

KING COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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June 14, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski  
Chair, King County Council  
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Councilmember Dembowski,

On behalf of the King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee, enclosed for your review is our annual recommendation report for the allocation of 2020 King County Conservation Futures tax levy (CFT) and King County Parks Levy open space acquisition funds.

The Committee received requests for \$98 million in funding across 61 projects: 23 projects located within cities and 38 projects located within unincorporated King County. The Committee recommended \$52 million in CFT funding awards, comprised of \$17 million of annual CFT and \$35 million in bond-backed funding – of which \$11 million will need further appropriation. The Committee recommended \$11.9 million in Parks Levy funding awards, of which \$11 million requires voter adoption of the proposed 2020-2025 King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy.

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

I invite you to see the enclosed report for highlights and detailed descriptions of each of the Committee's recommendations for individual projects. Tables on the final pages provides summaries of our funding recommendations. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know and I will be happy to discuss them with you or your staff. I may be reached by phone at (425) 788-2304 (home), or (206) 940-4553 (cell) or by e-mail at [tlavender2@frontier.com](mailto:tlavender2@frontier.com) and [CFCAC3@kingcounty.gov](mailto:CFCAC3@kingcounty.gov).

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

Sincerely Yours,



Terry Lavender, Chair  
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