

RESOLUTION 1277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, NAMING THE *txʷaalqəł* CONSERVATION AREA

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor acquired nearly 40.5 acres of forested land for conservation in 2022 in three phases. This acreage has been set aside in perpetuity for conservation, permanently protecting approximately 1800 lineal feet of North Creek (aka Donkey Creek); and

WHEREAS, these properties are important to the Puyallup Tribe, as they were part of the main village of the *sxʷəbabč* people; and

WHEREAS, the natural environment of these properties provides habitat and refuge for fish and wildlife, enhances water, air and soil quality, and provides area for recreation, reflection and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, the city council desires to collectively name these properties to signify a concerted conservation effort around North Creek; and

WHEREAS, after considering name recommendations from residents, the Gig Harbor Parks Commission provided two naming recommendations for consideration: “*txʷaalqəł* Conservation Area” and “Donkey Creek Reserve;” and

WHEREAS, “*txʷaalqəł*” is a Lushootseed word which roughly translates to “Place Where Game is Found;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. The collected conservation properties located in the vicinity of North Creek are hereby named “*txʷaalqəł* Conservation Area.”

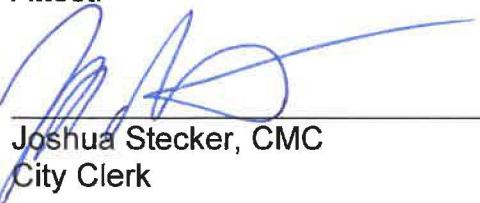
Section 2. A portion of this conservation area may be named after Richard H. Shaw, a longtime owner of a portion of the properties, in accordance with the purchase agreement for the properties.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 22nd day of May, 2023.



Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk