practices and urban agriculture, providing a place to promote natural resources through demonstration gardens, weekly classes and seasonal events. The space will also serve as a food hub and seed lending library, connecting neighbors with each other and local farmers. In addition, the land will provide a wild space for schools to use as curriculum enrichment in topics such as edible gardening, urban wildlife, seasonal cooking, crafting and home finances.

Seattle City Light is required to sell this property for fair market value in order to comply with Washington State law. An appraisal was obtained in June 2014 and determined the fair market value for this parcel is \$530,000. Currently, we are having an updated appraisal completed and will have a revised value in the next four to six weeks. Funding from CTF is critical to turning this former substation into a resource for the community and an opportunity to improve the environment in the Genesee Hill area.

In conclusion, Seattle City Light fully supports the Urban Homestead Foundation's grant application.

Sincerely,

Maureen L Barnes
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Seattle City Light

