

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 1631**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING TRANSFER IN TRUST OF TITLE TO ENGRSTROM OPEN SPACE TO THE MERCER ISLAND OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island owns the Engstrom Open Space, an 8.5 acre forested property adjacent to Pioneer Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer Island Open Space Conservancy Trust (“Trust”) was established by Mercer Island City Council Ordinance B-93 in 1992 to receive and hold open space properties from City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City transferred the title to the Pioneer Park property to the Trust in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Engstrom Open Space is functionally part of the same ecosystem as Pioneer Park such that natural resources and natural processes exist without regard to the boundary between the two properties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council transferred the management and governance of the Engstrom Open Space to the Trust in November 2010 (Resolution No.1429); and

WHEREAS, the Trust has successfully managed and governed Pioneer Park for 30 years and Engstrom Open Space for 12 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

The City Manager is authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to transfer, in trust, the title to Engstrom Open Space to the Mercer Island Open Space Conservancy Trust substantially in the same form and terms as the transfer of title to Pioneer Park.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AT ITS MEETING ON THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

Salim Nice, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk