

KING COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Recommendations for the Allocation of
2025 Conservation Futures Tax Levy and
Parks Levy County 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 county open space acquisition funding (PL), 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. Funding would be allocated in the 2025 budget.

Funding Context

Last year, the \$109 million in 2024 CFT and PL awards reflected the successful outcome of numerous steps the County has taken to accelerate the pace of acquisitions: bonding against future CFT revenues, securing 70 percent King County voter approval to restore the CFT levy to its historic rate, and reducing the required match from 50 percent to 25 percent.

Building on that momentum, this year brought a record-breaking level of requests that well exceeded the amount of available funding. The reduction in the required match now in effect has profoundly transformed the potential to fund projects by a whole new order of magnitude.

This year, the committee reviewed 54 applications from cities, the County, and nonprofit organizations requesting \$132 million in CFT and PL funding. Of the total request, \$123 million was requested for property acquisition and \$9 million was requested for site stabilization costs (SSC).

Opportunity is high to continue to accelerate the pace of conservation. To support the continued energy toward conservation across regional partners, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) and the Executive Office supported adding \$25 million of bond funding in the proposed 2025 budget for a total of \$50 million in bond funding. The committee prepared its recommendation list based on this funding level and understands that this will be the new standard level of bond funding appropriated in the upcoming years.

Funding Recommendations

The committee has completed its deliberative process (discussed further below) and is pleased to recommend awards totaling \$107 million, including \$101 million for acquisition and \$6 million for SSC. These awards would fund approximately 3,300 to 3,600 acres of conservation (refer to Table 1 at the end of the report).

The recommended awards consist of:

- \$91 million in CFT dollars, consisting of:
 - \$41 million CFT annual dollars from annual collections
 - \$25 million CFT bond dollars previously approved in the 2025 CFT bond project (appropriated in the 2023-24 budget, but not yet assigned to projects)
 - \$25 million additional in the 2025 CFT bond project, which will be included in the 2025 budget proposal
- \$16 million in PL county open space dollars

Background: Conservation Futures Tax Levy Funding (CFT)

CFT is a dedicated portion of property taxes collected throughout King County, 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 accelerating the pace of land conservation under the King County Land Conservation Initiative, which led to the previously noted policy changes to bond against future CFT revenues, restore the CFT collection rate, and reduce barriers to acquisition by lowering the required match from 50 percent to 25 percent, and adding SSC.

In 2018, the County adopted a policy to waive the required 50 percent match for projects in “opportunity areas,” with the goal to eliminate disparities in access to green spaces, parks, and trails in communities that have the greatest needs. Projects may qualify for a match waiver if located in areas of the county with the lowest incomes, highest hospitalization rates for environmentally related chronic health conditions, and limited access to open spaces (qualification is not automatic; they must demonstrate community engagement, and the committee must determine if the project qualifies). Projects may also qualify by demonstrating that the population served by the project experience has disproportionately limited access to open spaces and demonstrated hardships. Match waiver projects need to demonstrate community engagement.

Background: King County Parks Levy County Open Space Acquisition Funding

King County park levies have included dedicated county open space acquisition funding since 2008. In August 2019, King County voters passed the 2020-2025 King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy, which includes dedicated County open space acquisition funding (PL) for King County projects. Since 2008, following the direction of Motion 12809, the committee has made recommendations for CFT and PL County open space funding. The committee believes that this practice is even more important now to achieve a balance of CFT and PL funding awarded to County projects and help further the goals of the Land Conservation Initiative (LCI).

Application Review and Funding Recommendation Process

The committee met from March through May 2024 to review projects and make recommendations. The committee held eight online project review sessions with applicants in March and April, and two field trips to view a cross-section of project sites across the County. The committee was pleased to again invite the input of Open Space Equity Cabinet members as part of a working 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 green spaces, 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, broader public policy goals, equity and social justice, community-driven open space priorities, the threat of loss of open space resources, once-in-a-generation opportunities, the geographic distribution of projects throughout the county, and regional significance. While the recommended awards reflect applicant cost estimates, if the project comes in under budget or does not move forward, funding is reallocated to other projects through the committee's project progress process.

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

Committee Perspective

The following are a few takeaways from the committee's review of projects seeking 2025 CFT and PL funding:

- The committee sees continued high demand for open space funding in response to the LCI, particularly building on the recent policy changes to increase available CFT funding and reduce barriers to applicants through match reduction and introduction of SSC. The applications received represent high quality land to be protected or restored to achieve conservation visions.
- Allocating additional bond funding this year and resetting the standard level of bond funding in the near future to a higher rate helps keep pace with the demand and the intended pacing to accelerate conservation and achieve LCI goals.
- The committee appreciates that CFT can now contribute to demolition and initial site stabilization needs associated with acquisitions.
- The committee encourages County leadership and elected officials to demonstrate a strong commitment to maintenance and operations funding in the next King County Parks Levy to keep pace with growth in the inventory.
- There is ongoing interest in CFT by nonprofits, for example through projects working on securing farmland access and land tenure for historically underserved populations. Work is needed around understanding and defining guidance on nonprofit organizational and financial readiness, as well as capacity to successfully manage CFT-funded land in perpetuity. CFT acquisitions represent major capital investments and in-perpetuity obligations for a group, with attendant risks, costs, and potential benefits.
- The committee values the excellent county staff support provided to the committee and Conservation Futures program, as well as the King County programs that implement County land acquisitions. The committee encourages ongoing evaluation of program needs and support as required to implement the grant and acquisition programs.

Highlights: Projects Located in Cities

- Of the many projects adding open space in cities, highlights include Kenmore's Lake Pointe Acquisition, which augments an ongoing effort to increase public waterfront

access and allows restoration of 3,000 feet of contiguous shoreline; Bellevue's green space addition in West Lake Sammamish; Covington's expansion of Covington Community Park, including a portion of fish-bearing Little Soos Creek, and Shoreline's Ronald Bog Park, expanding public waterfront access at an existing park.

- The following match waiver requests in cities were recommended for funding: Auburn's addition of a transformational downtown park and public space; Seattle's North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Village Acquisitions, protecting an entire city block of mature urban forest within walking distance of two light rail stations; Seattle's Westwood-Highland Park Urban Village acquisition, filling a large park service gap on the border with White Center; Nurturing Roots' acquisition of a site for an urban farm and organizational home base near the Rainier Beach Light Rail station, and Watershed Community Development's Bend Live/Work District Park, bringing green space to the industrial Georgetown neighborhood and serving residents of a new large-scale affordable housing community.
- Funding for SSC was awarded to numerous projects to support signage, fencing, and/or demolition of structures necessary to secure properties acquired with CFT for public safety or resource protection purposes. Stand-alone awards were made to Bellevue and Shoreline for numerous parcels, and a variety of other projects were recommended to receive SSC awards as well.

Highlights: Projects Located in Unincorporated King County

- Partner project highlights include Fall City Parks District's preservation of a large rural lot to create a community park as the rural community densifies, and Tacoma Water continues a large acquisition of riparian and upland forest to improve downstream water quality and unify management of the Upper Green River. Wakulima USA's phase 2 match waiver request will help provide farmland access and training to refugee and immigrant farmers.
- Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 7/Snoqualmie Watershed: The County builds on long-term projects to preserve high-quality riparian and forest habitat with acquisitions at Ames Lake Forest, Griffin Creek Natural Area, Rattlesnake Ridge, South Fork Skykomish, and Union Hill Forest. Outside of Snoqualmie, the Snoqualmie Corridor Enhancement project holds the urban growth boundary and preserves green space, and Lake Alice Forest preserves mature forests and provides trail opportunities.
- WRIA 8/Cedar-Lake Washington Watershed: The County builds on decades of conservation to preserve high-value streamside salmon habitat in Bear Creek, Cedar River, and Issaquah Creek. Work continues to purchase key inholdings on the edges of Cougar Mountain and riparian lands on the salmon-bearing East Fork of Issaquah Creek.
- WRIA 9/Green River Watershed: The County continues projects related to salmon habitat and open space conservation at Green River Gorge, Keevie Lake, Sweeney Pond, and Soos and Jenkins creeks. King County and the nonprofit group Save Habitat and Diversity of Wetlands (SHADOW) continue their coordinated efforts to buffer the unique peat bog ecosystem around Shadow Lake.
- Vashon-Maury Island: The County continues to preserve land at Frog Holler Forest and expand creek, estuary, and marine shoreline conservation opportunities, often working in partnership with Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust.

- Farmland: The County continues to preserve farmland and support the local food system in the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District, targeting one of the largest farms in the county for protection.
- Funding for SSC was awarded to King County for site stabilization on a variety of recent and upcoming projects.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN CITIES

- *This section describes projects located in cities.*
- *First are projects sponsored by public agencies, organized in alphabetical order by the name of the applicant.*
- *Next are projects sponsored by nonprofits, organized in alphabetical order by the name of the applicant.*
- *If multiple applications have been submitted by an applicant, projects are listed in alphabetical order by project name.*

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Auburn Downtown Auburn Open Space Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$700,000	\$700,000 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$250,000	\$250,000 annual
Match Waiver Determination: Yes			
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147973 SSC award: CFT annual project #1148029</i>			

The City of Auburn seeks to acquire a parcel downtown as a central public space to connect its growing residential and senior populations with small businesses, arts, and culture. Fee acquisition of this 0.17-acre parcel would create a multifunctional park and plaza for downtown residents whose nearest park is a mile away. This project advances the city’s long-term Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan goal to add green space to its rapidly urbanizing downtown and to create a high-visibility focal point for public gathering.

The city requests a match waiver. The site meets all three match waiver criteria for income, health, and proximity to open space. Most residents are in the bottom 10 percent of household income in the county and in the upper 20 percent of those requiring food assistance. Since 2016, there have been 750 apartment units added downtown within a five-minute walk of the site, including affordable and senior apartments. Opportunities for the city to create open space have been few and far between, and the nearest open space is the Interurban Trail corridor more than a half-mile away. The city’s 2022 comprehensive plan outreach included a city-wide poll about residents’ unmet park needs. A consistent response to the poll was to have more open space/parks downtown. Prior to the final design, staff will use the city’s equity toolkit to ensure that project details meet diverse needs, including Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility and integration with the adjacent cultural arts center and theater. The city has provided two support letters from the Auburn School District and MS Real Estate, which developed an apartment complex whose residents will be served by the park.

The committee determined this project merits a match waiver because of supportive data points, the high level of unmet park needs here, the transformational nature of the project, and the significant amount of senior, affordable, and student housing within walking distance of the park.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Bellevue SSC Request	CFT - Acquisition	\$0	N/A
	CFT - SSC	\$525,000	\$525,000 annual
<i>SSC award: CFT annual project #1148030</i>			

The City of Bellevue requests site stabilization funds for three properties it acquired under the Bellevue Greenway and Open Space project. Two parcels are in the West Lake Sammamish area, acquired between 2020 and 2023. They are both vacant with structures on site. One parcel is adjacent to the Eastrail corridor. The city acquired it in 2021 and the property is currently vacant with plans to allow King County to use a portion of it for construction access for the Eastrail rehabilitation project through 2026. Match comes from Bellevue capital project funding.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Bellevue West Lake Sammamish Open Space	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,597,500	\$1,597,500 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147974</i>			

The City of Bellevue seeks to protect land in the West Lake Sammamish area with a long-term goal to expand public waterfront access and create a lakefront conservation corridor. This year's funding request is for partial fee acquisition (5.7 acres out of an 18.5-acre parcel) of an upland site near Vasa Park. Acquisition would protect mature canopy and a ravine with an unnamed fish-bearing stream that drains to Lake Sammamish. Acquisition would also maintain and add to the current open space buffer for surrounding residential development and provide a safer and more scenic walk to the lake. Once acquired, the city will incorporate this site with the adjacent Norelius Open Space property for a combined 19 acres of open space for conservation, passive recreation, and possible connection to the Mountains to Sound Greenway and West Lake Sammamish Parkway trails. Match comes from Bellevue capital project funding.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Covington Covington Community Park Expansion	CFT - Acquisition	\$99,000	\$99,000 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147976</i>			

The City of Covington seeks to expand Covington Community Park and protect more of Little Soos Creek. This year's target is a fee acquisition of a 0.75-acre forested portion of a five-acre parcel on park's western edge, which spans a segment of Little Soos Creek. Acquisition would preserve and protect more of Little Soos Creek, which is a key upper tributary to the salmon-

bearing Green River. Little Soos Creek is a priority area for resident coastal cutthroat, steelhead, coho, and Chinook salmon. Acquisition will also work toward closing the city’s park deficit, and the site will serve as an urban/rural separator adjacent to a developing area. Match comes from the city’s parks reserve funds.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Des Moines Wooten Park Native Vegetation Preservation	CFT - Acquisition	\$159,750	\$159,750 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$15,000	\$15,000 annual
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147977 SSC award: CFT annual project #1148031</i>			

The City of Des Moines seeks to acquire land adjacent to Wooten Park. This year’s funding target is a 4.46-acre forested parcel northeast of the park, to be preserved either in fee or easement. Acquisition saves the parcel from development encroaching upon the existing park and creates a nature trail opportunity. This project will help close the city’s park deficit, expand the passive recreation function of the park, and preserve nearshore wildlife habitat. Match comes from the city’s Surface Water Management fee.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Kenmore Kenmore Lake Pointe Conservation Area Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$11,935,850	\$7,366,725 total (\$25,000 annual and \$7,341,725 bond)
	CFT - SSC	\$126,375	\$126,375 annual
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148978, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148050 SSC award: CFT annual project #1148032</i>			

In this regionally significant project, the City of Kenmore seeks to preserve and enhance the Sammamish River and Lake Washington shorelines. The city would acquire in fee a 13.2-acre portion of a larger 43.8-acre property at the mouth of the Sammamish River, where it empties into Lake Washington. The purchase includes 9.4 acres of upland and 3.8 acres of submerged land. This acquisition would protect 3,000 feet of contiguous shoreline, which allows the city to restore the riparian area in this Tier 1 Habitat Area for Chinook salmon recovery. It will provide the community and Burke Gilman Trail users with significantly more waterfront access, building on additions at Log Boom, Rhododendron, and ʕaʕ ʕadis Park. This grant will secure the passive-use natural area portion of a future mixed-use urban village with access to the conservation area. Match comes from city funds, Cooperative Watershed Management, and/or Salmon Funding Recovery Board/Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration grants.

The committee’s funding recommendation represents the full funding needed to complete this project. While the original ask was higher, the applicant communicated to the committee that a lower amount of funding was actually needed based on an appraisal commissioned by the city during the grant round. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Kenmore Kenmore 76th Ave Property Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$453,600	\$453,600 total (\$25,000 annual and \$428,000 bond)
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147979, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148051</i>			

The City of Kenmore has been steadily working to protect tributaries of the Sammamish River. This year’s target is fee acquisition of a 1.1-acre undeveloped parcel containing two branches of an unnamed Sammamish River tributary. The city wants to purchase the property to preclude development within the stream and wetland buffers and maintain, or increase, existing forest canopy. This acquisition advances the city’s adopted capital improvement plan to remove fish-passage-barrier culverts on this stream by 2028, which will potentially open up these reaches to migratory salmon. Match comes from city funds.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Seattle North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000 total (\$25,000 annual and \$5,475,000 bond)
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
Match Waiver Determination: Yes			
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147980, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148052</i>			

The City of Seattle seeks to fill park service gaps in urban villages, focusing on south Seattle in the Beacon Hill/North Rainier Valley area. This project targets the fee acquisition of 10 adjoining parcels totaling 1.4 acres between the North Beacon Hill and Mt. Baker Hub urban villages. If acquired, the city would demolish the structure on site and largely preserve and restore the forest. This project would create an open space connection between two urban villages. It protects Cascade viewsheds, mature tree canopy, and urban wildlife habitat in a rapidly developing area.

The city requests a match waiver. The site is in the lowest third of census tracts for income, and just under a quarter-mile (0.22 miles) from the nearest open space. The Beacon Hill neighborhood still suffers from the effects of historic redlining practices, including noise and air pollution, especially from being directly under the SeaTac International Airport flight path. This application stems from the community advocacy of residents who have been involved in the Beacon Hill and Mt. Baker urban village planning process. Seattle Parks will do public outreach

to all interested parties, residents, and potential park users when initiating the park planning process here. The applicant has provided support letters from Beacon Hill Council, Mt. Baker Hub Alliance, Beacon Business Alliance, 24 community members, and El Centro de la Raza; there was demonstrated strong community support for this project from attendees at the committee meeting and site visit.

The committee determined this project merits a match waiver because of supportive data points, the unmet park needs in this urban village, strong and sustained community advocacy for this project, proximity to light rail and schools, and the park’s potential to mitigate the heat island effect. The committee urges Seattle to accelerate park planning, strengthen community partnerships, and activate new acquisitions with interim uses as soon as possible; some members of the committee also suggested that the city consider offering match funds to ensure that equity-driven projects like this could be funded even if the project does not receive a match waiver.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Seattle Westwood - Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000 total (\$25,000 annual and \$3,225,000 bond)
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
Match Waiver Determination: Yes			
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147981, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148053</i>			

The City of Seattle seeks to fill park service gaps in urban villages in this proposal focusing on southwest Seattle. This year’s target is the fee acquisition of three parcels totaling 0.32 acres in the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village near the border with White Center. This is an effort to secure open space in one of the largest park service gaps in West Seattle. This project, coupled with the future addition of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)’s Delridge Triangle and partial closure of 18th Ave. SW, will provide a buffer between the high-traffic Delridge Way SW and the neighborhood to the north of it. Combining these two sites into one park will also increase programming opportunities and bring the total size of the park to one acre in an area undergoing rapid densification.

The city requests a match waiver. The site falls within the County’s Opportunity Area map, meeting all three match waiver criteria. The area has many socioeconomic factors representative of a historically underserved community, such as a high poverty rate, low life expectancy, and high percentage of households with limited English-speaking ability. SDOT completed community engagement for the Delridge Triangle, and once the CFT-funded portion is acquired and the sites are considered one cohesive park, the public process will begin again. Seattle Parks will perform public outreach to interested parties, residents and potential park users who have been involved in the Delridge Triangle project. The applicant has provided support letters from the Highland Park Action Coalition and the Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association.

The committee determined this project merits a match waiver because of supportive data points for this area, the unmet park needs in this urban village, and the robust community engagement already conducted by SDOT for the adjacent site, which will be joined to this one. The committee urges Seattle to accelerate park planning, activate new acquisitions with interim uses as soon as possible, strengthen community partnerships, and encourage safety considerations in site planning, particularly around proximity to the road and road noise.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Shoreline Hillwood Park West Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,248,750	\$1,248,750 total (\$25,000 annual and \$1,223,750 bond)
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147986, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148054</i>			

The City of Shoreline seeks to protect green space to keep pace with rapid residential and transit development. This year’s target is a fee acquisition of a forested, 0.75-acre parcel next to the existing Hillwood Park. This acquisition will enhance the park by preserving mature garden plantings and urban forest. Acquisition would allow for a walking trail connecting 8th Ave. W to the park, which would support Shoreline City Council’s multimodal transportation goal to enhance walkability in and around parks. The trail through the parcel will also provide a safe walking route to school for students at Einstein Middle School on the north edge of Hillwood Park, as well as nearby King County affordable housing and a planned retirement community to the south. Match comes from park impact fees.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Shoreline South Ronald Bog Park Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,594,500	\$1,594,500 total (\$416,250 annual and \$1,178,250 bond)
	CFT - SSC	\$315,000	\$315,000 annual (to be included in the “Shoreline SSC Request” award)
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147987, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148055</i>			
<i>SSC award: This SSC award is being included in the “Shoreline SSC Request” project #1148033, as discussed below</i>			

The City of Shoreline seeks to expand Ronald Bog Park on its southern edge, to increase park access in a rapidly growing area. This year’s target is the fee acquisition of two waterfront parcels totaling 0.49 acres. These parcels offer an opportunity to restore waterfront, mitigate flood hazards, preserve a mature giant sequoia, as well as otter and heron habitat, and increase public waterfront access in accordance with their city council’s upcoming Parks Recreation and

Open Space plan. This acquisition and subsequent future additions could enable a waterfront trail destination for the community, especially coming from James Keough Park a half-mile away, supporting the city’s multimodal transportation goal. Match is anticipated to come from park impact fees or Recreation and Conservation Office grant.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details. The SSC award of \$315,000 will be included in the “Shoreline SSC Request” award below, bringing the total in that award to \$1,102,500.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Shoreline SSC Request	CFT - Acquisition	\$0	N/A
	CFT - SSC	\$787,500	\$787,500 annual (total award will be \$1,102,500 including the South Ronald Bog Park SSC)
<i>SSC award: CFT annual project #1148033– as noted above, this includes an additional \$315,000 for South Ronald Bog Park, bringing the total award to \$1,102,500.</i>			

The City of Shoreline requests site stabilization funds for five properties it acquired under the Rotary Park Acquisition I and Twin Ponds projects. Three parcels at Rotary Park were acquired in 2023. An existing structure on each parcel will need to be demolished for public safety in order to activate the public park. There are two parcels at Twin Ponds, one of which was acquired in 2023 and has an existing structure to be demolished for resource protection to activate the property for public trail use; a second parcel was acquired in February 2024 and has an existing structure that needs to be demolished.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details. The South Ronald Bog Park SSC award of \$315,000 is included in this project, bringing the total for this “Shoreline SSC Request” award to \$1,102,500.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Tukwila South 131st Pl Drainage Improvements	CFT - Acquisition	\$706,875	\$706,875 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$37,500	\$37,500 annual
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147988 SSC award: CFT annual project #1148035</i>			

The City of Tukwila is working on drainage improvements to address seasonal flooding along Southgate Creek. This year’s target is a fee acquisition of two parcels, totaling 0.62 acres, at the confluence of three reaches of salmon-bearing Southgate Creek. The parcels are about a third of a mile south of the creek’s confluence with the Duwamish River. Acquisition precludes the imminent threat of development and would result in a small stormwater park with enhanced stream, wetland, and trails. This project works toward a larger multiphase vision to improve culverts and fish passage, enhance in-stream habitat and floodplain connection, and improve water quality and conveyance. Match comes from city utility revenue, with King County flood

control district, and an expected Department of Ecology Streamflow Restoration grant contributing to the broader project costs.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Nurturing Roots Empowering Southend Communities through Sustainable Conservation	CFT - Acquisition	\$573,500	\$573,500 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$30,000	\$30,000 annual
Match Waiver Determination: Yes			
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147989</i>			
<i>SSC award: CFT annual project #1148038</i>			

The nonprofit organization Nurturing Roots is seeking a farm in south Seattle to anchor its work combating the interconnected challenges of food insecurity, healthcare inequality, gentrification, racism, and economic and education disparities. After being displaced from the farm the nonprofit leased on Beacon Hill, it is seeking to purchase in fee a 0.84-acre plot off Martin Luther King Jr. Way, near the Rainier Beach Light Rail station. The parcel was recently cleared by the previous owner and is adjacent to a Seattle-owned greenbelt. Acquisition will help the organization fulfill its mission to offer a therapeutic space for people of color and bring the healing benefits of nature, healthy food, and agricultural education to communities lacking access to those things. The farm would serve as a new home for the organization and be open to the community for farming and volunteer events and youth programming. The site is located 0.2 miles from a food innovation center developed by Rainier Beach Action Coalition (RBAC).

The applicant requests a match waiver. The site is in the lowest one-third of median household incomes in the County and is just one percentile point shy of qualifying for the health metric. This neighborhood is in the 80th percentile for students on free and reduced-price school meals, 95th percentile for limited-English speaking households, and in the 92nd percentile for households receiving food stamps. The site also serves a broader south Seattle community that experiences food insecurity and contains neighborhoods that live with the historic effects of redlining and environmental injustice. The property is in walking distance to four schools, all within 1 to 1.4 miles away, which creates environmental education and youth stewardship opportunities. Nurturing Roots has numerous longstanding partnerships with community organizations such as Skyway Task Force, Black Farmers Collective, Wa Na Wari, and RBAC, as well as with Seattle Public Schools. It plans to host community discussions and engage program youth to help co-design the new space. The group also provided support letters from Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool, RBAC, and Tilth Alliance. A portion of the site may be reserved out from the CFT-funded footprint for a building to house nonprofit operations.

The committee determined this project merits a match waiver due to supportive data points and its vision for an urban farm and educational center to serve the local neighborhood and broader south Seattle community. The project has strong community connections and is located near schools and partner organizations. This nonprofit has nearly a decade of urban farming experience, substantial operating funding in hand, and a \$900,000 Equitable Development Initiative grant to help build out the site.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Watershed Community Development The Bend Live/Work District Park	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,973,000	\$3,973,000 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$35,000	\$35,000 annual
Match Waiver Determination: Yes			
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147991</i>			
<i>SSC award: CFT annual project #1148040</i>			

The nonprofit organization Watershed Community Development seeks funding to build the park portion of a large affordable housing project called The Bend Live/Work District in the Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle. The overall project aims to sustain the livelihoods of local artists and residents and bring much-needed open space and social services to the neighborhood. Watershed will build up to 1,000 units of affordable workforce housing in a nine-block area, with a vision to co-locate services such as a grocery store, an early childhood center, and a food hub. Watershed has identified several potential properties for the park, with the goal of securing a half-acre area for a playground, green space, water feature, community garden, and other urgent open space needs determined by the community. Watershed Community Development would own and run it as a public park and is in discussions with the City of Seattle about opportunities for city maintenance and/or ownership in the future.

The applicant requests a match waiver. This site is in the 6th percentile of census tracts for income and is more than a quarter-mile from the nearest open space. The area has many demographic and socioeconomic indicators of a historically under-served community, such as low life expectancies, significant health inequities, and a high poverty rate. Georgetown is among the neighborhoods with the least amount of green space per capita in Seattle. It is threatened by floods and the heat island effect and suffers from chronic underinvestment in social infrastructure. This is a community-led project centering on environmental and social justice, with robust support from diverse organizations with deep ties to the neighborhood. Watershed has been hosting quarterly neighborhood “Ideafests” since 2022, where community input was collected to inform the District Master Plan that will be completed in 2024. The applicant provided support letters from the Duwamish River Community Coalition, Duwamish Alive Coalition, Seattle Parks Foundation, Georgetown Open Space Steering Committee, Georgetown Youth Council, and Seattle’s Office of Community Development.

The committee determines that this project merits a match waiver because this park would serve a fully affordable housing community and because there is strong community support for this vision. It also addresses the high need for recreational space and ecosystem services in an under-served, mostly industrial area with a history of environmental injustice.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY

- *Projects in this section are located in unincorporated King County.*
- *First are projects sponsored by public agencies, organized in alphabetical order by the name of the applicant.*
- *Next are projects sponsored by nonprofits, organized in alphabetical order by the name of the applicant.*
- *The remainder are projects sponsored by King County, 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.*
- *Several scope adjustments are noted below to relate the scopes of recent and current awards.*
- *At the end are several stand-alone scope additions not associated with a current award.*

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Fall City Metropolitan Park District Fall City Open Space Property Acquisition	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,015,000	\$3,015,000 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147992</i>			

The Fall City Metropolitan Park District seeks to protect open space and preserve rural character as the community grows in population. This year’s target is fee acquisition of a 4.6-acre lot in the heart of town that the district would like to turn into a community park. Removing the threat of development would save one of the last remaining large lots that have been lost to high-density housing. The project would protect urban wildlife habitat and introduce many passive open space uses, including P-Patch gardening, picnicking, agricultural education, and trail walking. The Parks District plans to convert the horse arena to the first ADA-accessible playground in the community. Match comes from landowner donation of a significant portion of the property value, supplemented with the Park District budget or an external grant, if necessary.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Tacoma Water Upper Green Land Acquisition 2025	CFT - Acquisition	\$447,750	\$447,750 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145698</i>			

The City of Tacoma, through the utility department Tacoma Water, seeks to conserve property in the upper Green River watershed to preserve water quality and forest protection, contributing to a regionally significant conservation vision in the watershed. The agency is seeking to acquire five parcels in fee comprising 579 acres, all within a half-mile of the Green River mainstem. This project was funded with 2024 CFT dollars, but the appraisal came in higher than expected, and additional funding is required to complete this acquisition. This acquisition will enhance habitat connectivity, support ecosystem services, remove inholdings, allow road removal, and expand

Tacoma Water’s footprint in a mixed-multiple- use watershed. It would also allow comprehensive and unified management in this area and secure critical Chinook spawning habitat when fish passage is restored at Howard Hanson Dam in 2030. Match comes from the Tacoma Water Capital Fund.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
SHADOW SHADOW: Bog Habitat Buffer	CFT - Acquisition	\$170,400	\$170,400 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$9,600	\$9,600 annual
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145695</i>			
<i>SSC award: CFT annual project #1148041</i>			

The nonprofit organization Save Habitat and Diversity of Wetlands (SHADOW) continues ongoing acquisition work to buffer the unique wetland and 10,000-year-old peat bog ecosystem at Shadow Lake. This year’s goal is fee acquisition of up to three forest wetland buffer parcels totaling up to 1.1 acres on the northwest side of the lake. Acquisition provides increased continuity of protected habitat on the slope entering the bog and improves water quality at the headwaters of salmon-bearing Jenkins Creek, which feeds into the Green-Duwamish. Obtaining these parcels will enhance the collaborative watershed protection plan that SHADOW and King County Parks are pursuing in this area of south King County.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Ubuntu Nerudo African Heritage - Ubuntu Farm	CFT - Acquisition	\$4,200,000	\$0
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
Match Waiver Determination: Yes			
<i>Acquisition award: N/A</i>			

The nonprofit organization Ubuntu Nerudo seeks funding to acquire farmland to support traditional farming practices and connection to heritage for the African diaspora in King County. The CFT award would fund the fee acquisition of approximately 10 to 50 acres to be maintained as an organic farm by Ubuntu Nerudo’s staff, farmers, and volunteers. A non-CFT-funded portion would support an “African village” concept with gazebos and additional gathering space. Acquisition would promote the production of culturally relevant foods for the African community, combat food injustice and associated health disparities, and encourage cultural practices through communal farming and on-farm events.

The applicant requests a match waiver because its project increases land access and technical farming skill for African farmers, many of whom live in opportunity area cities. The population served would be an immigrant community that meets the income and health requirement for an opportunity area and lacks access to open space resources and associated opportunities to

recreate and connect with the land, their food, and each other. Ubuntu Nerudo has broad representation through partnerships with over 24 different African communities through organizations like the Washington State Coalition of African Community Leaders (WSCACL), Association of Zambians in Seattle, and Malawi Seattle Association. Ubuntu Nerudo has assisted refugees through WSCACL, providing culturally relevant meals to refugees temporarily sheltered at a church in Renton.

The committee determined this project would merit a match waiver because of the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the communities served. This project’s cooperative farming model would increase land access for African immigrant farmers, as well as Black Americans who have not traditionally had access to land.

However, the committee does not recommend funding for this project at this time due to significant concerns about the organization’s current capacity to implement the project. Ubuntu Nerudo is a relatively new organization with currently limited financial resources. The committee understands Ubuntu Nerudo is starting to work on fundraising strategies and farm business planning, working toward a goal of having a financially stable business model for this farm. The committee supports the project vision. Ubuntu Nerudo may consider re-applying in the future when its plan is more fully developed, with demonstration of stronger financial resources to uphold land management obligations on CFT-funded land. There is no guarantee of future funding; the application would be reviewed through the future grant round.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Vashon Maury Island Land Trust Tahlequah Creek	CFT - Acquisition	\$19,500	\$19,500 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$7,500	\$0
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147993</i>			

The nonprofit organization Vashon Maury Island Land Trust continues its longstanding partnership with King County to protect the Tahlequah, Christensen, Judd, and Shinglemill creek systems on Vashon Island. This year’s goal is fee acquisition of 19.9 acres across three parcels, which would be added to the Tahlequah Creek Preserve. This project protects 1,500 feet of the mainstem of trout-bearing Tahlequah Creek, whose waters support juvenile salmon foraging at the mouth of the creek. It presents a rare opportunity to keep a cohesive watershed intact and to target important aquifer recharge areas. This project also protects land access at a site of importance to the s̓x̓w̓əbab̓š (the Swiftwater People), who are the indigenous inhabitants of Vashon and Maury Islands whose descendants are currently members of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion, as SSC was no longer needed. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
Wakulima USA Wakulima Farm	CFT - Acquisition	\$500,000	\$500,000 annual
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
Match Waiver Determination: Yes (determined during prior year award process)			
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145701</i>			

The nonprofit organization Wakulima USA seeks a farm to extend farmland access and training to refugee and immigrant farmers. This project was funded with 2024 CFT dollars and a match waiver, but additional funding is required to complete this acquisition. This year’s CFT award scales up its first request by funding 10 to 20 acres in south King County to establish a permanent home for the organization and carry out its mission: providing affordable leases for immigrants to grow culturally relevant crops, enjoy the health benefits of open space, and build community. Acquisition would support local food systems, preserve natural resources, preserve culture and traditional foodways, educate participants about nutrition, and advance food sovereignty for south county residents who lack access to fresh crops from their home countries. Land ownership would also grant Wakulima USA stability as an organization, allowing them to build capacity.

This project already received a match waiver last year, on the basis of creating a farmland and green space access opportunity for East African immigrant farmers, a population deserving of a match waiver based on socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the community. This new award therefore also has a match waiver.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope change request to the existing project, to shift from just an initial Phase 1 small five-acre farm (with a Phase 2 larger farm deferred to the future) to a single purchase of a larger farm (e.g., 15- to 20-acre parcel). The applicant had not identified a target parcel at the time of application last year or this year, with a commitment to come back to the committee to add target parcel(s) to the scope when it identified the land it wanted to purchase. The committee approved a scope change to prioritize parcel 3623069035, a 14-acre parcel in the Issaquah Creek basin, which has been used for agricultural purposes.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Ames Lake Forest - Phase I	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,375,000	\$2,700,000 total (\$50,000 annual and \$2,650,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$1,125,000	\$900,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148000, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148056, PL project #1147990</i>			

This project is Phase 1 of a two-phase, long-term effort to acquire 425 acres of forestland from a single landowner near Ames Lake, nearly doubling the size of the regionally significant Tolt McDonald Park. This phase seeks to acquire 11 parcels in fee totaling 222 acres. Successful acquisition would connect large, contiguous tracts of wildlife and aquatic habitats, while also providing a possible location for a future park site. This area is already a popular hiking and biking location. Conserving these properties will allow the County to invest in focused forest health improvements to improve upland watershed protection and stream protection for tributaries flowing directly into the Snoqualmie River, helping to improve fish habitat. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Griffin Creek Natural Area	CFT - Acquisition	\$836,175	\$836,175 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$278,725	\$278,725
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,114,900	\$1,114,900
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145704, PL project #1121451</i>			

King County continues a long-term effort to increase salmon habitat connectivity between the headwaters of Griffin Creek Natural Area in the Snoqualmie Forest and the confluence of Griffin Creek with the Snoqualmie River in the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District. The focus of the current request is to acquire three parcels in fee totaling 2.9 acres of creek-front property. Griffin Creek produces more coho salmon than any other creek in the Snoqualmie River basin; the creek was a focus of the Waterways 2000 land conservation program targeting some of the most significant habitat opportunities in the county. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Lake Alice Forest	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,392,625	\$3,392,625 total (\$95,350 annual and \$3,297,275 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$1,130,875	\$1,130,875
	Total - Acquisition	\$4,523,500	\$4,523,500
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148001, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148058, PL project #1147995</i>			

King County seeks to acquire undeveloped upland forest above the Raging River and along the Preston-Snoqualmie Regional Trail with significant acreage adjacent to Lake Alice Road. This year’s acquisition target is 150 acres in fee across three parcels just outside the urban growth boundary from Snoqualmie. These acquisitions would protect these mature forested parcels from being cut and provide potential low-density passive recreational opportunities directly accessible to the Lake Alice and Snoqualmie communities, with an existing regional trail corridor and trailhead adjacent to the largest target parcel. Acquisition would conserve important large tracts of forest that protect tributaries feeding into the Raging River and allow options for future reconfiguring of problematic sections of the Preston-Snoqualmie Regional Trail. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Protecting Farmland - Snoqualmie and Vicinity Farms	CFT - Acquisition	\$7,125,000	\$7,125,000 total (\$500,000 annual and \$6,625,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$0	\$0
	Total - Acquisition	\$7,125,000	\$7,125,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145739, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148059¹</i>			

The goal of this regionally significant project is to preserve prime agricultural lands in the Snoqualmie Valley important to the farming economy, with multiyear targets identified within the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District and in nearby rural areas. This year’s proposal is to acquire conservation easements over 19 parcels at Carnation Farms to permanently protect one of the largest farms in King County, totaling 737 acres and yielding 53 transferable development rights (TDR). The continued loss of farms reduces the availability of valuable agricultural soils and the economic basis for agricultural production. This project helps King County to both protect viable farmland and support the broader agricultural economy by removing the development rights and leaving farmland permanently protected and potentially more affordable to farmers. CFT funding will be matched by TDR Bank funding, using revenues generated by sale of TDRs to developers in urban areas.

¹ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1133819, CFT 2020 bond project #1134923/1137013, CFT 2022 bond project #1139013/1141756, CFT 2023 bond project #1141757/1147367 and CFT 2024 bond project #1143799/1146204.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope addition for parcel 3225079004 to the scope of the Protecting Farmland - Snoqualmie and Vicinity Farms earlier awards.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,000,500	\$1,000,500 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$333,500	\$333,500
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,334,000	\$1,334,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148002, PL project #1147996</i>			

King County seeks to protect undeveloped forest land adjacent to the regionally significant Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and in the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area. This year’s request is to acquire a conservation easement on a single, 166-acre parcel outside of North Bend (Washington State Department of Natural Resources is committed to acquiring the fee interest on this parcel). Acquisition protects important forested uplands with streams that drain to the South and Middle Fork Snoqualmie rivers. This addition would greatly increase the size of the popular hiking destination, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, while also protecting wildlife and aquatic habitats. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Rutherford Slough	CFT - Acquisition	\$618,750	\$618,750 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$95,250	\$95,250
	Total - Acquisition	\$714,000	\$714,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148003², PL project #1148010</i>			

This project is seeking to prevent forested acreage adjacent to the Snoqualmie Valley Regional Trail from being developed. This project seeks to acquire one 62.6-acre parcel in fee. Successful acquisition of this parcel would protect the ecological integrity of important fish-bearing streams that feed Rutherford Slough and connect to the Snoqualmie River. Acquisition provides potential for low-density passive recreational trail connections and additional access to the Snoqualmie Valley Regional Trail, in addition to protecting mature and complex forest covers. Acquisition

² The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1145708, PL project #1145905.

supports a long-term vision to connect this area to Snoqualmie Forest and Griffin Creek east of SR 203. The County is evaluating if the agriculture-zoned southwest corner of the site could support agricultural uses, in which case that part of the property may be managed differently or surplused. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award and from a recent Parks Levy award (representing \$111,000 in match) at Tokul Creek Forest, which is linked in scope to this project.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Snoqualmie Corridor Enhancement	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,627,500	\$1,627,500 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$542,500	\$542,500
	Total - Acquisition	\$2,170,000	\$2,170,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148004, PL project #1148011</i>			

This project is seeking to purchase property adjacent to urban growth boundary outside of the City of Snoqualmie. The target is fee acquisition of four parcels totaling 11 acres. This parcel provides important urban/rural separator functions. If acquired by the County, the site could offer a range of benefits including preservation of a scenic corridor, reforestation to extend habitat potential from adjacent Washington State Department of Natural Resources land, extending a regional trail, and connecting to the network of nearby open spaces in the area. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 South Fork Skykomish	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,011,750	\$882,500 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$17,500	\$17,500
	Total - Acquisition	\$900,000	\$900,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148005, PL project #1140812</i>			

King County continues work to improve water and habitat quality in the South Fork Skykomish watershed, which is regionally significant salmon habitat. This request seeks to acquire conservation easements over two parcels totaling 54.3 acres, and 16 parcels in fee totaling 5.4 acres. These parcels proposed for acquisition would support and become part of the Lower Miller River floodplain restoration project footprint. Improving floodplain function here will allow for habitat-forming processes and function to take place at the headwaters of the Snohomish basin. Protecting this sub-basin is important because it is critical to the recovery of listed salmonids in the basin, per the Snohomish Salmon Conservation Plan. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award and a grant request for \$319,750 to the Cooperative Watershed Management program.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Tanner Landing Addition	CFT - Acquisition	\$368,250	\$368,250 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$322,750	\$322,750
	Total - Acquisition	\$691,000	\$691,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148006, PL project #1140815</i>			

King County seeks to expand Tanner Landing Park along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River east of North Bend. This year’s proposal is to acquire in fee a 0.9-acre parcel adjacent to public land. Acquisition would add more than 600 feet of river frontage and expand river access at Tanner Landing Park. The Middle Fork Snoqualmie is a Class 1 Stream and Shoreline of Statewide Significance, and preventing development next to the river protects trout habitat and enhances the visitor experience along the adjacent Snoqualmie Valley Trail. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award; the request seeks additional \$200,000 in Parks Levy beyond the match amount for the developed portion of the property in case the County and partners decide to retain the building for park-related uses.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Union Hill Forest - Phase II	CFT - Acquisition	\$4,331,250	\$4,331,250 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$1,313,750	\$1,313,750
	Total - Acquisition	\$5,645,000	\$5,645,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145709³, PL project #1145907</i>			

This project is the second request in a multiyear, regionally significant vision to preserve up to 400 acres of forest in the Ames Lake/Union Hill Road area northeast of Sammamish. This phase proposes fee acquisition of five parcels, totaling 105 acres of forested properties. The land contains diverse younger and mature forest stands and supports tributaries flowing to Ames Creek and the Snoqualmie River. The proposed later phases also support forest at various stages of maturity, providing a significant amount of wildlife habitat, headwater stream protection, and carbon sequestration opportunity. This is a rare opportunity to acquire a large, contiguous block of undeveloped forest lands that are at risk for development. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award and \$130,000 in carbon credit dollars.

³ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1145709 and CFT 2024 bond project #1143799/1146198

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 7 Upper Snoqualmie Conservation	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,380,000	\$525,000 total (\$300,000 annual and \$225,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$460,000	\$175,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,840,000	\$700,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148007, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148060, PL project #1148037</i>			

King County is working to protect the upper Snoqualmie watershed from development. This request is seeking acquisition of three parcels, either in fee or conservation easement, totaling 132 acres in the North Fork Snoqualmie watershed. Protection of natural assets in the Upper Snoqualmie watershed contributes to critical instream flows in downstream habitat that supports endangered salmonid species in the Snohomish basin. Salmon recovery planning has identified these upland and forested areas as necessary for climate resiliency and salmon health in the basin. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Bear Creek Conservation	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,180,875	\$600,000 total (\$100,000 annual and \$500,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$393,625	\$200,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,574,500	\$800,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145711⁴, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148061, PL project #1044590</i>			

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 in fee two parcels comprising 26 acres immediately south of the Lower Bear Creek Natural Area. This acquisition protects high-value streamside salmon habitat in a critical sub-basin for spawning Chinook and preserves important sources of cold water in the upper reaches of the basin. Planned restoration of these parcels would further improve ecological function. Bear Creek is on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of polluted water bodies and is subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) water quality improvement project for fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, and water quality. The project expands linkages along the Bear Creek corridor

⁴ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT 2023 bond project #1141757/1143662

at Cold Creek, Cottage Lake Creek, and Middle Bear Creek. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded; combined with funds in hand, it should allow purchase of the priority parcels. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Cascade Mountains Gateway Project	CFT - Acquisition	\$942,000	\$942,000 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$814,000	\$814,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,756,000	\$1,756,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148008⁵, PL project #1143702</i>			

King County looks to expand Grand Ridge Park and increase access from the south, off I-90 just east of Issaquah. This year’s goal is to acquire in fee 2.86 acres across five parcels on the forested hillside above the Issaquah-Preston Regional Trail and the East Fork of Issaquah Creek. These acquisitions mitigate fragmentation of the Mountains to Sound Greenway and provide valuable wildlife habitat protection for the East Fork Issaquah Creek. It would also be an asset to Washington State Department of Natural Resources’ Cascade Gateway Project, which will include a pedestrian underpass, connecting a parking lot south of I-90 to the King County public lands to the north. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award. The request seeks an additional \$500,000 in Parks Levy beyond the match amount for a portion of the property in case the County and partners decide to retain one or more buildings for park-related uses.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Cedar River Basin Conservation	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,579,150	\$2,263,606 total (\$307,456 annual and \$1,956,150 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$1,193,050	\$744,594
	Total - Acquisition	\$4,772,200	\$3,008,200
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145717, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148062, PL project #1133890</i>			

King County continues decades of work to conserve forested and riparian lands in the Cedar River basin, which is regionally significant salmon habitat. This year, the County seeks to acquire 11 parcels in fee, totaling nearly 20 acres of land across the basin at Belmondo reach,

⁵ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT 2023 bond project #1141757/1143664

Big Bend Natural Area, Taylor Reach, Mouth of Rock Creek, and Byer’s Road. Acquisition supports a host of social and ecological benefits, such as enhanced water quality for salmon, future trail network expansion, continuous wildlife corridors, and large-scale wetland and floodplain restoration projects. The Cedar River is a Tier 1 priority stream for Chinook recovery in WRIA 8, and several of the target properties could be rearing and refuge habitat for salmonid once they are reconnected to the floodplain. Protecting these parcels will help re-establish wetlands and support potential levee setback and habitat restoration projects. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved scope additions for parcel 5112400055 at Mouth of Taylor Reach, and parcels 0422069048, 0422069100, 0422069075, and 3323069013 at Byer’s Road reach.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Cemetery Pond	CFT - Acquisition	\$855,000	\$855,000 total (\$500,000 annual and \$355,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$0	\$0
	Total - Acquisition	\$855,000	\$855,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148009, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148064</i>			

King County seeks to mitigate flooding in the May Creek watershed and improve water quality for downstream salmon habitat. This year’s goal is fee purchase of four parcels comprising 6.08 acres, prioritizing parcel 1323059049. This property is adjacent to Cemetery Pond, a Category 2 wetland just east of Renton. Acquisition would enable wetland restoration and improve public access to this future stormwater park project, once constructed. This project helps to advance King County’s Clean Water Healthy Habitat goals, stormwater permit compliance, and advances climate change resiliency, county stormwater strategic planning, and will increase access to open space with trails, benches, and viewpoints. Match for this project comes from the value of the recent purchase of parcel 1323059067 in September 2022, using non-CFT funding.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Cougar Mountain Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$4,929,750	\$4,157,250 total (\$500,000 annual and \$3,657,250 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$1,643,250	\$1,385,750
	Total - Acquisition	\$6,573,250	\$5,543,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145718, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148063, PL project #1044596</i>			

This project seeks to protect forested uplands that would expand regionally significant Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. This year, the County seeks to acquire eight parcels in fee, totaling 86 acres along the north end of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and the southwestern portion of the park near May Valley. Acquisition will preclude residential development on the urban growth boundary, provide passive recreational opportunities, maintain viewsheds, and enable sustainable trails in areas of high use, where new trailheads and parking lots are being built. These acquisitions build on decades of conservation at Cougar Mountain, expanding on more than 3,000 acres of conserved forests and miles of trails at the site. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved scope clarifications for parcels 2924069017, 3024069019, and 2924069022 in existing awards in this project (all had been previously identified in Cougar Mountain scopes over the past five years). The committee approved scope additions for parcels 0223059003, 0223059031, 0223059099.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Danville-Georgetown Open Space Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$0	\$0
	PL - Acquisition	\$556,200	\$556,200
	Total - Acquisition	\$556,200	\$556,200
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: PL project #1148108</i>			

This project is seeking to expand Danville-Georgetown Open Space, which is east of Maple Valley and Black Diamond. This year’s target is fee acquisition of eight parcels totaling 49 acres. The multiuse backcountry trails here are some of the most extensive and well-maintained in south King County, and acquisition would improve access to this network with a formalized trailhead and parking area. King County Parks is actively restoring forest health here and these additional parcels would benefit from that restoration. Acquisition precludes development in an area at high risk for development and would save a primary wildlife habitat connector for Rock Creek Valley. Match funding is not required since this request only includes Parks Levy funding.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 East Fork Issaquah Creek	CFT - Acquisition	\$2,692,500	\$1,725,000 total (\$50,000 annual and \$1,675,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$897,500	\$575,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$3,590,000	\$2,300,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145719, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148065, PL project #1141650</i>			

King County continues ongoing efforts to conserve land on the East Fork of Issaquah Creek, along the Issaquah-Preston Regional Trail between High Point and Preston. This proposal builds on the previous acquisitions in this area, with a request to purchase five more parcels in fee, totaling 7.36 acres along the East Fork of Issaquah Creek. Funding will 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 a high priority for its potential benefit to Chinook if removed. Restoration goals include creek and wetland restoration along the scenic corridor adjacent to the regional trail and the I-90/Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Issaquah Creek Basin Conservation	CFT - Acquisition	\$2,688,750	\$1,113,750 total (\$50,000 annual and \$1,063,750 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$1,211,250	\$686,250
	Total - Acquisition	\$3,900,000	\$1,800,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145722, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148066, PL project #1145911</i>			

King County seeks to protect two high-quality habitat reaches of Issaquah Creek, a regionally significant stream for Chinook salmon recovery in WRIA 8. This proposal would acquire in fee 36.8 acres across three parcels in the Issaquah Creek watershed. The current targets are the focus of a planned King County fish-passage project, and acquisitions that will expand habitat enhancement opportunities. Protection and habitat restoration for this part of the Issaquah Creek basin is critical for providing shade, channel complexity, and enhancing connectivity between the floodplain, wetlands, and the creek. Issaquah Creek is on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d)

list of polluted water bodies and is subject to a TMDL water quality improvement project for fecal coliform. These properties may eventually be tied to future easements or ownership that will further protect the creeks and natural functions. They could be used for passive recreation such as walking, birdwatching, salmon viewing, and educational opportunities. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award. The award includes an additional \$315,000 of Parks Levy beyond the required match, serving as match for a prior CFT award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is scaled proportionate to the funding needed to purchase one parcel. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Lake Desire Natural Area Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$429,750	\$429,750 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$143,250	\$143,250
	Total - Acquisition	\$573,000	\$573,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148020, PL project #1148109</i>			

This project continues a community vision to protect wetland systems and corridors. This proposal would acquire in fee four parcels totaling 11 acres to expand the Lake Desire Natural Area. Conserving these properties will preserve a valuable riparian corridor, provide protection for migrating fish, and create opportunities for future trail connections in a rapidly growing area. The proposed acquisitions protect high-priority Cedar River tributaries and wetlands and allow for King County to do more coordinated aquatic vegetation management at Lake Desire. While the primary focus is habitat protection and enhancement, there is potential for a low-impact backcountry trail connection, which could connect to McGarvey Park Open Space, Spring Lake Park, and Petrovitsky Park. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 8 Skyway Stormwater Opportunity Fund (WRIA 8 & 9)	CFT - Acquisition	\$22,500	\$22,500 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$7,500	\$7,500
	Total - Acquisition	\$30,000	\$30,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148021, PL project #1148110</i>			

King County is working to set up an opportunity fund to cover the start-up real estate costs and appraisals of potential target parcels for stormwater parks in the urban unincorporated area of Skyway/West Hill/Bryn Mawr. Currently, the stormwater facilities in this area are overburdened, which is detrimental to water quality in Lake Washington and the Duwamish River watershed. These stormwater parks, which would be built as a partnership between King County Stormwater Services and King County Parks, would improve water quality and provide needed open space in the area. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 9 Coal Creek Forest & Green River Gorge Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,637,500	\$2,887,500 total (\$500,000 annual and \$2,387,500 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$1,416,150	\$1,166,150
	Total - Acquisition	\$5,053,650	\$4,053,650
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145730⁶, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148067, PL project #1141652</i>			

King County seeks to acquire several forested parcels near Hyde Lake and Green River Gorge, creating a potential new site called Coal Creek Forest. This year’s target is fee acquisition of 444 acres across 26 parcels, which would include an addition at Hyde Lake Park. This is a rare opportunity to preclude development on an expansive tract of forest and riparian habitat of critical importance to salmon, since Coal Creek is an important source of cool, clean water during summer low flows. The large acreage of the forested site likely affords the opportunity for recreation parking and backcountry trails. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award. The award includes an additional \$203,650 of Parks Levy beyond the required match, serving as match for a prior CFT award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion; combined with funds in hand it should allow purchase of the priority parcels. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 9 Fell Hill Open Space	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,309,313	\$1,133,363 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$436,438	\$377,788
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,745,751	\$1,511,150
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148023, PL project #1148111</i>			

King County is working to expand the existing Fell Hill Park, which is owned by the City of Enumclaw. This project seeks to acquire five parcels in fee totaling 113 acres of undeveloped forest land. These acquisitions enable riparian restoration along Stonequarry Creek to address temperature issues in salmon-bearing Newaukum Creek. Addition of these parcels may enable future construction of a multiuse trailhead serving future backcountry trails on Fell Hill as well as the future Foothills Trail regional corridor. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

⁶ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT 2020 Bond Project #1134923/1137009, CFT 2021 Bond Project #1137238/113900, CFT 2022 Bond Project #1139013/1141744, CFT 2023 Bond Project #1141757/1143670.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 9 Keevie Lake Natural Area Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,905,863	\$1,733,363 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$635,288	\$577,788
	Total - Acquisition	\$2,541,151	\$2,311,150
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1147370⁷, PL project #1132225</i>			

King County is working to expand the Keevie Lake Natural Area, which lies just west of the rapidly developing city of Black Diamond. This project seeks to acquire six parcels in fee totaling 91 acres at the headwaters of Crisp Creek and Covington Creek watersheds. Crisp Creek serves as the water source for the Keta/Crisp Creek Hatchery owned and operated by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. The excellent water quality in these headwater tributaries could be compromised if additional development were allowed to occur, resulting in direct impacts to salmon and negatively impacting recovery efforts. These acquisitions would build on recent successes to increase the scale of this natural area in a part of the county with limited open space. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 9 Mitigation Reserves Program- Green River Service Area	CFT - Acquisition	\$3,690,750	\$3,690,750 total (\$500,000 annual and \$3,190,750 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$650,000	\$650,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$4,340,750	\$4,340,750
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148024, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148068, PL project #1148113</i>			

The King County Mitigation Reserves Program is working to offset permitted impacts to wetlands caused by development projects within the Green/Duwamish River watershed. This project seeks to acquire eight parcels in fee totaling 61 acres in the Jenkins Creek drainage basin. Protecting parcels along Jenkins Creek is important because it feeds salmon-bearing Soos Creek. Soos Creek is on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list for its high water temperature and fecal coliform pollution and is subject to a TMDL improvement plan for water quality. Acquisition will allow the Mitigation Reserves Program to implement a project that expands and restores wetlands, enhances wetland buffers, controls invasive vegetation, and plants native vegetation.

⁷ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1132092

The 10-plus-acre wetland is high quality and could be expanded by an additional 4.75 acres. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award and from \$580,250 of Mitigation Reserves Program funding that will be put toward the acquisition.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 9 Shadow Lake NA & Sweeney Pond Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$2,231,250	\$2,231,250 total (\$1,031,250 annual and \$1,200,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$743,750	\$743,750
	Total - Acquisition	\$2,975,000	\$2,975,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148025 ⁸, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148069, PL project #1139163</i>			

This project is seeking to expand the Shadow Lake Natural Area to protect wildlife habitat and provide additional open space in south King County. This project would accomplish this goal by purchasing six parcels in fee totaling 101 acres. The two western parcels are preserved in partnership with the nonprofit organization Save Habitat and Diversity of Wetlands (SHADOW). The properties have been identified for their ecological significance and their contribution to habitat connectivity with existing protected lands, particularly those associated with Shadow Lake. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope addition for parcel 1822069049 to the existing Sweeney Pond awards. King County and SHADOW are working in partnership to purchase the property, and it is in the proposed scope of this 2025 award.

⁸ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1143697, CFT 2022 bond project #1139013/1141751, and CFT 2023 bond project #1141757/1143676.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 9 Soos-Jenkins	CFT - Acquisition	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000 total (\$500,000 annual and \$2,095,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$865,000	\$865,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$3,460,000	\$3,460,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148026⁹, CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148070, PL project #1139161</i>			

King County continues a multiyear effort to restore salmon habitat along Soos Creek, the largest tributary in the Green/Duwamish watershed. This regionally significant project seeks to purchase 12 parcels in fee totaling 71.6 acres. Soos Creek is on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list for its high water temperature and fecal coliform pollution and is subject to a TMDL improvement plan for water quality. The proposed acquisitions would provide future sites for riparian restoration along Soos Creek, which would reduce water temperatures for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout and provide open space as parts of the Soos Creek Park and Trail, Jenkins Creek Natural Area, Cedar Creek Park, and Hatchery Natural Area. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - WRIA 10 Five Mile Park, South County Ballfields & Spider Lake	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,480,900	\$375,000 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$0	\$125,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,480,900	\$500,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
Match Waiver Determination: No			
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148027, PL project #1148114</i>			

The project aims to enhance recreational access in the vicinity of South County Ballfields and Five Mile Lake Park, while proposing a new Spider Lake Natural Area on the north side of Spider Lake. To accomplish this, the project is seeking to acquire in fee 12 parcels totaling 23.3 acres across these three project areas. These acquisitions would increase recreational access and preserve ecological features, including forested parcels and wetland lots at Spider Lake. Preserving these buffers improves water quality and increases access to nature in a part of the county experiencing rapid encroachment of urban development.

The applicant requests a match waiver. The Spider Lake site is in an opportunity area meeting all three criteria; it is in the 23rd percentile for median household income, the 74th percentile for hospitalization rates, and it is well over a quarter-mile to the nearest public park. The other two sites meet the hospitalization criteria and have low incomes, but do not meet the distance criteria because they are expansions of existing parks. Inclusion of these parcels in the larger open space

⁹ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1129256, CFT 2023 bond #1141757/1143674.

network improves access to nature for residents who experience social hardships such as poverty, physical disability, limited English proficiency, and low life expectancy. The applicant has provided two letters of support from City of Auburn Parks and Recreation and King Conservation District and continues to work on public engagement, particularly with local community-based organizations.

The committee determines that, while this is a good conservation project, it does not merit a match waiver. The project is limited in community engagement, without local voices, schools, or community-based organizations as part of the proposal. If the applicant is able to demonstrate strong community engagement and support as part of a future funding request, the project could be re-considered for a match waiver at that time.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project, anticipating the applicant may return for additional funding as the County makes progress in this area. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - Vashon Frog Holler - Camp Sealth	CFT - Acquisition	\$768,750	\$768,750 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$256,250	\$256,250
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,025,000	\$1,025,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145734¹⁰, PL project #1139166</i>			

King County is working to conserve undeveloped forests and create public trail connections on Vashon-Maury Island. The current request would cover a 105-acre conservation easement at Camp Sealth and the fee acquisition of a 10-acre parcel to the north of Frog Holler. The easement acquisition is the last phase in a long-term effort to protect Camp Sealth through conservation easements that preserve the forest and offer trail opportunity. This year’s target would augment a 50-acre easement on the Camp Sealth property that was purchased in 2022, and a 101-acre easement purchased in 2012, bringing the County to holding more than 250 acres of easement protection on the site. These acquisitions would further the goal of preserving undeveloped forests on Vashon-Maury Island. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

SCOPE ADJUSTMENTS

During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope clarification to prioritize parcel 2422029052, which had previously been identified as a long-term parcel in the scope of the project.

¹⁰ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT 2024 bond project #1146210/1146202.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - Vashon Manzanita Natural Area Additions	CFT - Acquisition	\$548,250	\$548,250 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$182,750	\$182,750
	Total - Acquisition	\$731,000	\$731,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145735, PL project #1143708</i>			

The Manzanita Natural Area Additions project seeks to purchase a conservation easement near Manzanita Natural Area on Vashon-Maury Island. The easement would be over a single, 24.6-acre property owned by Dockton Water Association. The property holds significant ecological value, serving as a habitat for native flora and fauna, as well as critical habitats, and will expand trail opportunities in this natural area that spans from uplands through the shoreline. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - Vashon Vashon Creeks and Estuaries	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000 annual
	PL - Acquisition	\$615,000	\$615,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$2,460,000	\$2,460,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1145737¹¹, PL project #1136784</i>			

This King County project continues to preserve key stream corridors on Vashon Island, from upland headwaters through regionally significant estuaries at Puget Sound. The focus of the current proposal is to preserve 17.3 acres across three parcels along Tahlequah Creek (one 0.74-acre parcel in fee, and two 8-acre parcels via conservation easements). Almost all will be conservation easements that will protect some of the last remaining old growth on the island, protect a cross-island wildlife corridor, and advance efforts to restore the Tahlequah Creek estuary, where a fish barrier removal would open nearly 5,000 feet of stream to coho and chum salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout. Many of the acquisitions have been implemented in partnership with the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends full funding for this project. See table above for funding recommendation details.

¹¹ The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1136847.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - Vashon Vashon Marine Shoreline	CFT - Acquisition	\$1,350,000	\$750,000 total (\$500,000 annual and \$250,000 bond)
	PL - Acquisition	\$450,000	\$250,000
	Total - Acquisition	\$1,800,000	\$1,000,000
	CFT - SSC	\$0	N/A
<i>Acquisition award: CFT annual project #1148028¹², CFT 2025 bond project #1146210/1148071, PL project #1136783</i>			

King County’s multiyear project preserves 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 is on preserving habitat at Spring Beach Natural Area on Vashon-Maury Island, purchasing six parcels in fee totaling 53 acres. These purchases would add 952 feet of marine shoreline to the natural area and protect wetlands, feeder bluffs for juvenile salmon, and forested uplands that may eventually connect to Tahlequah Creek. Match funding comes from the recommended Parks Levy award.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project. The recommended award is consistent with the applicant’s partial funding suggestion if the project could not be fully funded. See table above for funding recommendation details.

<i>Applicant - Location Project Name</i>	<i>Funding Type</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommended</i>
King County - SSC King County DNRP - SSC request	CFT - Acquisition	\$0	N/A
	PL - Acquisition	\$0	N/A
	Total - Acquisition	\$0	N/A
	CFT - SSC	\$7,000,000	\$3,766,148 annual
<i>SSC award: CFT annual project #1148042</i>			

King County requests site stabilization cost funding to support signage, fencing, and/or demolition of structures necessary to secure real property interests acquired with CFT proceeds for public safety or resource protection purposes. This request is for site stabilization costs on properties funded through recent and the currently requested King County CFT-PL awards. The request was combined for all County projects to retain flexibility so that the County can address the highest priority project needs as they emerge and evolve. The County’s top priority is to continue removing structures held in existing open space inventory or which are soon to be acquired using funds from past grant rounds.

The committee recommends partial funding for this project, representing funding to begin work on site stabilization investments on priority parcels. The committee anticipates future application as they county increases capacity, secures additional matching funds, and refines cost estimates. See table above for funding recommendation details.

¹² The scope of this new award is linked to the scopes of other recent awards to this project, including: CFT annual project #1132093, CFT 2022 bond project #1139013/1141755, and CFT 2023 bond project #1141757/1143680; and Parks Levy project # 1127078.

SCOPE ADJUSTMENT ONLY

King County - WRIA 9 Green River-Newaukum Creek
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<i>CFT Annual Project #1126743, CFT 2023 bond project #1141757, PL #1136778</i>

King County’s Green River-Newaukum Creek project seeks to continue decades of conservation work in this regionally significant project preserving the Middle Green River and Newaukum Creek. During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope addition for parcels 3121069006, 3121069102, 2621059060, and 7327710040, and a scope clarification to prioritize parcel 2821069055.

King County - WRIA 9 Kanaskat Natural Area

<i>CFT annual project #1145731, PL project #1145921</i>

King County’s Kanaskat Natural Area project seeks to preserve some of the final missing pieces in the 200-acre Kanaskat Natural Area in the upper reaches of the Middle Green River. During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope addition for parcel 1121079040.

King County - WRIA 9 North Green River Acquisitions
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<i>CFT annual project #1143298, CFT 2022 bond project #1139013/1141748, CFT 2023 bond project #1141757/1143673, PL Project #1139162</i>

King County’s North Green River Acquisitions project seeks to add lands to North Green River Park, in the unincorporated urban area near Kent, as well as other nearby open spaces in the vicinity. During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope addition for parcel 3022059060.

King County - WRIA 9 Urban Greenspace: White Center & Skyway

<i>CFT annual project #1136845</i>

King County’s Urban Greenspace: White Center & Skyway match waiver project has an open space equity focus, targeting acquisition in urban unincorporated areas of White Center and Skyway. During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope addition for Glendale Forest parcels 2789000220 (fee or easement) and 5624200670 (easement).

King County - WRIA 9 White Center Urban Greenspace

<i>CFT annual project #1139003</i>

King County’s White Center Urban Greenspace match waiver project seeks to increase public green space in the north Highline/White Center community. During project review in spring 2024, the committee approved a scope addition for 1591000055, 0623049266, 0623049290.

APPENDICES

Table 1: Summary of 2025 CFT & PL Funding Recommendations

<i>Projects Located in Cities</i>			Acquisition Funding						Site Stabilization Cost (SSC) Funding		Acres in Scope*	KC Council Dist.
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested – Acquisition	Total CFT Recommended - Acquisition	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Acquisition Funding Requested	Total Acquisition Funding Recommended	CFT Requested - SSC	CFT Recommended - SSC		
Auburn	Downtown Auburn Open Space Acquisition	Yes	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	0.2	7
Bellevue	SSC Request	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$525,000	\$525,000	N/A	6
Bellevue	West Lake Sammamish Open Space	-	\$1,597,500	\$1,597,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,597,500	\$1,597,500	\$0	\$0	5.7	6
Covington	Covington Community Park Expansion	-	\$99,000	\$99,000	\$0	\$0	\$99,000	\$99,000	\$0	\$0	0.8	9
Des Moines	Wooton Park Native Vegetation Preservation	-	\$159,750	\$159,750	\$0	\$0	\$159,750	\$159,750	\$15,000	\$15,000	4.5	5
Kenmore	Kenmore Lake Pointe Conservation Area Acquisition	-	\$11,935,850	\$7,366,725	\$0	\$0	\$11,935,850	\$7,366,725	\$126,375	\$126,375	13	1
Kenmore	Kenmore 76th Ave Property Acquisition	-	\$453,600	\$453,600	\$0	\$0	\$453,600	\$453,600	\$0	\$0	1	1
Seattle	North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St Acquisition	Yes	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$0	\$0	1.4	2
Seattle	Westwood - Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition	Yes	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$0	\$0	0.3	8

<i>Projects Located in Cities</i>			Acquisition Funding						Site Stabilization Cost (SSC) Funding		Acres in Scope*	KC Council Dist.
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested – Acquisition	Total CFT Recommended - Acquisition	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Acquisition Funding Requested	Total Acquisition Funding Recommended	CFT Requested - SSC	CFT Recommended - SSC		
Shoreline	Hillwood Park West Acquisition	-	\$1,248,750	\$1,248,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,248,750	\$1,248,750	\$0	\$0	0.8	1
Shoreline	South Ronald Bog Park Acquisition (SSC award for this project is added into the Shoreline-SSC Request award number)	-	\$1,594,500	\$1,594,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,594,500	\$1,594,500	\$315,000	\$315,000	0.5	1
Shoreline	SSC Request	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$787,500	\$787,500	N/A	1
Tukwila	South 131st Pl Drainage Improvements	-	\$706,875	\$706,875	\$0	\$0	\$706,875	\$706,875	\$37,500	\$37,500	0.6	8
Nurturing Roots	Empowering Southend Communities through Sustainable Conservation	Yes	\$573,500	\$573,500	\$0	\$0	\$573,500	\$573,500	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.8	2
Watershed Community Development	The Bend Live/Work District Park	Yes	\$3,973,000	\$3,973,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,973,000	\$3,973,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	0.5	8
15 Projects	Subtotal - Projects in Cities		\$31,792,325	\$27,223,200	\$0	\$0	\$31,792,325	\$27,223,200	\$2,121,375	\$2,121,375	30	

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<i>Projects Located in Unincorporated King County</i>			Acquisition Funding						Site Stabilization Cost (SSC) Funding		Acres in Scope*	KC Council Dist.
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested – Acquisition	Total CFT Recommended - Acquisition	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Acquisition Funding Requested	Total Acquisition Funding Recommended	CFT Requested - SSC	CFT Recommended - SSC		
Fall City Metropolitan Park District	Fall City Open Space Property Acquisition	-	\$3,015,000	\$3,015,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,015,000	\$3,015,000	\$0	\$0	4.6	3
Tacoma Water	Upper Green Land Acquisition 2025	-	\$447,750	\$447,750	\$0	\$0	\$447,750	\$447,750	\$0	\$0	579	9
SHADOW	SHADOW: Bog Habitat Buffer		\$170,400	\$170,400	\$0	\$0	\$170,400	\$170,400	\$9,600	\$9,600	1.0	9
Ubuntu Nerudo African Heritage	Ubuntu Farm	Yes	\$4,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	10	TBD
Vashon Maury Island Land Trust	Tahlequah Creek	-	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$0	\$0	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$7,500	\$0	20	8
Wakulima USA	Wakulima Farm	Yes (from last year)	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	10	TBD
KC - WRIA 7	Ames Lake Forest - Phase I	-	\$3,375,000	\$2,700,000	\$1,125,000	\$900,000	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$0	\$0	222	3
KC - WRIA 7	Griffin Creek Natural Area	-	\$836,175	\$836,175	\$278,725	\$278,725	\$1,114,900	\$1,114,900	\$0	\$0	2.9	3
KC - WRIA 7	Lake Alice Forest	-	\$3,392,625	\$3,392,625	\$1,130,875	\$1,130,875	\$4,523,500	\$4,523,500	\$0	\$0	150	3
KC - WRIA 7	Protecting Farmland - Snoqualmie and Vicinity Farms	-	\$7,125,000	\$7,125,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,125,000	\$7,125,000	\$0	\$0	737	3
KC - WRIA 7	Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area Additions	-	\$1,000,500	\$1,000,500	\$333,500	\$333,500	\$1,334,000	\$1,334,000	\$0	\$0	166	3
KC - WRIA 7	Rutherford Slough	-	\$618,750	\$618,750	\$95,250	\$95,250	\$714,000	\$714,000	\$0	\$0	63	3

KC - WRIA 7	Snoqualmie Corridor Enhancement	-	\$1,627,500	\$1,627,500	\$542,500	\$542,500	\$2,170,000	\$2,170,000	\$0	\$0	11	3
<i>Projects Located in Unincorporated King County</i>			Acquisition Funding						Site Stabilization Cost (SSC) Funding			
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested - Acquisition	Total CFT Recommended - Acquisition	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Acquisition Funding Requested	Total Acquisition Funding Recommended	CFT Requested - SSC	CFT Recommended - SSC	Acres in Scope*	KC Council Dist.
KC - WRIA 7	South Fork Skykomish - Miller River Conservation	-	\$1,011,750	\$882,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$1,029,250	\$900,000	\$0	\$0	60	3
KC - WRIA 7	Tanner Landing Addition	-	\$368,250	\$368,250	\$322,750	\$322,750	\$691,000	\$691,000	\$0	\$0	0.9	3
KC - WRIA 7	Union Hill Forest - Phase II	-	\$4,331,250	\$4,331,250	\$1,313,750	\$1,313,750	\$5,645,000	\$5,645,000	\$0	\$0	105	3
KC - WRIA 7	Upper Snoqualmie Conservation	-	\$1,380,000	\$525,000	\$460,000	\$175,000	\$1,840,000	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	132	3
KC - WRIA 8	Bear Creek Conservation	-	\$1,180,875	\$600,000	\$393,625	\$200,000	\$1,574,500	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	26	3
KC - WRIA 8	Cascade Mountains Gateway Project	-	\$942,000	\$942,000	\$814,000	\$814,000	\$1,756,000	\$1,756,000	\$0	\$0	2.9	3
KC - WRIA 8	Cedar River Basin Conservation	-	\$3,579,150	\$2,263,606	\$1,193,050	\$744,594	\$4,772,200	\$3,008,200	\$0	\$0	20	9
KC - WRIA 8	Cemetery Pond	-	\$855,000	\$855,000	\$0	\$0	\$855,000	\$855,000	\$0	\$0	0.2	9
KC - WRIA 8	Cougar Mountain Additions	-	\$4,929,750	\$4,157,250	\$1,643,250	\$1,385,750	\$6,573,000	\$5,543,000	\$0	\$0	86	9
KC - WRIA 8	Danville-Georgetown Open Space Additions	-	\$0	\$0	\$556,200	\$556,200	\$556,200	\$556,200	\$0	\$0	49	9
KC - WRIA 8	East Fork Issaquah Creek	-	\$2,692,500	\$1,725,000	\$897,500	\$575,000	\$3,590,000	\$2,300,000	\$0	\$0	7.4	3

KC - WRIA 8	Issaquah Creek Basin Conservation	-	\$2,688,750	\$1,113,750	\$1,211,250	\$686,250	\$3,900,000	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$0	37	9
KC - WRIA 8	Lake Desire Natural Area Additions	-	\$429,750	\$429,750	\$143,250	\$143,250	\$573,000	\$573,000	\$0	\$0	11	9
<i>Projects Located in Unincorporated King County</i>			Acquisition Funding						Site Stabilization Cost (SSC) Funding			
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested – Acquisition	Total CFT Recommended - Acquisition	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Acquisition Funding Requested	Total Acquisition Funding Recommended	CFT Requested - SSC	CFT Recommended - SSC	Acres in Scope*	KC Council Dist.
KC - WRIA 8	Skyway Stormwater Opportunity Fund (WRIA 8 & 9)	-	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	TBD	2
KC - WRIA 9	Coal Creek Forest & Green River Gorge Additions	-	\$3,637,500	\$2,887,500	\$1,416,150	\$1,166,150	\$5,053,650	\$4,053,650	\$0	\$0	444	9
KC - WRIA 9	Fell Hill Open Space	-	\$1,309,313	\$1,133,363	\$436,438	\$377,788	\$1,745,751	\$1,511,150	\$0	\$0	113	9
KC - WRIA 9	Keevie Lake Natural Area Additions	-	\$1,905,863	\$1,733,363	\$635,288	\$577,788	\$2,541,151	\$2,311,150	\$0	\$0	91	9
KC - WRIA 9	Mitigation Reserves Program-Green River Service Area	-	\$3,690,750	\$3,690,750	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$4,340,750	\$4,340,750	\$0	\$0	59	9
KC - WRIA 9	Shadow Lake NA & Sweeney Pond Additions	-	\$2,231,250	\$2,231,250	\$743,750	\$743,750	\$2,975,000	\$2,975,000	\$0	\$0	101	9
KC - WRIA 9	Soos-Jenkins	-	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$865,000	\$865,000	\$3,460,000	\$3,460,000	\$0	\$0	29	9
KC - WRIA 10	Five Mile Park, South County Ballfields & Spider Lake	No	\$1,480,900	\$375,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$1,480,900	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	23	7

KC - Vashon	Frog Holler - Camp Sealth	-	\$768,750	\$768,750	\$256,250	\$256,250	\$1,025,000	\$1,025,000	\$0	\$0	110	8
KC - Vashon	Manzanita Natural Area Additions	-	\$548,250	\$548,250	\$182,750	\$182,750	\$731,000	\$731,000	\$0	\$0	25	8
KC - Vashon	Vashon Creeks and Estuaries	-	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000	\$615,000	\$615,000	\$2,460,000	\$2,460,000	\$0	\$0	17	8
<i>Projects Located in Unincorporated King County</i>			Acquisition Funding						Site Stabilization Cost (SSC) Funding			
Agency/ Location	Project Name	Match Waiver Recommended	CFT Requested - Acquisition	Total CFT Recommended - Acquisition	PL Requested	PL Recommended	Total Acquisition Funding Requested	Total Acquisition Funding Recommended	CFT Requested - SSC	CFT Recommended - SSC	Acres in Scope*	KC Council Dist.
KC - Vashon	Vashon Marine Shoreline	-	\$1,350,000	\$750,000	\$450,000	\$250,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	53	8
KC - SSC	King County DNRP - SSC request	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$3,766,148	N/A	varies
39 Projects	Subtotal - Projects in Unincorporated King County		\$72,102,301	\$58,227,281	\$18,730,101	\$16,031,869	\$90,832,402	\$74,259,150	\$7,017,100	\$3,775,748	3,572	
54 Projects	All Projects		\$103,894,626	\$85,450,481	\$18,730,101	\$16,031,869	\$122,624,727	\$101,482,350	\$9,138,475	\$5,897,123	3,603	

* "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 of 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 2025 CFT Bond Project List

These projects are recommended to receive bond funding in 2025 CFT Bond Project 1146210.

Agency/ Location	Project Name	CFT Bond Recommended - Acquisition
Kenmore	Kenmore Lake Pointe Conservation Area Acquisition	\$7,341,725
Kenmore	Kenmore 76th Ave Property Acquisition	\$428,600
Seattle	North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St Acquisition	\$5,475,000
Seattle	Westwood - Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition	\$3,225,000
Shoreline	Hillwood Park West Acquisition	\$1,223,750
Shoreline	South Ronald Bog Park Acquisition	\$1,178,250
KC - WRIA 7	Ames Lake Forest - Phase I	\$2,650,000
KC - WRIA 7	Lake Alice Forest	\$3,297,275
KC - WRIA 7	Protecting Farmland - Snoqualmie and Vicinity Farms	\$6,625,000
KC - WRIA 7	Upper Snoqualmie Conservation	\$225,000
KC - WRIA 8	Bear Creek Conservation	\$500,000
KC - WRIA 8	Cedar River Basin Conservation	\$1,956,150
KC - WRIA 8	Cemetery Pond	\$355,000
KC - WRIA 8	Cougar Mountain Additions	\$3,657,250
KC - WRIA 8	East Fork Issaquah Creek	\$1,675,000
KC - WRIA 8	Issaquah Creek Basin Conservation	\$1,063,750
KC - WRIA 9	Coal Creek Forest & Green River Gorge Additions	\$2,387,500
KC - WRIA 9	Mitigation Reserves Program-Green River Service Area	\$3,190,750
KC - WRIA 9	Shadow Lake NA & Sweeney Pond Additions	\$1,200,000
KC - WRIA 9	Soos-Jenkins	\$2,095,000
KC - Vashon	Vashon Marine Shoreline	\$250,000
	Total Bond Funding Recommended	\$50,000,000
	Project Count	21

Table 3: Match Waiver Project Recommendation Summary

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

Match Waiver Recommendation Category	Count	CFT Requested	CFT Recommended to Projects Receiving a Match Waiver	Acres in Scope	KC Council District
Yes	7	\$18,696,500	\$14,496,500	13.2*	2, 7, 8, TBD
No	1	\$1,480,900	\$0**	23	7
Total	8	\$20,177,400	\$14,496,500		

*One project was recommended for a match waiver but not for funding (Ubuntu Nerudo). The acres in scope for that project are not counted here.

**The project that did not receive a match waiver was recommended for partial funding as a project requiring match (\$500,000 total for KC-WRIA 10-Five Mile Park).

Map: Requests for 2025 Conservation Futures & Parks Levy Funding

