

# Conservation Futures Advisory Committee

## Recommendations for 2024 Conservation Futures & Parks Levy County Open Space Funding

King County Council – TrEE Committee Briefing  
September 19, 2023

# KING COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

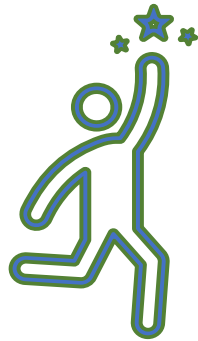


**Vision:** Within the next generation, protect the remaining high conservation value open spaces while ensuring equitable access for all.

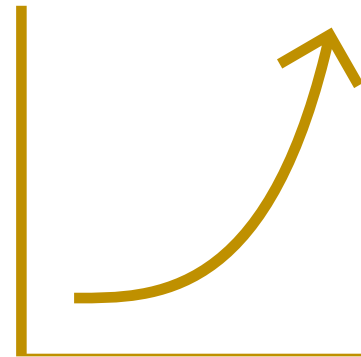
# Accelerating the pace of conservation



Bonding



Match waiver



Conservation  
Futures rate lift



Reduced match +  
site stabilization



# Grant round concurrent with proposed legislation

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Reduce Conservation Futures match  
from 50% to 25%



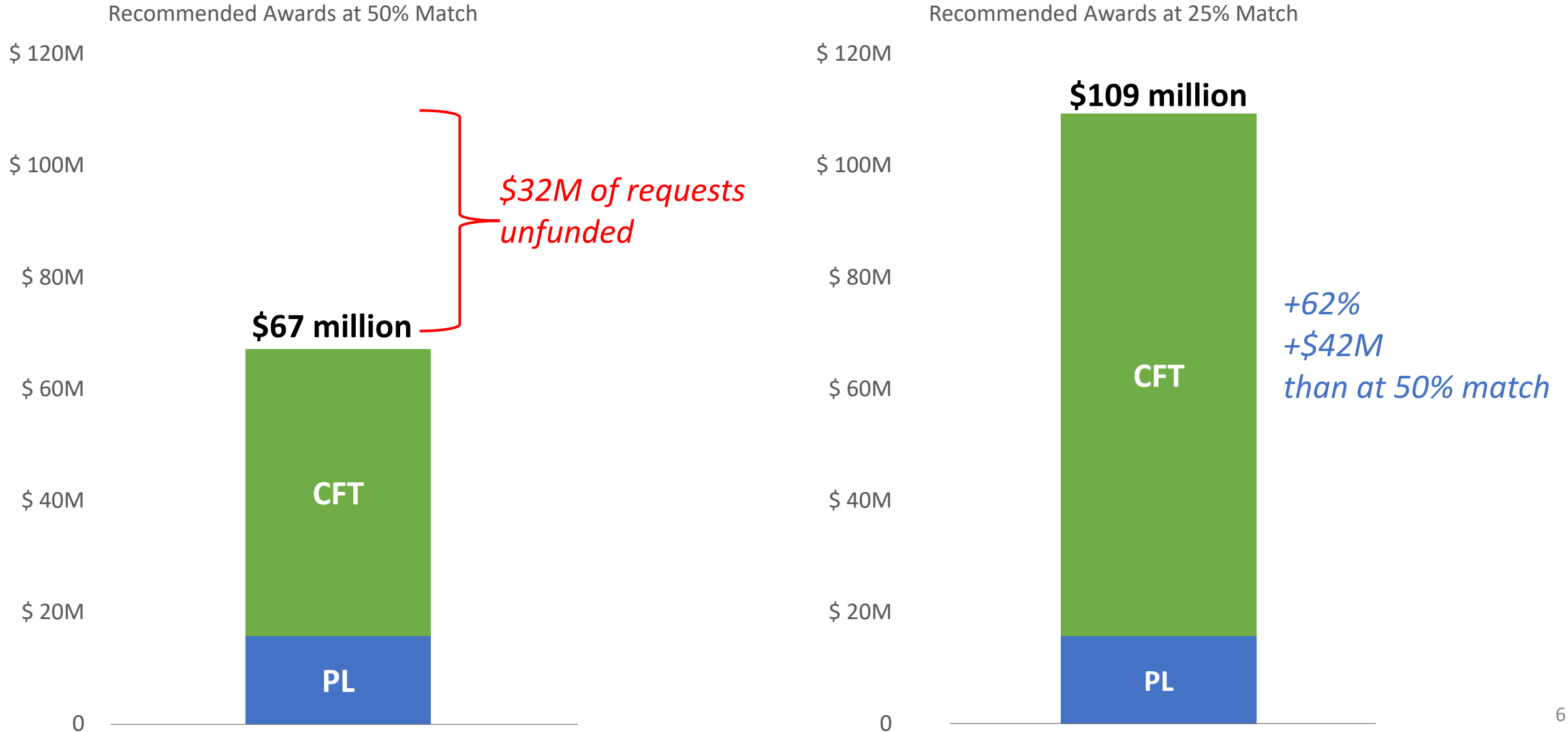


53 projects

>\$100 million  
Conservation Futures (CFT) and  
Parks Levy county open space (PL)  
funding



# Match reduction drives acceleration



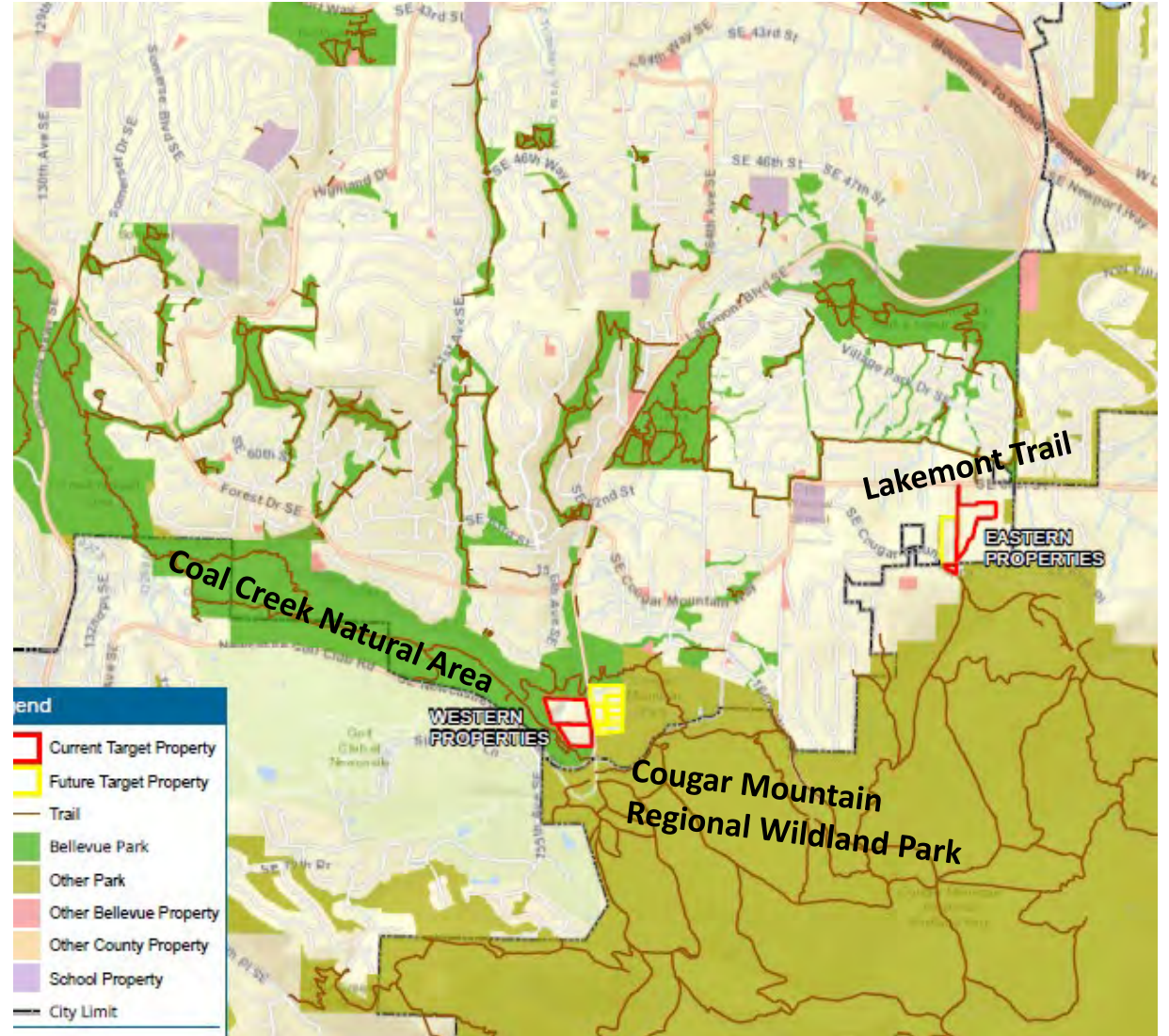
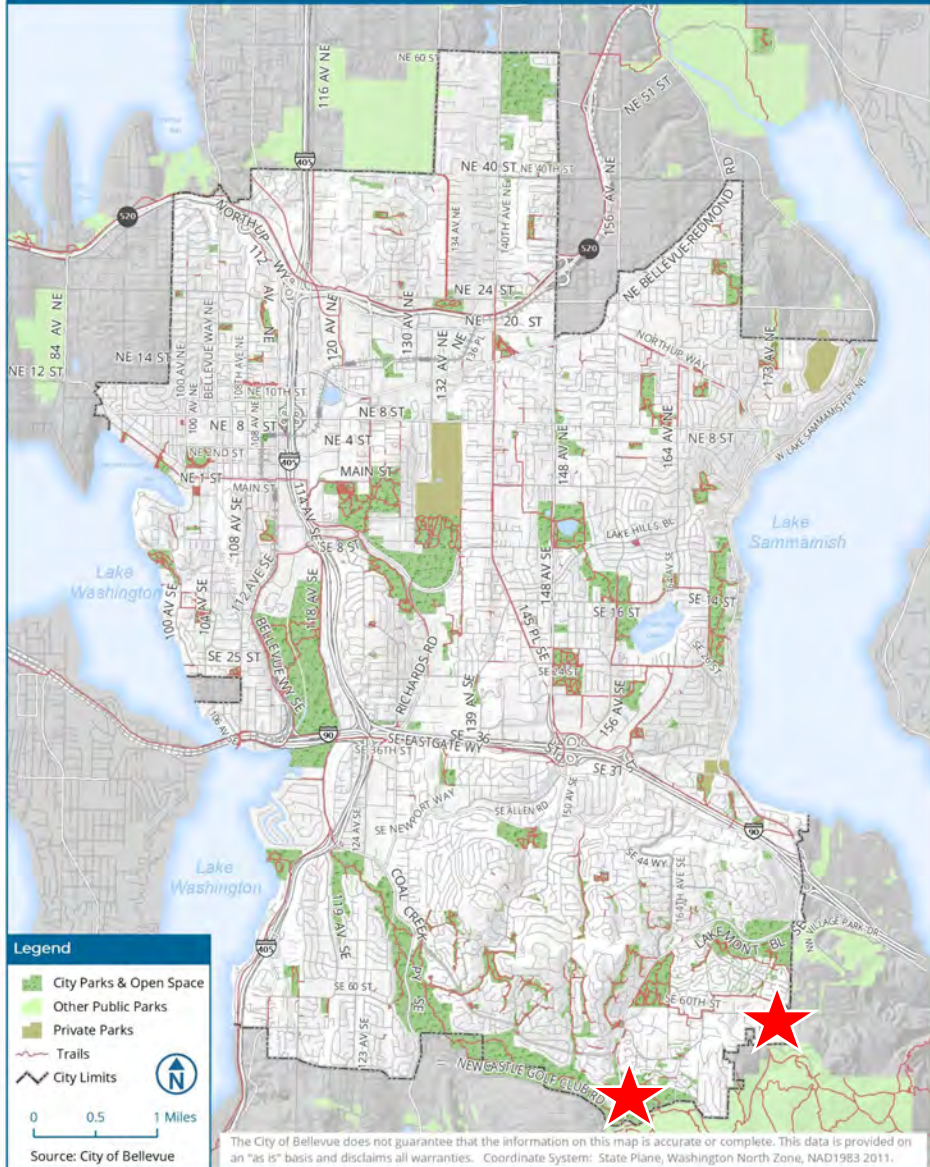




# Project Highlights: Cities

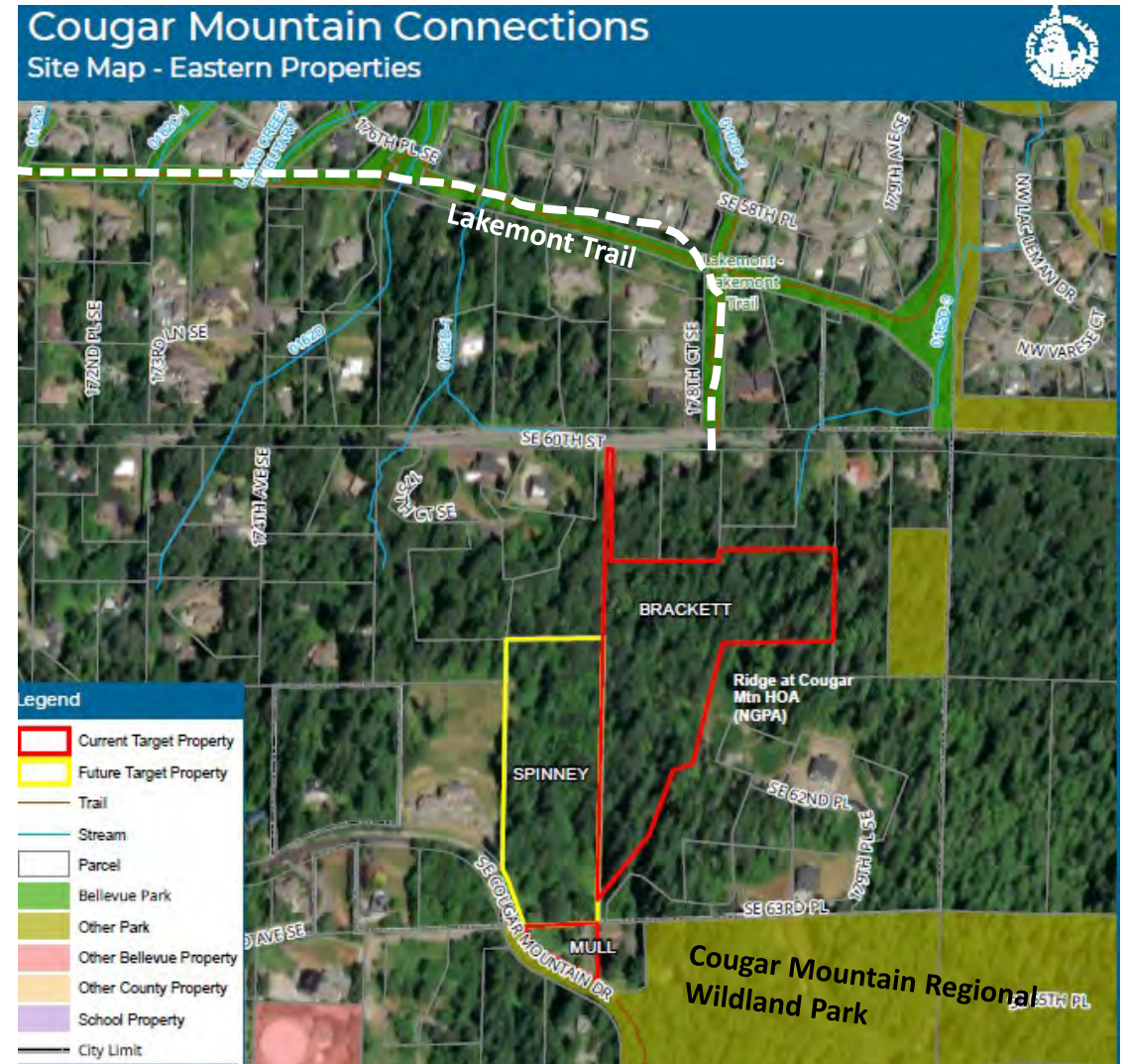
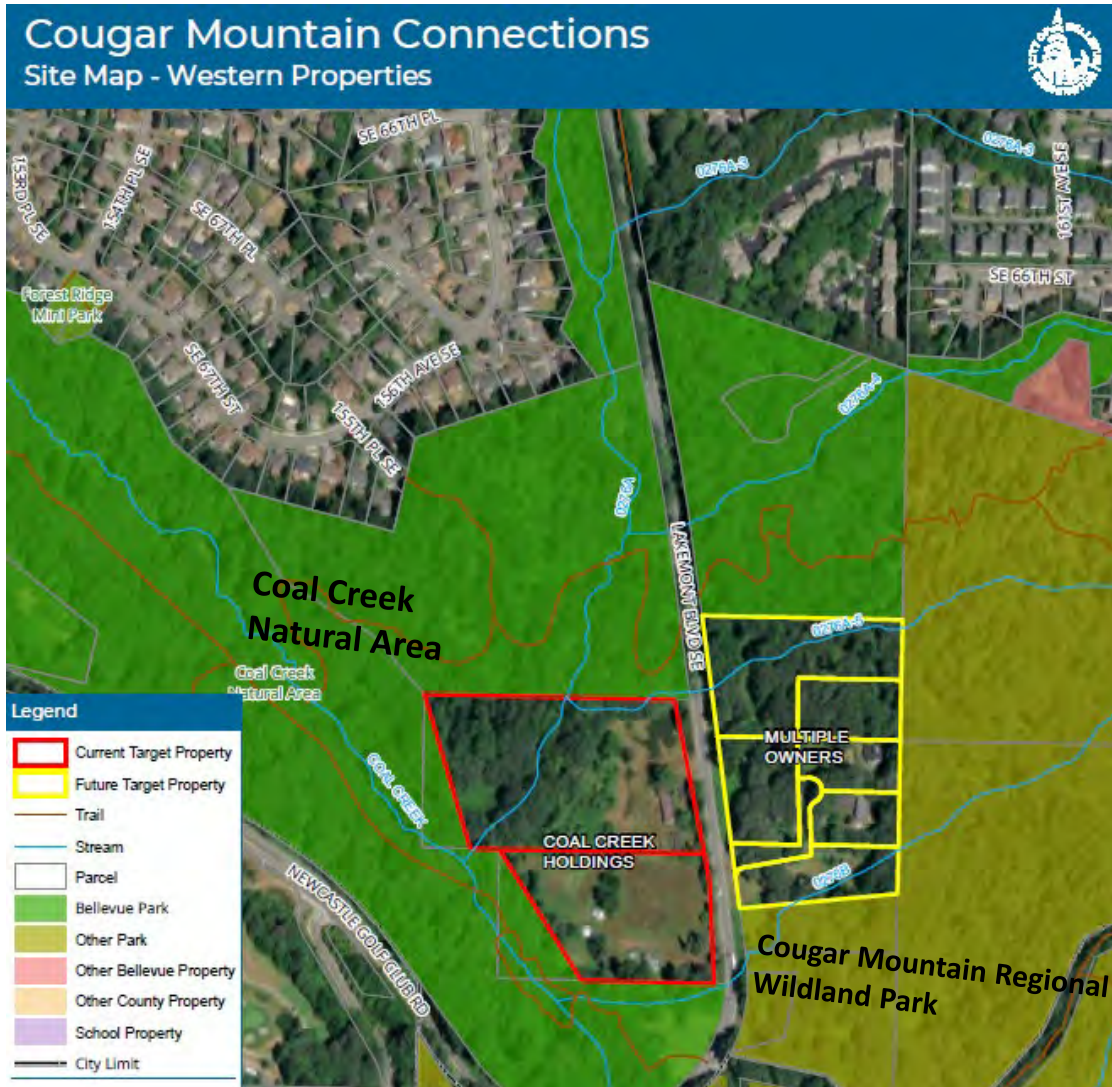


# Parks & Open Space System



## Bellevue – Cougar Mountain Connections

CFT recommended: \$9,247,500 (full funding)



Bellevue – Cougar Mountain Connections

# Western Properties



Red Town Trailhead into  
Cougar Mountain



Target properties

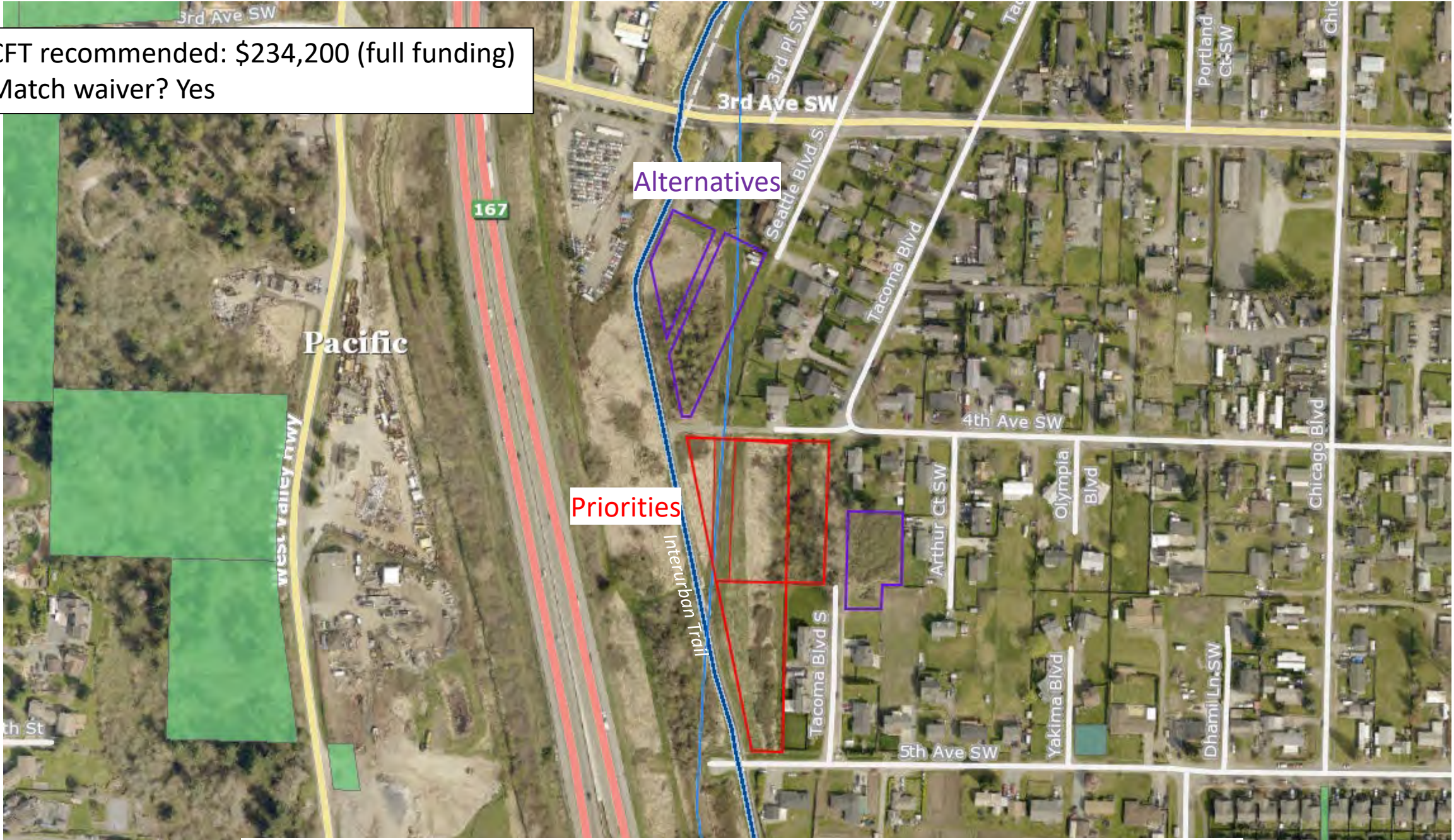


## Bellevue – Cougar Mountain Connections



Pacific – Tacoma Boulevard Wetlands Park – **\*Match Waiver Request\***

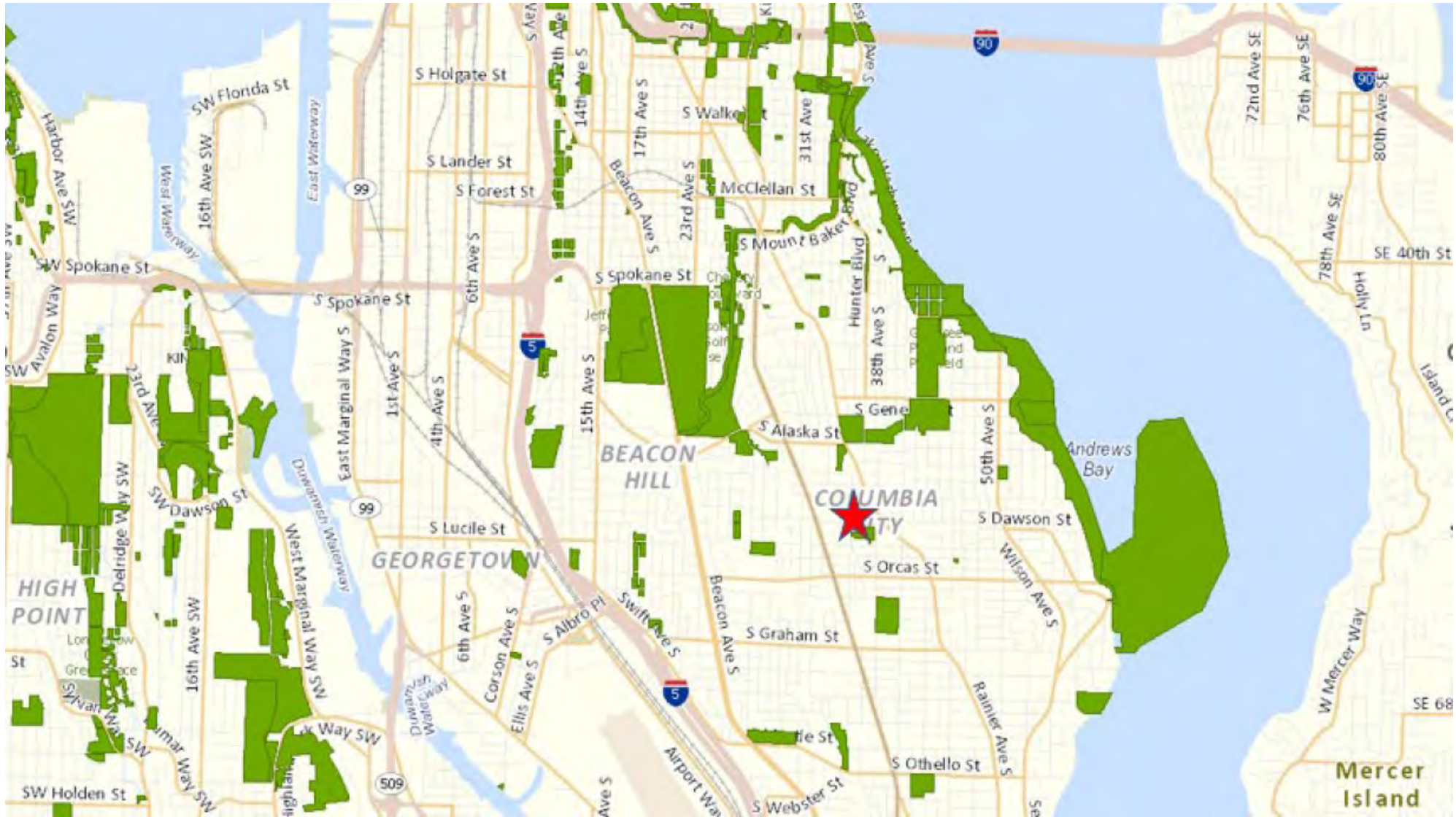
CFT recommended: \$234,200 (full funding)  
Match waiver? Yes



**Pacific – Tacoma Boulevard Wetlands Park – \*Match Waiver Request\***



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Seattle (Parks) – Hitts Hill Park Addition

CFT recommended: \$1,522,500 (full funding)



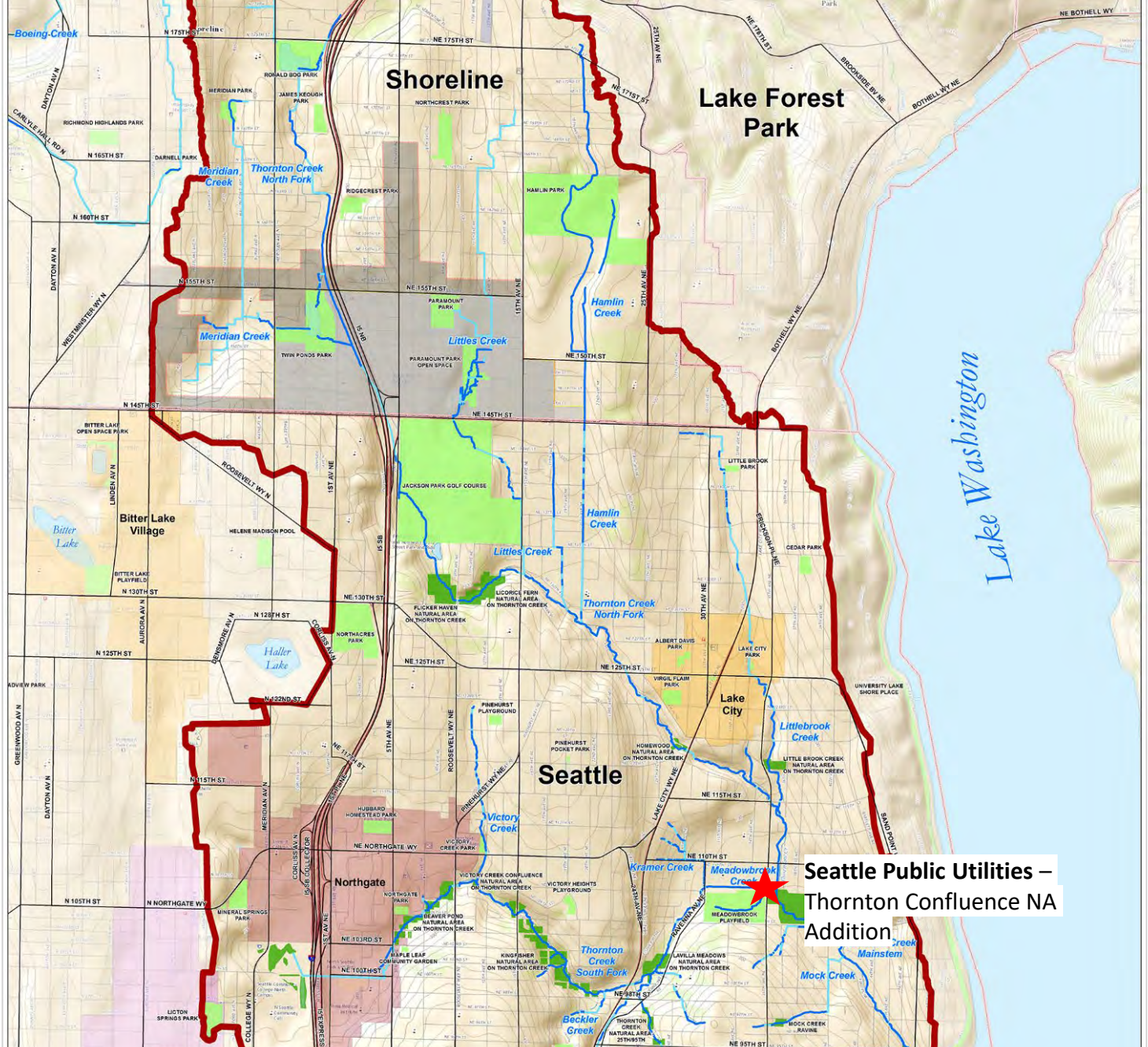
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View of properties facing NE from 37<sup>th</sup>  
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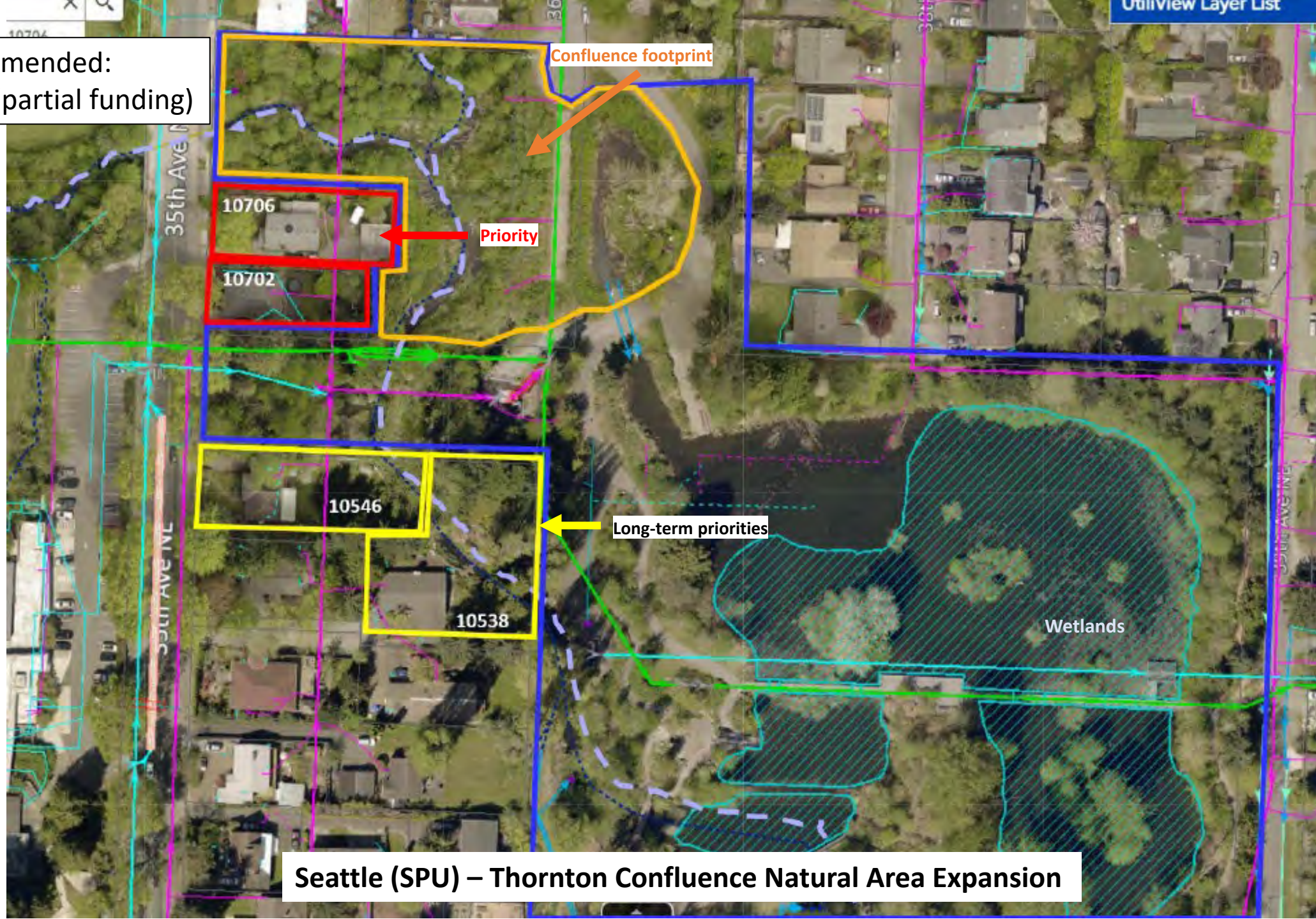
**Seattle (Parks) – Hitts Hill Park Addition**



Seattle Public Utilities –  
Thornton Confluence NA  
Addition

**Seattle (SPU) – Thornton Confluence Natural Area Expansion**

CFT recommended:  
\$750,000 (partial funding)



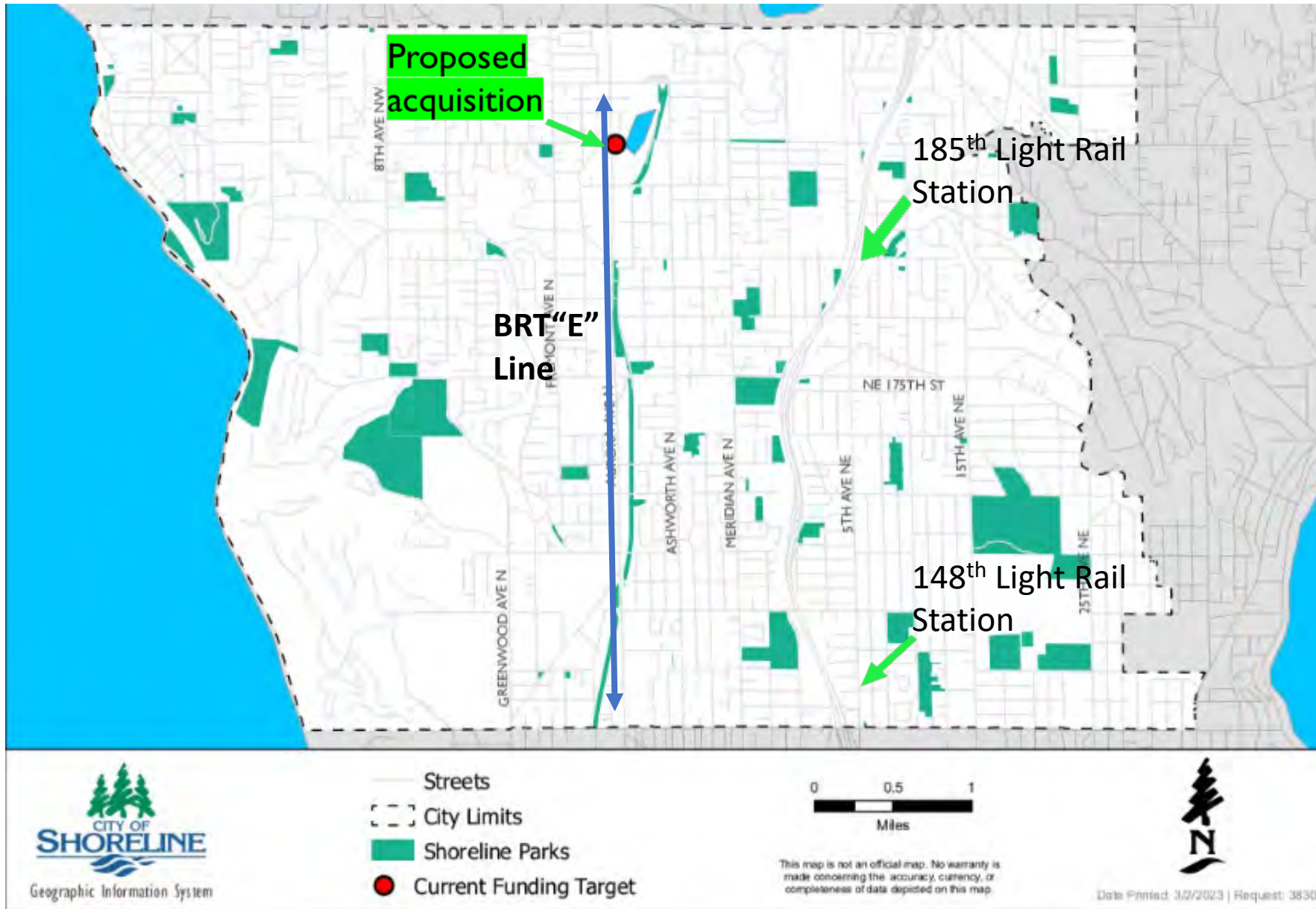
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2-year  
event



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Shoreline – West Echo Lake **\*Match Waiver Request\***



CFT recommended: \$1,045,000 (full funding)  
 Match waiver? Yes



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A photograph of a forest path. The path is made of dirt and rocks, winding through a dense forest. The trees are tall and thin, with a thick canopy of green leaves. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating dappled light on the path. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

# Projects in Unincorporated King County





# Nonprofit farmland projects

CFT recommended: \$3,000,000 (full funding)  
Match waiver? Yes



**Viva Farms – Land to Grow, Beginning and Historically Underserved Farmer Agricultural Park**

**\*Match Waiver Request\***

CFT recommended: \$1,560,000 (full funding)  
Match waiver? Yes



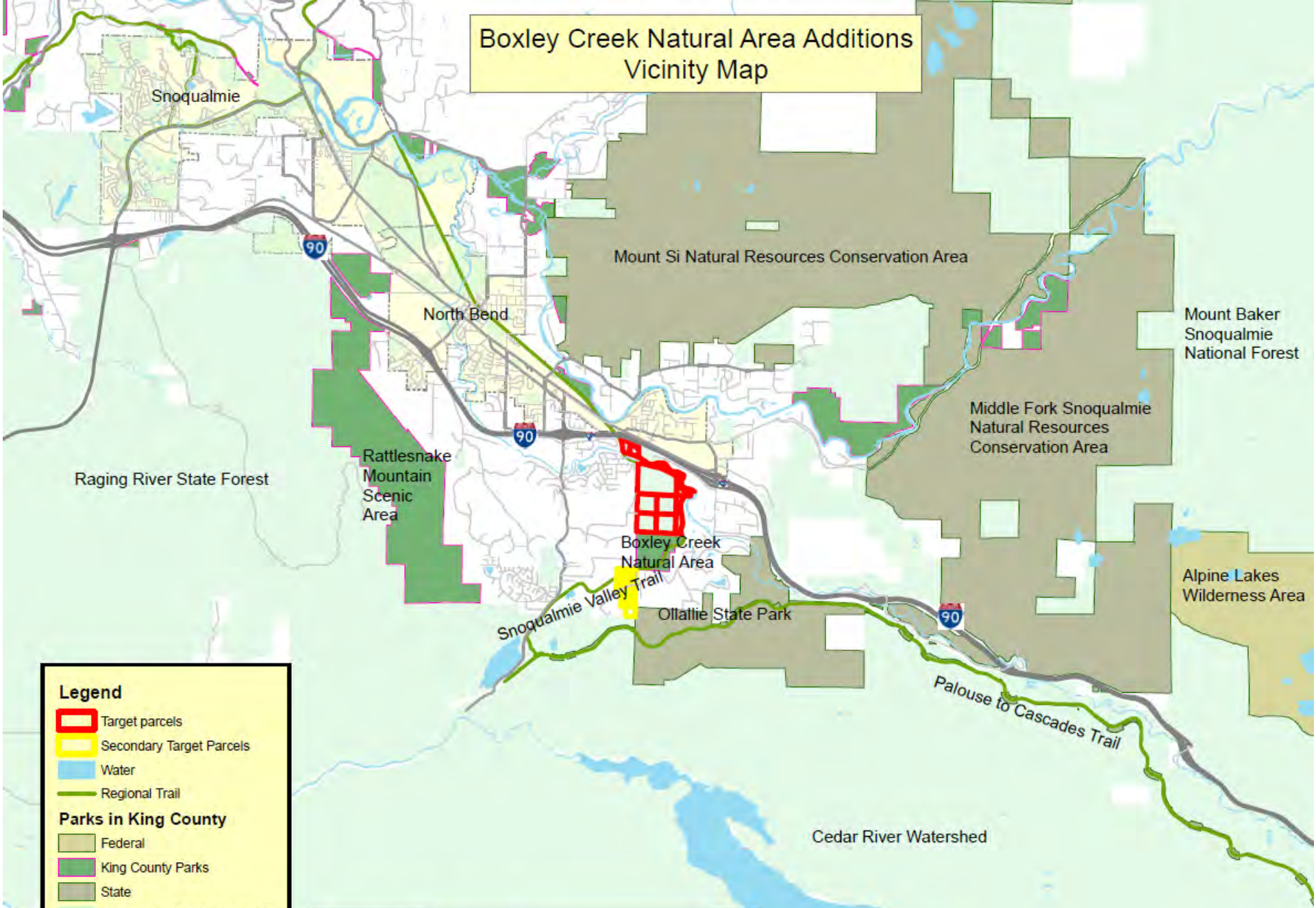
**Wakulima USA - Wakulima Farms - \*Match Waiver Request\***

CFT recommended: \$4,000,000 (full funding)  
Match waiver? Yes



**Washington Farmland Trust + PNW BIPOC Farmland Trust – Inaugural Farmland for the PNW BIPOC Farmland Trust**  
**\*Match Waiver Request\***

# Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions Vicinity Map

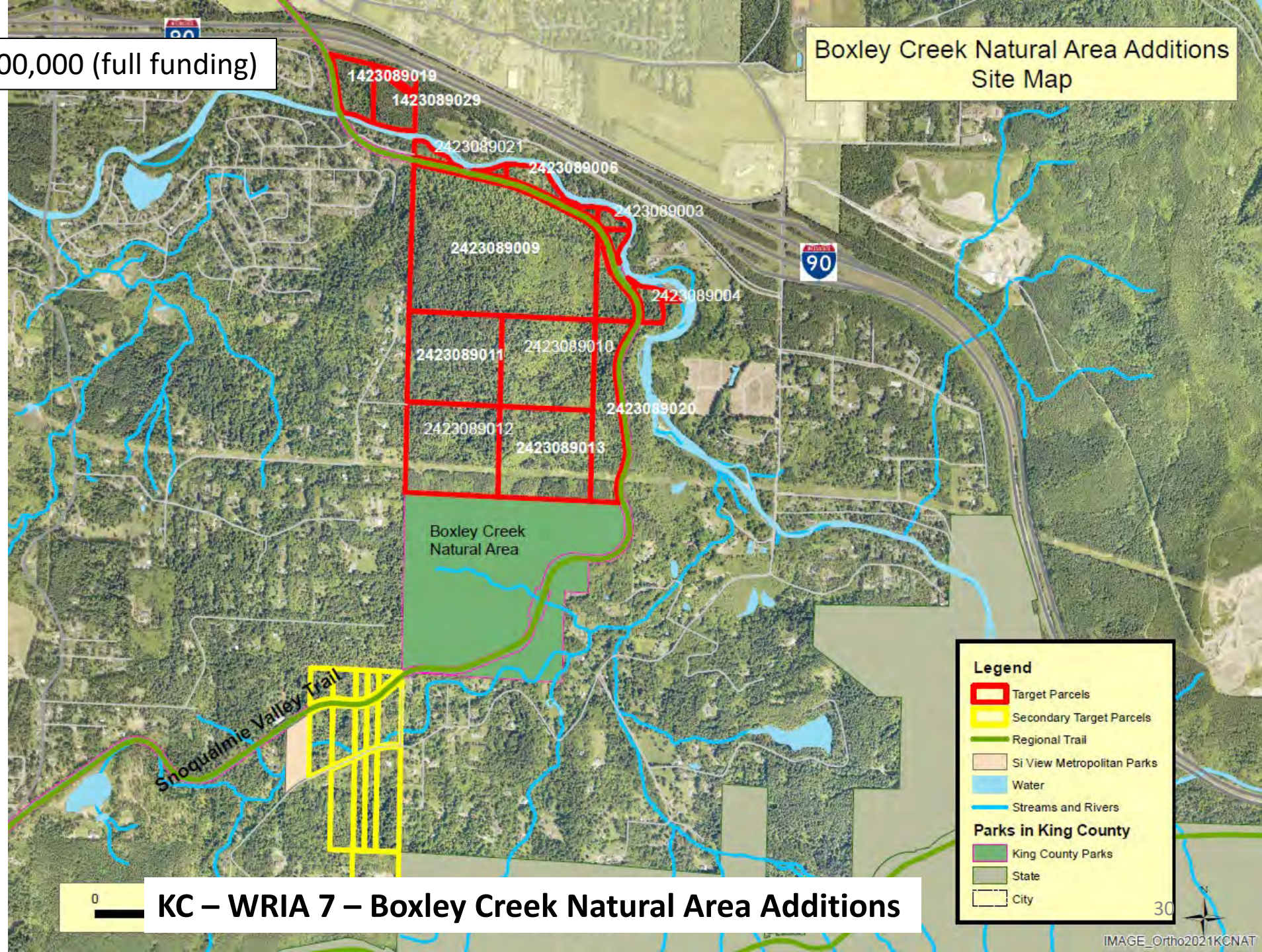


## KC – WRIA 7 – Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions



Total recommended: \$8,300,000 (full funding)

# Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions Site Map



0 **KC – WRIA 7 – Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions** 30

**Legend**

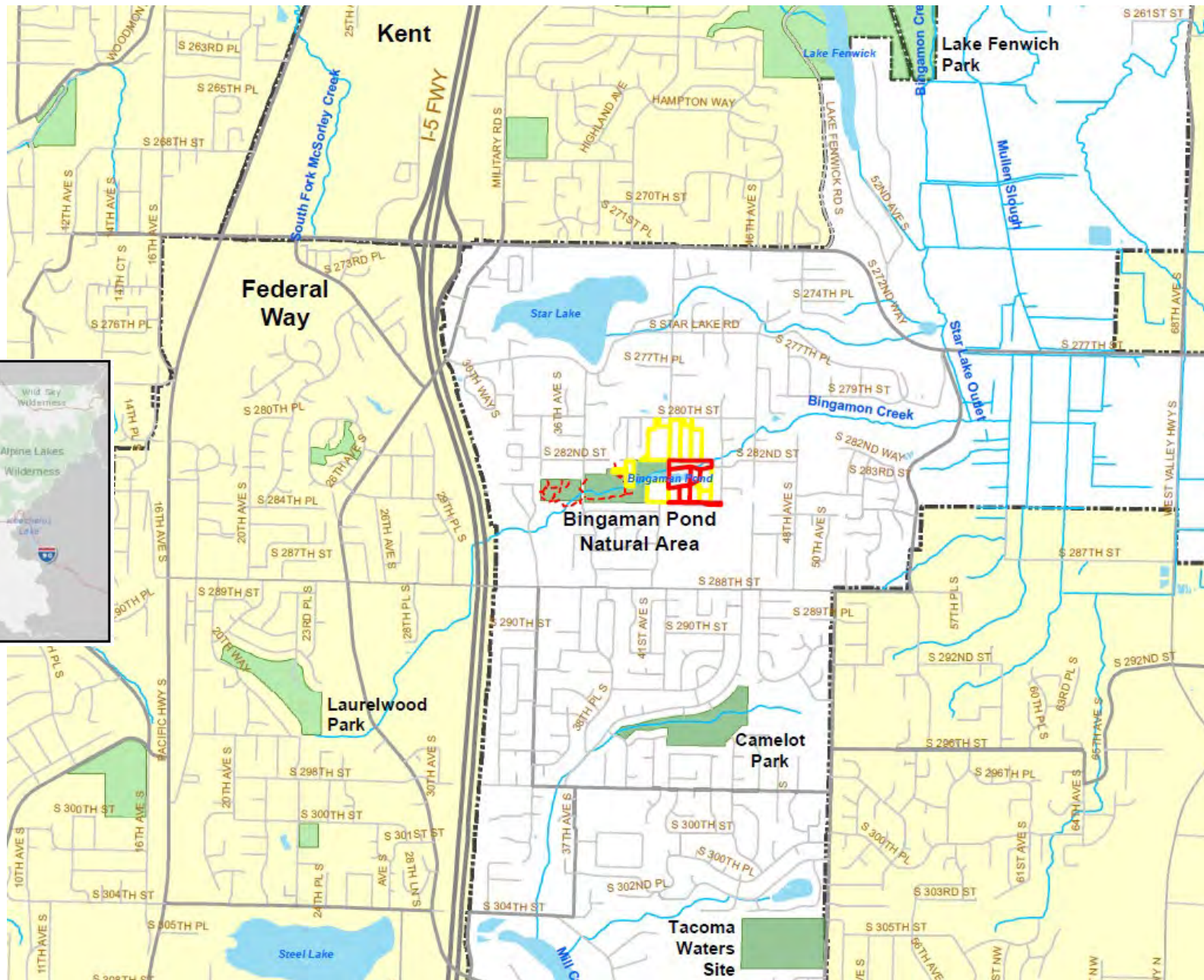
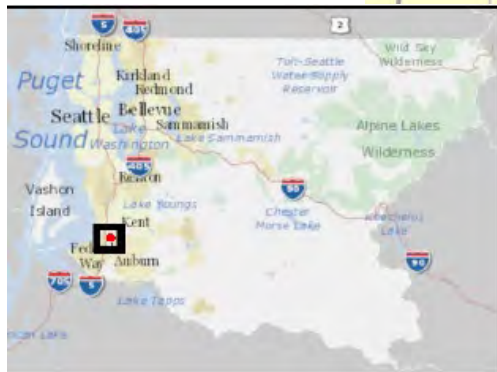
- Target Parcels
- Secondary Target Parcels
- Regional Trail
- Si View Metropolitan Parks
- Water
- Streams and Rivers

**Parks in King County**

- King County Parks
- State
- City



**KC – WRIA 7 – Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions**



- Current Targets
- Future Targets
- Trails
- King County Parks
- Conservation Easement
- City Parks
- City Limits

## KC – WRIA 9 – Bingaman Pond Expansion



Total recommended: \$990,350 (full funding)

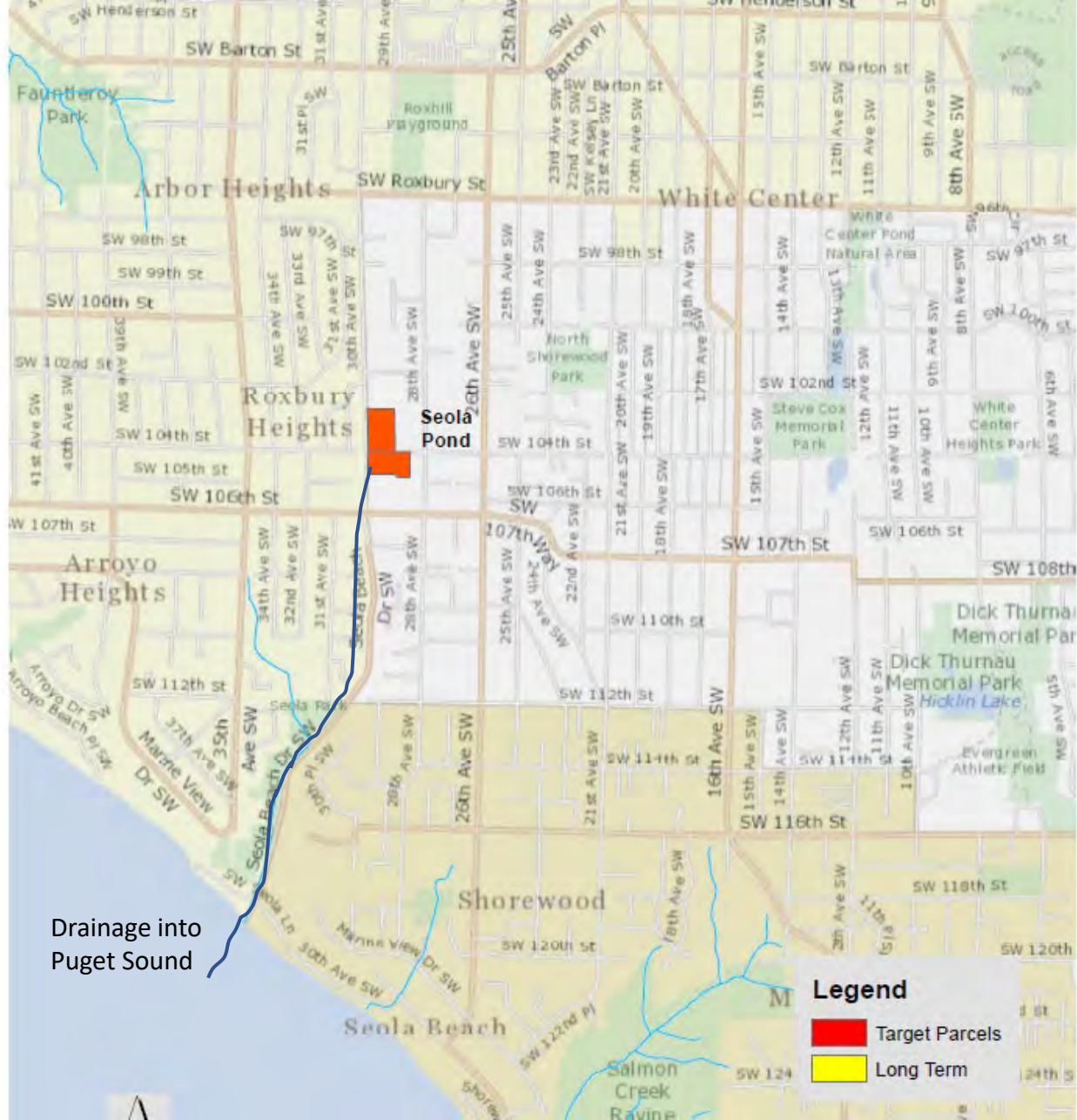


- Current Targets
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### KC – WRIA 9 – Bingaman Pond Expansion



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KC – WRIA 9 – North Highline Urban Greenspace (Seola Pond) - **\*Match Waiver Request\***

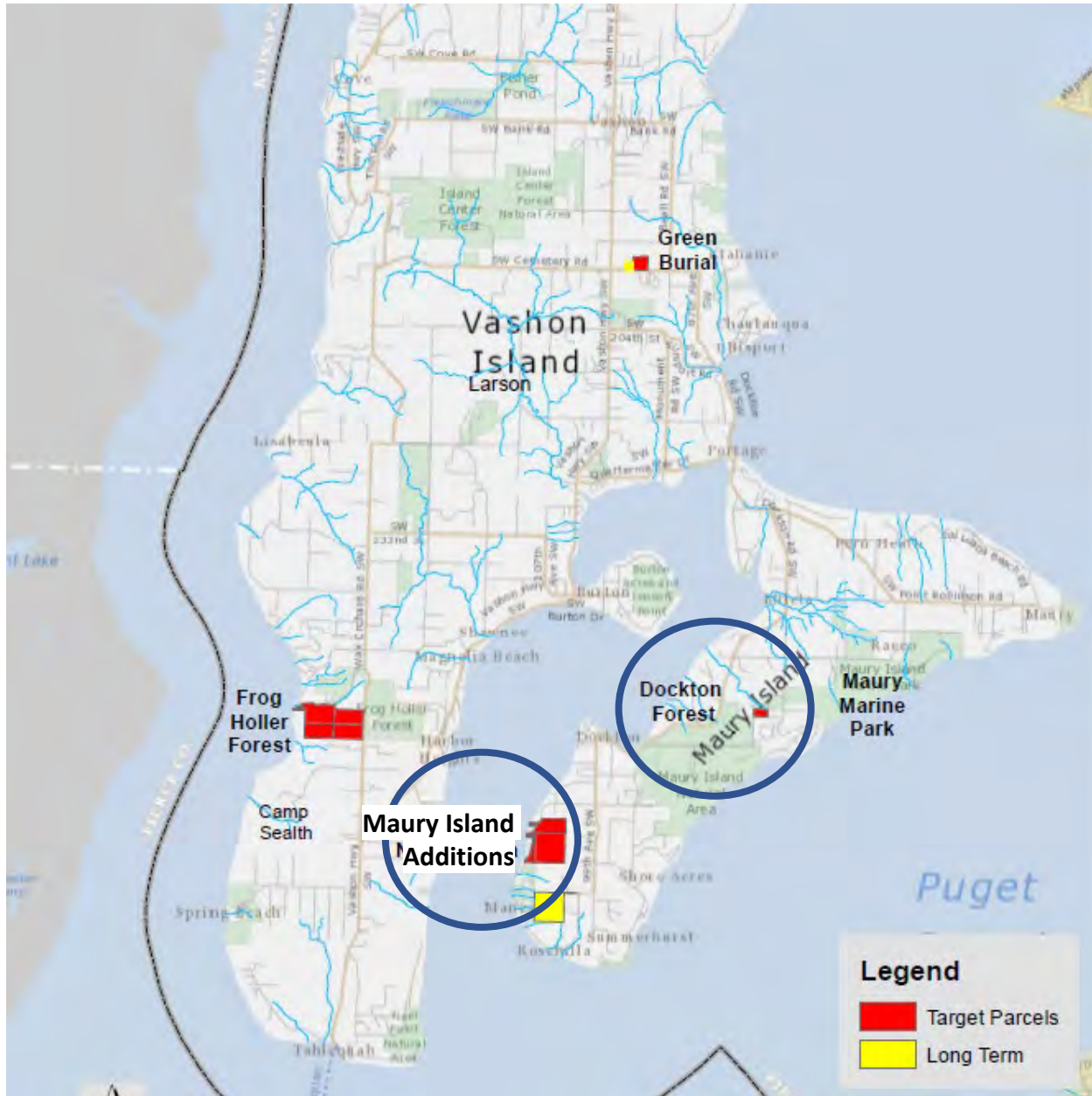
CFT recommended: \$1,800,000 (full funding)  
Match waiver? Yes



KC – WRIA 9 – North Highline Urban Greenspace (Seola Pond) - **\*Match Waiver Request\***



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KC – Vashon – Maury Island Additions

Total recommended: \$2,450,000 (full funding)



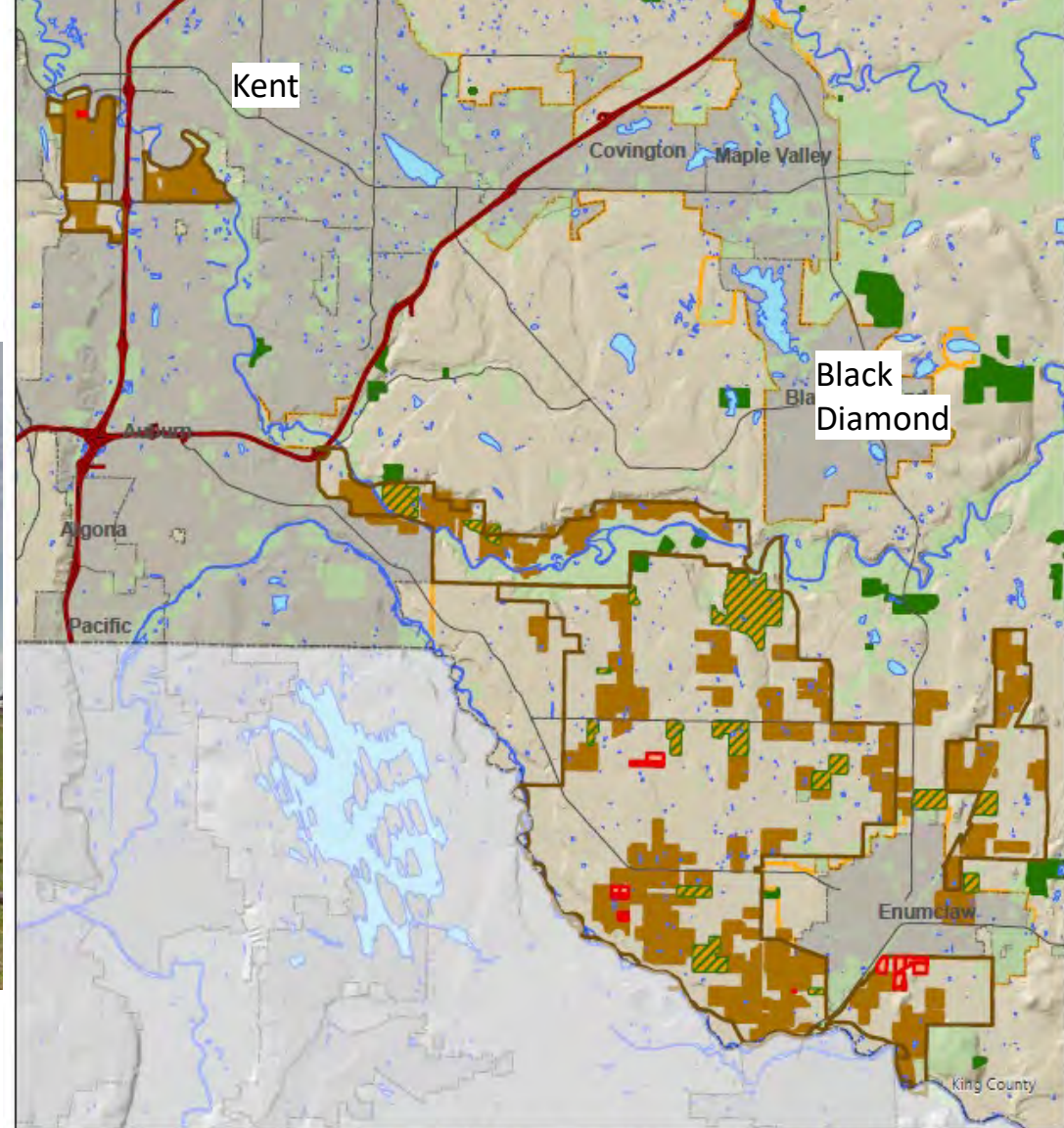
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Total recommended: \$3,750,000 (full funding)

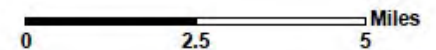


Enumclaw and Green APDs 2024 Targets: 209ac, est'd 28 TDRs

- Farmland Targets for 2024 CFT Funds
- TDR-Protected Farms
- Protected Farmland
- Agricultural Production District
- Urban Growth Boundary
- County Boundary

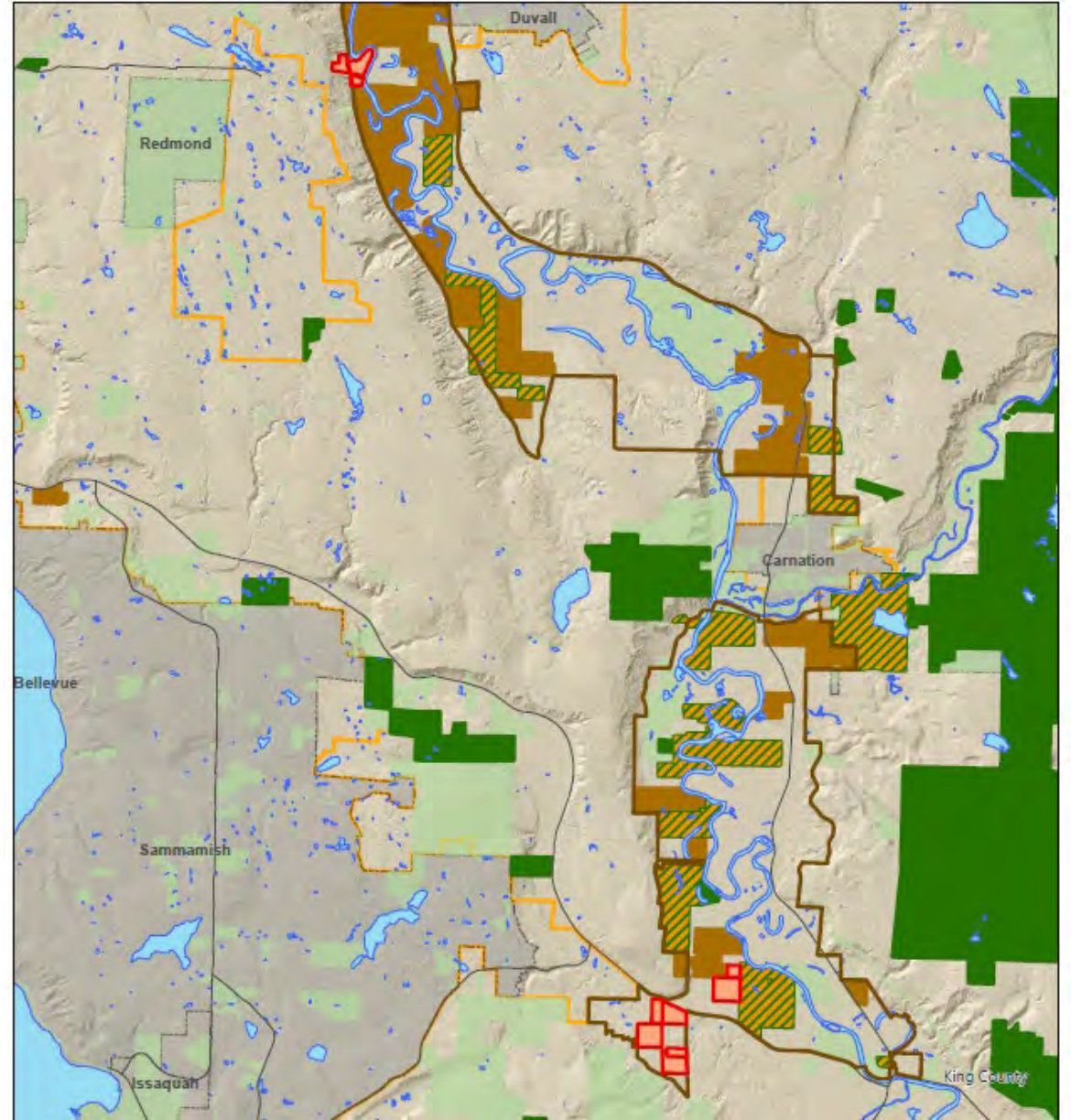


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### KC – Farmland – Enumclaw-Green River Farms

Total recommended: \$2,250,000 (full funding)



**KC – Farmland – Snoqualmie APD and Vicinity Farms**



Thank you