



Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2026-1357

Motion: 26-229

Type:

- ☒ Contract
☐ Board Appt.
☐ Code Amendment
☐ Budget Action
☐ Other

Requested Handling:

- ☒ Normal
☐ Expedite
☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

- ☐ General Fund
☒ Other
☐ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Do Not Approve
☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Subject:

Department of Natural Resources LiDAR Cost Sharing Agreement and related intergovernmental services agreements with participating cities

Scope:

Snohomish County, through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, is seeking to partner with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (Wa DNR) for the collection of LiDAR data for mapping urban tree canopy.

Wa DNR is contracting with NV5 Geospatial, Inc. for remote sensing services. A cost sharing agreement will allow the County to access these services (Attachment A to the motion). LiDAR data collection in unincorporated Snohomish County will be paid for using the Salmon Recovery Through Local Planning Grant (Agreement No. 26-63117-011) administered by the Washington Department of Commerce.

Several cities would like to access tree canopy mapping services. LiDAR services for Stanwood, Marysville, Arlington, Granite Falls, Mukilteo, Everett, Snohomish, Lake Stevens, Brier, Bothell, and Edmonds are included in the County's cost sharing agreement with DNR. Exhibit B to the motion is a sample agreement with cities and towns for LiDAR tree canopy data collection. Under the terms of the agreement, the city or town will pay for LiDAR data sensing and mapping in their jurisdiction.

Duration:

Cost Sharing Agreement (Exhibit A): July 17, 2026, through January 31, 2027

Agreement with Cities and Towns (Exhibit B): One year after execution, extending until June of 2027.

Fiscal Impact:

☒ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 130	\$304,606					\$304,606
Totals	\$304,606	0	0	0	0	\$304,606

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 130	\$304,606					\$304,606
Totals	\$304,606	0	0	0	0	\$304,606

Authority Granted: Motion 26-229 authorizes the County Executive to execute the Cost Sharing Agreement with DNR, attached as Exhibit A to this motion, Contract No. 93-111079, in the amount of \$304,606, and funded through the Salmon Recovery Grant and the Snohomish County Council further approves and authorizes the County Executive to execute intergovernmental services agreements in the form provided as Exhibit B attached to this motion with Participating Cities.

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Background: Motion 26-104¹ approved the Salmon Recovery through Local Planning Grant Agreement 26-63117-011. The grant total is \$500,000. Grant objectives include strengthening urban forestry by acquiring high-definition aerial data (LiDAR imagery) for tree canopy mapping to assist in salmon recovery planning; conducting a partial tree inventory to aid in managing the County's urban forest which has significant impacts on water quality, stream cooling, erosion control, and other benefits; and supporting community stewardship/best management practices through the Healthy Forest Project.

The Natural Environment element of the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan includes policies for the expansion and preservation of urban tree canopy ([Goal NE 9](#)).

Requested Action: Move to the GLS agenda for Council consideration.

¹ [2026-0461 - Motion 26-104](#)