

KING COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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July 1, 2022

The Honorable Dow Constantine  
King County Executive  
Chinook Building  
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800  
Seattle, Washington 98104-1818

Dear Executive Constantine,

On behalf of the King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee, enclosed for your review is our annual recommendation report for the allocation of 2023 King County Conservation Futures tax levy (CFT) and King County Parks Levy open space acquisition funds.

The Committee received requests for \$58 million in funding across 37 projects: 14 projects located within cities and 23 projects located within unincorporated King County. The Committee recommended \$37 million in CFT funding awards, comprised of \$13.2 million of annual CFT and \$23.6 million in bond funding. The Committee recommended \$14.9 million in Parks Levy county open space funding.

This year's funding recommendations include projects in cities which help bring urban greenspaces, provide passive recreational opportunity, support stream and habitat restoration, preserve environmental health, and help us meet equity and social justice goals for under-served neighborhoods. The unincorporated area projects protect salmon and wildlife habitat, natural areas, forest and farm resources, and they offer new passive recreation opportunities and park and trail access opportunities for residents from throughout King County. In this fourth year of implementing a match waiver program for opportunity area projects, the Committee recommended funding for six match waiver projects.

I invite you to see the full report for highlights and detailed descriptions of each of the Committee's recommendations for individual projects. Tables on the final pages provides summaries of our funding recommendations. We would like to express appreciation for the hard work of King County Conservation Futures program staff in support of our Committee review process. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know and I will be happy to discuss them with you or your staff. I may be reached by phone at 206-849-3353 or by email at [mjohnsen8020@gmail.com](mailto:mjohnsen8020@gmail.com).

We would again like to thank you for giving us the chance to contribute to this important work for our region, and for your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,



Mark Johnsen, Chair  
KING COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE