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## **City of Snoqualmie News Release**

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### **Annexation of Mill Planning Area Allows Snoqualmie to Shape Its Future**

**Snoqualmie, WA** – The City of Snoqualmie has adopted an ordinance annexing one of the largest remaining undeveloped sites in King County. The site is immediately east of downtown Snoqualmie in the previous location of the Weyerhaeuser Mill.

At the Snoqualmie City Council meeting on August 13, 2012, the city council adopted Ordinance 1098 annexing 593 acres in the Mill Planning Area of Snoqualmie's Urban Growth Area. The annexation required no transfer of monetary funds from one entity to the other.

“The economic development potential for this site is virtually untapped,” said Mayor Matt Larson. “This annexation gives Snoqualmie the leverage to decide what opportunities will be in the best interest of local long-term development rather than leaving the decisions to King County. We are now in a position to shape our own destiny in terms of land use in the Mill Planning Area.”

Of the 593 acres, approximately 350 acres have been zoned open space and 200 acres zoned Planned Commercial / Industrial land under an ordinance adopted in October 2011 establishing zoning to become effective upon annexation. Portions of the property could be used to connect the gap currently existing in the Snoqualmie Valley Trail as well as providing land for a river walk trail corridor adjacent to the Snoqualmie River.

“There are many potential uses for the property that would be key contributors to the city's economic sustainability such as outdoor recreation, tourism activities, recruitment of green technology businesses, and many others,” said Mayor Pro-Tem Kathi Prewitt. “These opportunities could support local businesses, boost job growth, and increase local sales tax revenue. Snoqualmie needs this infusion and the timing couldn't better.”

The annexation will be effective September 28 – 45 days after approval of the annexation by the city council.

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