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\$48 Million in Park, Trail, and Habitat Projects Funded; Projects in 26 Counties Make List

OLYMPIA – A total of 75 projects that will create or improve parks and trails, protect valuable wildlife habitat and give people access to the water will receive funding, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation announced today.

The Interagency Committee approved funding for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grants at \$48 million, an increase from \$45 million funded in the 2003-05 biennium.

“Our goal is to protect the most significant lands for wildlife and outdoor recreation before they are converted to other uses,” said Val Ogden of Vancouver, chair of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. “We also want to develop recreational lands to meet the needs of present and future generations.”

The Interagency Committee awarded grants at its May 11 meeting to projects in the following counties:

Benton.....	\$175,000	Kitsap.....	\$5,288,213	Skagit.....	\$281,369
Chelan.....	\$198,500	Klickitat.....	\$1,454,565	Snohomish.....	\$2,200,000
Clark.....	\$3,762,974	Lincoln.....	\$640,390	Spokane.....	\$500,000
Douglas.....	\$3,015,810	Mason.....	\$1,307,460	Stevens.....	\$154,827
Franklin.....	\$329,660	Okanogan.....	\$5,865,571	Thurston.....	\$2,027,104
Grant.....	\$342,318	Pacific.....	\$2,645,250	Whatcom.....	\$1,674,951
Grays Harbor.....	\$246,330	Pend Oreille.....	\$189,802	Whitman.....	\$96,500
Island.....	\$2,117,152	Pierce.....	\$2,050,863	Yakima.....	\$4,027,674
King.....	\$4,926,592	San Juan.....	\$1,178,000	Statewide.....	\$500,000

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Interagency Committee
WWRP Funding
May 23, 2005

“Washington is a great place to live because we care about the quality of the environment around us,” Ogden said. “These grants invest money in keeping Washington a premiere state for outdoor recreation.”

This year, three state and 54 local agencies requested more than \$85 million for 122 projects. The grant applications were reviewed and ranked in August by evaluation teams comprised of volunteers who represented federal, state and local governments; recreational trail users; water sports enthusiasts; habitat specialists; and other people with interests in habitat conservation and recreation.

The Legislature created the WWRP in 1990 as a response to increasing public demand for outdoor recreation land and growing concerns about loss of wildlife habitat. Since then, the Interagency Committee has funded more than 700 projects totaling more than \$453 million, resulting in thousands of acres of valuable wildlife habitat and some of the state's best recreation lands being placed into public protection.

Paid for by state general obligation bonds, WWRP is administered by the Interagency Committee, an eight-member board consisting of five citizens appointed by the Governor, together with the Commissioner of Public Lands, director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state. A summary of the grant program is available at the Interagency Committee Web site at: <http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/wwrp.htm>.

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Benton County \$175,000

Kennewick Parks & Recreation Department \$175,000
Columbia Park Regional Youth Skate & Bike Park

Located in the heart of the Tri-Cities, Columbia Park will be renovated to create a place for kids to skateboard, in-line skate, ride mountain bikes, and play basketball. The city will turn an old concrete tennis court into the new skate and bike area, complete with evening lighting. The newly renovated area will keep kids part of other family activities in the park. The Tri-Cities has one small skate park in Kennewick that is over used. This proposal will design for, and has room to accommodate, all 'wheeled' users. Kennewick will contribute \$175,000 in funding and donations. (04-1202D-FY06)

Chelan County \$198,500

City of Wenatchee \$198,500
Rotary Park Expansion

The City of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee, North Wenatchee, and Sunrise Rotary clubs will use this grant to build a picnic shelter, playground, interactive water feature, amphitheater and basketball court in Wenatchee's Rotary Park. Rotary Park is a new city venue that is being developed as a service project by the local Rotary clubs. Wenatchee will contribute \$205,000 in labor and donated cash, equipment, labor and materials. (04-1269D-FY06)

Clark County \$3,762,974

Vancouver Parks & Recreation Department \$294,828
Mount Vista Park

Residents of Mount Vista will soon get a 4-acre park, thanks in part to this grant, which will be used to purchase the property. The residents live in a rapidly developing area near the Washington State University-Vancouver campus and Mount Vista Park will provide the only recreation opportunities in the area. The land slopes gradually, offering extensive views of the Cascade Mountains, Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams. Mature Douglas fir, cedar, maple and alder trees grace the property. Future improvements will include a perimeter trail, open play meadow, picnic tables and children's play equipment. Vancouver will contribute \$294,828. (04-1341A-FY06)

Clark County Parks Department \$500,000
Hockinson Meadows

This grant will help purchase and take the first step in developing a 120-acre community park and sports complex at the northeast corner of Vancouver's urban growth boundary. The county's Sports Fields Master Plan identifies an immediate need for 23 youth



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baseball, 10 soccer and 8 softball fields. This grant will help provide a complex of multi-purpose athletic fields that will accommodate 15 youth baseball/softball, 10 youth soccer and 3 adult soccer fields. Other improvements will include picnic tables, a shelter, play equipment and trails. Clark County will contribute \$4,980,754.
(04-1417C-FY06)

Vancouver Parks & Recreation Department **\$300,173**
Lakeshore Park

The City of Vancouver will be able to create a neighborhood park by using this grant to help purchase a little more than five acres in a heavily developed residential area in west Vancouver known as Lakeshore. The neighborhood is fully developed, and the project site provides the only opportunity for a neighborhood park. The park, which is a flat open meadow, will serve about 4,000 people. Future improvements will include multi-use sports fields, walking trails, children's play equipment, picnic tables and a sports court. Vancouver will contribute \$300,173. (04-1332A-FY06)

Vancouver Parks & Recreation Department **\$191,527**
East Mill Plain

The City of Vancouver will use this grant to help develop a 2-acre neighborhood park in a densely populated residential neighborhood of east Vancouver. There are no other parks or public open spaces within the area, which serves about 3,500 residents. The park, which will have a skate park, basketball court, picnic tables, children's play equipment, benches and walking paths, also will be home to the city's East Precinct Police Station. Vancouver will contribute \$191,527. (04-1408D-FY06)

Clark County Parks Department **\$121,764**
Pacific Community Park

Clark County will use this grant to develop a 50-acre community park in the heavily developed residential areas of east Vancouver. The area includes eight neighborhoods and is home to more than 30,000 people. Pacific Community Park, the only community park in the area, will be equipped with a skate park, basketball court, children's play equipment, benches, picnic tables and two shelters, more than 2 miles of trails, landscaping and support facilities. Clark County will contribute \$4.5 million.
(04-1406D-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources **\$1,333,762**
Washougal Oaks Natural Resource Conservation Area, Natural Area Preserve

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 142.5 acres east of Washougal at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge as part of a larger project to help protect the largest high-quality native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. This woodland is of major conservation concern due to historic losses and ongoing degradation. In addition, a fish-bearing stream inside a steep forested ravine runs through the heart of the site. The site supports two state sensitive plant species and two rare or threatened animal species: Slender-billed Nuthatch and Lower Columbia steelhead. The land will be designated as a combination of Natural Resource Conservation Area and Natural Area Preserve, which will complement existing



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conservation work within the area by department's partners: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge, the U.S. Forest Service's Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and the Columbia Land Trust. These acquisitions are the second phase of a multi-phased project with the long-term objective of protecting the oak woodland and associated species from future residential development, other incompatible uses and exotic plant species. (04-1278A-FY06)

Clark County Parks Department Whipple Creek

\$1,020,920

This project involves the acquisition of 40 acres of shoreline, wetlands and forests on Whipple Creek, 4.5 miles north of Vancouver. The project site includes 3,000 feet of creek frontage and a diversity of state-designated priority habitats. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified this site as one of the five most important urban forests in the greater Vancouver area because of its habitat diversity and quality. The land supports a variety of migrant birds, pileated woodpeckers, hawks, owls, deer, beaver and raccoons. Whipple Creek supports coho salmon, which are a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act; steelhead, which are threatened with extinction; and resident cutthroat trout. Located 1.5 miles east of the 280-acre Whipple Creek Regional Park and Nature Preserve, the land is threatened with development. The owner has applied to build 77 residential units there. Clark County will contribute \$1,020,920. (04-1409A-FY06)

Douglas County

\$3,015,810

Department of Fish & Wildlife Sharp-tailed Grouse 2004

\$2,472,120

Sustaining and increasing the population of sharp-tailed grouse in northern Douglas County, one of three small populations remaining in Washington, is the goal of this grant. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use the grant to buy 4,900 acres of shrub steppe, which adjoins the department's West Foster Creek Wildlife Area and provides a connection to the nearby Central Ferry Canyon Wildlife Area and Colville Indian Reservation, both of which have active sharp-tailed grouse leks. This project will result in the long-term protection and enhancement of occupied and historic sharp-tailed grouse habitat and will greatly increase the links between critical habitat components on and off the department's wildlife areas. (04-1289A-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources Dyer Haystacks and Two Steppe Natural Area Preserves

\$543,690

This project seeks to protect 3,110 acres of good examples of eastern Washington's original bunchgrass grassland at two sites in Douglas County: Dyer Haystacks and Two Steppe natural area preserves. These sites include representatives of the unique geology of Washington. Dyer Haystacks is a jumble of glacial erratic boulders and Two Steppe includes a cliff along Moses Coulee. Lands proposed for acquisition provide



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habitat for state sensitive plant species and federal and state listed species: sharptail grouse and sage grouse (federal species of concern and state threatened with extinction); and sage sparrow, sage thrasher and golden eagle (state candidate species). This project is coordinated with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife's efforts to restore habitat for the listed species in Douglas County, and will provide native habitat and a baseline for restoration and management monitoring. The Nature Conservancy is a partner in this project. (04-1329A-FY06)

Franklin County \$329,660

City of Connell \$329,660
Pioneer Park Expansion

The City of Connell will use this grant to purchase additional property to expand Pioneer Park to develop two new softball fields and to enhance use of the existing swimming pool. The grant will not only help purchase the land but will help pay for the removal of a street and construction of two softball fields, parking, bleachers, pathways and expanded pool facilities including a larger slide and a splash area for smaller children. This expansion of Pioneer Park addresses the city's need for more ball fields. Connell will contribute \$338,840 in donated equipment, labor and materials. (04-1355C-FY06)

Grant County \$342,318

City of Moses Lake \$342,318
Heron Trail Phase 1 Boardwalk

With this grant, Moses Lake will build part of Heron Trail, a 1.2-mile nature trail that will serve as a connector between parks and key locations throughout the city. The trail will be a combination of asphalt and boardwalk segments over wetlands. The hub for Heron Trail is McCosh Park, which is the most active waterfront park in Moses Lake. Located in the downtown area, the park is home to the Moses Lake Aquatic Center and contains an amphitheater, basketball and tennis courts, a playground, restrooms and the old Swedberg pool house. Within the park, Heron Trail will follow the northern shoreline of Pelican Horn and connect to the Japanese Gardens, Frontier Middle School, downtown shopping and restaurants, neighborhoods and other trail heads. The boardwalk will include a viewing platform. Partners in this project include Vision 2020, the Trail Planning Team, Lioness, Rotary, Audubon Society and the Association of Realtors. Moses Lake will contribute \$342,319 in funding and donated cash, labor and materials. (04-1446C-FY06)



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Grays Harbor County

\$246,330

Department of Natural Resources
Carlisle Bog Natural Area Preserve

\$246,330

Eighty acres will be purchased with this grant for inclusion in the Carlisle Bog Natural Area Preserve. The overall wetland system at Carlisle Bog is very large and diverse. The preserve contains high quality examples of a freshwater wetland, sphagnum bog, permanent ponds, two globally imperiled wetland plant communities and high quality representatives of six additional wetland plant communities. In addition, the land contains one state sensitive plant and animal species. The wetlands are connected to other wetlands already managed by the department and are critical to maintaining the land's hydrology and water quality. In addition, protecting the wetland at Carlisle Bog is important because similar wetlands have been lost or degraded. This acquisition will complete the preserve as adopted by the Natural Heritage Advisory Council.

(04-1378A-FY06)

Island County

\$2,117,152

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Deception Pass Sunrise Resort Phase 2

\$1,103,125

Deception Pass State Park, the most-visited state park in Washington, will use this grant to purchase land for new administrative offices and complete the acquisition of Sunrise Resort. Acquisition of the resort will allow State Parks to move administrative operations from their present location, which has historic, scenic and recreational qualities better used for visitors. (04-1234A-FY06)

Port of South Whidbey Island
Clinton Beach

\$576,177

Responding to the critical need of this island's "only town without public access to Puget Sound," the Port District of South Whidbey Island recently acquired 0.63 acres with 180 feet of sandy, no-bank, waterfront for creation of Clinton Beach park. The port will use this grant to develop the park, which is near the port's existing fishing pier, dock and parking. Clinton Beach will feature a sandy beach, a small parking area, restrooms, a small boat dock, viewpoint, picnic areas, information kiosks, landscaping and interpretive signs. The port will contribute \$576,178 in funding and donated labor.

(04-1205C-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources
Golden Paintbrush Preserve

\$437,850

This project will allow permanent protection and management of 33 acres on Whidbey Island that are integral to the recovery of the golden paintbrush, a plant listed as threatened with extinction by the federal government and as endangered by the state. The land is on the west side of Whidbey Island and supports one of only 11 populations



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of golden paintbrush remaining in the world. The recovery plan for golden paintbrush specifies that the protection of all existing populations is critical to the recovery of the species. The owner of this site has divided the property into five waterfront view lots with the intention to sell them for homes. If not acquired now, one of the largest properties available for recovery of golden paintbrush will be permanently lost. This is a collaborative project between the department and the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, which have raised \$1.5 million in federal funding. The site will be jointly owned by the two groups and managed specifically to benefit the golden paintbrush population.
(04-1362A-FY06)

King County

\$4,926,592

Seattle Parks & Recreation Department

\$300,000

Myrtle Edwards Park Olympic Sculpture Park Expansion

A 2-acre City of Seattle right-of-way and parking lot are poised to become the new entrance to Myrtle Edwards Park and the waterfront connection to the proposed Olympic Sculpture Park. This city waterfront property--now asphalt and parking meters--will create an anchor for new recreation in downtown Seattle, just 3 blocks from the Seattle Center. The grant will help pay for a 700-foot extension of both a pedestrian boardwalk and a bicycle trail that currently end abruptly in the parking lot. Work also will include landscaping with native plants, adding signs, lights, park furniture and a water fountain, and vastly improving access to the water--all accessible for people with disabilities. A grassy berm for seating and informal gathering at the water's edge will provide a seamless connector between popular Myrtle Edwards Park, which hosts 400,000 visitors a year, and the new sculpture park. In 2000, the city council appropriated \$2 million for improvements to this waterfront parcel. Also, the Seattle Arts Commission is donating more than \$1.6 million for development of this park. Seattle will contribute \$3,124,055 in donations and funding from a voter-approved levy. (04-1207D-FY06)

Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Service

\$75,000

East Hill Skatepark Expansion

The expansion of the Kent East Hill Skatepark is the result of a unique partnership between the City of Kent and the owners of an adjacent assisted-living housing complex. The partnership is allowing the city to expand by 1 acre its 2-acre skate park to create a multi-generational community park. The new, expanded park will reach across generational borders and be used by the entire Kent community, seniors living in the facility and their families. The grant will help the City add climbing rocks, a walking trail, raised gardens, lawn bowling, bocce ball, a gazebo and additional benches and picnic tables. Kent will contribute \$75,000 in funding and donated land. (04-1419C-FY06)



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Burien Parks & Recreation **\$421,350**
Rhododendron Park Acquisition

A new neighborhood park will become a reality with this grant, which will buy the 6-acre Beckstrom Rhododendron Nursery property in an underserved area of Burien. The nursery property is a rare opportunity to provide a new park in a neighborhood that currently has no park resources of any kind. The gently sloping, undeveloped land is nestled in the heart of an established neighborhood. The concept for the park includes a playground, sport court, picnic area, play meadow, walking paths, stream access, a natural area and parking. Burien will contribute \$421,350. (04-1279A-FY06)

Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department **\$177,071**
Steven J Underwood Ballfield Lighting

The City of Des Moines will add lighting to a competition-level softball field and build a restroom at the newly opened Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park. Maximizing field use by adding lights is critical because Des Moines has 60 percent fewer sports fields per capita than the surrounding cities of Federal Way, SeaTac and Kent. Restrooms to replace the use of sani-cans will improve spectator comfort. Having lighting to compensate for cloud cover and shortened daylight in the fall and winter will enhance game safety and lessen the need for local teams to search for practice and game fields away from home. Each phase of the park's development has had a broad base of support from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation's Youth Athletic Facility grants, Community Development Block grants, King County REET and Youth Sports Facility grants, South Highline Little Leagues, Des Moines Midway Soccer Club, Des Moines Legacy Foundation, Des Moines Police and Fire Fighters Guilds, Starbucks Coffee Company and Des Moines Rotary Club. Des Moines will contribute \$177,954 in funding and donated labor and materials. (04-1391D-FY06)

Seattle Parks & Recreation Department **\$245,000**
Ercolini Park Acquisition

The City of Seattle will use this grant to complete the purchase of a little more than half an acre in West Seattle for a neighborhood park. The land is flat and lies west of the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village. Its purchase and development will address the needs of the increasing population within this urban village, which has no usable open space within easy walking distance. This property will complete an action item in the city's Pro Parks Levy approved by citizens. Seattle will contribute \$610,000 from a voter-approved levy. (04-1060A-FY06)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$1,400,000**
Kanaskat-Palmer Campground Expansion

Camping sites at Kanaskat-Palmer State Park in King County will be developed with the help of this grant. The popular campground will expand by 50 to 60 sites, most of which will include electrical hookups and be large enough to accommodate modern recreational vehicles. Some sites may be set aside for use by tent campers. A restroom with showers will be built in the center of the campground loop. Although the



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campground is not on the water, campers have access to more than 2 miles of shoreline on the Green River. (04-1240D-FY06)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$475,000**
Green River Gorge 2005-07 Acquisitions

This grant will allow State Parks to purchase 158 acres of land in the Green River Gorge, which was established as a conservation area by the Legislature in 1969. The Legislature directed purchase of a 12-mile strip of land that incorporates the visual basins of the Green River from the Kummer Bridge to Palmer. With this grant, State Parks will purchase the Kanaskat-Palmer/Jellum Connection, which lies between the Green River and land managed by the state Department of Natural Resources. It provides a connection at the plateau level between the development at Kanaskat-Palmer and State Park ownership at Jellum, 2 miles west. It also links with private land, currently targeted for acquisition by the county and nongovernment organizations. (04-1268A-FY06)

Redmond Parks & Recreation Department **\$181,525**
Bear Creek Trail—The Missing Link

Redmond will use this grant to buy a .81-acre parcel and a trail easement, completing a 1.6-mile portion of the Bear Creek Trail corridor. This segment and others constitute the Bear & Evans Creek Trail & Greenway, which is a 9-mile trail being acquired and developed in phases. The overall project connects to other Redmond and King County trails and will create loops in and around the city. Redmond will contribute \$181,525 in conservation futures. (04-1241A-FY06)

Shoreline Parks & Recreation Department **\$1,215,000**
Interurban Trail—North Central Segment

The Interurban Trail is a multi-jurisdictional recreational trail that provides a vital north-south link in the regional Puget Sound trail system. The Shoreline portion of the trail is 3 miles long and extends from Shoreline's boundary with Seattle on North 145th Street, north to the Snohomish County line. With this grant, Shoreline will design and construct the final 0.85-mile section of the north central segment (N 175th to N 192nd). Work will include landscaping, installing historical interpretative signs and building neighborhood connections. The Shoreline Interurban Trail runs through an area of significant residential population (about 5,000 people per square mile), and will connect people to services, other modes of transportation, employment and housing. It will fill a great safety need for bicyclists and others seeking a recreational trail. Shoreline will contribute \$1,215,000 in funding and money from two other grants. (04-1211D-FY06)

Seattle Parks & Recreation Department **\$190,042**
South Lake Union Park Development Phase 1

Seattle will use this grant to develop 1.2 acres into a major waterfront park with access to Lake Union. Work will include improving the loading dock, waterfront walkway and landscaping. The park is an important phase of an 11-acre regional park that will compliment the Maritime Heritage Center, which preserves and displays boating and the water-related history of the region. The park provides outdoor spaces for large



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community gatherings as well as waterfront access for workers, visitors and residents of the South Lake Union Park neighborhood. Seattle will contribute \$316,737 from a voter-approved levy. (04-1208D-FY06)

Bellevue Parks & Community Service **\$246,604**
Meydenbauer Bay Waterfront Acquisition

With this grant, Bellevue will be able to buy the two remaining waterfront parcels between Meydenbauer Beach Park and the city-owned marina. Bellevue is bound on the west by Lake Washington and on the east by Lake Sammamish. However, because of urban development, topography and the almost continuous private ownership of the shoreline, the public has limited visual and physical access to these lakes. Of the more than 11 miles of shoreline along the two lakes, less than 10 percent is in public ownership. Acquisition of the two remaining parcels adds .5 acre and 146 linear feet of waterfront to the city's holdings and substantially completes the Lake Washington acquisition plan envisioned in the mid-1970s. These two properties are critical to the city's long-range vision for this area - a waterfront park that extends from Meydenbauer Beach Park to the marina, and a connection from that park to downtown Bellevue's commercial and residential areas and the Downtown Park. Bellevue will contribute \$6.1 million in cash and conservation futures funds. (04-1353A-FY06)

Kitsap County \$5,288,213

Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department **\$140,000**
Bremerton Skatepark

This grant will help renovate and expand an old skate park built on a basketball court. The skate park, which was the only one in Bremerton from 1996 to 2002, was created from mostly handmade, wooden, modular, equipment that deteriorated, became unsafe and had to be removed. The new skate park will feature street elements and will be about 10,000 square feet in size with an adjoining restroom. The new park is centrally located in the existing Eastpark. The current Bremerton Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan states that additional neighborhood parks are needed, and one of the most requested is a skate park. For the past two years, Bremerton Skateboarders and Supporters United have been instrumental in acquiring about \$150,080 in matching funds from a design and construction company, skate clubs and the Bremerton Central Lions Charitable Foundation. Bremerton will contribute \$150,080 in donations and a federal grant. (04-1298D-FY06)

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation **\$500,000**
North Kitsap Heritage Park

In its 2000 Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan, Kitsap County documented significant deficiencies in virtually all elements of park and open space facilities in the county. The plan called for the county to provide large, regional Heritage Parks, which are a minimum of 300 acres and would remain largely undeveloped to provide for



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passive recreation and preservation of environmentally sensitive areas. This grant will allow the county to purchase 426.11 acres for a Heritage Park. The site is in the major population centers of Poulsbo, Bainbridge Island, Kingston and Indianola. Kitsap County will contribute \$1,414,835 in conservation futures. (04-1456A-FY06)

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation **\$582,099** **Hansville Greenway Phase 2**

Kitsap County will use this grant to buy 225 acres, tying it to the 175-acre Hansville Greenway and its 4 miles of trails to Hood Canal, Puget Sound and Point No Point Park. The Hansville Community has been working proactively to preserve its special places and to create a system of trails that provide access to those places. This purchase provides for 5 miles of trails and contains 22 acres of wetlands and 2 miles of streams. These are the last acres required to complete the greenway, and are under the ownership of a landowner who plans to develop the area. The landowner has indicated a willingness to donate about 9,000 feet of trail easement as part of this acquisition. The Hansville Community has worked with the Trust for Public Lands to secure an option on this property on the county's behalf. Kitsap County will contribute \$582,099 in conservation futures funds and donated land. (04-1458A-FY06)

Bainbridge Island Park District **\$89,331** **Blakely Harbor Project Phase 1**

Blakely Harbor Park is a popular destination for boaters, kayakers, beach enthusiasts, walkers and about 3,000 students annually participating in Puget Sound's regional environmental learning seminars at IslandWood located adjacent to this park. This grant will provide two restrooms, storage, parking, historical and environmental interpretation, trails and a bridge. This work will connect the two areas of the park. Currently, park visitors must leave the park and re-enter to experience both the uplands and saltwater areas. The site also will be tied to an adjoining cultural site now being purchased. Site development has received endorsement from IslandWood, a non-profit environmental learning center dedicated to elementary students, Washington Water Trails and the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. The park district will contribute \$91,132 in donated cash, equipment, labor and materials. (04-1424D-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources **\$2,669,703** **Stavis Natural Resource Conservation Area/Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 568 acres near Bremerton in Kitsap County. The acreage is part of a much larger managed forest that contains a rare forest community and a variety of high quality wildlife habitats. More than 98 percent of similar forests greater than 100 years old in the Puget Trough ecoregion have been lost. The land is one of the most important landscapes for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Trough and is highly threatened by development. Stavis Creek, which runs through the property, is one of the best remaining Hood Canal salmon spawning habitats and is a designated recovery area for Hood Canal summer chum, which are threatened with extinction. High-quality freshwater wetlands on the land form the headwaters of Stavis Creek and have habitat for cavity-nesting ducks.



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The site also hosts an active bald eagle nest, a small great blue heron rookery, breeding mountain quail, Chinook salmon, cougar and black bear. This project greatly enhances the long-term viability and quality of wildlife habitat in a still-intact functional landscape that is threatened with urban fragmentation. (04-1281A-FY06)

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation **\$755,902** **Central Kitsap Greenway**

This grant will allow Kitsap County to buy about 340 acres, the last link of a wildlife corridor. The land, just outside Bremerton's city limits, will tie together about 15,000 acres of managed open space lands and will preserve prime spawning beds on Wildcat Creek, a primary tributary of Chico Creek. Chico Creek is the most productive salmon stream in Kitsap County, producing as many salmon as all the other streams combined. The purchases will provide links for wildlife corridors between the large blocks of protected open space along Big Beef Creek, Green Mountain, Gold Mountain and the Bremerton watershed area. Animals benefiting include bobcats, bats, squirrels, otters, band-tailed pigeons, pileated woodpeckers, furous hummingbirds, willow flycatchers, downey woodpeckers, Wilson's warblers, gold-crowned kinglets, salamanders, toads, snakes and pond turtles. The Seattle Mountaineers and the Great Peninsula Conservancy are donating \$600,000 toward this purchase. Kitsap County will contribute, \$155,903 in donations and conservation futures funds. (04-1457A-FY06)

Bainbridge Island Park District **\$551,178** **Gazzam Phase 2**

Bainbridge Island Park District will use this grant to buy 113 acres, expanding Gazzam to 431 acres. This purchase will provide the public with access to Port Orchard Bay and increase the protection of the wildlife corridor and wetlands. The land contains forests dominated by Douglas fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, red alder and big-leaf maple. The land protects priority species such as purple martin, bald eagle, pileated woodpecker and numerous song birds and migrant birds. The area is home to Chinook, chum and pink salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout, sandlance and surf smelt. This project is supported by the Suquamish Tribe, The Bainbridge Island Land Trust, Trout Unlimited, the Kitsap County Audubon Society and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The park district will contribute at least \$1.6 million from voter-approved bonds and donations. (04-1418A-FY06)

Klickitat County **\$1,454,565**

Department of Natural Resources **\$1,454,565** **Trout Lake Wetlands Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 300 acres that provides extremely critical habitat for a variety of endangered, threatened and candidate species, including bald eagles and Sandhill cranes. The area is mostly wetlands and contains the most viable of only six known Washington populations of the Oregon



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Spotted Frog, a state endangered and federal candidate species. This wetland system is part of the Pacific Flyway in Klickitat County, and supports a large number of migratory birds. The land also is important wintering habitat for black-tailed deer, and is part of an essential corridor for a large elk herd. A variety of other wildlife use the area. One of the two largest populations of the pale blue-eyed grass (federal candidate species) and the largest population of the rare Pulsifers monkey-flower known to occur in the state are found here. (04-1395A-FY06)

Lincoln County

\$640,390

City of Creston

\$84,669

Creston Multi-Sport Complex

The Town of Creston will use this grant to build two tennis courts, a multi-purpose court and a 9,000-square-foot skate park complete with a mini half pipe, grind rails and bank ramps. Ranked as the highest priority by residents of Creston and the Creston School District, this project will allow the City to build tennis courts for use by the Wilbur/Creston tennis team, which currently use courts in Wilbur, 8 miles away, that are in severe need of repair. The multi-purpose court would serve the Creston School District Area. The skate park will be the only one in Lincoln County. The nearest ones are about 50 miles away. Creston will contribute \$84,897 in funding, equipment, labor, another grant and donations of cash, equipment, labor and land. (04-1359C-FY06)

Department of Fish & Wildlife

\$555,721

Reardan's Audubon Lake

Reardan's Audubon Lake in Lincoln County is 277 acres of wetlands, ponds, grasslands, and channeled scablands supporting more than 200 species of birds and other wildlife. The site includes 13 species and 4 bird communities of special concern status and 5 habitat types or elements of special concern for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. It is the headwaters of Crab Creek, a Columbia River tributary, and Deep Creek, a Spokane River tributary. It is an Audubon Important Bird Area nominee. Listed in many birding guides, the site is planned for inclusion in the Northeast Washington Birding Trail. The grant will be used to purchase and develop this unique ecosystem and wildlife-viewing site. The property, just outside Reardan was on the market for housing subdivision development until the Inland Northwest Land Trust and Spokane Audubon Society secured an option to purchase by spring 2006. The Trust and Audubon, along with Ducks Unlimited, Reardan and the Reardan Chamber of Commerce are committed to cooperatively preserving and developing this site. This project helps develop wildlife viewing sites near small rural communities that can reap the economic benefits of new visitors. (04-1285C-FY06)



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Mason County

\$1,307,460

Department of Natural Resources

\$1,307,460

Ink Blot and Shumocher Creek Natural Area Preserves

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy, manage and protect wetlands and adjacent uplands within two state natural area preserves: Ink Blot and Shumocher Creek. Both preserves are in Hood Canal and the Skokomish Valley. These preserves contain three imperiled wetland and bog ecosystems and seven very rare or high quality wetland plant communities. One of the plant communities found in the Shumocher Creek Preserve, the Sitka alder/skunk cabbage - water parsley community is only found in the Puget Trough ecoregion and is critically imperiled globally. The grant will help buy 177.5 acres from willing sellers at both sites.

(04-1416A-FY06)

Okanogan County

\$5,865,571

City of Oroville

\$30,380

Oroville's Eastlake Ball fields

The City of Oroville has needed additional ball fields for the past 15 years; however, affordable property has been scarce. The city acquired 12 acres and has leveled the property and installed irrigation, two backstops and bases. This grant will add an additional backstop, portable pitching mounds, fencing, parking, player benches, bleachers, water service and a trail around the park's edge, essentially making the fields playable. Oroville will contribute \$30,380 in funding, equipment, labor and donated labor. (04-1174D-FY06)

Town of Tonasket

\$129,000

Tonasket B3 Skate and Bike Park

The Town of Tonasket will use this grant to build a 10,000-square-foot skate park and an adjacent 50,000-square-foot dirt bicycle track in Chief Tonasket Park. The skate park will provide both street and freeform skate boarding, for all levels of expertise, and facilities for inline skating as well. The features will consist of a series of concrete bowls, pipes, ledges, spines, jump boxes, ramps, banks, steps, rails, walls and grinding rails. The mountain biking track will have about 1,000 feet of straight runs and mounds designed in a series of curves and banks. Volunteers will do most of the construction under the guidance of the American Bicycle Association. Work will include adding fencing, a starting gate, a small building for storage and ticket sales, a water system, a paved staging area, an area for support vehicles and bleachers for spectators.

Tonasket will contribute \$129,000 in donated funding, equipment, labor and materials.

(04-1137D-FY06)



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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$1,300,000**
Pearrygin Lake Shoreline Acquisition

Preserving the serenity of Pearrygin Lake State Park is the goal of this grant. State Parks will buy 84.1 acres adjacent to the southwest shoreline of Pearrygin Lake, preventing establishment of a subdivision and preserving the scenic landscape. Pearrygin Lake State Park is a 584-acre camping park in the Methow Valley in Okanogan County. The park features expansive green lawns leading to 7,500 feet of waterfront on Pearrygin Lake. (04-1198A-FY06)

Okanogan County Public Works **\$688,666**
Similkameen Connector Trail Phase 1

The Similkameen Connector Trail begins in the historic mining town of Nighthawk, runs parallel to the Similkameen River, through a tunnel past the historic 1907 Enloe Dam, over a bridge and into Oroville. With this grant, Okanogan County will acquire 18 properties, either through easements or purchase, develop a 7-mile section of the trail, and construct a trail head at Nighthawk. This is the first step in development of this trail. The Similkameen Connector Trail is a non-motorized trail on an abandoned railroad track and it offers spectacular views of the river and the Cascade Range in the Pasayten Wilderness. The trail will serve as a connector to the Pacific Northwest Trail system and the extensive trail system within Okanogan County. Partners in this project include the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, private clubs and other interest groups. Okanogan County will contribute \$688,670 in equipment, labor and materials and donated land, labor and materials. (04-1441C-FY06)

Department of Fish & Wildlife **\$2,839,200**
Methow Watershed Phase 4

With a goal of protecting the habitats necessary to maintain all of the ecological processes of the watershed and to sustain maximum biological diversity, the Department of Fish and Wildlife will purchase 2,560 acres of the largest privately-owned, contiguous block of shrub-steppe habitat remaining in the watershed, along with 4 miles of land along Beaver Creek and 2 miles along the Methow River in Okanogan County. The land is a critical area for sharp-tailed grouse, spring Chinook salmon and Upper Columbia steelhead. In addition, these acquisitions will protect biologically-rich forests and provide important habitat for songbirds, furbearers, amphibians, and many other priority species. The land connects to other public land and will prevent fragmentation, maximize habitat effectiveness and help animal movements within the watershed. No other major inhabited watershed in the state offers such opportunity for comprehensive protection of fish and wildlife resources and associated recreation.

(04-1286A-FY06)



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Department of Natural Resources

\$878,325

Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve

Recent inventories have documented that more than half of the state's shrub-steppe habitat has been lost and that much of the remaining shrub-steppe has been degraded. Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve, located along the Columbia River in southwestern Okanogan County, supports outstanding examples of two shrub-steppe communities that are among the least-protected and most limited in extent within the state: Smooth sumac/bluebunch wheatgrass and antelope bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass. Historically, these communities were most extensive in the Okanogan Valley and along portions of the Snake and Columbia rivers. Intact examples of these communities are now very limited due to overgrazing, as well as expanding agricultural and residential development. The department will use this grant to expand the existing natural area preserve by 301 acres to include additional areas of these plant communities. This will add significantly to the statewide protection of these communities, enhance the long-term viability of the site and provide a protected habitat connection to the Columbia River. (04-1327A-FY06)

Pacific County

\$2,645,250

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

\$1,800,000

Cape Disappointment Multi-Use Trail

State Parks will use this grant to construct 2 miles of trail to connect the soon-to-be-completed Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail to the main hub of Cape Disappointment State Park, which contains the park administrative offices, a campground, boat launch, interpretive facilities and beach. The new trail will be separated from, but running mostly parallel to State Route 100. Cape Disappointment State Park is at the mouth of the Columbia River in Pacific County and is a key site along the Discovery Trail, which runs from Ilwaco's waterfront to the state park and then northerly along the beach to Long Beach. The trail will provide a safe route into the park and a significant expansion of recreational opportunities for visitors. Due to difficult terrain and consideration of marbled murrelet habitat, extraordinary design and construction considerations will be necessary. (04-1270D-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources

\$845,250

Bone River & Niawiakum River Natural Area Preserves

This grant will allow the Department of Natural Resources to purchase 336 acres of the highest quality examples remaining of native coastal salt marsh communities in Washington. The land is within two coastal Natural Area Preserves in Pacific County that include the Bone and Niawiakum rivers. The superb wetlands of the Bone River and Niawiakum River preserves are recognized as national priorities for protection. This grant is critical to preserving these lands, which are threatened with development. (04-1328A-FY06)



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Pend Oreille County

\$189,802

Town of Cusick

\$189,802

Cusick Community Park

This grant will complete the third phase of a four-phase project to develop a community park. Phase three work includes building a skateboard park, basketball courts, playground and picnic area with barbecues. It also will help pay to improve the swim beach, lighting, signs and safety features. The earlier phases saw the development of a ballpark, boat launch, parking lot and restrooms. The final phase will complete additional landscaping and signs, and develop an interpretive program. Partners include the Port of Pend Oreille, the Public Utility District, Pend Oreille County, the Cusick School District, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, the Tri-County Economic Development District, the U.S. Forest Service, and a host of civic organizations, private businesses, and community members. Cusick will contribute \$192,658 in equipment, funding from another grant and donated cash, equipment, materials and labor.

(04-1449D-FY06)

Pierce County

\$2,050,863

City of Puyallup

\$300,000

Bradley Lake Park Phase 3

This grant will help the City complete Bradley Lake Park, a heavily used community park in the rapidly growing South Hill Mall area. The park provides a variety of recreational opportunities such as picnicking, walking, fishing, and birdwatching. In the final phase of this park's development, the city will pave pedestrian trails; construct two youth baseball fields, a restroom and parking, and install landscaping and fencing. The city purchased this park in 1998 through a voter-approved bond and with a grant from the WWRP. Puyallup will contribute \$391,646 in funding and donations.

(04-1433D-FY06)

Tacoma Public Works

\$300,000

Thea Foss Waterway—21st Street Park

This grant will help complete the initial phase of the Thea Foss Waterway Public Esplanade, which serves thousands of visitors annually on Tacoma's waterfront. It provides 2.5 acres of much needed waterfront park space at the southern end of the waterway and includes walkways, benches, picnic areas, water access, small boat access, landscaping, parking and other features. This project is part of the restoration of Tacoma's downtown waterfront. The esplanade, which provides continuous public access to the waterway, serves the 10,000 people living within a mile of the project and thousands of more daily users who include workers, students, tourists and visitors to the three nearby museums, the Tacoma Dome, Union Station, the Tacoma Dome Station Regional Transit Center, Link Light Rail, the new Tacoma Convention Center, and the Thea Foss Waterway marinas. Tacoma will contribute \$688,800. (04-1381D-FY06)



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City of Gig Harbor **\$500,000**

Skansie Brothers Park Phase 2

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to continue buying property for Skansie Brothers Park. The land will expand Jerisich Park and dock, which is the city's only public moorage facility. It provides transient moorage, sewage pumpout services and restroom and picnic facilities in downtown Gig Harbor. Buying this property will add a little more than half an acre of grassy area to the park, including 100 feet of waterfront. The waterfront property is suitable for fishing, canoeing and direct access to the water. The upland portion will allow for picnicking and public gatherings along the waterfront. Gig Harbor will contribute \$500,000. (04-1404A-FY06)

City of Buckley **\$123,442**

Buckley Foothills Trail Extension

The City of Buckley plans to complete development of the regional Foothills Trail within its city limits. The trail now ends at the Buckley National Guard Armory on River Avenue and this project will extend the trail by 2,400 feet. Work will include paving the trail, making level landings and installing signs. This segment will run north from the Armory along the abandoned railroad grade to the southern boundary of the Puget Sound Energy flume to the River Avenue right-of-way, where it crosses the flume, then continues north on the River Avenue right-of-way to the south side of the White River, ending at Riverside Park. Future plans include a collaborative effort by Pierce and King counties and the cities of Enumclaw and Buckley to construct a bridge at the end of this segment. Another trail segment north of the White River in King County will link this trail with a similar project currently being undertaken by Enumclaw. This project is a vital link in the regional Foothills Trail System. Buckley will contribute \$123,442 in funding and donated equipment, labor and materials. (04-1440D-FY06)

Pierce County Parks & Recreation **\$273,200**

Cushman Trail

Pierce County, in partnership with Gig Harbor, will use this grant to extend a trail 4 miles through Gig Harbor and portions of the county. The extension will connect to a proposed new Gig Harbor History Museum and the Rosedale farm, an early 1900s farm with house, barn, fruit orchards and farm machinery of that era. Further on, the trail will connect directly to the many shops, restaurants, and the harbor itself, ending at the planned Gig Harbor North Shopping Center. The trail with all its amenities will give the community and its visitors the opportunity to shop, recreate and use the trail as an alternate form of transportation. Pierce County will contribute \$428,378. (04-1194D-FY06)

City of Tacoma **\$554,221**

Chinese Reconciliation Park Phase 1

The Chinese Garden and Reconciliation Park is a unique, multi-phased, waterfront development project on Commencement Bay in Tacoma. This grant will help the city complete the critical first phase of development, which includes restoring the beach to provide a natural wading area and a natural launch site for nonmotorized boats, including the annual dragon boat races. A shower facility, picnic area, trails, asphalt



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ramp and large parking area will complement and provide support for these activities. The 2-mile Ruston Way linear waterfront parks are used heavily year-round by residents and visitors to the region. Long-term plans provide for trails linking downtown Tacoma and Point Defiance with several trails extending through the gulches along Commencement Bay. When completed, this park will blend outdoor recreation opportunities with the historical recognition and reconciliation of the expulsion of the Chinese from Tacoma in 1885. Using another state grant and donations, Tacoma will contribute \$554,402. (04-1370D-FY06)

San Juan County

\$1,178,000

San Juan County Land Bank

\$1,178,000

Fisherman Bay Spit Acquisition and Development

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to buy and develop nearly 1 mile of saltwater shoreline and tidelands and 29.4 upland acres on Lopez Island. The property, known as Fisherman Bay Spit, will give the public access to the beach for walking, fishing, kayak landing and picnicking, and will preserve a diversity of shoreline habitats, several recorded archaeological sites and a magnificent natural landscape.

Development will include construction of a parking lot, trails, a restroom and signs. The spectacular sand spit at the entrance to Fisherman Bay is a prominent landmark within the renowned San Juan Islands. While the San Juan Islands have nearly 440 miles of saltwater shoreline, less than 5 percent is available for public use. San Juan County will contribute \$2,186,127 in funding and donated labor and materials. (04-1325C-FY06)

Skagit County

\$281,369

City of Burlington

\$281,369

Burlington Northern Landing Acquisition

This grant will allow Burlington to buy about 5 acres of land adjacent to the Skagit River for a much needed public access site. This land is at the eastern end of a mile long shoreline development program called "Burlington Riverwalk." The project will buy land within a levee setback area and add them to 5 acres owned by Dike District #12. The future development of a day use, river access area on the 10-acre site will provide recreation opportunities not provided at the adjacent 132-acre Skagit River Park. The site has historically been an informal river access point, particularly during fishing season. The first phase of development creates parking away from the shoreline, separating pedestrians and river users from vehicles. A future phase adds an information kiosk, trail connections, picnic tables, and restrooms. The project is a partnership between the City of Burlington and Dike District #12. Burlington will contribute \$281,369. (04-1420A-FY06)



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Snohomish County

\$2,200,000

Port of Everett

\$300,000

Maritime Park & Amphitheater

The Port of Everett will use this grant to develop a park and build an amphitheater. Located on the Snohomish River, the park is part of a 65-acre maritime center proposed by the port and the Maritime Trust Company. The development is oriented around 13th Street, which runs the length of the site. The park and amphitheater are at the end of 13th Street, where it meets the shoreline, and it will act as a hub of activity for residents, visitors and boaters. The ellipse-shaped park will contain a raised stage northwest of a central plaza, surrounded by amphitheater seating and a curving access ramp. Permanent seating will accommodate 400, but the plaza can seat an additional 2,000 people. At one end of the plaza, floor-jet fountains energize the space. Low seating follows the curve of the plaza and allows views of the water, setting sun and future tall ship moorage. The port of Everett will contribute \$1,000,385 in funding and donations. (04-1276D-FY06)

Snohomish County Parks Department

\$150,000

West Monroe Sports Facility

Snohomish County will use this grant to help buy 38.6 acres for a sports facility outside Monroe. The targeted property is near the site of a future elementary school and a city park. The need for sports fields is high in Monroe. Currently 10 city fields and a handful of school and private fields are all that exist and they are used heavily. Leagues have been seeking private land, often farmland, for use as fields. The Sky River Soccer Club has agreed to maintain the facility. Snohomish County will contribute \$195,000. (04-1336A-FY06)

Snohomish County Parks Department

\$1,750,000

Centennial Trail—Arlington North

The Snohomish County Centennial Trail - Arlington North adds 9 miles of paved, multipurpose, non-motorized trail and a parallel equestrian trail on county-owned abandoned railroad right-of-way north from Arlington to Skagit County. This adds to a 7-mile completed trail section between the cities of Snohomish and Lake Stevens and a 9-mile trail currently under construction between the cities of Lake Stevens and Arlington. The trail was planned with the assistance of the Snohomish County Trail Coalition in 1996 and is supported by the cities of Arlington and Lake Stevens, local chambers of commerce, equestrians and bike organizations. The trail crosses the Stilliguamish River north of Arlington, links with the Whitehorse Trail, continues past Bryant Lake through the historic Town of Bryant, crosses Pilchuck Creek over a bridge at the historic Town of Pilchuck, and heads through forested rural areas to a 100-acre trail head at the Skagit County line, connecting with Skagit County's Centennial Trail. Snohomish County will contribute \$2,382,000. (04-1340D-FY06)



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Spokane County \$500,000

Spokane County Parks & Recreation \$500,000
Newman Lake Acquisition

Residents identified more public access to water as a high priority during adoption of the Spokane County Park Plan. This grant will help the county meet this need by helping fund the acquisition of 117 acres, including more than 3,000 feet of shoreline, along Newman Lake, the largest lake in Spokane County. The land provides opportunities for launching boats, fishing, swimming, snorkeling, picnicking, observing wildlife and hiking old logging roads meandering through the property. In addition, the property offers spectacular views from scenic hilly forested areas, to shoreline areas to wetlands. The Newman Lake Property Owners Association has offered to care for the land through patrolling, picking up litter, restoring work and providing education programs. The Conservation Futures Program will be used to buy an additional 304 acres of wetlands, meadows and timbered uplands. Spokane County will contribute \$532,527 in conservation futures funding. (04-1058A-FY06)

Stevens County \$154,827

City of Chewelah \$99,847
Barbour Recreation Complex Expansion

Providing lifelong sports opportunities for the community is the goal of this project, which will add four tennis courts, two basketball hoops and one soccer field to the Barbour Recreation Complex in Chewelah. The complex consists of three ball fields, a practice football field, a soccer field, and restrooms. There are no public tennis courts within 20 miles and the one soccer field must accommodate more than 30 teams. The addition will be built on school district property using U.S. Tennis Court and Track Builders Association standards and maintained by the district. Numerous local groups will be supporting the project financially. Chewelah will contribute \$107,923 in funding and donated equipment, labor and materials. (04-1322D-FY06)

Town of Springdale \$54,980
Downtown Pond Park Improvements

In the center of town is a jewel in the rough--a small, city-owned undeveloped park. With the help of community members, Stevens County, and this grant, Pond Park will be developed with a trail, plants, trees, an overlook, benches and a fishing dock. Due to the remote rural location, recreational activities are limited for all ages, especially youth. Developing Pond Park is the highest rated goal in Springdale's parks plan and will meet the needs of the entire community. Springdale is a small community in rural Stevens County and home to about 283 people. The community has the second lowest per capita income in the state, with one fourth of all families living in poverty. Despite these distressing facts, community leaders have been building momentum to address ways to revitalize the business economy, create a downtown beautification program, upgrade



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streets and sidewalks, revamp historical buildings and make park improvements. Springdale will contribute \$55,207 in funding and donated labor and materials. (04-1124D-FY06)

Thurston County \$2,027,104

Lacey Parks & Recreation Department \$240,000 **Regional Athletic Complex Field Lighting**

Lacey will use this grant to light five baseball/softball fields and provide electronic scoreboards for them. The work is part of the development of a 67-acre regional sports complex that is a partnership between Lacey and Thurston County. A study of the area showed more than 1,500 teams and 21,800 registered players but only four public baseball/softball fields with lights and three private fields. Of the teams participating in league and tournament play, nearly half must leave the area to find adequate playing fields. Lacey will contribute \$363,016 in voter-approved taxes. (04-1044D-FY06)

Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation \$300,000 **Olympia Woodland Trail Phase 1 Development**

Olympia's Woodland Trail phase 1 development will create a long treasured capital city legacy and Olympia's first link in the regional urban trail system being developed by Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County. Trail users will be able to walk or bike from beautiful parks on Capitol Lake through a greenway corridor to the Chehalis-Western Trail and Chambers Lake parks. This grant will help pay for phase I, which develops the trail along a 1.8-mile-long abandoned railroad track through an urban forest sanctuary created by the scenic Indian Creek ravines. The grant also helps build a trail head, complete with restroom, shelter, information kiosk and bike and vehicle parking. The 250-members of the Woodland Trail Greenway Association, an advocacy group, have donated cash, materials and thousands of hours to interim improvements. Olympia will contribute \$762,303 in funding, equipment and labor and donated cash, materials and labor. (04-1415D-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources \$664,807 **Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 45 acres of three high quality intertidal salt marsh ecosystems for inclusion in the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve. The land includes the remaining, privately owned, salt marsh vegetation in the Kennedy Creek estuary, riparian and tidally influenced portions of Schneider Creek and an upland forest. High quality estuaries with saltmarsh vegetation dominated by native species are now relatively rare in the Puget Trough ecoregion. This estuary provides critical resting, feeding and wintering habitat for migrating and resident shorebirds and waterfowl including dunlin, greater yellowlegs, black-bellied plovers and sandpipers. The land also supports a healthy population of native salmon, bald eagles and marbled murrelets (both listed as threatened with extinction by the federal



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government), and peregrine falcons (listed by the federal government as a species of concern). (04-1326A-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources

\$822,297

Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area

Acquisition of additional land, including shoreline, will enhance the Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area and the viability of this urban wildlife habitat in a rapidly developing area. Located within minutes of downtown Olympia and Lacey, the conservation area offers many opportunities for environmental education, including interpretive signs and nature trails with views of tidelands, old growth cedar and a myriad of wildlife. The department will use the grant to buy nearly 116 acres to ensure that the site continues to provide important habitat for wildlife, including areas for nesting bald eagles, a heron rookery, the largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound, mature second growth forest, homes for shorebirds and songbirds and a maternity colony of bats. A small portion of the grant will be used for a shoreline restoration project that includes removing invasive plants; restoring native plants and removing a septic system, utilities and abandoned structures. (04-1331C-FY06)

Whatcom County

\$1,674,951

Bellingham Parks & Recreation Department

\$300,000

Squalicum Fields Development Phase 1

This grant will help build a youth baseball field at Squalicum Fields. Work will include design and construction of the ball field, backstop, fencing, spectator seating, walkways, parking, signs, stream enhancement, landscaping and other features. The city's parks plan identifies a need for 12 new youth and adult softball and baseball fields to meet future growth. This project, when complete, will provide an additional five games a week in addition to weekend games. Bellingham will contribute \$692,063 in funding and donated equipment and labor. (04-1444D-FY06)

City of Sumas

\$499,855

Bowen Field Expansion

The City of Sumas will use this grant to quadruple the size of an existing 10-acre park that contains rodeo grounds and two softball fields. Access to the park and the parking lot are threatened by the imminent construction of a new state highway. The grant will allow the city to provide new access and parking for the expanded park as well as two new softball fields, a soccer field, a restroom and officials' building, a footbridge linking the new 30-acre parcel to the old, trails, stormwater ponds and shoreline enhancement. The new acreage is ideal and unique. Baseball diamonds can be laid out to incorporate an existing stand of mature trees, giving the new park instant beauty. Trails planned by both the city and the county will travel to the park. The project is strongly supported by residents and businesses and has attracted large private donations. Sumas will contribute \$1,050,306 in equipment, labor and donations. (04-1393C-FY06)



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Department of Fish & Wildlife **\$875,096**
Lummi Island Natural Area Phase 1

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to purchase 80 acres of the Lummi Island Natural Area Preserve. This two-phase project would leverage more than \$2 million in private funds and create one of the largest contiguous protected areas in the San Juan islands. The land, on the west side of Lummi Mountain on Lummi Island, contains seven department priority habitats (mature Douglas fir forest, snag-rich areas, cliffs, caves, talus, wetlands and vegetated marine shoreline), nesting habitat for several species of concern and the best example of the Douglas-fir/baldhip rose-oceanspray native plant community in the Puget Trough. In the first phase of the project, the department will purchase from willing landowners 80 acres that are likely to be logged within the next two years if protection is not secured. In the second phase, the department will seek to preserve an additional 235 acres, completing protection of the Lummi Island Natural Area Preserve. The department will ensure long-term protection of the preserve through cooperative agreements with Lummi Island Heritage Trust, a local land conservancy. The trust is broadly supported by the local community, would monitor access at no cost, and would facilitate research and educational opportunities. (04-1291A-FY06)

Whitman County **\$96,500**

Whitman County Parks & Recreation **\$96,500**
Klemgard Park Renovation

Whitman County will use this grant to renovate Klemgard County Park and replace a failing bridge that takes visitors to the park's hiking trail, small picnic shelters and restrooms. The aging structures, many of which date back to the early 1970s, are in need of replacement. In addition to the bridge, the grant will help pay to replace the existing restrooms and play structure. Whitman County will contribute \$96,500 in funding, equipment, labor, another grant and donated materials. (04-1214D-FY06)

Yakima County **\$4,027,674**

Sunnyside Parks & Recreation Department **\$51,850**
SunnyView Skatepark

A new skate park will be built in SunnyView Park, midway between Sunnyside and Grandview on Yakima Valley Highway. Owned by the City of Sunnyside, SunnyView Park is equipped with soccer and softball fields, playground equipment and restrooms. The skate park has been in the planning stages for nearly six years, during which time the Yakima County Parks Department, Sunnyside and Grandview city staff, the Lower Yakima Valley Rural Enterprise Community and dozens of community volunteers have been raising money, surveying kids and planning the park. The skate park will have five steel obstacles, which can be moved to provide challenges for beginning and



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experienced skaters alike. Sunnyside will contribute \$51,900 in funding, labor, a grant and donations of cash and equipment. (04-1320D-FY06)

Department of Fish & Wildlife **\$2,806,650**
Tieton River Canyon Phase 2

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to purchase 3,200 acres of imperiled ponderosa pine forests and other diverse habitats on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains in Yakima County. This is phase two of a larger project that covers an entire township, 36 square miles, of checkerboard ownership within the Wenatchee National Forest, adjacent to the Oak Creek Wildlife Area. Critical habitat exists here for ponderosa pine dependent species, such as white-headed woodpecker and flammulated owl. Other habitats and species present include: Oregon White Oak, with Lewis' woodpecker and habitat for the extirpated western gray squirrel; mixed conifer forests home to goshawks, spotted owls and pileated woodpeckers; basalt cliffs with nesting golden eagles; dense riparian with neotropical migrants; streams, particularly Oak Creek, with federally-listed steelhead and bull trout; and shrub-steppe with bighorn sheep, wintering mule deer, elk and bald eagles. The Tieton Canyon area is popular for hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, antler and mushroom gathering, camping and rafting. Highway 12 follows the Tieton Canyon in a spectacular corridor where basalt formations framed by tall trees tower above the river. Partners working on this project include The Nature Conservancy, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Cascades Conservation Partnership, local conservation and recreation groups and the Yakima County Commission. (04-1284A-FY06)

Department of Fish & Wildlife **\$905,494**
Cowiche Watershed Phase 2

The Cowiche Watershed Phase 2 project in Yakima County seeks to protect 4,640 acres of critical and diverse habitats on the east slopes of the Cascade Mountains near Yakima, while expanding connectivity among existing public lands. Priority habitats on the project include stream, riparian, wetland, shrub-steppe, oak woodland, aspen, cliffs and talus. The property provides critical habitat for numerous listed and priority species, including: federally-listed steelhead and bull trout, west-slope cutthroat trout, golden eagle, loggerhead shrike, sage thrasher, sage sparrow, white-headed woodpecker, Lewis' woodpecker, elk, mule deer and bighorn sheep. The department has partnered with the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy (a local land trust) and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. (04-1287A-FY06)

Department of Natural Resources **\$263,680**
Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve

This project is part of a continued effort to acquire lands within the Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve, which provides protection for one of the largest populations of the basalt daisy, a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act. The basalt daisy's global distribution is limited to the southern half of the Yakima River Canyon and the adjacent Selah Creek Canyon. The existing natural area preserve encompasses more than 75 percent of this population. This grant will allow the department to purchase 289 acres and add to the proportion of the population that is protected. It will



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improve the department's access to the site and ability to manage the land for its ecological values. The remaining portion of the basalt daisy population is on the adjacent Yakima Training Center, managed by the U.S. Department of Defense. The cliffs within the project area are identified as a priority habitat by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and are known to be used by prairie falcons and golden eagles.

(04-1376A-FY06)

Statewide

\$500,000

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

\$500,000

Inholdings & Adjacent Properties

Every biennium, opportunities arise for State Parks to obtain small properties, typically less than \$100,000. This grant will allow State Parks to buy land that may be key to protecting or enhancing an existing park. These parcels are typically too small to compete effectively as an individual acquisition. Previous acquisitions have obtained valuable additions in natural resource and recreation opportunities to existing parks, alleviated the risk of neighbors converting adjoining land to uses incompatible with park purposes and improved access to park land. (04-1235A-FY06)