

WRIA 8 NOMINATION FORM: ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS

*Please indicate nominees in the fields below. You may nominate up to two organizations per interest areas. You do not need to put forward a nomination for each interest area. Return this form to Stephanie Potts at Stephanie.Potts@ecy.wa.gov no later than **5pm on September 21, 2018**. Ecology staff will contact the nominated organization to confirm interest and capacity to participate in the WRIA 8 Committee. Selection of Committee representatives will occur in early October 2018.*

Organization Name: Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC)

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Please briefly describe why you are nominating this organization:

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC), a Washington non-profit organization since 1977, is a 16-member community council of volunteer citizens who reside in the unincorporated portion of King County (*i.e.*, outside the City of Maple Valley) within the boundaries of Tahoma School District # 409 (roughly 16,000 residents in a 116 square mile area). The vast majority of GMVUAC's service area lies within WRIA 8. The GMVUAC was initially recognized as an Area Council under King County's Citizen Participation Initiative (CPI); and subsequently has become an important environmental organization in King County's Community Service Area (CSA) program for the Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River area. The GMVUAC represents and advocates with King County, State and federal agencies, and other organizations for the interests of its rural area constituents. Through the years, the GMVUAC has provided a public forum for composing its detailed commentary on environmental, development, and planning issues and topics of concern and interest to the residents it serves. Public meetings are conducted monthly at which guest speakers present and discuss with Council members and public attendees important issues and topics; most recently, guests from the WaDOE, KC DPER, and KC DNRP made presentations regarding the *Hirst* decision and the legislative fix under ESSB 6091. Water rights and banking thereof have been discussed in the past, especially as such relate to development of the rural area. The GMVUAC has several standing committees, including environment and growth management, composed of individual members and non-members with backgrounds in engineering, law, hydrogeology, science, and planning. Biennial surveys it conducts indicate that over 43 percent of the properties in GMVUAC's service area are on private groundwater wells, with an additional 20 percent served by small community water systems. Please refer to GMVUAC's website at www.gmvuac.org for detailed information regarding the Council, its membership, its history, its purpose/mission, and its service area. If selected, I respectfully nominate the following individual to formally represent the GMVUAC on the WRIA 8 Committee: Marcia E. Knadle, Licensed Geologist (hydrogeologist) and former hydrogeologist with EPA Region X. Thank you for your consideration.

Nomination Made By:

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