

A STUDY REGARDING STATE FOREST TRUST LANDS MANAGED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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In response to KCC Motion 16436

Background: DNR-Managed State Trust Lands

State Lands

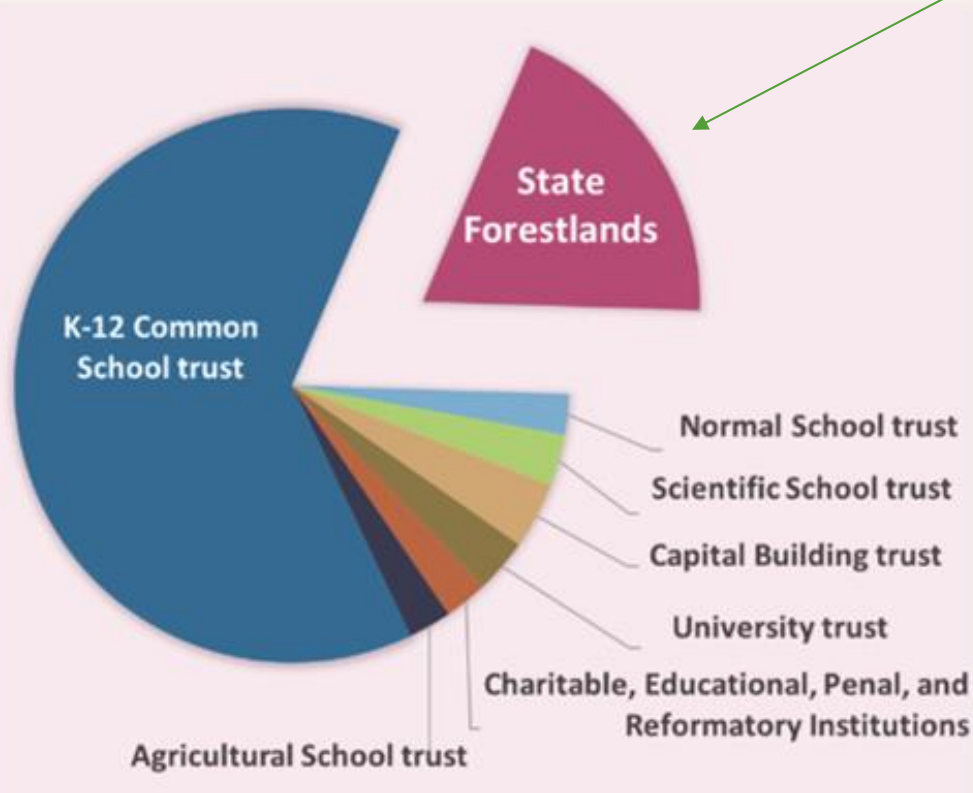
Federally granted

Enabling Act (25 U.S. Statutes at Large, c 180 p. 676)

State Constitution

Revenue is generated from a variety of sources

Source of financial support, primarily for public schools and colleges



State Forestlands

Transfer and purchase

> 617,000 acres in 21 counties

Transfer lands acquired by counties through tax foreclosures.

Statutory Trusts

Revenue helps fund county services, state schools, and junior taxing districts

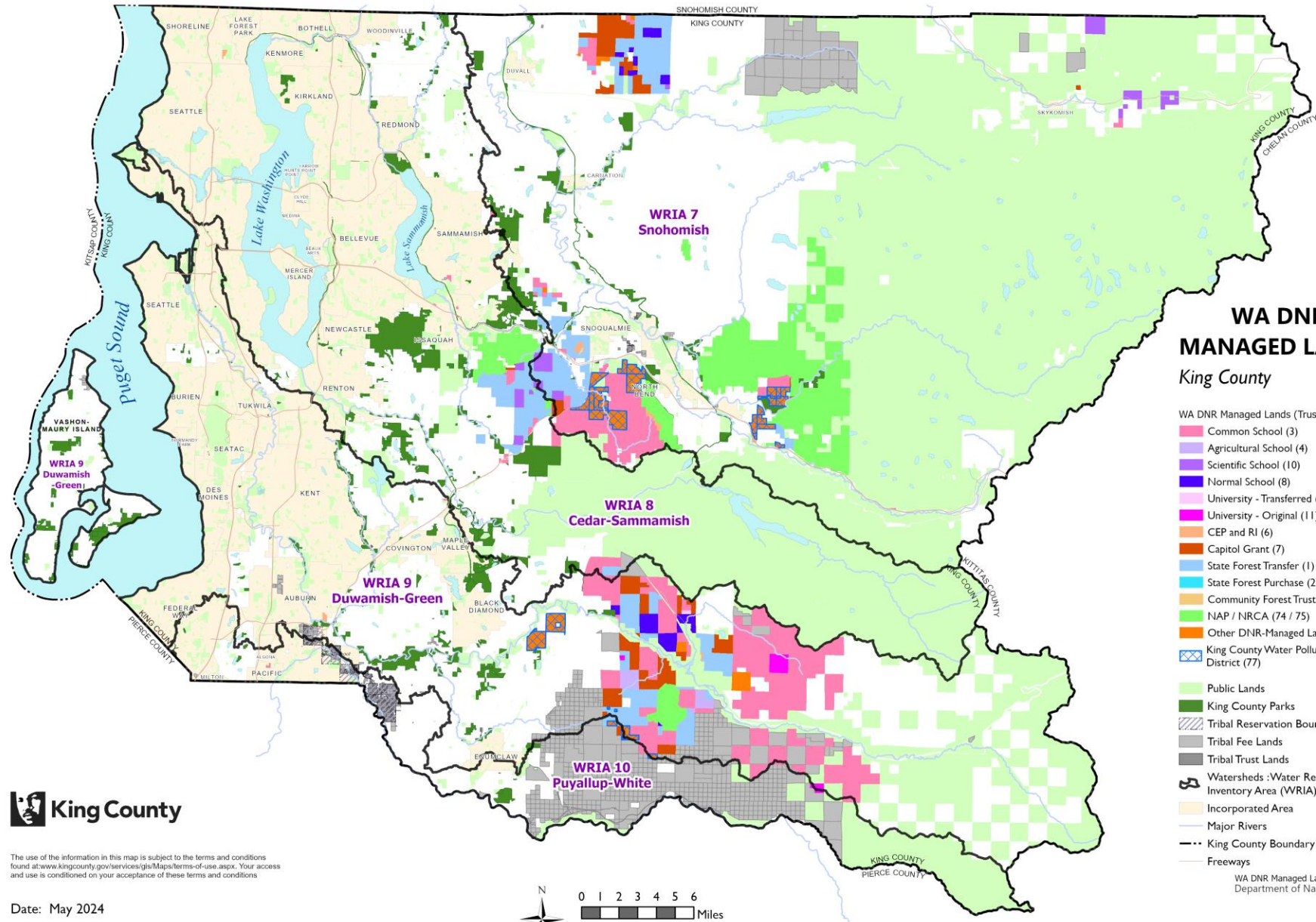
(also known as State Forest Trust Lands)

Trust Category	Trust	Statewide Acres	Beneficiary Use
Federally granted	Common School Trust	1,780,582	Supports construction of public K-12 schools
	Agricultural School Trust	71,143	Supports Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen State College
	University Trust	89,061	Supports the University of Washington
	Charitable, Educational, Penal, and Reformatory Institutions Trust	71,444	Supports institutions managed by the Department of Social and Health Services, Department of Corrections, and the University of Washington
	Capitol Grant	109,489	Supports state government office buildings
	Normal School Trust	66,800	Supports Washington State University
	Scientific School Trust	84,252	Supports Washington State University
	State Forest Trust Lands	State Forest Transfer Lands	539,926
State Forest Purchase Lands		79,393	
Other	Water Pollution Control Division	5,960	Supports King County DNRP's Wastewater Treatment Division

DNR- MANAGED STATE TRUST LANDS

TRUST	Forested Acres	Non-Forested Acres	Total Acres
01 – State Forest Transfer	21,356	1,506	22,862
03 – Common School and Indemnity	35,804	2,879	38,683
04 – Agricultural School	1,105	65	1,171
05 – University – Transferred	61	3	64
06 – Charitable/Ed/Penal & Reformatory	353	160	513
07 – Capitol Grant	8,182	638	8,820
08 – Normal School	2,504	156	2,660
09 – Escheat	960	149	1,109
10 – Scientific School	3,141	195	3,335
11 – University – Original	835	47	881
12 – Community College Forest Reserve	16	2	18
13 – Administrative Site	7	4	11
74 – Natural Area Preserve	2,343	77	2,420
75 – Natural Resources Conservation Area	26,041	3,302	29,343
77 – King County Water Pollution Control Division	5,525	436	5,960
TOTAL ACRES	108,233	9,619	117,851

DNR- MANAGED LANDS IN KING COUNTY



WA DNR MANAGED LANDS King County

- WA DNR Managed Lands (Trust Number)
- Common School (3)
 - Agricultural School (4)
 - Scientific School (10)
 - Normal School (8)
 - University - Transferred (5)
 - University - Original (11)
 - CEP and RI (6)
 - Capitol Grant (7)
 - State Forest Transfer (1)
 - State Forest Purchase (2)
 - Community Forest Trust (48)
 - NAP / NRCA (74 / 75)
 - Other DNR-Managed Lands
 - King County Water Pollution Control District (77)
- Public Lands
- King County Parks
 - Tribal Reservation Boundary
 - Tribal Fee Lands
 - Tribal Trust Lands
- Watersheds :Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) Boundaries
- Incorporated Area
 - Major Rivers
 - King County Boundary
 - Freeways

WA DNR Managed Lands Data Source:
Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

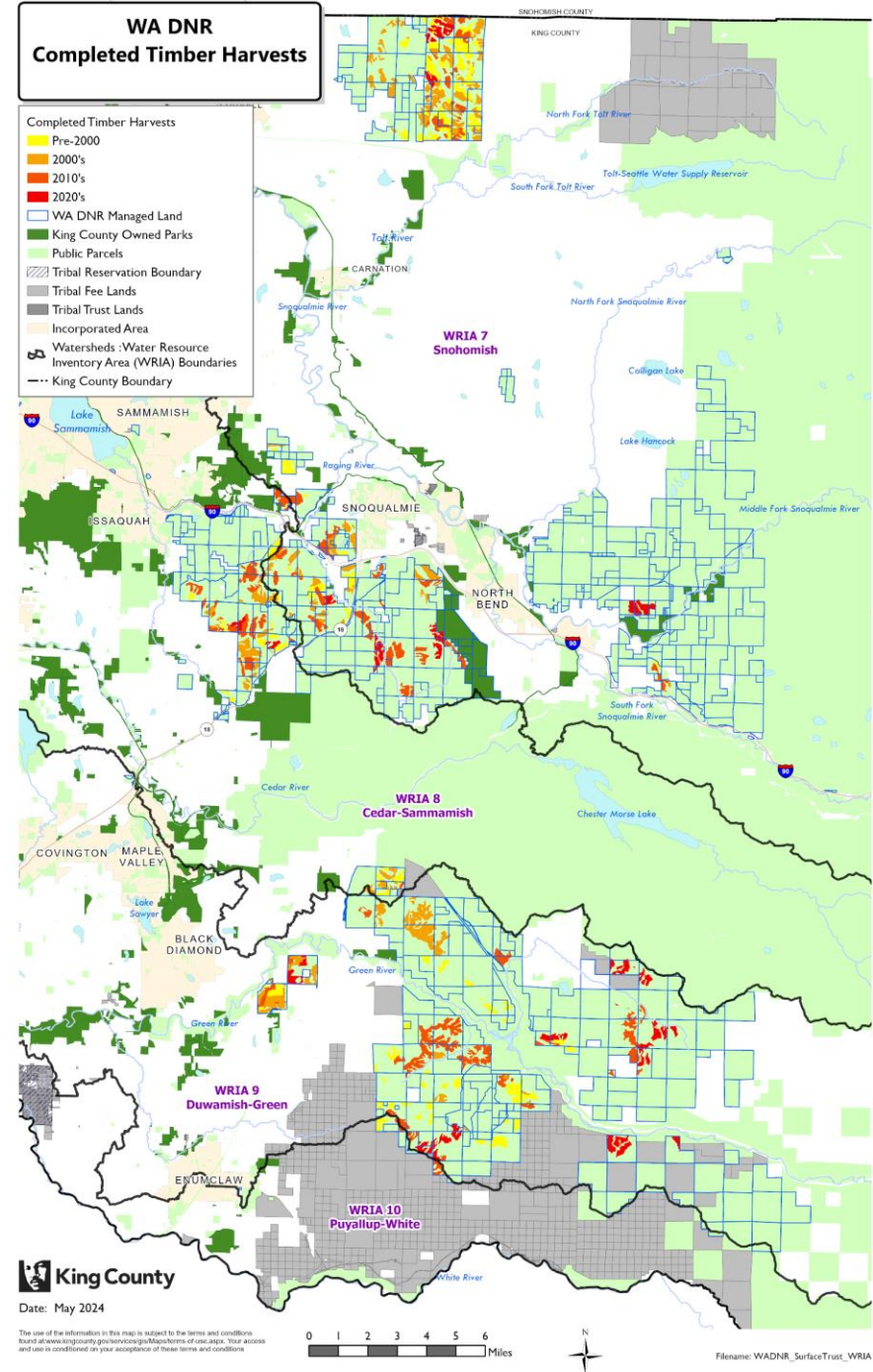
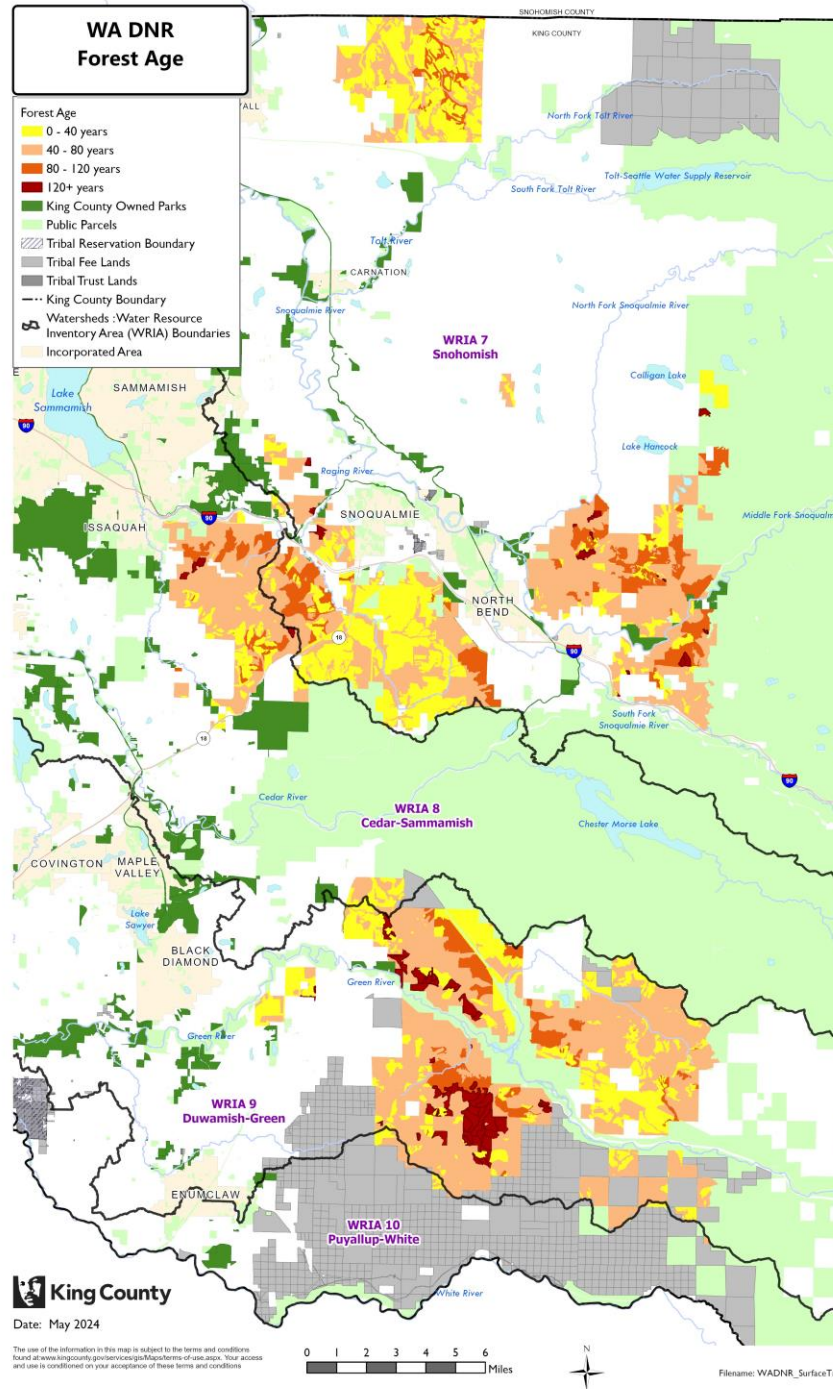
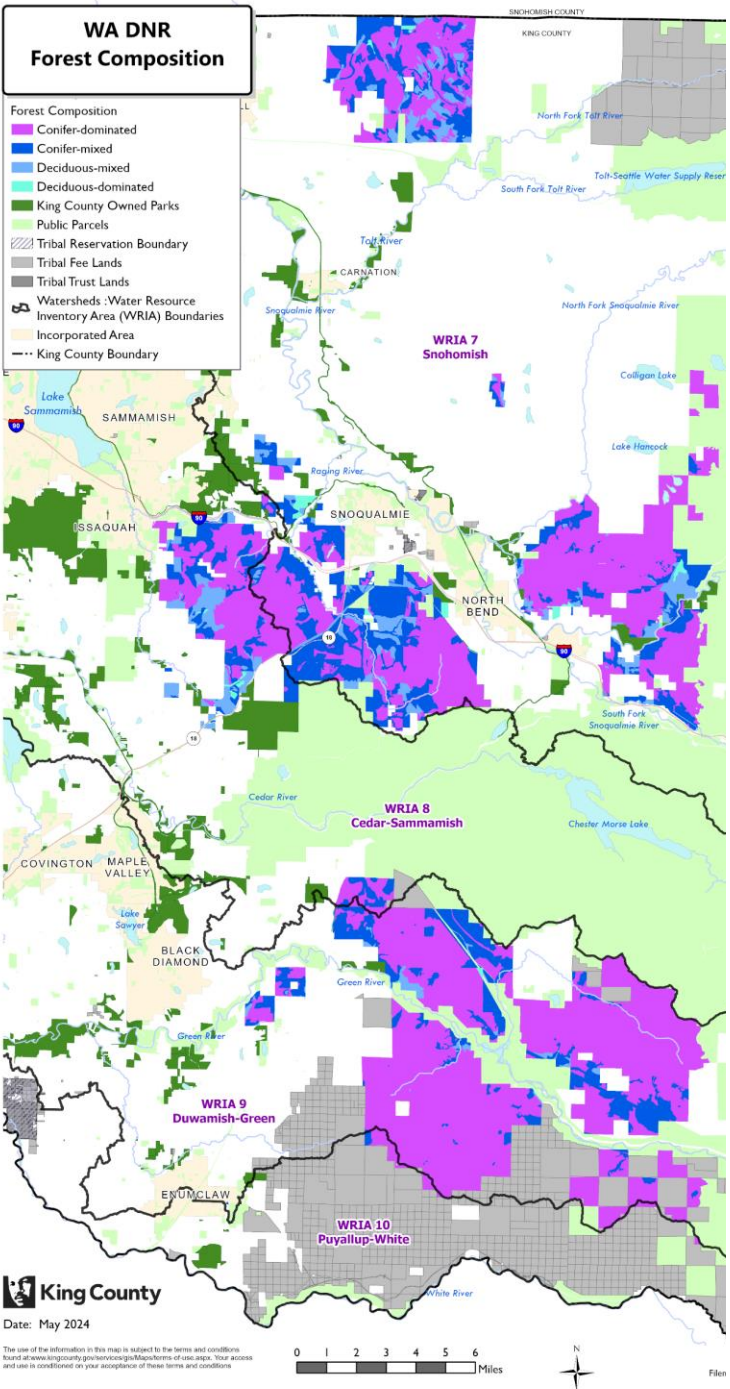


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Revenue Generated from State Forest Trust Lands and KC Water Pollution Control Division Lands, 2014-23

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10-Yr Total
King County Except WTD	\$575,000	\$331,000	\$660,000	\$225,000	\$363,000	\$807,000	\$780,000	\$1,168,000	\$713,000	\$238,000	\$5,861,000
King County DNRP-WTD	\$709,000	\$70,000	\$40,000	\$289,000	\$89,000	\$330,000	\$51,000	\$741,000	\$1,083,000	\$1,173,000	\$4,569,000
School Districts	\$668,629	\$350,369	\$779,910	\$243,138	\$381,088	\$832,780	\$779,006	\$1,160,976	\$702,885	\$238,232	\$6,139,000
State of Washington	\$347,000	\$195,000	\$357,000	\$117,000	\$292,000	\$641,000	\$709,000	\$1,081,000	\$653,000	\$216,000	\$4,610,000
Fire Districts	\$215,000	\$49,000	\$60,000	\$56,000	\$133,000	\$308,000	\$264,000	\$227,000	\$215,000	\$50,000	\$1,578,892
Libraries	\$81,000	\$47,000	\$81,000	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$91,000	\$85,000	\$125,000	\$76,000	\$25,000	\$687,000
Hospitals	\$47,000	\$18,000	\$72,000	\$7,000	\$29,000	\$28,000	\$63,000	\$38,000	\$58,000	\$19,000	\$379,000
Port of Seattle	\$30,000	\$16,000	\$28,000	\$9,000	\$14,000	\$30,000	\$28,000	\$42,000	\$26,000	\$9,000	\$232,000
KC Flood Control Dist.	\$21,000	\$12,000	\$21,000	\$7,000	\$11,000	\$24,000	\$22,000	\$31,000	\$19,000	\$6,000	\$174,000
Annual Total	\$2,695,000	\$1,089,000	\$2,099,000	\$983,000	\$1,356,000	\$3,091,000	\$2,781,000	\$4,615,000	\$3,546,000	\$1,973,000	\$24,223,000

Methods for Transferring Trust Lands from DNR to King County

Direct Transfer	Allows trust land in any category to be transferred to other public agencies at fair market value, which allows the recipient to use these lands for any purpose that is consistent with local zoning. DNR uses the revenue to purchase of replacement lands for the same trust.
Land Exchange	Allows for the exchange of trust land and the timber on it for any land of equal value.
Trust Land Transfer (TLT)	Allows DNR to transfer trust lands (from any trust) to conservation status, to be managed for ecological and recreation purposes. Funding from the state legislature is used to purchase replacement land that provides revenue generation opportunities for the same trust.
Reconveyance	Allows state forest trust lands to be returned to county ownership for park purposes, starting with an application from the county legislative body. No cost to the county for the land but county covers survey and administrative costs of the transfer. DNR retains timber rights.

Parcels Recommended for Transfer

- Benefits & costs of current management vs. potential KC management
- Key factors include: proximity to KC Parks (and other DNR parcels); benefits for water quality, stream habitat; forest condition; access; revenue potential

Parcel Number	Trust	Acres	General Location	Method & Timing of Transfer
3623069036	SFTL	14.0	Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area (MICNA)	TLT 2025-2027
3623069014	CS	26.9	Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area	TLT 2025-2027
3623069015	CS	40.1	Carey Creek	TLT 2025-2027
2623069011	SFTL	40.2	Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area	TLT 2025-2027
2623069012	SFTL	40.1	Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area	TLT 2025-2027
2623069013	SFTL	40.0	Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area	TLT 2025-2027
2623069014	SFTL	39.8	Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area	TLT 2025-2027
2623069021	SFTL	19.5	Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area	TLT 2025-2027
2625069016	CS	38.4	Patterson Creek Natural Area	TLT 2027-2029
1621059011	CEP	38.0	Auburn Narrows	TLT, Direct, or Cooperative Management 2027-2029
TOTAL		337		

Tribal Governments to be Consulted on Land Transfers

- DNR-led or King County-led, depending on transfer method
 - TLT: Tribal consultation is part of DNR's existing process
- King County should consult with Tribes in areas in which they have cultural heritage, family legacy, Treaty rights, or the presence of or proximity to reservation land or other Tribally owned land

Tribal Land Ownership in King County.

Tribe	Area (acres)	Location (basin where land is located)
Muckleshoot	49,600	White, Green, Cedar, Vashon Island
Snoqualmie	12,428	Snoqualmie, Sammamish
Tulalip	1,003	Skykomish
Puyallup	29	Hylebos Creek, Vashon Island
Upper Skagit	12	Snoqualmie
Shoalwater Bay	10	Sammamish
Duwamish	5	Duwamish
Cowlitz	3	Green

Recommendations for Cooperative Management with DNR

1. Reinstate regular (quarterly) meetings between DNR and King County to receive information on proposed or planned harvested and projected revenue.
2. KC DNRP Forestry staff visit proposed harvest sites with DNR staff to conduct field assessments
3. Create a committee with representatives of junior taxing districts to participate in quarterly meetings.
4. King County Council could begin directing a portion of the revenue from harvest of DNR land to DNRP Forestry to support involvement in collaborative management.
5. Explore potential for a joint forest carbon project on State Forest Trust Lands.

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QUESTIONS?