

# **KING COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Recommendations for the Allocation of 2023 Conservation Futures Tax Levy and Parks Levy Open Space Acquisition Funding**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Report Purpose**

This report presents the recommendations of the King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee (“committee”). The committee is a volunteer advisory board with members appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by King County Council. The committee reviews applications for Conservation Futures Tax Levy (“CFT”) and King County Parks Levy (“PL” or “Parks Levy”) county open space acquisition funding and recommends project funding awards to the King County Executive. The Executive proposes funding awards to the King County Council, which makes the final CFT and PL funding allocations by ordinance.

This year, the committee reviewed 37 applications from cities, the County, and nonprofit organizations requesting a total of \$58.2 million in CFT and Parks Levy funding, seeking funding awards that will be allocated in the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.

#### **Conservation Futures Tax Levy Funding**

King County’s Conservation Futures tax levy (CFT) is a dedicated portion of property taxes collected throughout King County. CFT funding is used to purchase open space lands and easements in unincorporated King County and in King County’s cities.

CFT funding is a major part of the King County Land Conservation Initiative (LCI), a vision to accelerate the pace of land conservation in order to protect up to 65,000 acres of land in King County and its cities within a generation. With the implementation of the LCI in 2018 and 2019, the County adopted legislation that authorized an increased level of bonding against future CFT revenues. CFT awards typically require a 50% match from the applicant, with a goal of gaining broader financial participation through local, state, federal, and other funding sources. The County adopted a policy to waive the required 50% match for projects in “opportunity areas,” with the goal to eliminate disparities in access to greenspaces, parks, and trails in communities that have the greatest needs. Match waiver projects may qualify if projects are in areas of the county with the lowest incomes, highest hospitalization rates for environmentally related chronic health conditions, and limited access to open spaces. Projects may also qualify by demonstrating that residents living in the area or served by the project experience disproportionately limited access to open spaces and demonstrated hardships. Match waiver projects need to demonstrate community engagement.

This year, the committee has recommended a total of \$36.8 million in CFT dollars, consisting of two types of awards: \$13.2 million CFT annual dollars from current collections, and \$23.6 million CFT bond dollars in the 2023 CFT bond project (appropriated in the 2022 budget but not yet

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assigned to projects; the remaining bond appropriation authority would be retained in the 2023 CFT bond project for future committee funding recommendations during the next year). Within that \$36.8 million CFT, the committee recommends \$9.2 million in CFT dollars with a match waiver for projects in opportunity areas. Six match waiver applications were recommended for full funding this year (including a retroactive match waiver on an older CFT award for one project); one request did not receive a match waiver.

### **King County Parks Levy Open Space Acquisition Funding**

In August 2019, King County voters passed the 2020-2025 King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy, which includes dedicated open space acquisition funding for King County projects. In 2007 when the King County Parks Expansion Levy was approved by voters, King County Council passed Motion 12587 stating that coordination between PL open space and CFT programs could maximize the shared objectives of open space and natural lands acquisitions, and that the PL recommendation process would benefit from the CFT process which is transparent and accessible to the public, stakeholder groups, government agencies and officials. In 2008, the council passed Motion 12809 formally adopting the process by which the committee makes recommendations for both CFT and PL county open space funding, a practice which has been followed by the committee to this day. The committee believes that this practice is even more important now to achieve a balance of CFT and PL awarded to county projects and help further the goals of the Land Conservation Initiative.

This year, the committee has provided recommendations for \$14.8 million in Parks Levy funding to county open space projects.

### **Application Review and Funding Recommendation Process**

The committee review process was entirely remote again this year, in the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of in-person meetings and site visits with applicants, the committee conducted an online review process March through May, holding six project review meetings with applicants, and additional committee meetings to review projects and make recommendations. The committee was pleased to again have the input of Open Space Equity Cabinet members as part of a work group that provided match waiver project recommendations to the full committee.

There are many potential open space categories, and each year the committee strives to provide a balanced package of open space acquisition projects with benefits such as wildlife and salmon habitat, farmland and forest preservation, passive outdoor recreation opportunities, urban greenspaces, and opportunity area projects. The committee reviews each project considering the adopted Conservation Futures criteria. The committee also considers factors related to the likelihood of success for specific projects and broader public policy initiatives, such as landowner willingness to sell a property, meeting equity and social justice goals, the threat of loss of open space resources, once-in-a-generation opportunities, the geographic distribution of projects throughout the county, and regional significance.

The committee's recommendations for awarding projects bond CFT dollars were based on factors such as likelihood of implementation in the next year, likelihood of securing match funding or receiving a match waiver, and compliance with bond-related financing requirements.

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## **Committee Perspective**

The following are a few takeaways from the committee's project review:

- The committee is pleased to see continued high demand for open space funding through the first few years of the LCI. The committee believes that the region could continue to spend additional CFT funding beyond current annual collections on the order of \$15-30 million per year into the future, relative to the availability of match. The County should be aware of the debt service burden as it issues bonds and should explore restoring the CFT rate back to its originally enacted rate of 6.25 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.
- While there was an elevated level of CFT funding available with bond dollars this year, match was a limiting factor for many projects. The budget impacts of the current financial crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic may have limited the ability of local jurisdictions to provide match on projects. The funding for county requests was limited by the amount of Parks Levy match available. Limitations on match resulted in the committee not recommending all the \$25 million in bond dollars be awarded to projects this year.
- The committee evaluated seven match waiver requests this year. The committee continues to encourage applicants for match waiver projects to engage the local community or the population served by the project early in the process, ideally developing the ideas in partnership with the local community to address the communities' priorities for open space needs. The committee recognizes that additions to existing parks are important, and also wants to encourage a strong focus on creating new greenspaces in neighborhoods that are under-served.

### **Highlights: Projects Located in Incorporated Cities**

- Of the many projects adding open space in cities, highlights include committee support for Kent's acquisition of the last inholding at Clark Lake Park; Issaquah's Weymouth Acquisition, preserving forested hillside and salmon habitat on the urban growth boundary; Shoreline's Rotary Park project adding a park near the 185<sup>th</sup> Street light rail station; and Washington Farmland Trust's acquisition of Deutsch Urban Farm in Tukwila to preserve a small urban farm.
- The following match waiver requests in cities were recommended for funding: Lakeview Park, preserving a well-used park in a heavily burdened part of Burien; GROW Northwest's acquisition of a historic urban garden in Shoreline, engaging community groups to address local food insecurity; SeaTac's Bow Lake Springs Wetland Park preserving open space and a perennial spring next to mobile home and affordable housing communities; Seattle's Bitter Lake Playfield Addition, adding passive-use lakefront access to Bitter Lake Playfield; and Shoreline's 192<sup>nd</sup> Hemlock Open Space Acquisition, preserving passive open space and mature tree canopy to serve incoming affordable housing residents and the existing neighborhood.

### **Highlights: Projects Located in Unincorporated King County**

- One match waiver request will add open space in the West Hill-Skyway urban unincorporated area, creating passive open space and a green buffer between I-5 and an adjacent manufactured home community.

- WRIA 7/Snoqualmie Watershed: The County builds on long-term projects to preserve high-quality riparian and forest habitat with acquisitions at Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area, Mitchell Hill Forest, and Three Forks Natural Area.
- WRIA 8/Cedar-Lake Washington Watershed: The County expands conservation in the Bear Creek basin, acquires riparian lands on the salmon-bearing East Fork of Issaquah Creek, and adds to Evans Creek Natural Area through both fee purchase and easements.
- WRIA 9/Green River Watershed: The County continues projects related to salmon habitat and open space conservation at Green River/Newaukum Creek, North Green River, Soos Creek and Sweeney Pond; and provides final funding to complete multiyear projects at Black Diamond Open Space, Keevie Lake, and Soos/Molasses Creek.
- Vashon: The County continues work to preserve land at Island Center Forest and Morningside Farm at Neill Point, as well as high-quality fish habitat at Judd and Tahlequah Creeks and marine shoreline.
- Farmland: The County begins work to acquire development rights on farmland in May Creek.

## FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN CITIES

- This section is organized in alphabetical order by the name of the applicant (city or nonprofit organization name).
- If multiple applications have been submitted by an applicant, projects are listed in alphabetical order by project name.
- Scope adjustments are noted below to relate the scopes of recent and current awards.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Burien Match Waiver Request Lakeview Park Acquisition</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,844,250</b>	<b>\$1,844,250 bond</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,844,250</b>	<b>\$1,844,250</b>
	<b>Match Waiver Determination?</b>		<b>Yes</b>

The City of Burien seeks to acquire from Highline School District the site of a former school that has been functioning as a public park for nearly 40 years. If funded, the city would acquire the 3.6-acre site so the park can continue to serve as a valuable public asset in a community with minimal access to greenspace. The city would use CFT funding on the 75% of the site that complies with CFT use restrictions. The current land use agreement between the school district and King County will expire in Fall 2023 and the Park District is actively working with the school district to secure the property. If Lakeview Park’s wooded areas, walking paths, playgrounds, and picnicking opportunities were lost to development, it would leave the area with a large gap in public services.

The applicants request a match waiver. The census tract is in the lowest 1/3 for income, but the hospitalization rates across the broad ZIP code (which includes higher-income waterfront properties) fall short of the highest 1/3 of ZIP codes in King County. However, its proximity to SeaTac Airport and related industry, data offered by the city on environmental health disparities, and low life expectancies in this census tract suggest this specific location might track more closely with the high hospitalization rates in the adjacent ZIP code that includes the airport. The area has many demographic and socioeconomic factors representative of a historically under-served community such as a high poverty rate, low life expectancies, and high percentages of limited English speakers. The community has considered the space part of the city park system for nearly forty years, and they have contributed to recent park improvement planning efforts. The applicant has provided support letters from the Mayor and Councilmembers, the City Parks and Rec Advisory Board, a local Montessori school, and six neighbors.

The committee recommends full funding of \$1,844,250 CFT bond dollars which includes waiving the 50% match. The committee determines that this project merits a match waiver based on environmental health disparities in this neighborhood, the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the community, and because losing the park would result in a significant gap in public services.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Federal Way Match Waiver Request Hylebos Creek Conservation Property Acquisitions</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000 total (\$600,000 annual, \$900,000 bond)</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143683 New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>Match Waiver Determination?</b>			<b>No</b>

The City of Federal Way proposes to acquire three “missing link” properties adjacent to West Hylebos Wetlands Park. This project would add three parcels comprising 8.19 acres to city-owned conservation areas. The acquisition will link previously fragmented areas with high aquatic wildlife value, expanding the West Hylebos Wetlands Open Space system which spans 300 acres of riparian habitat along the West and North forks of West Hylebos Creek. This connectivity will advance the city’s plan to build an interpretive regional watershed trail and boardwalk network through the area, though future acquisitions are needed to complete this vision. The two parcels adjacent to Highway 99 provide wetland functions critical for Chinook salmon spawning further downstream. Match funding is available from city Surface Water Management dollars and potential donation of land value, with a small increment of match funding still to be secured.

The applicants request a match waiver. This location is in the lowest 1/3 of census tracts for income and the highest 1/3 of ZIP codes for hospitalization rates, though it did not meet the open space access criterion due to its proximity to other city-owned conservation areas. The area has many demographic and socioeconomic factors representative of a historically under-served community such as high percentages of people who are disabled, under age five, and households experiencing poverty. The city and EarthCorps have a long-standing partnership and shared goal of protecting and restoring the creek and wetlands. Local community groups are routinely engaged in invasive species removal and native plantings on adjacent sites (Blueberry Park and Brooklake Community Center). The applicant has provided support letters from local community group We Love Our City and Federal Way Public Schools.

The committee recommends full funding of \$1,500,000 total requiring 50% match, consisting of \$600,000 in CFT annual dollars and \$900,000 in CFT bond dollars. The King County fire district property should be purchased with the annual dollars, not bond dollars. The committee determines that this project does not merit a match waiver, on the grounds that the project intention is primarily to achieve conservation goals rather than to directly provide expanded local community uses as is the typical focus of the match waiver. There is significant open space and trail potential in the vicinity already that is not greatly expanded through these purchases. The King County fire district property should be purchased with the annual dollars, not bond dollars. The city has most of the match needed to access the full CFT award. The committee is willing to evaluate future proposals in this area for a match waiver, and would want to hear a compelling case from the city as to how the acquisitions would directly transform the experience of the park by the local population that is deserving of a match waiver.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Match Waiver Request GROW Northwest – in Shoreline Ching Community Gardens</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,232,000</b>	<b>\$1,232,000 annual</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143684</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,232,000</b>	<b>\$1,232,000</b>
	<b>Match Waiver Determination?</b>		<b>Yes</b>

The nonprofit GROW Northwest seeks create a community garden on a site of historical importance to Asian American and veteran communities. The proposed project would protect a 0.64-acre parcel near Shoreline Community College. The site was formerly the home and garden of Joe Ching, a Chinese-American veteran who was able to put down roots here in the 1950s despite the racial restrictive covenants of the day. Acquisition will allow for land conversion into a P-Patch/community garden to provide local food and help to satisfy local demand for more community gardens. The garden will respond to food insecurity in the immediate neighborhood, commemorate the resilience of Asian Americans, and celebrate the community benefits derived from racially inclusive housing policy. GROW Northwest serves as a P-Patch land trust and steward in the Seattle area; the organization was previously determined to be an eligible nonprofit nature conservancy corporation under CFT policies.

The applicants request a match waiver. While the property is in the highest 1/3 of ZIP codes for hospitalization rates and is more than 1/4 mile from public open space, the project does not meet the income requirement in part because the site is grouped into a census tract that includes an extremely affluent gated community. The property is just 0.2 miles away from a census block group that is in the lowest 1/3 of census tracts for income in King County. The site is likely very similar to the rest of the approximately five-mile corridor along Aurora that meets the opportunity area income and health criteria, with high poverty rates and many limited English-speaking households. This is a grassroots project, with support from the Ching family, neighborhood gardening and P-Patch groups, city council, and the Canlis family. Diggin’ Shoreline has agreed to be an organizational sponsor. The applicant has provided support letters from Councilmember Dembowski, Diggin’ Shoreline, the City of Shoreline, and the Ching family. The applicant is working to engage Shoreline Community College and local elementary schools.

The committee recommends full funding of \$1,232,000 CFT annual dollars which includes waiving the 50% match. The committee determines that this project merits a match waiver based on the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the community, thoughtful community engagement, a compelling vision to engage local stakeholders, and the garden’s potential to support local food systems.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Issaquah Weymouth Acquisition – Issaquah Creek Waterways</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>	<b>\$530,000 bond</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>

The City of Issaquah seeks to acquire property to preserve forested hillside adjacent to Squak Mountain State Park. The proposal will protect one 20-acre parcel that includes four wetlands and three streams that directly support salmonid spawning in Issaquah Creek. The parcel contains 823 lineal feet of the Cabin Creek Tributary (a Class 2 stream containing salmonids) and is located 1,350 feet from the Cabin Creek confluence with Issaquah Creek. Acquisition would enhance salmon habitat in a key tributary of Issaquah Creek consistent with goals set out in the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan. The project would preserve Issaquah’s iconic viewsheds, and add to 20,000 existing acres of public lands in the Issaquah Creek basin. Plans may include a small trail connecting to the Squak Mountain State Park trail network. Match funding comes from the city’s capital budget, and the award adds to funding in the city’s Issaquah Creek Waterways CFT award that will contribute to this purchase as well.

The committee recommends full funding of \$530,000 CFT bond dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Issaquah Creek Waterways, Existing CFT Annual Project #1047228

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Kent Clark Lake Park – Ruth Acquisition</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000 bond</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

The City of Kent seeks to acquire some of the last private inholdings at Clark Lake Park, toward a long-term goal of acquiring 140 contiguous acres in this passive use park. This year, the city proposes to purchase two parcels comprising 15.5 acres that include meadows and lake frontage on the south side of Clark Lake. This project will allow a trail that circumnavigates the lake, a long-sought vision for the park. The project will allow restoration to improve water quality for lake outflows, which support Coho salmon habitat downstream, and preserve a central greenspace in the heart of a rapidly developing urban area. These are long-term targets that the city has sought to purchase for decades; one parcel in the same ownership may be part of a future request. Match funding is anticipated to come from Kent Parks Capital Funds and/or RCO grants.

The committee recommends full funding of \$2,000,000 CFT bond dollars.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>SeaTac Match Waiver Request Bow Lake Springs Wetland Park</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>	<b>\$630,000 bond</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>
	<b>Match Waiver Determination?</b>		<b>Yes</b>



The City of SeaTac seeks to create a passive use park in a densely developed and under-served community. The city seeks to purchase the northern three acres of a 4.76-acre parcel, preserving the open space portion of the site. Acquisition would enable the city to restore a degraded Class III wetland habitat and a spring-fed water course which flows to Bow Lake, reducing flooding impacts. The city will do full site restoration and incorporate a small trail system with interpretive signage to support outdoor education for the neighborhood and nearby Bow Lake Elementary School. SeaTac’s Parks, Recreation, and Open Space plan calls out the need for a park within the urban core, and this location is a suitable fit in a place with high population density, a historically under-served community, and poor park access.

The applicants request a match waiver. The site is in an opportunity area meeting all three criteria; it is in the 8<sup>th</sup> percentile for median household income, the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile for hospitalization rates, and it is well over a quarter mile to the nearest public park. The site is a half-mile from SeaTac Airport, in a part of the city with high-density multifamily and affordable housing, businesses, and parking facilities that support the airport. The project offers sorely needed recreational opportunities and visual relief for a highly diverse immigrant community, the majority of whom are living under the federal poverty level. The applicant has provided support letters from Highline Public Schools and Forterra.

The committee recommends full funding of \$630,000 CFT bond dollars which includes waiving the 50% match. The committee determines that this project merits a match waiver based on the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of this diverse community, and the need for greenspace in SeaTac, particularly so close to the airport. The committee encourages SeaTac to conduct authentic community engagement with locally based community organizations, such as connecting with the contacts provided to them. The committee expects to see more community engagement in future proposals. The committee also encourages SeaTac to consider anti-displacement policies with regard to green gentrification as they implement open space projects to support retention of the existing community the project is intended to serve.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Seattle Match Waiver Request Bitter Lake Playfield Addition</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000 bond</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>
	<b>Match Waiver Determination?</b>		<b>Yes + retroactive match waiver on existing funds</b>

The City of Seattle seeks to permanently preserve open space owned by Seattle School District which already functions as part of the adjacent Bitter Lake Playfield. The city will purchase 3.5 acres total, comprised of one 0.5-acre parcel and a 3-acre portion of the 9.3-acre site on which the Broadview Thomson School is built. Acquisition will help close an open space gap in the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village. The expansion will add waterfront access and passive use to an active park. The local community has been using the school district property as a de-facto park for many years and have expressed strong support for the acquisition over more than a decade of public meetings and park planning. The city will enter a land trade with the school district to cover a

substantial portion of the costs; the remaining costs would be paid for by the requested funds and a 2017 CFT award of \$1,000,000 to the project.

The applicant requests a match waiver on the project, which would apply to the requested funds and the past award of \$1,000,000. The site is in the lowest 1/3 of census tracts for income and the highest 1/3 of ZIP codes for hospitalization rates, though it did not meet the open space access criterion as it adds to an existing park. The area has many socioeconomic factors representative of a historically under-served community such as a high poverty rate, high percentage of disabled residents, and high percentage of households with limited English-speaking ability. Local residents have long used this space as a city park, and community groups have advocated for this acquisition since the 1990s through the current day as evidenced in neighborhood planning materials, and in support letters from Broadview-Bitter Lake Community Council and the public.

The committee recommends full funding of \$2,400,000 CFT bond dollars which includes waiving the 50% match (and applying a match waiver retroactively to the 2017 CFT award of \$1,000,000, providing a total of \$3,400,000 with a match waiver). The committee determines that this project merits a match waiver based on the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of this diverse community and the need for open spaces in the rapidly developing Bitter Lake Urban Village.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Bitter Lake Playfield Addition, Existing CFT Annual Project #1129231

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Seattle Cheasty Greenspace – Mt. Baker</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000 annual</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143685</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

The City of Seattle seeks to expand the Cheasty Greenspace natural area network in Southeast Seattle. The city proposes to acquire all or part of a 1.78-acre parcel owned by Sound Transit. This greenspace sits behind a future affordable housing development and within a block of the Mt. Baker light rail station. Acquisition will extend the Cheasty wildlife corridor near the dense Mt. Baker Urban Village and provide visual relief and the psychological benefits of nature to adjacent affordable housing residents and light rail commuters. This parcel could potentially connect to the existing Cheasty trail network, in which case this space would be a natural entry point. Green Seattle Partnership is well positioned to do forest restoration on this parcel, to help restore existing hardscape to forest. Match funding comes from the Seattle Park District.

The committee recommends full funding of \$500,000 CFT annual dollars.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Seattle Taylor Creek Headwaters</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000 annual</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143688</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

The City of Seattle seeks to acquire vacant inholding parcels to fill an ownership gap between city-owned properties at the headwaters of Taylor Creek, on the city’s southern border. The city has identified 0.66 acres across three parcels as current targets, which would add to existing public land along the Taylor Creek corridor as it makes its way to Lake Washington. Preserving these parcels at the headwaters of Taylor Creek will enhance water quality downstream, where salmon spawning has been documented. This acquisition will ensure that the existing preserved greenbelt will not be bisected by homes, and may provide a natural access point for adjacent public lands if passive use trails were ever put in. Green Seattle Partnership would help restore forest on these parcels. Match funding comes from the Seattle Park District.

The committee recommends full funding of \$100,000 CFT annual dollars.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Seattle Willow Creek Natural Area</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$125,000 annual</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143689</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

The City of Seattle seeks to acquire a riparian area along Willow Creek, a tributary of Thornton Creek, Seattle’s largest salmon-bearing stream. The city will preserve all or portions of five parcels comprising 0.7 acres, with a mix of natural forest and paved lots adjacent to public right-of-way. The purchase will help the city continue its decades-long effort to protect Thornton Creek and bring back salmonids, which have returned in recent years. No part of Willow Creek is preserved before its confluence with Thornton Creek; acquisition will improve habitat and water quality further downstream en route to Lake Washington. The project would add greenspace to an otherwise dense, hardscaped, and heavily trafficked area. Located between two elementary schools, it could also be a place to complement outdoor education curriculum. This acquisition is top priority for the Thornton Creek Alliance, and Green Seattle Partnership has expressed interest in restoring this site. Match funding comes from the Seattle Park District.

The committee recommends full funding of \$125,000 CFT annual dollars.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Shoreline Match waiver request 192<sup>nd</sup> Hemlock Open Space Acquisition</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$2,003,500</b>	<b>\$2,003,500 annual</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143690</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,003,500</b>	<b>\$2,003,500</b>
	<b>Match Waiver Determination?</b>		<b>Yes</b>

The City of Shoreline seeks to acquire a vacant, forested parcel near the intersection of Aurora Avenue N and N 192<sup>nd</sup> Street, just west of the King County Department of Transportation’s Shoreline Park & Ride lot. The project would preserve a 0.54-acre parcel that serves as a buffer between residences and the Park & Ride lot. This lot and parcels along Aurora have recently been upzoned to accommodate multifamily housing. Open space resources are dwindling in Shoreline as a result of increasing density, associated with regional growth and light rail expansion. Preserving this patch of mature trees and offering trails and small community gathering areas will mitigate the heat island effect and provide the benefits of nature to a rapidly densifying and highly trafficked corridor. Such acquisitions are prioritized in Shoreline’s Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan.

The applicant requests a match waiver. The site is in the lowest 1/3 of census tracts for income and the highest 1/3 of ZIP codes for hospitalization rates, though it did not meet the open space access criterion because it is within a quarter mile of the Interurban Trail. However, the trail is located on the opposite side of Aurora and does not provide the same experience as passive open space, and there is minimal traffic buffer on this stretch of Aurora. The area has many demographic and socioeconomic factors representative of an under-served community such as a high poverty rate, high percentages of limited English speakers, and high percentages of people with disabilities. The applicants have provided nine letters of support from local community organizations and neighbors, as well as Councilmember Dembowski and the King County Housing Authority.

The committee recommends full funding of \$2,003,500 CFT annual dollars which includes waiving the 50% match. The committee determines that this project merits a match waiver based on the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of this diverse community, and the benefits of greenspace that this site will provide to both wildlife and to current and incoming residents in this rapidly developing area.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Shoreline Rotary Park Acquisition I</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$3,281,421</b>	<b>\$3,281,421 total (\$740,000 annual, \$2,541,421 bond)</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143692 New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,281,421</b>	<b>\$3,281,421</b>

The City of Shoreline seeks to expand Rotary Park, creating a 4.75-acre park just 0.2 miles from the future 185<sup>th</sup> Street light rail station. The city requests funding for four parcels totaling 1.16 acres (three of which the city has recently purchased). The city will demolish the homes on site and develop a master plan to integrate uses across the CFT-funded sites and the adjacent Seattle City Light utility corridor. This project is consistent with Shoreline’s Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, which prioritizes the need to strategically invest in parks within upzoned areas and transit hubs, and explicitly calls for park acquisition in the 185<sup>th</sup> light rail station subarea. Rotary Park will increase passive recreation opportunities in a rapidly densifying neighborhood with unmet needs. Seattle City Light land adjacent to the target parcels represents a significant portion of the proposed park site; the city plans to reach agreement with the utility for public use of their property. Match funding comes from a voter-approved parks bond.

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The committee recommends full funding of \$3,281,421 total, consisting of \$740,000 CFT annual dollars and \$2,541,421 CFT bond dollars. The intent is that bond funds would be primarily spent on the three parcels that have already been purchased, and annual funds spent on the future purchase. The committee strongly encourages Shoreline to enter into a use agreement with Seattle City Light as soon as possible to ensure the full vision for this 4.75-acre park may be implemented.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Shoreline Twin Ponds I</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,135,505</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>N/A</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,135,505</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The City of Shoreline seeks expand Twin Ponds Park on its southern edge, to both increase park access and enhance the riparian capacities of the stream that bisects the two parcels. This project would add two parcels comprising 0.4 acres to the park. The city indicates that acquisition would allow the city to remove the houses on site, restore the creek, plant more trees, and put in a loop trail. Acquisition would make the park accessible from the south entrance, which will help accommodate visitors coming from the future light rail station at 148<sup>th</sup> Street and the associated mobility corridor. The project is consistent with the city’s overall plan to invest in parks within upzoned areas and transit hubs. Match funding comes from a voter-approved parks bond.

The committee does not recommend funding this project. The city has not contacted the landowners, and it is unclear that the long-time owners of the homes would be willing sellers. The committee questions whether both of these acquisitions are actually needed to introduce park access in this area, or whether that could be achieved through the existing properties. Moreover, the area immediately north of the subject parcels is largely wetland and may not be amendable to pedestrian access.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>Washington Farmland Trust - in Tukwila Deutsch Urban Farm</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$538,000</b>	<b>\$538,000 bond</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$538,000</b>	<b>\$538,000</b>

Washington Farmland Trust (WFT) seeks to preserve a small urban farm in Tukwila. The nonprofit will purchase an easement on five parcels comprising 5.5 acres to preserve its use as an urban farm and local food resource. CFT funds would allow WFT to strip development rights in a rapidly growing area. The artesian well, barn, and other infrastructure on site that supports livestock and agriculture will remain. Under the easement, there will be opportunities for public events supporting farm uses. The eventual vision is to transfer fee ownership to a government agency or community-based organization in support of community farming opportunities. This project could help reduce disparities in access to open space and fresh local food, and buffers the local community from I-5. It also works toward closing a gap in the availability of community gardens in Tukwila and creates space for educational and social events. Washington Farmland

Trust (affiliated with PCC Farmland Trust) preserves working farms throughout Washington; the County determined WFT to be an eligible nonprofit nature conservancy corporation under CFT policies. Match funding will come from the landowner in the form of a partial land donation to WFT.

The committee recommends full funding of \$538,000 CFT bond dollars.

## FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY

- *Projects sponsored by King County are listed in the following geographic location/program order. Within each location/program, projects are listed alphabetically:  
WRIA 7 (Snoqualmie watershed) – WRIA 8 (Cedar/Lake Washington watershed) – WRIA 9 (Green River watershed) – WRIA 10 (White River watershed) – Vashon – Farm.*
- *While a few projects listed in this section may include parcels in incorporated cities, their primary focus is in the unincorporated area.*
- *Several scope adjustments are noted below, in part to relate the scopes of recent and current awards. There is one standalone scope addition not associated with a current award.*

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 7 Middle Fork Snoqualmie NA Additions</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>	<b>\$415,000 annual</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143693 New PL Project #1143698</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$830,000</b>	<b>\$830,000</b>

This project works to acquire the last remaining private parcels in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, where 100,000 acres of contiguous public land represent a regionally important recreational and habitat resource. This year’s grant will help the County purchase 50 acres on three parcels adjacent to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River above Snoqualmie Falls, which would be added to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area. Forterra is exploring a “buy and hold” agreement on these long-time targets. This section of the Snoqualmie River is a Class 1 Stream and a Shoreline of Statewide Significance for its high-quality riparian habitat, particularly for resident trout. The site contains 1,000 feet of riverfront and is near Granite Creek trailhead. Preventing development of these parcels will protect critical terrestrial and aquatic habitat and mitigate conflicts between private and public uses, since the Middle Fork is also a popular recreation destination. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$830,000 total, consisting of \$415,000 CFT annual dollars and \$415,000 PL dollars.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 7 Mitchell Hill Forest</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$687,500</b>	<b>\$687,500 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$687,500</b>	<b>\$687,500</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1044750</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,375,000</b>	<b>\$1,375,000</b>

King County continues a multiyear effort to connect more than 2,000 acres of King County open space park lands with more than 2,000 acres of Washington State Department of Natural Resources (WADNR) forest lands near Preston, a project with regional significance for its recreational and habitat benefits. This year’s proposal targets 60 acres on three parcels of upland forest containing headwater streams that flow to the East Fork of Patterson Creek. The project would acquire two parcels in fee (totaling 40 acres) and an easement on a third parcel (16 acres) under the same ownership. Establishing connectivity between thousands of acres of public lands

will enhance terrestrial and aquatic habitat, create opportunities for miles of new passive recreation trails, and preserve scenic beauty along the Mountain to Sound Greenway corridor. This project would restrict future development on parcels containing the headwaters of Patterson Creek – an important tributary of the salmon-bearing Snoqualmie River. County ownership will create a forested buffer to a County-designated Wildlife Habitat Network Corridor. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$1,375,000 total, consisting of \$687,500 CFT bond dollars and \$687,500 PL dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Mitchell Hill Forest, Existing CFT Annual Project #1123828
- Mitchell Hill Forest, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 7 Three Forks NA Additions</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000 annual</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Existing CFT Annual Project #1133813</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

King County seeks to acquire a forested riparian area on the North Fork of the Snoqualmie River to expand Three Forks Natural Area. The target for this request is a 17-acre parcel half a mile upstream from the Three Forks confluence. The goals of the project are to protect riparian habitat in a Wildlife Habitat Network, expand Three Forks Natural Area, and accommodate passive recreation and river access. The project may allow for removal of a levee and restoration of natural stream process, protecting habitat for a wide range of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife and helping enhance water quality for salmon habitat in the mainstem of the Snoqualmie River. Acquisition will also help preserve views of the three forks, Mt. Si, and Cascade foothills. Match funding is anticipated to come from a Parks Levy Open Space River Corridors award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$400,000 CFT annual dollars.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 8 Bear Creek Conservation Paradise Lake</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$800,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1044590</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>

King County continues decades of conservation work in the Bear Creek watershed to fill gaps in public ownership and provide open space connectivity along Bear Creek and its tributaries, which represent regionally significant salmonid habitat. This year, King County seeks to acquire six parcels next to Paradise Lake Natural Area, totaling 79 acres and spanning 3,300 lineal feet of

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tributary to Bear Creek. This acquisition protects high-value streamside salmon habitat in a critical subbasin for spawning Chinook. Planned restoration on these parcels would further improve ecological function. The project expands linkages along the Bear Creek corridor, preserves scenic resources which are highly visible from Paradise Lake, and creates opportunities for wildlife viewing. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$1,600,000 total, consisting of \$800,000 CFT bond dollars and \$800,000 PL dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the accounts listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Bear Creek Waterways, Existing CFT Annual Project #1116231
- Middle Bear and Cottage Lake Creeks, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 8 Cascade Mountains Gateway Project</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$230,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$255,000</b>	<b>\$255,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 New PL Project #1143702</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$485,000</b>	<b>\$485,000</b>

King County seeks to expand Grand Ridge Park to preserve adjacent forested lands, and increase public access to the site. This proposal requests funding to acquire one undeveloped, forested property comprising 7.4 acres adjacent to Grand Ridge Park. Funding will also help determine the feasibility of acquiring five additional parcels adjacent to the park. This initial acquisition preserves mature forest on a parcel that is highly visible within the regionally important scenic corridor along I-90, part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area. The long-term project vision would complement WADNR plans to create recreation opportunities at the edge of urbanized Puget Sound and the “gateway” to the Cascades, by creating a new access point and connecting the Issaquah-Preston Trail with Grand Ridge Park, with potential for a Trailhead Direct stop nearby. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$485,000 total, consisting of \$230,000 CFT bond dollars and \$255,000 PL dollars. Start-up acquisition work for the five additional parcels would be funded from the PL award.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 8 East Fork Issaquah Creek Restoration</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000 annual</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143694 Existing PL Project #1141650</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

King County seeks to conserve land on East Fork Issaquah Creek, along the Issaquah-Preston Regional Trail between High Point and Preston. This proposal requests funding to purchase in fee four parcels comprising 13.6 acres along the East Fork of Issaquah Creek. Funding will

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complement a separate assessment of potential restoration opportunities benefitting Chinook salmon as identified in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish (WRIA 8) Watershed Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. This reach of the creek contains high-functioning aquatic and terrestrial habitat, including one mile of creekfront. There is a partial fish barrier on the creek that the King County Fish Passage program has deemed high priority for its potential benefit to Chinook if removed. The barrier will be included in a near-term feasibility study for restoration by the Fish Passage program. Restoration goals include creek and wetland restoration along the scenic corridor adjacent to the regional trail. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$1,200,000 total, consisting of \$600,000 CFT annual dollars and \$600,000 PL dollars.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 8 Evans Creek Conservation Corridor and Agricultural Easements</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$770,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$770,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 New PL Project #1143700</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,540,000</b>

King County builds on previous acquisitions in the Evans Creek watershed, seeking easements to protect habitat and agricultural value. This year’s proposal focuses on three contiguous parcels comprising 45 acres, which support healthy upland forest, active farmland, wetland, and reaches of Evans Creek and its tributaries. This funding would focus on conservation easements on the non-farmed portions of the property, with public use on the western parcels adjacent to the related Evans Creek Nelson (Gunshy) project area; agricultural easements would be funded by a related Farmland - Snoqualmie APD and Vicinity CFT project. Evans Creek is a Tier 2 subbasin for WRIA 8 Chinook salmon, providing critical habitat for rearing. Substantial parts of this watershed have been lost to residential development, so this project will help protect the creek’s salmon rearing integrity and buffer the impacts of nearby development. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$1,540,000 total, consisting of \$770,000 CFT bond dollars and \$770,000 PL dollars. The funding is intended for the two parcels under a single ownership; the adjacent parcel to the east could be a future target as the county determines landowner willingness and the scope of the easements.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 8 Evans Creek Nelson (Gunshy) Acquisition</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000 annual</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143695 New PL Project #1143704</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,250,000</b>	<b>\$4,250,000</b>

King County builds on previous acquisitions along Evans Creek to close open space gaps and protect habitat and farmland near Redmond. This year’s proposal seeks to preserve seven

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contiguous parcels comprising 107 acres adjacent to Evans Creek Natural Area. Acquisition would protect an extensive wetland complex, productive farmland, healthy upland forest, and reaches of Evans Creek and its tributaries. About 61 acres would be purchased in fee for habitat preservation and open space extension, and the remaining 46 acres would be placed under an agricultural easement to protect farmland integrity. Evans Creek is a Tier 2 subbasin for WRIA 8 Chinook salmon, providing critical habitat for rearing. Substantial parts of this watershed have been lost to residential development, so this project will help protect the creek’s salmon rearing integrity and buffer the impacts of nearby development. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award and transfer of development rights dollars that will contribute to the agricultural portion of the site.

The committee recommends full funding of \$4,250,000 total, consisting of \$3,000,000 CFT annual dollars and \$1,250,000 PL dollars.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 Black Diamond Open Space</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,430,000</b>	<b>\$1,430,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$1,460,000</b>	<b>\$1,460,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1132224</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,890,000</b>	<b>\$2,890,000</b>

This project continues the expansion of Black Diamond Open Space, a popular local and regional destination for hikers and bikers outside of Black Diamond. This is the final request to complete fundraising for seven comprising 71 acres of undeveloped forest immediately adjacent to the western side of Black Diamond Open Space, six rural parcels and one urban parcel. The request includes start-up funding for one target on the eastern side of Black Diamond Open Space near Lake Sonia bog. The primary parcels have social trails already used by the public, and the future use would be for dispersed trails and open space (in contrast to more intense mountain biking courses on the site east of SR 169). Black Diamond is experiencing rapid growth, and this is an important acquisition that would hold the urban growth line at its current location. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$2,890,000 total, consisting of \$1,430,000 CFT bond dollars and \$1,460,000 PL dollars. Start-up acquisition work for the new parcel would be funded from the PL award.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the accounts listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Black Diamond Open Space, Existing CFT Annual Project #1122062
- Black Diamond Open Space, Existing CFT 2020 Bond Project #1134923
- Black Diamond Open Space, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 Green River Gorge – Deep Lake</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$2,380,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$1,380,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1141652</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,760,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

King County continues its ongoing effort to preserve a large, regionally significant open space corridor along the Green River. This project proposes to acquire ten parcels comprising 91 acres of upland forest connecting to public lands. Supporting six species of salmon, the Middle Green is considered one of the ten most important rivers in the Puget Sound for salmon recovery and is therefore an acquisition priority in the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan. This project works to preserve forested habitat and expand public ownership in these areas connected to the Green River Gorge. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award and a nearby easement dedicated to King County representing land match.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$2,000,000 total, consisting of \$1,500,000 CFT bond dollars and \$500,000 PL dollars.

### SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

This project still has funding from recent awards in the accounts listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- South King County Forest, Existing CFT 2020 Bond Project #1134923
- South King County Forest, Existing CFT 2021 Bond Project #1137238
- Icy Creek, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 Green River/Newaukum Creek</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$2,700,000</b>	<b>\$2,310,613 total (\$1,500,000 annual, \$810,613 bond)</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$2,700,000</b>	<b>\$2,310,613</b>
<i>Existing CFT Annual Project #1126743, New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL #1136778</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,400,000</b>	<b>\$4,621,226</b>

King County seeks to continue decades of conservation work in this regionally significant project preserving the Middle Green River and Newaukum Creek and expanding connections with State-owned public land holdings. This year, the project targets eight parcels across the project area, preserving up to 174 acres. The Middle Green River and Newaukum Creek provide high-quality salmonid spawning and rearing habitat, though Newaukum Creek is on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list and has a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Improvement Plan for water quality. The acquisitions will preserve forests, stream corridors, and wetlands across the upper and lower Newaukum Creek basin, and support habitat restoration and levee setback. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$4,621,226 total, consisting of \$1,500,000 CFT annual dollars, \$810,613 CFT bond dollars, and \$2,310,613 PL dollars. Any parcels purchased  
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with the intent to surplus a portion of the site should be purchased with CFT annual dollars, not CFT bond dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Green River/Newaukum Creek Pres., Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 Keevie Lake</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$290,000</b>	<b>\$290,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1132225</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>

King County continues a multiyear effort to acquire a forest complex surrounding Keevie Lake, just west of the City of Black Diamond. This year’s request should represent the final funding needed for a set of eight parcels comprising almost 170 acres of low-elevation lake and wetland (the acquired land will be approximately 145 acres after boundary line adjustments). The project is important for salmon and trout recovery, as Keevie Lake headwaters protect Crisp Creek, the water source for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s Keta Creek Hatchery located downstream of the project site. If protected, the parcels would link Keevie Lake with blocks of preserved open space near Black Diamond, and provide new opportunity for wildlife viewing and trail use. Keevie Lake Natural Area will provide nearby urban and rural residents with the opportunity to enjoy a minimally developed lake. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award, and a past award of Parks Levy.

The committee recommends full funding of \$385,000 total, consisting of \$290,000 CFT bond dollars and \$95,000 PL dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Keevie Lake, Existing CFT Annual Project #1132092

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 North Green River Acquisitions</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$610,625</b>	<b>\$610,625 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$610,625</b>	<b>\$610,625</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1139162</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,221,250</b>	<b>\$1,221,250</b>

King County continues to add lands to North Green River Park, in the unincorporated urban area near Kent. This year’s award will allow for purchase of three parcels comprising 18.9 acres, building on 10 acres funded in the 2020 and 2021 awards. This area is one of the last remaining places in the Lower Green River basin without major development, and this regionally significant Recommendations for the Allocation of 2023 CFT & PL Funding

project helps to close gaps in a 600+ acre forested corridor stretching between King County and City of Kent and Auburn ownership. Habitat restoration on these parcels could expand the forested wetland that has been restored on City of Kent property, and support salmonid access to the off-channel wetland and streams with improvements to a culvert that is a fish passage barrier. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$1,221,250 total, consisting of \$610,000 CFT bond dollars and \$610,000 PL dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the accounts listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- North Green River Acquisitions, Existing CFT 2021 Bond Project #1137238
- North Green River Acquisitions, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013 (includes 2022 reallocation of \$37,500 CFT

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>KC – WRIA 9 Match Waiver Request Skyway - West Hill Urban Additions – KCHA</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,125,000</b>	<b>\$1,125,000 annual</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143696</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,125,000</b>	<b>\$1,125,000</b>
	<b>Match Waiver Determination?</b>		<b>Yes</b>

King County continues an ongoing effort to add more urban greenspace to the Skyway neighborhood. This year’s proposal is to acquire two parcels totaling 3.2 acres of undeveloped urban forest owned by the King County Housing Authority (KCHA). The acquisition will preserve tree canopy in a heavily paved area and provide greenspace for an adjacent manufactured home community with unmet open space needs. The project will also serve as a green buffer between the manufactured homes and Interstate 5 and provide community amenities such as a trail, benches, and gathering area.

The applicant requests a match waiver. The site is in the lowest 1/3 of census tracts for income and the highest 1/3 of ZIP codes for hospitalization rates, but it did not meet the open space access criterion since it is 0.12 miles from open space (though Codiga Park is located along a busy arterial across a freeway from the site). The area has many socioeconomic factors representative of a historically under-served community such as a high poverty rate, low life expectancy, and high percentage of households with limited English-speaking ability. King County heard strong support from the community for this proposal at multiple community discussions about this project in 2021, and has received letters of support from Manufactured Housing Community Preservationists and Skyway Coalition, which represents six key community organizations focused on equitable community development in Skyway.

The committee recommends full funding of \$1,125,000 CFT annual dollars which includes waiving the 50% match. The committee determines that this project merits a match waiver based

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on the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of this diverse community, thoughtful community engagement, the benefits of partnering affordable housing and open space investments, and the site’s potential to be a green buffer between the adjacent manufactured home residents and Interstate 5.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 Soos Creek</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>	<b>\$1,200,000 total (\$202,500 annual, \$997,500 bond)</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>	
<i>Existing CFT Annual Project #1129256 New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1139161</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,900,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>

This multiyear project seeks to expand the regionally significant Soos Creek Park and Trail corridor and enable habitat restoration projects in the middle and lower reaches of Soos Creek. This year the target is 32.7 acres across six parcels, between the Fairwood neighborhood to the north and Covington to the south, including parcels in the incorporated and unincorporated area. Lower Soos Creek contains Chinook and steelhead. The creek is on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list for its high water temperature and fecal coliform pollution and has a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Improvement Plan for water quality. Broadening the protected corridor and restoring additional land will introduce stream complexity and therefore enhance the ecological function and water quality in Soos Creek. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$2,400,000 total, consisting of \$202,500 CFT annual dollars, \$997,500 CFT bond dollars, and \$1,200,000 PL dollars. Any parcels purchased with the intent to surplus a portion of the site should be purchased with CFT annual dollars, not CFT bond dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Soos Creek Preservation, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

During project review, the committee approved a scope clarification to prioritize parcel 1521059007 in the scope of the existing Soos Creek awards.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 Soos Creek/Molasses Creek</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$297,000</b>	<b>\$297,000 total (\$30,000 annual, \$267,000 bond)</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$297,000</b>	<b>\$297,000</b>
<i>Existing CFT Annual Project #1133816 New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1136780</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$594,000</b>	<b>\$594,000</b>

This project seeks to expand the regionally significant Soos Creek Park and Trail corridor, a forested, linear scrub-shrub wetland system and regional trail spanning the cities of Renton, Kent, and Covington. This proposal would acquire four parcels comprising 24 acres of upland forest and wetlands adjacent to the park near the border with Renton. This is the final year of fundraising to purchase two parcels owned by Renton Housing Authority. The other two priority targets are in the King County tax title inventory (with additional longer-term targets nearby). The project seeks to protect high-quality wetland habitat and serve as a forested buffer between Soos Creek and the residential development just east of the area. If acquired, the parcels would add valuable greenspace to the Fairwood neighborhood. Over the years, this project has garnered support from the community and Councilmember Dunn. Future work will explore opportunities to access the Soos Creek Regional Trail from these parcels. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$594,000 total, consisting of \$30,000 CFT annual dollars, \$267,000 CFT bond dollars, and \$297,000 PL dollars. The King County tax title inventory parcels should be purchased with the CFT annual dollars, not CFT bond dollars.

### SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

This project still has funding from recent awards in the accounts listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Soos Creek/Molasses Creek, Existing CFT 2021 Bond Project #1137238
- Soos Creek/Molasses Creek, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – WRIA 9 Sweeney Pond</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000 total (\$50,000 annual, \$1,000,000 bond)</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>
<i>New CFT Annual Project #1143697 New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1139163</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,100,000</b>	<b>\$2,100,000</b>

King County seeks to preserve open space consisting of forests, meadows, and wetlands located north of Maple Valley near Shadow Lake. This award is the final funding needed to preserve an 80-acre homestead, where the family will retain a small parcel and the remainder will be purchased by King County in fee. Additional parcels in the scope will be longer-term targets. The primary parcels contain a mix of mature forest, forested and open water wetlands, and meadow.

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The Sweeney Pond wetland at the northeast corner of the target parcel supports high bird diversity. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$2,100,000 total, consisting of \$50,000 CFT annual dollars, \$1,000,000 CFT bond dollars, and \$1,050,000 PL dollars. The intent is that the CFT bond dollars are used on the primary parcels, with the CFT annual dollars used as needed for additional parcels in the scope.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Sweeney Pond, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – Vashon Island Center Forest Additions</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$200,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 New PL Project #1143706</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

King County continues an ongoing effort to preserve open space lands adjacent to Island Center Forest on Vashon Island. This year’s proposal builds on previous CFT-funded acquisitions to preserve two more parcels comprising 13 acres next to Vashon’s business center and Town Trail corridor. The project includes one 10-acre parcel in fee, in which CFT-PL funding will purchase open space portions of the site, and Parks operations funding will purchase the developed portion of the site to be used as a maintenance shop. The scope also includes an easement on a 3-acre parcel to be acquired in partnership with an adjacent landowner. These acquisitions add to a larger habitat corridor of meadow, fields, forests, and wetlands that support the fish-bearing headwaters of Judd Creek. The project will expand the “green connection” between the island’s business district and Island Center Forest, including offering trail experiences along the Town Trail along 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW. There is strong community support from residents, the Friends of Island Center Forest, and local nonprofits. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$400,000 total, consisting of \$200,000 CFT bond dollars and \$200,000 PL dollars. The funding is for the fee purchase of the 13-acre parcel, in partnership with Parks operations for a maintenance shop. The committee is unclear as to how extensive the wetlands are on the other parcel, and whether it has any development potential. The committee encourages exploration of alternative scenarios on the easement parcel, such as potential donation of an easement from the landowner or dedication of property through the development process.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – Vashon Manzanita Natural Area Additions</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$257,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$257,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<i>New PL Project #1143708</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

King County continues an ongoing effort to protect undeveloped forest on Vashon-Maury Island. This proposal will target a single 40-acre property in southwestern Maury Island that complements recent shoreline and forested acquisitions to the west. Funding would protect mature upland forest containing streams, seeps, and springs that directly support Puget Sound shoreline habitat. The parcel expands Manzanita Natural Area and has the potential for trail use. The broader scope may extend forest connections to the north. Match is anticipated to come from a Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$15,000 PL dollars. The partial award should cover start-up costs for evaluating the property, and the committee encourages exploring both fee and conservation easement as options.

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – Vashon Neill Point Natural Area – Morningside Farm</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$395,000</b>	<b>\$395,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$395,000</b>	<b>\$395,000</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1139167</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$790,000</b>	<b>\$790,000</b>

King County continues to acquire land near Neill Point Natural Area in southwestern Vashon Island, as part of a broader effort across Vashon-Maury Island to conserve the last remaining large tracts of upland forests. This year’s proposal is the final request of a phased project to acquire a total of 78 acres. A Phase 1 purchase has been completed; this funding will allow purchase of the final four parcels comprising 37 acres (there may be a boundary line adjustment that reduces acreage on one parcel, and one may be secured in an easement that should allow public access). The site consists of mature forest, a primitive campground, large meadows, trails, and shoreline, and offers great opportunity for local passive recreation. The County is considering partnership opportunities to run a campground on site, which could serve a broader population since it is just one mile from the Tahlequah ferry terminal. There is strong community support. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$790,000 total, consisting of \$395,000 CFT bond dollars and \$395,000 PL dollars. The committee wants to ensure there is public access on the shoreline parcel.

### **SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – Vashon Vashon Creeks and Estuaries</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$859,000</b>	<b>\$359,000 total (\$100,000 annual, \$259,000 bond)</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$859,000</b>	<b>\$359,000</b>
<i>Existing CFT Annual Project #1136847 New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1136784</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,718,000</b>	<b>\$718,000</b>

King County continues to preserve key stream corridors on Vashon Island from upland headwaters through the estuaries at Puget Sound in this regionally significant project, implemented in partnership with the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust. The focus of the current proposal is to preserve four parcels comprising 17 acres, including 1,500 feet of stream corridor on Judd Creek and Tahlequah Creek. The Tahlequah Creek parcels would be purchased through an easement, with the land trust holding fee. The fee purchase at Judd Creek builds on County ownership at Island Center Forest. The long-term vision on Judd Creek is to establish a trail from Fern Cove to Island Center Forest. Judd Creek supports cutthroat trout and Coho and chum salmon and is one of the only streams on the island containing steelhead habitat. Acquisition of long-term priorities on Tahlequah Creek will enable estuary restoration and open up fish passage the stream. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding of \$718,000 total, consisting of \$100,000 CFT annual dollars, \$259,000 CFT bond dollars, and \$359,000 PL dollars. This funding level is in keeping with updated information from the applicant on current project funding need.

### SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

This project still has funding from recent awards in the account listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Judd Creek, Existing PL Project #1047004

During project review, the committee approved a scope addition to include two parcels in the scope of the existing Vashon Creeks & Estuaries awards (Shinglemill Creek parcel 044900-0010 and Raab’s Lagoon parcel 387440-0240).

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – Vashon Vashon Marine Shoreline</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$1,966,000</b>	<b>\$1,966,000 total (\$466,000 annual, \$1,500,000 bond)</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$1,596,000</b>	<b>\$1,596,000</b>
<i>Existing CFT Annual Project #1132093 New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757 Existing PL Project #1136783</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,562,000</b>	<b>\$3,562,000</b>

King County continues its focus on preserving key reaches of marine shoreline on Vashon-Maury Island, preserving regionally important shorelines, feeder bluffs, and enabling restoration of habitat processes for the health of salmonids and marine and terrestrial wildlife. This year’s focus

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is to acquire ten parcels comprising 32.4 acres. The project area contains 1,452 feet of marine shoreline as well as upland forests, streams, and wetlands spread out over four priority nearshore areas across the island. Vashon Island shoreline provides benefits to juvenile and adult salmonids from several watersheds, and to species at all levels of the food chain from forage fish and shellfish to orcas. This project is consistent with the WRIA 9 Chinook Recovery Plan and works toward the goal of connecting small, fragmented reaches of shoreline into long stretches of contiguous habitat. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award and leverages a recent RCO award.

The committee recommends full funding of \$3,562,000 total, consisting of \$466,000 CFT annual dollars, \$1,500,000 CFT bond dollars, and \$1,596,000 PL dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS**

This project still has funding from recent awards in the accounts listed below. To ensure continuity across the various awards related to the same project, the recent and current awards are treated as part of the same broad project in terms of scope:

- Vashon Marine Shoreline, Existing CFT 2021 Bond Project #1137238
- Vashon Marine Shoreline, Existing CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013
- Big Beach, Existing PL Project #1127078

During project review, the committee approved a scope clarification to prioritize seven parcels in the scope of the existing Vashon Marine Shoreline awards (Big Beach/Lost Lake: 252202-9084, -9048; Northilla/Piner Point: 617580-0405, -0395, -0390, -0360, -0995).

<i>Applicant – Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
<b>King County – Farm May Creek Farmland</b>	<b>CFT</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000 bond</b>
	<b>Parks Levy</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>New CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

King County seeks to permanently protect agricultural land and farming potential in May Creek Valley, southeast of Newcastle. This year’s proposal is to acquire easements on five parcels comprising 106 acres. Flooding has been a chronic problem here, and easements will allow the land to stay in private ownership for continued use as pasture, open space, and riparian corridor with salmonid habitat potential. Many of the subject properties include May Creek and its riparian buffer; for properties with creek frontage, the easements will allow for and encourage habitat restoration and flood mitigation projects. Match funding comes from the transfer of development rights program.

The committee recommends full funding of \$500,000 CFT bond dollars.

**SCOPE ADJUSTMENT ONLY**

<i>Applicant – Location</i> <i>Project Name</i>
<b>King County – Farm</b> <b>Protecting Farmland – Snoqualmie and Vicinity Farms</b>
<i>CFT Project #1133819, CFT 2020 Bond Project #1134923, CFT 2021 Bond Project #1137238</i>

King County’s multiyear project preserves prime agricultural lands in the Snoqualmie Valley important to the farming economy, with multiyear targets identified within the Snoqualmie APD and in nearby rural areas. During project review, the committee approved a scope addition adding parcels 1725069033, 1725069005, 1725069003 to the scope of the project.

# APPENDICES

**Table 1: Summary of 2023 CFT & PL Funding Recommendations**

<i>Projects Located in Cities</i>			CONSERVATION FUTURES				PARKS LEVY		TOTALS		Acres in Scope*	CD
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested	Total CFT Recommended	CFT Annual Recommended	CFT Bond Recommended	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Requested	Total Recommended		
Burien	Lakeview Park Acquisition	Yes	\$1,844,250	<b>\$1,844,250</b>	\$0	<i>\$1,844,250</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$1,844,250	<b>\$1,844,250</b>	4	8
Federal Way	Hylebos Creek Conservation Property Acquisitions	No	\$1,500,000	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<i>\$600,000</i>	<i>\$900,000</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$1,500,000	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	8	7
GROW Northwest (in Shoreline)	Ching Community Gardens	Yes	\$1,232,000	<b>\$1,232,000</b>	<i>\$1,232,000</i>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$1,232,000	<b>\$1,232,000</b>	1	1
Issaquah	Weymouth Acquisition - Issaquah Creek Waterways	-	\$530,000	<b>\$530,000</b>	\$0	<i>\$530,000</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$530,000	<b>\$530,000</b>	20	3
Kent	Clark Lake Park - Ruth Acquisition	-	\$2,000,000	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	\$0	<i>\$2,000,000</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$2,000,000	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	16	5
SeaTac	Bow Lake Springs Wetland Park	Yes	\$630,000	<b>\$630,000</b>	\$0	<i>\$630,000</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$630,000	<b>\$630,000</b>	3	5
Seattle	Bitter Lake Playfield Addition	Yes	\$2,400,000	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	\$0	<i>\$2,400,000</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$2,400,000	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	4	4
Seattle	Cheasty Greenspace - Mt. Baker	-	\$500,000	<b>\$500,000</b>	<i>\$500,000</i>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$500,000	<b>\$500,000</b>	2	2
Seattle	Taylor Creek Headwaters	-	\$100,000	<b>\$100,000</b>	<i>\$100,000</i>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$100,000	<b>\$100,000</b>	1	2
Seattle	Willow Creek Natural Area	-	\$125,000	<b>\$125,000</b>	<i>\$125,000</i>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$125,000	<b>\$125,000</b>	1	1
Shoreline	192nd Hemlock Open Space Acquisition	Yes	\$2,003,500	<b>\$2,003,500</b>	<i>\$2,003,500</i>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$2,003,500	<b>\$2,003,500</b>	1	1
Shoreline	Rotary Park Acquisition I	-	\$3,281,421	<b>\$3,281,421</b>	<i>\$740,000</i>	<i>\$2,541,421</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$3,281,421	<b>\$3,281,421</b>	1	1

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<i>Projects Located in Cities</i>			CONSERVATION FUTURES				PARKS LEVY		TOTALS		Acres in Scope*	CD
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested	Total CFT Recommended	CFT Annual Recommended	CFT Bond Recommended	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Requested	Total Recommended		
Shoreline	Twin Ponds I	-	\$1,135,505	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,135,505	\$0	0	1
Washington Farmland Trust (in Tukwila)	Deutsch Urban Farm	-	\$538,000	\$538,000	\$0	\$538,000	\$0	\$0	\$538,000	\$538,000	6	2
<b>14 Projects</b>	<b>Subtotal – Projects in Cities</b>		\$17,819,676	\$16,684,171	\$5,300,500	\$11,383,671	\$0	\$0	\$17,819,676	\$16,684,171	65	

\* “Acres in Scope”: Acres listed above are the total acres eligible for acquisition within the project scope. Many projects, particularly King County projects, are multiple-parcel/multiple-year efforts. Not all the acreage will be purchased in one year, but partial progress can be made. Partial funding awards typically result in fewer acres acquired than listed above. Please see the committee’s report for project-specific discussions and details.

<i>Projects Located in Unincorporated King County</i>			CONSERVATION FUTURES				PARKS LEVY		TOTALS		Acres in Scope*	CD
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested	Total CFT Recommended	CFT Annual Recommended	CFT Bond Recommended	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Requested	Total Recommended		
KC-WRIA 7	Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area Additions	-	\$415,000	\$415,000	\$415,000	\$0	\$415,000	\$415,000	\$830,000	\$830,000	50	3
KC-WRIA 7	Mitchell Hill Forest	-	\$687,500	\$687,500	\$0	\$687,500	\$687,500	\$687,500	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000	56	3
KC-WRIA 7	Three Forks Natural Area Additions	-	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	17	3
KC-WRIA 8	Bear Creek Conservation Paradise Lake	-	\$900,000	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$900,000	\$800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,600,000	79	3
KC-WRIA 8	Cascade Mountains Gateway Project	-	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$0	\$230,000	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$485,000	\$485,000	7	3
KC-WRIA 8	East Fork Issaquah Creek Restoration	-	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	14	3
KC-WRIA 8	Evans Creek Conservation Corridor and	-	\$1,000,000	\$770,000	\$0	\$770,000	\$1,000,000	\$770,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,540,000	47	3

*Projects Located in  
Unincorporated King County*

			CONSERVATION FUTURES				PARKS LEVY		TOTALS			
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recom- mended	CFT Requested	Total CFT Recom- mended	<i>CFT Annual Recom- mended</i>	<i>CFT Bond Recom- mended</i>	PL Requested	PL Recom- mended	Total Requested	Total Recom- mended	Acres in Scope*	CD
	Agricultural Easements											
KC-WRIA 8	Evans Creek Nelson (Gunshy) Acquisition	-	\$3,000,000	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<i>\$3,000,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	\$1,250,000	<b>\$1,250,000</b>	\$4,250,000	<b>\$4,250,000</b>	107	3
KC-WRIA 9	Black Diamond Open Space	-	\$1,430,000	<b>\$1,430,000</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$1,430,000</i>	\$1,460,000	<b>\$1,460,000</b>	\$2,890,000	<b>\$2,890,000</b>	153	9
KC-WRIA 9	Green River Gorge - Deep Lake	-	\$2,380,000	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>	\$1,380,000	<b>\$500,000</b>	\$3,760,000	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	91	9
KC-WRIA 9	Green River/Newaukum Creek	-	\$2,700,000	<b>\$2,310,613</b>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>	<i>\$810,613</i>	\$2,700,000	<b>\$2,310,613</b>	\$5,400,000	<b>\$4,621,226</b>	174	9
KC-WRIA 9	Keevie Lake	-	\$290,000	<b>\$290,000</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$290,000</i>	\$95,000	<b>\$95,000</b>	\$385,000	<b>\$385,000</b>	170	9
KC-WRIA 9	North Green River Acquisitions	-	\$610,625	<b>\$610,625</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$610,625</i>	\$610,625	<b>\$610,625</b>	\$1,221,250	<b>\$1,221,250</b>	19	7
KC-WRIA 9	Skyway - West Hill Urban Additions - KCHA	Yes	\$1,125,000	<b>\$1,125,000</b>	<i>\$1,125,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$1,125,000	<b>\$1,125,000</b>	3	2
KC-WRIA 9	Soos Creek	-	\$1,450,000	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<i>\$202,500</i>	<i>\$997,500</i>	\$1,450,000	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	\$2,900,000	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	33	5,9
KC-WRIA 9	Soos Creek Park / Molasses Creek	-	\$297,000	<b>\$297,000</b>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>\$267,000</i>	\$297,000	<b>\$297,000</b>	\$594,000	<b>\$594,000</b>	27	9
KC-WRIA 9	Sweeney Pond	-	\$1,050,000	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>	\$1,050,000	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	\$2,100,000	<b>\$2,100,000</b>	135	9
KC-Vashon	Island Center Forest Additions	-	\$300,000	<b>\$200,000</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>	\$300,000	<b>\$200,000</b>	\$600,000	<b>\$400,000</b>	13	8
KC-Vashon	Manzanita Natural Area Additions	-	\$257,500	<b>\$0</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	\$257,500	<b>\$15,000</b>	\$515,000	<b>\$15,000</b>	40	8
KC-Vashon	Neill Point Natural Area – Morningside Farm	-	\$395,000	<b>\$395,000</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$395,000</i>	\$395,000	<b>\$395,000</b>	\$790,000	<b>\$790,000</b>	37	8
KC-Vashon	Vashon Creeks and Estuaries	-	\$859,000	<b>\$359,000</b>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>\$259,000</i>	\$859,000	<b>\$359,000</b>	\$1,718,000	<b>\$718,000</b>	17	8

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*Projects Located in  
Unincorporated King County*

			CONSERVATION FUTURES				PARKS LEVY		TOTALS			
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recom- mended	CFT Requested	Total CFT Recom- mended	<i>CFT Annual Recom- mended</i>	<i>CFT Bond Recom- mended</i>	PL Requested	PL Recom- mended	Total Requested	Total Recom- mended	Acres in Scope*	CD
KC-Vashon	Vashon Marine Shoreline	-	\$1,966,000	<b>\$1,966,000</b>	<i>\$466,000</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>	\$1,596,000	<b>\$1,596,000</b>	\$3,562,000	<b>\$3,562,000</b>	32	8
KC-Farm	May Creek Farmland	-	\$500,000	<b>\$500,000</b>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$500,000	<b>\$500,000</b>	106	9
<b>23 Projects</b>	<b>Subtotal – Projects in Unincorporated King County</b>		\$22,842,625	<b>\$20,135,738</b>	<i>\$7,888,500</i>	<i>\$12,247,238</i>	\$17,557,625	<b>\$14,865,738</b>	\$40,400,250	<b>\$35,001,476</b>	1429	
<b>37 Projects Total</b>	<b>TOTALS – ALL PROJECTS</b>		\$40,662,301	<b>\$36,819,909</b>	<i>\$13,189,000</i>	<i>\$23,630,909</i>	\$17,557,625	<b>\$14,865,738</b>	\$58,219,926	<b>\$51,685,647</b>	1494	

\* “Acres in Scope”: Acres listed above are the total acres eligible for acquisition within the project scope. Many projects, particularly King County projects, are multiple-parcel/multiple-year efforts. Not all the acreage will be purchased in one year, but partial progress can be made. Partial funding awards typically result in fewer acres acquired than listed above. Please see the committee’s report for project-specific discussions and details.

**Table 2: Recommended 2023 CFT Bond Project List**

*This table excerpts project information from Table 1, presenting only the projects recommended for funding in 2023 CFT Bond Project 1141757.*

<b>Agency/Location</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>CFT Bond Recommended</b>
<b><i>Projects Located in Cities</i></b>		
Burien	Lakeview Park Acquisition	\$1,844,250
Federal Way	Hylebos Creek Conservation Property Acquisitions	\$900,000
Issaquah	Weymouth Acquisition - Issaquah Creek Waterways	\$530,000
Kent	Clark Lake Park - Ruth Acquisition	\$2,000,000
SeaTac	Bow Lake Springs Wetland Park	\$630,000
Seattle	Bitter Lake Playfield Addition	\$2,400,000
Shoreline	Rotary Park Acquisition I	\$2,541,421
Washington Farmland Trust (in Tukwila)	Deutsch Urban Farm	\$538,000
<b><i>Projects Located in Unincorporated King County</i></b>		
KC-WRIA 7	Mitchell Hill Forest	\$687,500
KC-WRIA 8	Bear Creek Conservation Paradise Lake	\$800,000
KC-WRIA 8	Cascade Mountains Gateway Project	\$230,000
KC-WRIA 8	Evans Creek Conservation Corridor and Agricultural Easements	\$770,000
KC-WRIA 9	Black Diamond Open Space	\$1,430,000
KC-WRIA 9	Green River Gorge - Deep Lake	\$1,500,000
KC-WRIA 9	Green River/Newaukum Creek	\$810,613
KC-WRIA 9	Keevie Lake	\$290,000
KC-WRIA 9	North Green River Acquisitions	\$610,625
KC-WRIA 9	Soos Creek	\$997,500
KC-WRIA 9	Soos Creek Park / Molasses Creek	\$267,000
KC-WRIA 9	Sweeney Pond	\$1,000,000
KC-Vashon	Island Center Forest Additions	\$200,000
KC-Vashon	Neill Point Natural Area – Morningside Farm	\$395,000
KC-Vashon	Vashon Creeks and Estuaries	\$259,000
KC-Vashon	Vashon Marine Shoreline	\$1,500,000
KC-Farm	May Creek Farmland	\$500,000
<b>Total Bond Funding Recommended</b>		<b>\$23,630,909</b>
<b>Project Count</b>		<b>25 projects</b>

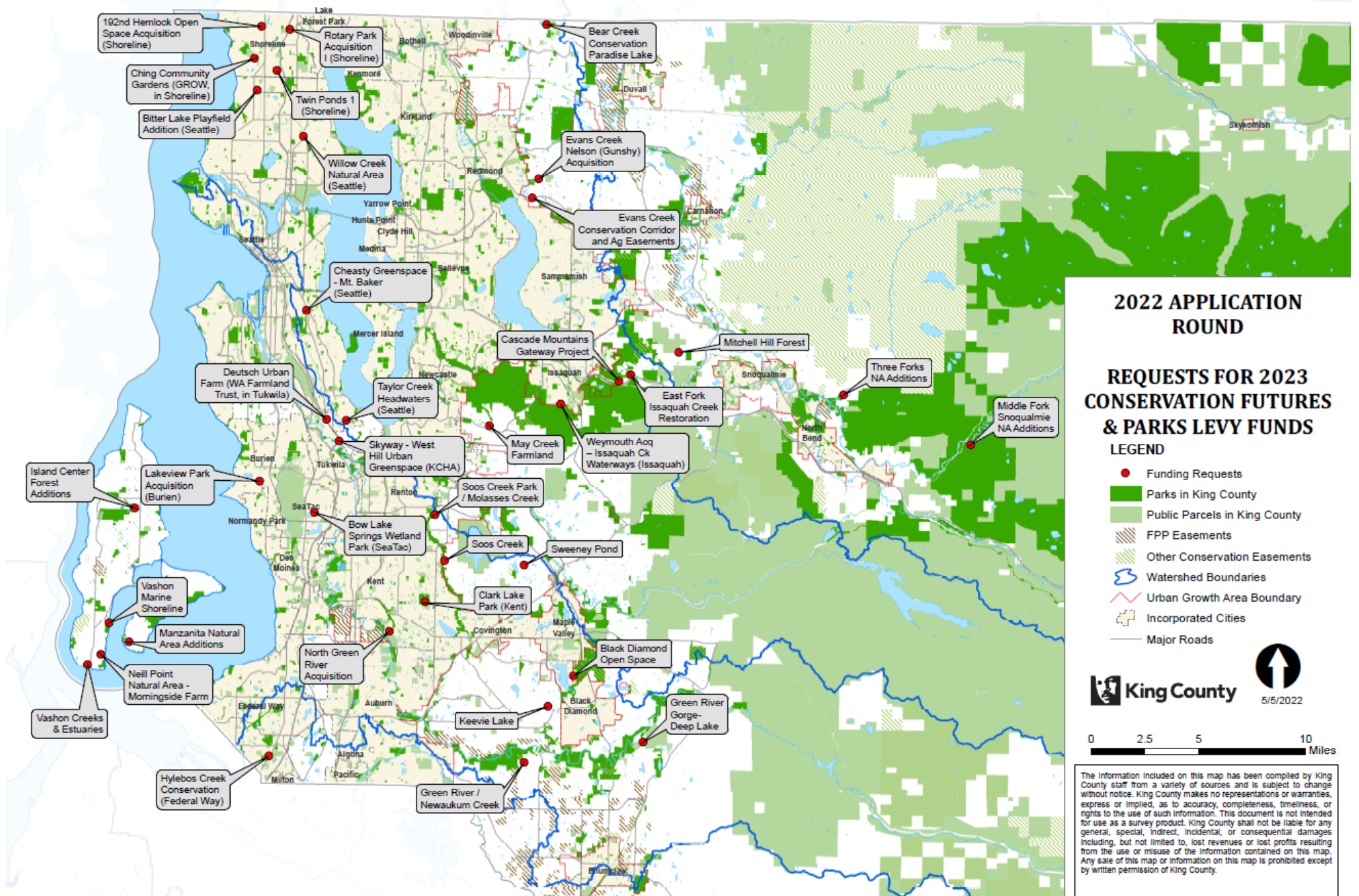
**Table 3: Match Waiver Project Recommendation Summary**

*This table summarizes information about match waiver projects included on Table 1.*

<b>Match Waiver Recommendation Category</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>CFT Requested</b>	<b>CFT Recommended to Projects Receiving a Match Waiver</b>	<b><i>CFT Annual Recommended to Projects Receiving a Match Waiver</i></b>	<b><i>CFT Bond Recommended to Projects Receiving a Match Waiver</i></b>	<b>Acres in Scope</b>	<b>CD</b>
Yes	6	\$9,234,750	\$9,234,750	\$4,360,500	\$4,874,250	14	1, 2, 4, 5, 8
No	1	\$1,500,000	\$0*	\$0	\$0	8	7
Total	7	\$10,734,750	\$9,234,750	\$4,360,500	\$4,874,250		
<i>Additional: A retroactive match waiver was granted on a past award associated with one match waiver projects noted above, totaling the amount at right.</i>			\$1,000,000				

\*The project that did not receive a match waiver was fully funded at \$1,500,000, requiring a match.

**Map: Requests for 2023 Conservation Futures & Parks Levy Funding**



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