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To the WRIA 13 Deschutes Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee,

As chair of the Land Use and Environment Committee for the Olympia City Council, I would like to thank the WRIA 13 Committee for your important work to protect our water resources.

I am particularly enthusiastic about the recommendation to establish a Deschutes Watershed Council and eager to participate in the work to create this collaborative body. Restoring the watershed will require considerable effort and cooperation of all who depend on our shared natural resources. By establishing the Deschutes Watershed Council, we can create an environment rich in collaboration and possibilities.

There have been many successes for our neighbors to the north with the Nisqually Watershed Council. As indicated in their Nisqually Stewardship Plan: "The clear lesson of the Nisqually Watershed model is that investing in relationships, both institutional and interpersonal, pays tremendous dividends in meeting long-term goals and adapting to new challenges."

Please keep the City informed on how we can support the next steps.

Best,

Dani Madrone  
Olympia City Council