

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Earth Day 2011
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
PRESENTED BY: Mark Relph, Public Works Director
Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs Coordinator

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

This proclamation recognizes April 22, 2011 as Earth Day in Shoreline. It calls upon residents to celebrate this 41st Anniversary of Earth Day by committing to protect our natural environment for ourselves, our children and future generations.

One successful example of our residents' commitment to building a healthy environment is Sustainable Shoreline Education Association's (SSEA) work to ensure that wildlife in Shoreline have sufficient contiguous habitat to live and breed in our region.

To do this, SSEA recruited 214 private, residential homeowners to develop and protect wildlife habitat on their properties. In addition, the habitat gardens of seven schools, four places of worship, nine parks, one community garden site and three local businesses were certified. In total, these sites qualified the City of Shoreline as a Certified Wildlife Habitat region, making Shoreline the 48th community in the country and the 11th in Washington State to receive this honor. At a time when communities are faced with the problems that result from the loss of natural habitat, Shoreline is now a model for other communities to emulate.

As part of the Proclamation, the National Wildlife Federation NW Regional Education Manager, Courtney Brown, will present Shoreline's Certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat to Boni Biery, Shoreline's Community Wildlife Habitat Project Coordinator. Boni Biery will then present it to Mayor Keith McGlashan, after which the Proclamation will be presented to Boni Biery, in honor of her work.

RECOMMENDATION

No action required.

Approved By: City Manager gm City Attorney _____

Exhibit A: Earth Day Proclamation



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, a healthy natural environment is the foundation of a vigorous society and a robust economy; and
- WHEREAS, the City is striving to create a sustainable environment that benefits the entire community of plants, wildlife and people; and
- WHEREAS, wildlife in our backyards is a natural resource that needs our support and protection; and
- WHEREAS, the City collaborates with non-profit organizations and businesses to create an environment that nourishes all life; and
- WHEREAS, Earth Day offers every individual an opportunity to protect our planet and build a flourishing community;
- WHEREAS, the City offers individuals, non-profits and businesses the Earth Day Every Day Event at Central Market, as a place to celebrate Earth Day and expand their stewardship skills;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2011, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline and call upon all citizens to celebrate this special occasion by committing to improve our natural environment through individual action and community awareness.

Keith McGlashan
Mayor of Shoreline