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City of Shoreline Planning Commission  
17500 Midvale Avenue North  
Shoreline, WA 98133 - 4905

To Whom It May Concern,

King County GreenTools and the Regional Code Collaboration (RCC) is strongly supportive of the City of Shoreline's Deep Green Incentive Program. We commend the City of Shoreline in demonstrating great leadership in creating an incentive program and pilot ordinance that will be the model for cities and counties within the RCC and Climate Collaboration (K4C).

Jurisdictions of all sizes are seeking avenues to achieve environmental goals and address climate change. A broad range of tools and strategies exist to support these efforts through third-party rating systems. The development of incentives builds a bridge between increasingly stringent code requirements and best management practices for builders and developers.

In recent years, the role of code has expanded beyond issues of life-safety to address environmental performance and resource conservation. Benchmarking programs such as LEED and Built Green have helped in several ways: by making some green strategies common practice in building and site development, by increasing the knowledge and experience of industry professionals, and by gaining the trust of building owners through proven environmental and economic success.

Because of this transformation we believe the market is ready to go beyond code and achieve high levels of deep green construction. King County GreenTools and our partnering programs believe that Shoreline's Deep Green Incentive Program creates an environment for builders and developers to utilize the best rating systems the region has to offer.

King County's GreenTools Program is designed to help all King County stakeholders green their built environment while addressing critical environmental issues, such as global warming, habitat restoration, solid waste reduction, and community planning. GreenTools will continue to support the City of Shoreline and partners in the community by providing technical assistance, and hands-on trainings which build capacity in understanding rating systems within the Deep Green Incentive Program.

We encourage the Planning Commission's support of this project and the project team. Feel free to contact me at 206.477.4621 or [patti.southard@kingcounty.gov](mailto:patti.southard@kingcounty.gov) should you have any questions or desire additional information.

Thank you,

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