



Conservation Futures Advisory Committee

Recommendations for 2026 Conservation Futures
& Parks Levy County Open Space Funding

King County Council TrEE Briefing
September 2025

Bellevue: West Lake Sammamish Open Space project

Land Conservation Initiative: Accelerating the pace of conservation



Bonding

*started with 2020
awards*



Match waiver

*started with 2020
awards*



CFT rate lift

*started with 2024
awards*



Reduced match +
site stabilization

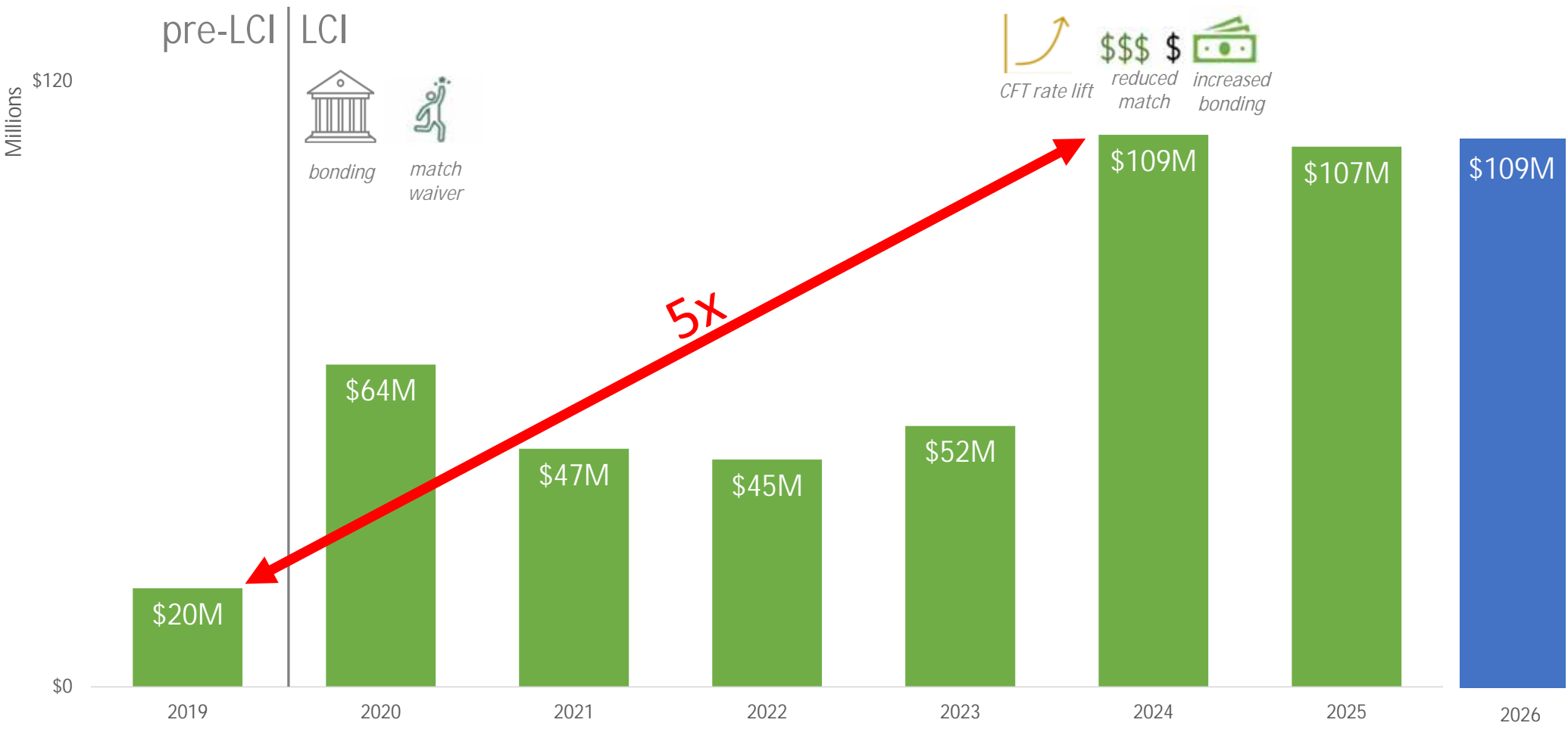
*started with 2024
awards*



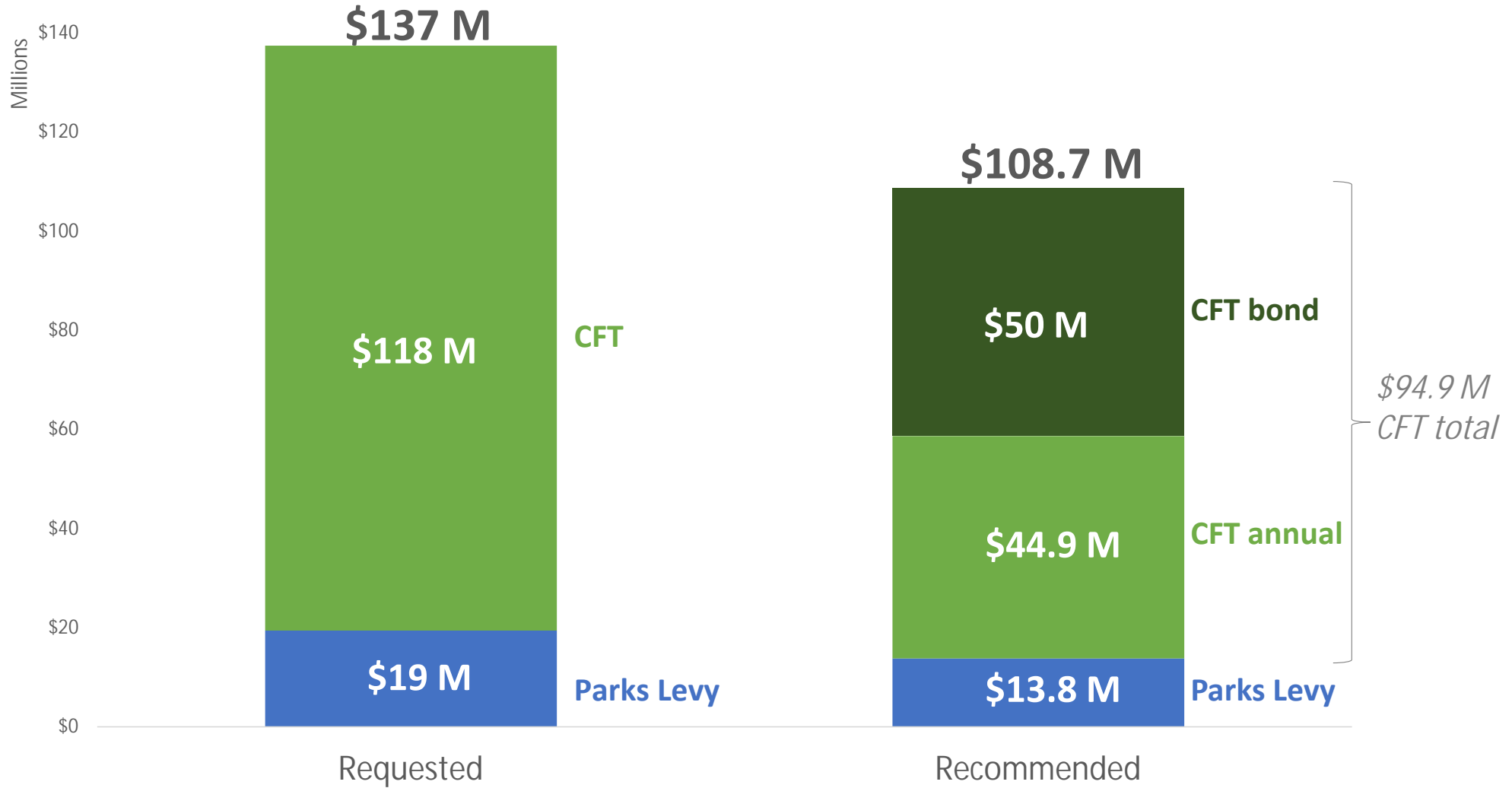
Increased
bond funding

*started with 2024
awards*

Five-fold increase in open space funding awards



Requested and Recommended Funding



Recommendations handout

Conservation Futures Advisory Committee 2026 CFT and Parks Levy Funding Recommendations

September 4, 2025

Highlighted in TrEE Briefing				ACQUISITION FUNDING						SITE STABILIZATION COST (SSC) FUNDING			
Sponsor Type	Agency/ Nonprofit Name	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 Annual Recommended - SSC	Acres in Scope*	KC Council District
City	Auburn	Soos Creek Botanical Garden Preservation	Yes	\$2,121,000	\$2,121,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,121,000	\$2,121,000	\$0	\$0	18	7
City	Bellevue	Cougar Mountain Connections		\$3,487,244	\$3,487,244	\$0	\$0	\$3,487,244	\$3,487,244	\$105,000	\$105,000	12	9
City	Bellevue	West Lake Sammamish Open Space		\$4,447,630	\$4,447,630	\$0	\$0	\$4,447,630	\$4,447,630	\$0	\$0	1	6
City	Des Moines	Wootton Park - Phase 2		\$177,000	\$177,000	\$0	\$0	\$177,000	\$177,000	\$0	\$0	16	5
City	Issaquah	Issaquah Creek Corridor - Haultone Property		\$657,000	\$657,000	\$0	\$0	\$657,000	\$657,000	\$0	\$0	0	3
City	Issaquah	Squak Mountain Corridor Assemblage		\$2,108,250	\$2,108,250	\$0	\$0	\$2,108,250	\$2,108,250	\$0	\$0	18	3
City	Kenmore	Jax*adis Park Property Acquisition [pronounced: IT aw-h-dees]		\$5,906,250	\$5,906,250	\$0	\$0	\$5,906,250	\$5,906,250	\$135,000	\$135,000	12	1
City	Kenmore	Wetland 3 Property Acquisition		\$543,750	\$543,750	\$0	\$0	\$543,750	\$543,750	\$37,500	\$37,500	0	1
City	Kent	Clark Lake Park		\$119,850	\$119,850	\$0	\$0	\$119,850	\$119,850	\$0	\$0	4	5
City	Kirkland	Fisk Family Park		\$603,268	\$603,268	\$0	\$0	\$603,268	\$603,268	\$0	\$0	0	6
City	Kirkland	Joanuta Heights Park - Expand and Connect		\$1,131,441	\$1,131,441	\$0	\$0	\$1,131,441	\$1,131,441	\$0	\$0	3	1
City	Kirkland	Western Finn Hill Green Loop Addition		\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$0	\$0	6	1
City	Lake Forest Park	Five Acre Woods Expansion		\$1,284,551	\$1,284,551	\$0	\$0	\$1,284,551	\$1,284,551	\$150,000	\$150,000	2	1
City	Normandy Park	Shoreline Protection Acquisition Project		\$9,623,125	\$6,276,213	\$0	\$0	\$9,623,125	\$6,276,213	\$225,000	\$225,000	22	5
City	Pacific	City of Pacific Milwaukee Gateway	Yes	\$1,733,360	\$1,733,360	\$0	\$0	\$1,733,360	\$1,733,360	\$0	\$0	16	7
City	Seattle	Belltown Portal Bellwether Parcel		\$2,020,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,020,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	0	4
City	Seattle	Delridge Native Forest	Yes	\$5,618,000	\$5,618,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,618,000	\$5,618,000	\$0	\$0	3	8
City	Seattle	Lakeridge Park Addition	Yes	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0	2
City	Shoreline	192nd Hemlock Open Space Acquisition Phase 2	Yes	\$897,500	\$897,500	\$0	\$0	\$897,500	\$897,500	\$0	\$0	0	1
City	Shoreline	Boeing Creek Open Space Expansion		\$241,125	\$241,125	\$0	\$0	\$241,125	\$241,125	\$0	\$0	2	1
City	Shoreline	Site Stabilization Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000	\$550,000	N/A	1
City	Shoreline	Twin Ponds		\$1,484,250	\$1,484,250	\$0	\$0	\$1,484,250	\$1,484,250	\$0	\$0	0	1
City	Skykomish	Town of Skykomish - Riverfront Conservation	Yes	\$324,500	\$324,500	\$0	\$0	\$324,500	\$324,500	\$0	\$0	1	3
City	Snoqualmie	Snoqualmie Riverfront Reach - SSC Request		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108,750	\$108,750	N/A	3
City	Tacoma Water	Tacoma Water Abston Acquisition 2026		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	80	9
City	Tukwila and Forterra NW	Duwamish Hill Preserve Addition #3 (2026)	Yes	\$348,520	\$348,520	\$0	\$0	\$348,520	\$348,520	\$0	\$0	0	2
Nonprofit	Black Farmers Collective	Land Back	Yes	\$2,474,000	\$2,474,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,474,000	\$2,474,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	40	TBD
Nonprofit	Forterra NW	Rockdale 2025		\$855,625	\$855,625	\$0	\$0	\$855,625	\$855,625	\$0	\$0	107	3
Nonprofit	Modest Family Solutions	Agroecology Growth and Resilience Opportunity Urban Project - Agro Up Farm	Yes	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	3	TBD
Nonprofit	Vashon-Maury Island Land	Vashon Creeks and Estuaries - Vashon Land Trust		\$79,500	\$79,500	\$0	\$0	\$79,500	\$79,500	\$0	\$0	15	8




City Projects

Normandy Park: Shoreline Protection Acquisition project

A photograph of a botanical garden with a pond, various trees, and a person standing on a wooden bridge. The garden is lush with greenery and flowers. A text box in the top left corner contains the following text:

We recommend full funding & match waiver
Acquisition \$2.1M

Auburn – Soos Creek Botanical Garden Preservation (match waiver) (Council District 7)

An aerial photograph of a forested hillside. The foreground shows a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, some with bare branches. A small, light-colored building is visible in the lower-left quadrant. A road runs along the bottom right edge of the frame. In the background, a body of water and distant hills are visible under a cloudy sky.

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$3.5M

Bellevue – Cougar Mountain Connections (Council District 9)



We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$4.4M

Bellevue – West Lake Sammamish Open Space (Council District 6)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$177k



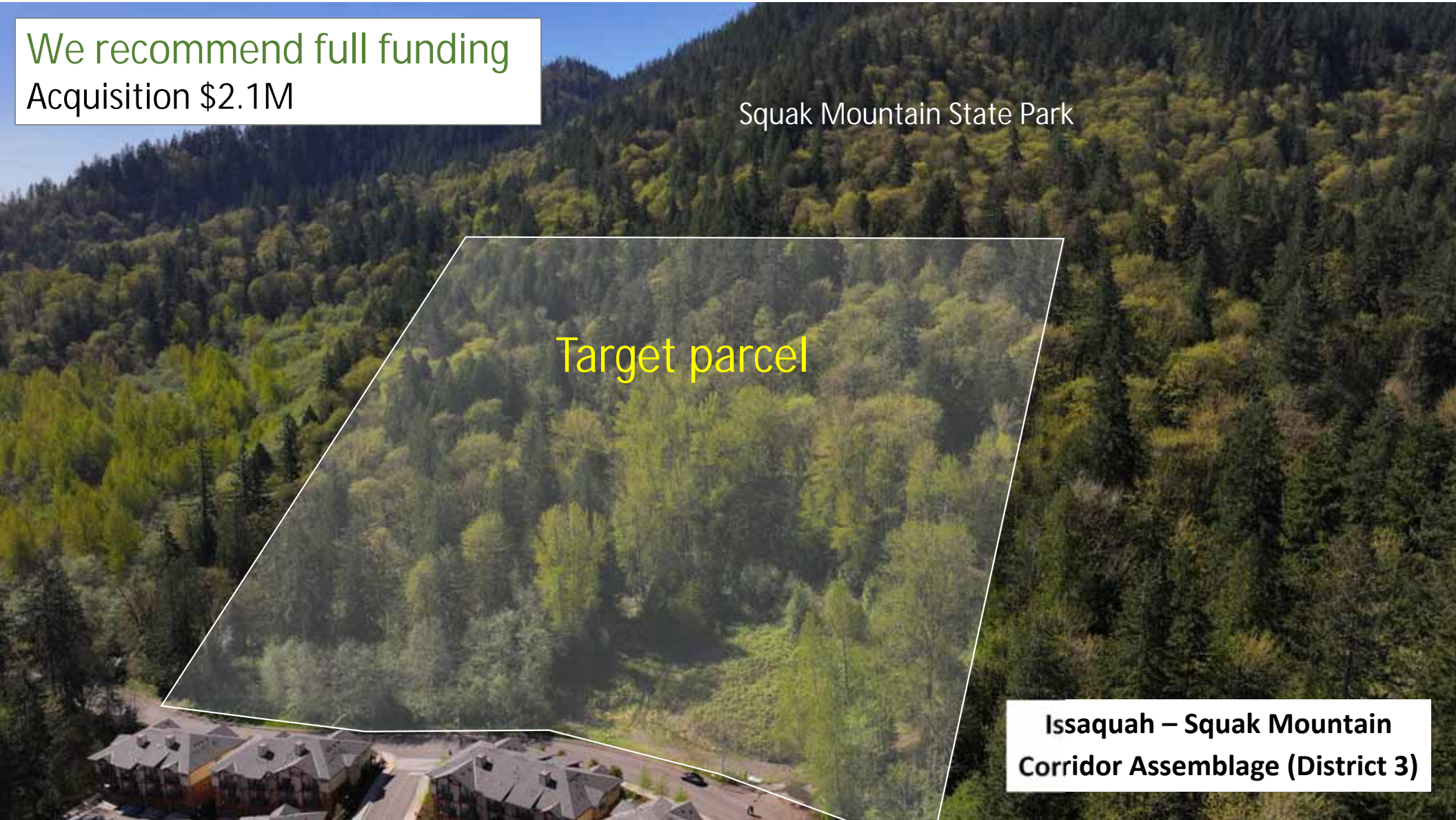
Des Moines – Phase 2 Wootton Park (Council District 5)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$2.1M

Squak Mountain State Park

Target parcel

Issaquah – Squak Mountain
Corridor Assemblage (District 3)



An aerial photograph showing a large area of land divided into five sections labeled A, B, C, D, and E. The land is mostly dry and brownish-yellow, with some green trees and shrubs. To the left of the land is the Sammamish River, and to the right is Swamp Creek. The surrounding area includes residential houses, streets, and other green spaces. A white text box in the top left corner contains the following text:

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$5.9M
SSC \$135k

Kenmore – ʕáʕwadis Park Property Acquisition [*pronounced: Tl' awh-ah-dees*] (Council District 1)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$120k



Recent park addition

SE 248th Street

Kent – Clark Lake Park (Council District 5)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$600k

Kirkland – Fisk Family Park (Council District 6)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$1.65M



Kirkland – Western Finn Hill Green Loop Addition (Council District 1)

We recommend partial funding

Acquisition \$6.3M (\$9.6M requested)

SSC \$225k



Beaconsfield

Marine View Park

Des Moines
Beach Park

Normandy Park – Shoreline Protection Acquisition Project (Council District 5)

We recommend full funding & match waiver
Acquisition \$1.7M

Alpac Elementary School

Adjacent WADNR
parcel also being
protected under
separate CFT award

Pacific

Algona

← Milwaukee Ditch (drains to White River)

Pacific – City of Pacific Milwaukee Gateway (match waiver) (Council District 7)



We recommend full funding & match waiver
Acquisition \$5.6M

Seattle awarded \$12.9 Million to plant trees, create jobs, advance climate justice and restore forested places near schools, parks and low-income housing

by Callie Craighead on September 18, 2023

- **\$900,000 for the Delridge Native Forest Garden** will enhance approximately four acres of City-owned parcels and unimproved rights-of-way in the Longfellow Creek basin in West Seattle. The project will remove invasive species and plant native conifers and understory plants with cultural significance to regional Tribes. The project will include a footpath, and planting will be coordinated with local communities to provide educational and volunteer opportunities.

Seattle – Delridge Native Forest (match waiver) (Council District 8)

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest of tall evergreen trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled shadows on the path. In the background, a calm body of water is visible through the trees.

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$1.5M

Shoreline – Twin Ponds (Council District 1)

We recommend full funding & match waiver
Acquisition \$325k

Highway 2

City Hall

Skykomish – Town of Skykomish - Riverfront Conservation (match waiver) (Council District 3)

NORTHWEST
MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE



Nonprofit Projects

We recommend full funding & match waiver

Acquisition \$2.5M

SSC \$30k



Black Farmers Collective – Land Back (match waiver) (location TBD)

King County Projects

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KC - WRIA 7 – Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area In-Holdings (Council District 3)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$2.6M



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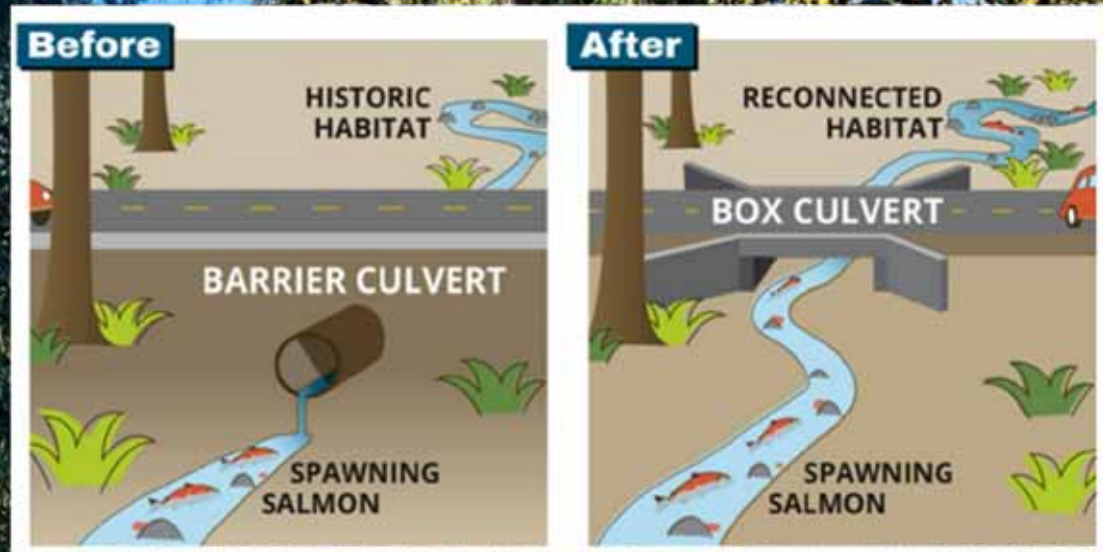
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KC - WRIA 7 – Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area In-Holdings (Council District 3)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$990k

KC - WRIA 7 – Ring Hill Forest Additions
(Council District 3)



We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$11.3M



Union Hill Road

To Snoqualmie River

KC - WRIA 7 – Union Hill Forest – Phase 3 (Council District 3)

We recommend partial funding
Acquisition \$2.2M (\$3M requested)

KC - WRIA 8 – West Tiger Mountain (Council District 3)

A photograph of a lush forest garden. In the foreground, a large, thick tree trunk is on the left. The ground is covered in a thick layer of green moss. To the right of the tree, there are large, green ferns. In the background, more trees and foliage are visible, including a small yellow tree in the distance. A white text box is overlaid in the top left corner.

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$50k

King County - WRIA 9 – PowellsWood Garden (Council District 7, in Federal Way)

We recommend full funding & match waiver
Acquisition \$2.8M



KC - WRIA 9 – Skyway Stormwater Park (match waiver) (Council District 2)

We recommend full funding
Acquisition \$3.4M



King County + Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust partnership project – Vashon Marine Shoreline (Council District 8)

Thank you



South Fork Skykomish