

# Land Conservation Advisory Group Report

- In response to KCC Motion 14458 (Nov. 2015), Executive transmitted to Council a Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan in March 2016.
- Land Conservation Advisory Group met 15 times over 16 months in two phases, and delivered recommendations to the King County Executive and King County Council at the end of December 2017.
- Final report endorses a Vision and Plan to protect the remaining high conservation value lands and secure our trail network within the next 30 years, and ensure all communities have access to open space.
- Regional effort/regional collaboration – 160 meetings with all 39 cities, community groups, non-profits, businesses, and healthcare organizations.
- Protects 65,000 acres of our most vital conservation lands and urban greenspaces, without compromising our ability to accommodate future growth.
- Includes \$160 million dedicated to investments in open space equity.

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- Total 30 year cost to acquire (including inflation): \$4.14B, with \$2.25B covered by existing revenue sources and private revenue; 30 year funding gap (including inflation): \$1.89B.
- Report recommends filling the gap by restoring the existing conservation futures tax (CFT) to its state-authorized cap and original levy rate.
- CFT restoration = \$10 – 12/year cost to the owner of a median value home.
- Restore CFT up to two additional times during 30 year period.
- Continue to utilize CFT committee process, with same King County Council oversight and decision making.
- No match required for equity investments; no increase in total match required (cities would get more CFT with same amount of local funds).
- O&M on new lands covered in future King County Parks Levy (\$3-4/yr for median value homeowner).



A young child stands in a forest, wearing a bright red hooded raincoat, dark pants, and black boots. The child is looking towards the camera. The forest floor is covered in fallen leaves and a large, mossy tree stump is in the foreground. In the background, other children can be seen walking along a path. A large white text overlay is centered on the image, with a thin white line underneath the last line of text.

**So many things we can't  
do anything about,  
THIS ONE WE CAN.**