

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 26-118

ALTERNATIVE GRANT FUNDING OF CONSERVATION FUTURES  
PROPERTY TAX FUNDS APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Code Chapter 4.14 establishes the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund and the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board (“Advisory Board”), whose duties include the review and recommendation of projects to be funded with Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2024 under Snohomish County Motion 24-507 the Snohomish County Council approved funding allocation with proceeds from Snohomish County Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,537,318.89 to acquire conservation easements a portion of which included funding for property known as CF24-03 Ninety Farms further described as Assessor Parcel ID No. 31050300101000, protecting 48 acres of farmland with a conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, a finding of ineligibility was identified concerning a specific grant award for CF24-03 Ninety Farms Acquisition Project; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2025, in a special meeting, the Board Advisory approved an alternative conservation acquisition option; and

WHEREAS, the alternate property is located in the County’s same farmland conservation interest area, substituting CF24-03 Ninety Farms acquisition project further described as Parcel ID No. 31050300101000 with Foster Corn Maze acquisition project, further described as Assessor Parcel ID Nos. 31051000301400; 31051000301500; 31051000302000; 310510-00301900; 31051000301300, in order to protect approximately 39.54 acres of farmland with a conservation easement, in the amount of \$520,350;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves the following:

Section 1. The following project recommendation is hereby approved for funding reallocation with proceeds from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund as a substitute for CF24-03 Ninety Farms:

| SPONSOR     | PROJECT  | FUNDING   |
|-------------|--|-----------|
| NW Forterra | CF24-03 Foster Farms Corn Maze Acquisition Project | \$520,350 |
|             | Total Re-Allocation                                | \$520,350 |

Section 2. The Snohomish County Executive is authorized to execute all Agreements with non-County project sponsors, together with all related documents including any amendments, in order to provide reimbursement funding up to the total amount of Five Hundred Twenty Thousand and Three Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$520,350).

Section 3. The Snohomish County Executive or Property Officer is authorized to execute all appraisal and survey for County sponsored projects including amendments, in order to facilitate closing of this approved transaction.


Section 4. The Snohomish County Executive or the Property Officer of Facilities Management is authorized to take all actions that are reasonably necessary to complete the transactions contemplated by the Agreement(s), including amendments. The authorized actions include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) executing closing documents (ii) paying reasonable closing costs actually incurred and (iii) execute any other document necessary to complete the authorized purchase on behalf of the Snohomish County.

PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy Clerk of the Council

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