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Council recognizes legacy of Kathryn Taylor by renaming equestrian park in her honor **Kathryn Taylor Park celebrates her effort to preserve equestrian way of life**

The Metropolitan King County Council today gave its unanimous approval to renaming the equestrian park at Trilogy near Redmond as the Kathryn Taylor Equestrian Park, in honor of the late Kathryn Taylor, founder of the King County Executive Horse Council.

"Kathryn was a tireless advocate for this region's equestrian community, reminding everyone that King County should always celebrate its rural heritage, and that heritage includes horses," said Councilmember Kathy Lambert, prime sponsor of the ordinance and whose district includes the Trilogy complex. "This park is just a small part of Kathryn's legacy. Her enduring legacy is a trail system that guarantees that horses—and their riders—will always have a place to ride."

"As King County became one of the most populated counties in the nation, Kathryn Taylor worked to ensure we retained our equestrian heritage through innovative strategies like setting aside horse trails and enhancing facilities," said Councilmember Larry Phillips, Chair of the Growth Management and Natural Resources Committee. "The equestrian park at Trilogy is just one of her amazing accomplishments and leaves a beautiful legacy for all the equestrians who will continue to thrive in King County thanks to Kathryn's efforts."

Kathryn Taylor channeled her passion for horses into protecting horse trails in the Sammamish Plateau and preventing their elimination as growth moved onto the plateau. She founded the King County Executive Horse Council in 1988 and served as its director and later as president. Taylor helped create special "equestrian overlay" areas of zoning in neighborhoods around Bridle Trails State Park in Kirkland. Taylor also worked with the King County Council to help preserve trails for non-motorized trail users across private property in rural areas where landowners received Public Benefit Rating System-based tax assessments.

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“Kathryn Taylor lived her vision for a strong equestrian presence in King County,” said Councilmember Jane Hague. “We knew when she testified at public forums that she was prepared and had a strong constituency supporting her.”

“Kathryn Taylor never forgot there are many facets that make up King County,” said Council Chair Larry Gossett. “Her passion—and the passion of the equestrian community—is a reminder that we should never forget the rural facet of King County as the region continues to grow. This facility is a celebration of that reminder.”

“Kathryn Taylor was a passionate, capable advocate for King County equestrians for more than three decades, so renaming this park in her honor is a fitting tribute,” said Councilmember Dow Constantine. “Kathryn played a personal role in ensuring equestrian trails were part of the Trilogy development and were preserved elsewhere in King County. Her work will benefit horse owners for many years to come.”

The location of the park named for Taylor, who passed away in 2002, was dedicated to the county as recreational mitigation in the Trilogy development master plan. Taylor originally proposed the site for an equestrian park and she worked extensively with the developer, King County Councilmembers, the County Executive, and other stakeholder groups to set aside the 26 acres of open space at Trilogy to expand equestrian opportunities at the Tolt Pipeline Trail. The Kathryn Taylor Equestrian Park will include parking facilities to accommodate trailers, and a pen for horse training and education.

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