



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation **Analyst:** Nicole Gorle
ECAF: 22-0693
Motion: 22-293 **Date:** July 27, 2022

Consideration:

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-293 which would approve allocation of Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund dollars.

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 ([SCC 4.14.030](#)). 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 ([SCC 4.14.080](#)).

Snohomish County advertised the opportunity to apply for Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds and received five (5) applications and four (4) letters of intent notifying the board of potential future projects.

The Board met on June 29, 2022 and voted to fully fund all five (5) projects.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-293 requests council approve the Board's recommended funding for five (5) projects:

- \$298,000 to DCNR, SWM Division for The Clearing at Cutthroat Creek
- \$2,222,200 to DCNR, Parks Division for Flowing Lake Laz Legacy
- \$354,000 to Forterra NW for Lake Serene Phase 2
- \$772,850 to Forterra NW for Woods Lake Acquisition
- \$1,050,920 to Forterra NW for Stillaguamish Basin Farmland Easements

Fiscal Implications: In the 2022 budget Council approved roughly \$16.7 million of Conservation Futures Funds for expenditure (includes funds from the bond). This motion would approve expenditure of \$4,697,970 of the \$16.7 million.

2022 Budget: Yes

Future Budget Impacts: No

Handling: Normal – August 31, 2022

Risk Management: Yes

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Amendments: None

Attachments: None

Request: Move to GLS on August 17th for Council to consider taking action.