

Background Information

November 21, 1988 – The Snohomish County Council established the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund as per Snohomish County Code Chapter 4.14.

September 20, 1989 – The Snohomish County Council, by amended Ordinance, established a Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board as per Snohomish County Code Chapter 4.14; duties include the review and recommendation of applications for projects to be funded with Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds.

December 1, 2020 – The Board directed staff to proceed with a grant round for consideration of funding recommendations by the first quarter of 2021. The estimated amount of funds available from the estimated Conservation Futures Property Tax through end of year 2021 totaled approximately four million four hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars (\$4,497,000.00), inclusive of the proposed return to fund balance for 3 projects that were not completed.

February 26, 2021 – The deadline date for grant application submittal, two (2) project sponsors submitted two (2) applications for Board consideration at its next scheduled meeting.

March 24, 2021 – The Board, at its public zoom meeting heard the presentations from project sponsors, deliberated and voted at the meeting. After careful deliberation the Board recommended fully funding the two (2) projects presented.

SPONSOR	PROJECT	FUNDING
Snohomish County DCNR	Heybrook Ridge	\$209,500.00
Forterra	Stillaguamish Valley Protection-Albert Farm	\$64,000.00

Section 2. The following recommendation to return the unsuccessful project grant funds to the Conservation Futures fund balance is hereby approved.

SPONSOR	PROJECT	FUNDING
City of Bothell	Shelton View Forest	\$1,000,000.00
City of Monroe	East Monroe Heritage Site	\$500,000.00
Forterra	Tillman Farms Conservation Easement	\$300,000.00