



**Snohomish County Council**

**Committee:** Public Infrastructure and Conservation

**Analyst:** Deb Evison Bell

**ECAF:** 2023-0676

**Proposal:** Motion 23-252

**Date:** June 20, 2023

**Consideration**

The proposed motion would approve the return of unexpended project grant funds to the Conservation Futures fund balance and return an overage, under SCC 4.14.

**Background**

In 1988, Snohomish County established the Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund for the purpose of acquiring interests or rights in real property for the preservation of open space, farm and agricultural land, and timber land, and to maintain and operate any property acquired with resources of the fund. The following year, the Snohomish County Council established a Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board (the Board) to make recommendations to the Council for acquisition projects to be funded and to develop strategic, long-term plans for the program.

Snohomish County has successfully completed several projects, including combining two phases of the Flowing Lake Laz projects; and received notice of one project that will be completed.

The City of Lynwood has been awarded an RCO WWRP matching grant, reducing the funds needed from Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds.

**Current Proposal**

*Scope:* A substitute motion is proposed that removes the reference to the Brekhuis Riverfront project, as it was inadvertently included in the original motion. The substitute motion would approve for the return of funds to the Conservation Futures fund balance from:

<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
Snohomish County Parks	Heybrook Ridge	\$2,600.53
Snohomish County Parks	Flowing Lake Laz	\$629,500.00
Snohomish County Parks	Flowing Lake Laz Legacy	\$322,400.08
Forterra	Stillaguamish Valley Protection-Albert Farm	\$64,000.00
City of Lynnwood	Sprague's Pond	\$351,802.87
Total:		\$1,370,303.48

*Fiscal Implications:* \$1,370,303.48 returning to fund balance.

**2023 Budget:** YES

**Budget Impacts:** To be allocated in future year.

**Handling:** NORMAL

**Approved-as-to-form:** NA

**Risk Management:** Yes

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Analysis:** After careful review it was determined that all funding for the Brekhus Riverfront project have been previously returned. Any outstanding expenses associated with this project will be covered by alternative funds.

**Request:** The requested action is to **move the substitute motion** move to GLS on June 28, 2023, for consideration.