



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2023-0506

Proposal: Motion 23-193

Date: June 6, 2023

Consideration:

The proposed motion would approve and authorize the Snohomish County Executive to sign and execute the Agreement with Forterra NW, for Land Conservation Strategy, under SCC 3.04.190.

Background:

In 2022 Snohomish County Council approved \$4,000,000 dollars in support of the establishment of a Snohomish County Land Conservation Initiative. The Land Conservation Initiative is comprised of three primary elements: enhancement of the Transfer of Development Rights program; a Healthy Forest Project; and development of a strategic plan to guide long range property acquisitions and management. Snohomish County selected Forterra NW, through RFP-22-14SB, following established Federal, State and County policies. An Agreement between Snohomish County and Forterra NW has been negotiated.

Current Proposal:

Scope: The proposed Agreement would allow for consulting services to develop a strategic plan focused on the three primary elements, including but not limited to the acquisition efforts into the future and preservation of important park, habitat, agricultural, forest and general open space lands.

Duration: The Agreement is proposed to be effective upon Notice to Proceed and shall terminate December 31, 2024.

Fiscal Implications: The total amount of this contract is not to exceed \$396,435.00.

2023 Budget: Project management for this contract is through the Office of Energy and Sustainability and funded through the Parks' budget.

Future Budget Impacts: Reviewed and approved by Finance.

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Requests: For Council to move the motion to GLS on June 14, 2023, for consideration.