

# Governor Gregoire Announces \$103.5 Million in Grants for Recreation, Protection of Farmland, Wildlife Habitat

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OLYMPIA – Governor Chris Gregoire today announced the recipients of \$103.5 million in grants for building new recreational opportunities and protecting valuable farmland and wildlife habitat.

“This is an investment that will help maintain Washington as a great place to live and work,” said Governor Gregoire. “It goes a long way to provide the parks, trails and other recreational opportunities that we need to stay active and healthy. It also protects our land, air and water, which is essential to our quality of life and to our economy.”

The grants, funded through the Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC), will support 159 projects in 30 counties. This is the largest award in the committee’s 43-year history. Projects range from \$48,000 to purchase park land to over \$4 million to preserve critical wildlife habitat. The state grants are matched by local resources and donations.

Grants were awarded to projects in the following counties:

- Asotin County \$99,536
- Benton County \$600,740
- Chelan County \$797,931
- Clallam County \$2,299,349
- Clark County \$6,682,426
- Cowlitz County \$388,387
- Douglas County \$1,075,702
- Grant County \$1,803,000
- Grays Harbor County \$2,058,641
- Island County \$2,185,912
- Jefferson County \$1,568,981
- King County \$16,565,354
- Kitsap County \$8,046,954
- Kittitas County \$7,769,714
- Klickitat County \$608,002
- Lincoln County \$345,803
- Mason County \$4,082,375
- Okanogan County \$10,729,150
- Pacific County \$2,045,790
- Pend Oreille County \$3,661,966
- Pierce County \$2,802,007

- San Juan County \$1,871,402
- Skagit County \$3,015,938
- Skamania County \$76,297
- Snohomish County \$2,903,841
- Spokane County \$3,519,232
- Thurston County \$7,620,547
- Walla Walla County \$461,604
- Whatcom County \$753,379
- Yakima County \$6,245,029

For details about the projects, please visit the IAC web site:

[http://www.iac.wa.gov/documents/Press\\_Releases/wwwrp\\_alea\\_lwcf\\_bfp-state\\_funding.pdf](http://www.iac.wa.gov/documents/Press_Releases/wwwrp_alea_lwcf_bfp-state_funding.pdf)

“These grants are matched by over \$105 million in local resources, bringing the total investment in outdoor recreation and conservation to more than \$208.5 million statewide,” said Val Ogden of Vancouver, chair of the IAC. “That’s a significant contribution to ensuring Washington remains a vibrant place for people, families and businesses.”

This year, applications were received for over \$149 million for 251 projects in four grant programs: The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Boating Facilities Program. Grant applicants underwent a rigorous evaluation by expert panels and ranked against projects statewide to ensure only the best projects received funding.

The large grant award reflects \$100 million in funding approved by the Legislature for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The program was created by the Legislature in 1990 in response to increasing public demand for outdoor recreation land and growing concerns about loss of wildlife habitat. Since then, the IAC has supported over 900 projects totaling more than \$544 million in that program, resulting in thousands of acres of valuable wildlife habitat and some of the state's best recreation lands being placed into public protection.

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 by voter initiative to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout Washington.

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Note: Beginning July 1, the name of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation will change to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, to better reflect the work of the agency and to be more easily understood by the public.



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## Asotin County

\$99,536

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Campbell Field for Wildlife**

**\$99,536**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 260 acres of abandoned agricultural fields in the Asotin Creek Wildlife Area. The land will be turned into wildlife habitat by planting native plants. Department staff will use the project as a way to train staff in restoration techniques. Staff will use a combination of integrated vegetation management methods, local native seed mixes and monitoring to develop a weed-resistant native plant community. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$7,000 in labor and donated materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1731R-FY08)

## Benton County

\$600,740

### **Richland Expanding Claybell Park**

**\$195,960**

Richland will use this grant to more than double the size of the 11-acre Claybell Park, a neighborhood park, by purchasing 24 acres. Future development plans call for additional parking, restrooms, two soccer fields, picnic shelters and paved pathways with 12-14 acres left natural. Richland will contribute \$272,000 in cash, donations and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2028A-FY08)

### **Richland Protecting Land Along Amon Creek**

**\$404,780**

Richland will use this grant to protect 60 acres along the west leg of Amon Creek. The property provides shrub-steppe habitat and has a salmon spawning tributary that feeds the Yakima River. The City will develop trails and install interpretive signs to educate visitors about the habitat and wildlife. Richland will contribute \$739,500 in cash, donations, and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2125A-FY08)



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## Chelan County

\$797,931

### Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

\$243,478

#### **Adding Interpretive Signs and Trails at Beebe Springs Natural Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to add parking, interpretive signs and an initial trail loop with viewpoints around Beebe Creek. This work will continue development of the Beebe Springs Natural Area into a regional watchable wildlife attraction. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

(06-1786D-FY08)

### Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

\$249,410

#### **Restoring Beebe Springs**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 20 acres of land surrounding Beebe Springs adjacent to the Chelan Fish Hatchery. Work will include establishing riparian and shrub-steppe habitat adjacent to the restored Beebe Creek and enhancing fish rearing habitat along the Columbia River shoreline. Restoration will include planting of native plants upland and along the shoreline and removing non-native plants. Sixteen organizations have joined the department, focusing their efforts on this historic orchard between U.S. Route 97 and the Columbia River to create the Beebe Springs Natural Area. The group's overall vision for this area is to restore habitats degraded by past use, improve and create fish habitat in Beebe Creek and along the Columbia River shoreline and build a trail system with educational elements. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1789R-FY08)

### Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

\$133,000

#### **Planning Lake Chelan Boat Ramp Improvements**

State Parks will use this grant to design and permit the replacement or significant renovation of the boat ramp and dock and expansion of the parking area at Lake Chelan State Park. The wooden dock receives high use and is one of only two boat ramps at that end of the lake. It is antiquated and partially sunk, with long, exposed bolts. The dock originally was placed too far from the ramp, making handling very difficult when launching or retrieving boats. The single, narrow ramp has severe 2-foot drop offs on either side, making launching very slow and particularly problematic for larger boats. The current boat ramp and dock conditions create a hazard to boats and boat trailers. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1734N-FY08)

### Wenatchee

\$172,043

#### **Developing Foothills Trail**

Wenatchee will use this grant to build two trailheads and a 4.1-mile trail connecting them. The trailheads (Horse Lake Road Trailhead and Day Road Trailhead) will include parking, signs, toilets, benches, garbage cans and landscaping. The Foothills Trail



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system provides access to recreation for 54,000 residents and millions of tourists that frequent the region. Wenatchee will contribute \$173,689 in donated labor and land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1595C-FY08)

**Clallam County** **\$2,299,349**

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### **Building a Trail Bridge over the Elwha River**

Clallam County will use this grant to build a nearly 800-foot-long pedestrian bridge over the Elwha River and turn nearly 2.3 miles of former railroad bed into a regional trail. The Elwha River Pedestrian Bridge-Olympic Discovery Trail will link 30 miles of existing trail east of the Elwha River with 20 miles of new trail west of the river. In addition to linking the two trail segments, the bridge will offer views of the Elwha River valley. The 14-foot-wide bridge will be under a bridge for vehicles. Construction will be completed in spring 2008. Clallam County will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1718D-FY08)

**Clallam County** **\$349,849**

### **Preserving Dungeness Farmland**

Clallam County will use this grant to preserve 32 acres of farmland by purchasing the development rights for the land through an agricultural conservation easement. The farmland is in the Dungeness River delta, adjacent to 100 acres of protected farmland and 75 acres of protected wildlife habitat. The land previously was farmed for organic vegetables and currently is operated as one of few certified raw milk dairies in the state. The North Olympic Land Trust and Friends of the Fields Foundation will partner with Clallam County for administration and monitoring tasks. Clallam County will contribute \$349,850 in donations of cash, labor and materials. (06-1849A-FY08)

**Sequim** **\$750,000**

### **Preserving Sequim Farmland**

Sequim will use this grant to protect 40 acres of farmland by purchasing development rights. The land has been successfully farmed since the late 1800s, and has been in hay production for the past 20 years. It serves as an important property for continued dairy production in the valley. It also would be excellent farmland for a variety of other crops. The North Olympic Land Trust and Friends of the Fields Foundation will partner with the city for administration and monitoring. Sequim will contribute more than \$3 million in donated labor, materials and property value. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-1793A-FY08)



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**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$200,000**

**Restoring Morse Creek Habitat**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore habitat historically used by all the imperiled Morse Creek fish and by coastal cutthroat trout. Work will include removal of 1,100 feet of dike, restoration of the 1939 stream channel, reconnection of the stream with 9.3 acres of floodplain and construction of two log jams. Morse Creek is home to imperiled coho salmon, pink salmon, Strait of Juan de Fuca summer chum, bull trout and winter steelhead. Much of the stream reach is severely degraded and is extremely poor habitat for fish. The reach is channelized, confined, over-steep, diked and lacks a variety of habitat for the different stages of a fish's life. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2059R-FY08)

**Clark County** **\$6,682,426**

**Camas** **\$898,784**

**Building the Camas Segment of the Washougal River Trail**

Camas will use this grant to develop a segment of a regional trail in the 125-acre Washougal River Greenway. Work will include building about 1 mile of trail connecting to the Lacamas Heritage Trail, which extends north through Camas along Lacamas Creek and Lacamas Lake. The trail also will provide access to the Washougal River and three connected ponds, link neighborhoods south of the river to Camas' city center and link to the 350-acre Lacamas Lake Regional Park, Goot Park and many other recreation areas. A viewpoint, picnic site, signs and trailhead parking will be added. The city will fund a bridge over the Washougal River for hikers and bikers in conjunction with a separate utility project. Camas will contribute \$898,784. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1968D-FY08)

**Camas** **\$522,815**

**Establishing a Mitigation Bank in the Lacamas Watershed**

Camas will use this grant to establish a conservation mitigation bank in the Lacamas watershed. Camas will buy 63 acres on Fifth Plain Creek, a tributary to Lacamas Creek. The property includes a 32-acre riparian zone, as well as connected wetlands and uplands. Historically, the site has been damaged by grazing and other farm practices. The City also will use this grant to restore 25.6 acres of riparian, wetland and oak woodland habitat. The land will help meet a need for conservation mitigation bank sites in the Lacamas watershed. Camas, located at the south end of the watershed, is one of the fastest growing cities in Washington. Initially, bank credits will be used primarily to mitigate for the city's construction projects but also may be used to mitigate for private-sector projects. The property borders 40 acres owned by Clark County for wetlands mitigation, and lies south of a 240-acre park and conservation land. Camas will



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contribute \$550,000. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2022C-FY08)

**Clark County** **\$509,115**

**Protecting Habitat on the East Fork of the Lewis River**

Clark County will use this grant to buy 52 acres of shoreline, riparian and floodplain habitat on the east fork of the Lewis River, 3 miles southeast of La Center. The property includes about .34 mile of shoreline on the east fork of the Lewis River and about .3 mile on Dean Creek, a year-round tributary. The east fork of the Lewis River is Clark County's largest, free-flowing stream and supports Endangered Species Act-listed runs of steelhead and coho, Chinook and chum salmon. The property is in a 2,100-acre habitat and greenway system that covers 12 miles on the lower east fork. It also provides habitat for deer, river otter, beaver, eagles, hawks and Neotropical migrant birds. Clark County will contribute \$509,115 from conservation futures<sup>1</sup> and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1882A-FY08)

**Clark County** **\$391,695**

**Protecting Lacamas Lake Shoreline**

Clark County will use this grant to buy 67.5 acres of high-quality shoreline, riparian and wetland habitat on the 315-acre Lacamas Lake in the southeastern part of the county. The property, which includes slightly more than 1 mile of shoreline, borders 350-acre Lacamas Lake Regional Park, and will become part of an 800-acre system of habitat and parkland that borders three lakes – Lacamas, Round, and Fallen Leaf Lakes. The property is home to deer, beaver, osprey, bald eagles, great blue herons, wood ducks, Canada geese and Neotropical migrant birds. Clark County will contribute \$391,695 in conservation futures<sup>1</sup>. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1895A-FY08)

**Vancouver** **\$220,200**

**Acquiring Land for East Image Park**

Vancouver will use this grant to buy a 2.4-acre neighborhood park in a heavily developed residential area in northeast Vancouver known as East Image. The neighborhood is fully developed, and the property provides the only opportunity for a nearly 3-acre park in the area. The park would serve about 3,950 people. Future improvements will include open play fields, trails, children's play equipment, picnic tables and a sports court. Vancouver will contribute \$220,201. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2023A-FY08)

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<sup>1</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.



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**Vancouver** **\$300,000**

**Developing Fairgrounds Community Park**

Vancouver will use this grant to begin development of an 88-acre community park in the rapidly developing residential area of north Vancouver. This park will be the only community park in an area of more than 20,000 people. Development will include a basketball court, bocce court, children's play equipment, benches, picnic tables, two picnic shelters, restrooms, more than 3 miles of trail, wetland and habitat restoration, viewing platforms, parking and support facilities. Vancouver will contribute nearly \$3.3 million. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

(06-2032D-FY08)

**Vancouver** **\$108,306**

**Developing Waterfront Access at Marine Park**

Vancouver will use this grant to develop trails, picnic sites, a viewpoint and beach access at Marine Park on the Columbia River near downtown Vancouver. Marine Park covers 69 acres and is a primary destination on the 4-mile Columbia River Renaissance Trail. The park provides picnic tables, a shelter, open play meadow and children's play equipment but no access to and very limited views of the water. It is separated from the water by a wetland forest. With this grant, Vancouver will provide access to the water at the west end of the park. The project site includes nearly .3 mile of shoreline, a sandy beach that extends the full length of the site and extensive views of the river. Vancouver will contribute \$108,306. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

(06-1932D-FY08)

**Vancouver** **\$468,304**

**Purchasing Property for South Fishers Landing Park**

Vancouver will use this grant to buy a 4.42-acre neighborhood park in a heavily developed residential area in southeast Vancouver known as Fishers Landing. The neighborhood is fully developed, and the land provides the only opportunity for a 3-acre park in the area. The park will serve about 2,400 people. Future improvements will include informal open play fields, walking trails, children's play equipment, picnic tables and a sports court. Vancouver will contribute \$468,305. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

(06-2015A-FY08)

**Vancouver** **\$69,265**

**Upgrading David Douglas Community Park**

Vancouver will use this grant to redevelop 10 acres of the existing 68-acre David Douglas Park in central Vancouver. Work will include installing new play equipment, a picnic shelter and basketball court; re-aligning the main entry road and trails; and expanding parking. The park serves 28 neighborhoods, with a total population of more than 35,000. The project will improve access and durability of the park, enhance safety, upgrade critical facilities and provide a landscaped buffer to the adjacent neighborhood.





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Vancouver will contribute \$274,506. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2033D-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$1,315,755**  
**Protecting the Lacamas Prairie**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 224 acres of wet prairie north of Vancouver, the only Willamette Valley wet prairie example of its size and quality in Washington. The prairie supports the only population of Bradshaw's Lomatium known to occur in Washington. There are only 20 occurrences of this globally critically imperiled plant species in the world, and this is the second largest. The property also contains habitat for five state sensitive plant species and one rare animal species. This was the top ranked project of eight competing for funding in the natural areas category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1831A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$1,878,187**  
**Protecting Washougal Oaks**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to acquire 150 acres east of Washougal as part of a larger area that encompasses the largest, high-quality, native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. The land supports two state sensitive plant species and two rare or threatened animal species: slender-billed white-breasted nuthatch and lower Columbia River steelhead. This acquisition is part of a multi-phased project with the long-term objective of protecting the oak woodland and its inhabitants from incompatible uses. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1812A-FY08)

**Cowlitz County** **\$388,387**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$388,387**  
**Enhancing the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore habitat along the north fork of the Toutle River in the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area. The wildlife area was established for elk winter range and as habitat for coho salmon and steelhead, which are on the federal list of species threatened with extinction. In 1996-97 several hundred acres of elk winter range and salmon spawning and rearing habitat were lost. The department will use this grant to place logjams in the Toutle River and plants along its banks to prevent future losses of upland bank. Work will occur on 20 acres over a 3-mile area and will protect and enhance hundreds of acres of valuable uplands and several miles of fish-bearing streams. The department will contribute \$10,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2000R-FY08)



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## Douglas County

\$1,075,702

### **Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$185,000**

#### **Planning the Jameson Lake Boat Launch Improvements**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to complete the design and permitting for future reconstruction of the Jameson Lake launch area. Future improvements will raise the ground; install three new boat launches, three parking spots for people with disabilities, two new restrooms, drainage culverts, an informational kiosk and a trail system; pave areas and re-route the road; convert a road to bank fishing; add gravel to parking areas; and replace old posts and cable with large rocks. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1774N-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$890,702**

#### **Protecting Mid-Columbia Shrub-Steppe**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 5,000 acres of habitat to connect four existing wildlife areas being managed for the protection and conservation of shrub-steppe dependant species. About 60 percent of shrub-steppe that existed in eastern Washington before European settlement has been lost, much of it converted to farmland and ranches. Much of the remaining shrub-steppe is highly fragmented, occurring as small blocks of agricultural fields surrounded by suburban development. Maintaining shrub-steppe for wildlife dependent on this habitat will depend on protecting the connectivity among existing patches. This purchase will benefit many species, including pygmy rabbit, sharp-tailed grouse, Washington ground squirrels and greater sage grouse. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1811A-FY08)

## Grant County

\$1,803,000

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**

**\$1,803,000**

#### **Expanding Steamboat Rock State Park Campground**

State Parks will use this grant to develop 37 full-service campsites and 8 rustic cabin sites at Steamboat Rock State Park. Work also will include development of areas between current campsites. This park is a destination campground, registering the third highest occupancy rate in the state parks' system. The existing campground is full in the summer, pushing some campers into undeveloped sites around the lake, causing environmental impacts. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1576D-FY08)



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## Grays Harbor County

\$2,058,641

### **Hoquiam**

**\$148,976**

#### **Revitalizing John Gable Park**

Hoquiam will use this grant to refurbish the 25-year-old John Gable Community Park, which is adjacent to the city's high school. Work will include renovating the restrooms and parking lot; adding playground equipment, a small skateboard facility, foul ball safety netting and batting cages; replacing the backstop chain link; and installing new material on the baseball infields. Hoquiam will contribute \$148,976 in labor and donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1990D-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**\$713,895**

#### **Expanding the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to purchase 403 acres in the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve. This preserve protects a complex of estuary and river wetland communities and represents a unique opportunity to protect a large, intact ecosystem with natural hydrologic functions. The property to be purchased includes critical parts of Preacher's and Blue Sloughs, waterways that wind through the heart of the surge plain. These sloughs provide important habitat for salmon and other wildlife. Acquisition of this land will be a significant contribution toward completion of the preserve, which has been recognized as a national priority for protection. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1737A-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**\$299,700**

#### **Improving the Elk River Natural Resource Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to remove significant areas of fill from bridge approaches, old roads and railroads in Andrews Creek and the Elk River estuary. The estuary is a nationally recognized wetland system with large, high quality salt marshes, wetlands and freshwater streams. Restoration of marshes and wetlands will restore hydrologic function and fish passage where freshwater streams enter the estuary of Andrew's Creek. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1910R-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**\$896,070**

#### **Protecting the Elk River Estuary**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 246 acres in the Elk River Natural Resources Conservation Area. The conservation area contains the largest, most diverse, highest quality salt marsh ecosystem between Alaska and California. The Elk River estuarine system contains seven aquatic and wetland ecosystem elements listed as a priority in the state's Natural Heritage Plan. The estuary



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is threatened by logging, development, and the invasion of exotic species. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1824A-FY08)

## Island County

\$2,185,912

### **Island County**

**\$750,000**

#### **Protecting Farmland in Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve**

Island County will use this grant to protect 150 acres of farmland inside Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve by acquiring conservation easements. The land, which has been actively farmed for more than a century, is a critical connection to more than 1,000 acres of farmland protected by conservation easements held by the National Park Service. Acquisition will enhance a large swath of both current and historical farmland, connecting Crockett Prairie to Ebey's Prairie. The property is highly valued for expensive homes because of views, its location in the reserve adjacent to permanently protected lands and low supply of available property in the area. Island County will contribute \$750,000 in donated land and a federal grant. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-1997A-FY08)

### **Island County**

**\$390,850**

#### **Protecting Smith Prairie Farmland**

Island County will use this grant to protect 66.5 acres of farmland at the southern entrance of the nationally significant Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve by purchasing conservation easements. The property has been a seed orchard for nearly 30 years and is part of Smith Prairie, which is a natural prairie with productive soils. Prairie soils in the reserve are highly valued for growing crops, such as squash and corn. Protecting this historic farmland is critical to the historic and agricultural integrity of the reserve, and conservation of productive prairie soil, scenic rural views and wildlife habitat. Island County will contribute \$390,850 from a federal grant. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-1996A-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**\$99,960**

#### **Restoring a Prairie in the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore a prairie in the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve for recovering golden paintbrush, a plant threatened with extinction. Restoration work will include expanding the prairie by removing invasive species and trees. Native prairie species, including the paintbrush, will be propagated and replanted. Fencing, caging and snag development will all help reduce damage by deer and rodents. The preserve is one of only 11 sites in the world where golden paintbrush, a federally threatened, state endangered and globally imperiled species, survives. This preserve is one of the two largest remaining habitats



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for meeting federal and state recovery goals. Most remaining areas are less than 1 acre; this site includes 25 acres of prairie soils that could support the paintbrush. As a result of this project, prairie habitat will increase seven-fold from .5 acre to more than 3.5 acres, and the number of individual paintbrush plants will more than triple, from less than 100 to more than 350. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1908R-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$485,327**  
**Improving Day-use Areas in Deception Pass State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to redevelop the day-use area at Cornet Bay in Deception Pass State Park. Work will include adding a new restroom; converting a road into a trail; and adding picnic areas, interpretive signs, a kayak launch, a park shuttle bus shelter, a boat rinse-down station and a trash collection station. State Parks will contribute \$177,463. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2073D-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$459,775**  
**Expanding Deception Pass State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 57 acres to expand Deception Pass State Park. The property is bounded on two sides by the Hoypus Hill area of the park and offers a place for a trailhead with connections to existing trails. The Whidbey/Camano Land Trust and Island County will match the grant with \$700,000 through the county's conservation futures<sup>2</sup> program. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1640A-FY08)

**Jefferson County** **\$1,568,981**

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**Adding a Sports Field to H.J. Carroll Park**

Jefferson County will use this grant to build a new field for baseball, softball and soccer in H.J. Carroll Park, a heavily used regional park south of Port Townsend. Work will include improving parking and routes of travel to accommodate people using wheelchairs, replacing the playground gravel with a new surface, enhancing the sprinkler system, improving the bicycle track and creating a skateboard area. Jefferson County will contribute \$216,435 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1692D-FY08)

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<sup>2</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.



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**Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$352,554**

**Renovating the Pleasant Harbor Boat Launch**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate one of the few public marine boat launches on the west side of Hood Canal to accommodate the high use it experiences. The site is primitive except for a new boat ramp. When completed, the area will triple the number of users it can handle and will provide a needed deep-water access. Work will include adding parking and security lighting, correcting erosion and sediment problems and making accessibility. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1770D-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$999,993**

**Protecting Right Smart Cove**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 26 acres along Right Smart Cove, a pocket estuary on the west side of Hood Canal, just north of Brinnon. Pocket estuaries are critical to all salmon species. In addition to preserving riparian habitat on Hood Canal, this acquisition will provide opportunities for walking, wildlife viewing and non-motorized boating. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1732A-FY08)

**King County** **\$16,565,354**

**Auburn** **\$571,850**

**Creating the Auburn Environmental Mitigation Bank**

The Auburn Environmental Park is an innovative project that seeks to combine the need for wetland mitigation in an urban area with open space. Auburn will use this grant to restore about 60 acres of low-quality wetlands to improve wildlife habitat and water quality in Mill Creek, improve storm water detention and flood control, improve the views along State Route 167, increase economic development opportunities and provide a 2-mile trail for bicyclists and pedestrians. Project partners include the Auburn School District, Chamber of Commerce, Auburn Downtown Association, Rainier Audubon Society, Seattle-King County Association of Realtors, Green River Community College, Syntrix Biosystems, and Puget Sound Energy. Auburn will contribute \$571,850. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1834D-FY08)

**Auburn** **\$300,000**

**Renovating the Game Farm Park Soccer Field**

Auburn will use this grant to renovate two fields at Game Farm Park into fields with synthetic turf. The fields, built in the 1980s, are below standard and non-performing. Renovations will include removing the existing field surface, re-grading the site, adding a drainage system, installing new turf and paving a perimeter trail. Installation of two turf



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fields will improve play and safety and allow more use. With the new design, the fields will provide up to four times the hours of available playing time. Auburn will contribute more than \$1 million in donations and grants. This was the top ranked project of 69 competing for funding in the local parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1571D-FY08)

**Bellevue** **\$300,000**

**Building Crossroads Community Park's Water Play Area**

Bellevue will use this grant to construct a 35,000-square-foot accessible water play area at Crossroads Community Park. This will be the first playground in the city specifically designed for people with physically disabilities, and the first to incorporate water as a significant play element. The park also will include family gathering places and restrooms. The project is a partnership between Bellevue and the Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club, which has raise \$100,000. Bellevue will contribute \$550,000 in cash, donations and three grants. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1999D-FY08)

**Bellevue** **\$300,000**

**Developing Highland Park Skate Park**

Bellevue will use this grant to construct a 14,000-square-foot, lighted outdoor skate park in Highland Park. The skate park will accommodate all skating types and skill levels, and will include a skate bowl and simulated street features, such as hand rails, ramps, steps and grinding rails. This will be the first free, full-service, community-wide skate park in Bellevue. A group of parents has actively supported this effort and has donated more than \$6,000 for construction. Bellevue is contributing \$356,250 in cash, donations and grants. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2001D-FY08)

**Bellevue** **\$500,000**

**Expanding Meydenbauer Bay Park**

Bellevue will use this grant to buy one of the two remaining parcels between Meydenbauer Beach Park and the city-owned marina. Bellevue is bounded 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 publicly owned. Bellevue has made a substantial commitment in the past decade to increase the public presence along the waterfront, especially on Lake Washington. Nine parcels have been acquired between Meydenbauer Beach Park and the marina since 1993. Acquiring this parcel adds .32 acre to the city's holdings and leaves only one parcel left to complete the Lake Washington acquisition plan envisioned in the mid-1970s. This property is critical to the city's long-range vision for the area, which includes a regionally significant



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waterfront park that extends from Meydenbauer Beach Park to the marina, and a connection from that park to Bellevue's downtown. Bellevue will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash and conservation futures<sup>3</sup>. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2005A-FY08)

**Bellevue** **\$500,000**

**Protecting Wilburton Property**

Bellevue will use this grant to purchase 17 acres known as the Wilburton property, which is the gateway to the Kelsey Creek/Richards Valley Open Space & Greenway System. The property is south of the Bellevue Botanical Garden, west of the Bellevue School District's International School and adjacent to the Wilburton Hill neighborhood. The heavily wooded property will allow the city to preserve a large natural area and protect critical habitat for songbirds and other wildlife. The property also will create trail connections from the Wilburton neighborhood to the greenway system, and allow for expansion of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Bellevue will contribute \$3.5 million in cash and grants including \$200,000 from the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and a \$1.8 million grant from King County conservation futures<sup>3</sup>. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2002A-FY08)

**Burien** **\$210,000**

**Expanding Mathison Park**

Burien will use this grant to expand the use of Mathison Park from a 1-acre playground to its full 5.3 acres by constructing a trail system and picnic areas. This is the first park on the east side of the city and the largest neighborhood park in Burien. This project will provide a trail accessible to people with disabilities through the length of the park, accessible viewpoints of Mount Rainier, a looping interpretive trail suitable for exercisers, picnic areas, removal of invasive plants and a replanting of native plants. Burien will contribute \$210,000. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1888D-FY08)

**Burien** **\$500,000**

**Renovating Seahurst Park**

Burien will use this grant to renovate facilities along the south shoreline of the 34-year-old Seahurst Park, improving public access to Puget Sound. Renovations will include creating a shoreline trail and bathroom that are accessible to people with disabilities, upgrading parking stalls and pathways to be accessible to people with disabilities, replacing damaged furnishings and renovating the picnic shelter. With 169 acres of second growth forest and nearly 1 mile of shoreline, Seahurst is one of the largest parks on Puget Sound between Seattle and Tacoma. Its age and nearness to the marine environment have degraded park facilities so severely that some areas can no longer

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be used. Burien will contribute \$518,129. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1873D-FY08)

**Federal Way** **\$1,000,000**

**Preserving Camp Kilworth Nearshore**

Federal Way will use this grant to buy the Boy Scout's Camp Kilworth, and protect almost .2 mile of Puget Sound shoreline. Camp Kilworth has been a Boy Scout camp for 70 years and is largely forested and undeveloped. Purchase of the camp will preserve a section of Puget Sound shoreline that is habitat for Chinook salmon, which is threatened with extinction, as well as other wildlife. Federal Way will contribute more than \$2 million in cash, conservation futures<sup>4</sup>, and a grant. This was the top ranked project of 11 competing for funding in the water access category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1792A-FY08)

**Federal Way** **\$300,000**

**Renovating Saghalee Park Soccer Field**

Federal Way will use this grant to convert a sand soccer field at Saghalee Park to synthetic turf. The new playing field will allow almost continuous use and reduce maintenance costs. More than 100 youth and adult teams, with about 1,700 members, play on Federal Way fields. Few teams want to play at Saghalee field because of its unforgiving surface, dust clouds and drainage problems. Field use has dwindled to about 175 games and practices a year. With synthetic turf, an additional 1,600 games and practices are expected. Federal Way will contribute \$540,000 from cash, cash donations and grants. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1818D-FY08)

**Federal Way** **\$300,000**

**Replacing the West Hylebos Park Boardwalk**

Federal Way will use this grant to replace a deteriorating boardwalk in West Hylebos Wetlands Park. The .7-mile boardwalk will maintain the existing alignment, with a few minor revisions to improve accessibility and reduce interference with trees. West Hylebos Wetlands Park offers a unique opportunity for recreation, exercise and education in a forested wetland, in the midst of a highly urban area. Replacing the boardwalk is important to ensuring that this valuable resource remains available to visitors. Construction materials include both concrete and steel pin piers, recycled tires for the foundation and recycled plastic lumber for the deck. Federal Way will contribute more than \$1.1 million in cash and grants. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1935D-FY08)

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**Issaquah** **\$500,000**

**Protecting Issaquah Creek Waterways Phase 1**

Issaquah will use this grant to acquire 7.8 acres of creek side properties for the protection of Chinook salmon. The Johnson Property, also known as Guano Acres, is one of the last large and undeveloped properties on the creek in the city. Acquisition of this land will protect more than 600 feet of riparian habitat. Issaquah will contribute more than \$1.3 million in cash, voter-approved bonds, conservation futures<sup>5</sup> and a local grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1751A-FY08)

**Issaquah** **\$500,000**

**Protecting a Wildlife Corridor on Cougar and Squak Mountains**

Issaquah will use this grant to buy 40 acres of forested property in the Cougar Mountain-Squak Mountain Wildlife Corridor. The property is in the middle of Issaquah's Talus Natural Area, King County Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and the 6,365-acre Squak Mountain State Park. The wildlife corridor provides a natural area for animals to move between Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park to the west and Squak Mountain State Park to the east. These larger natural areas are home to a variety of wildlife including black bears, cougars, deer, coyotes, raccoons, squirrels and Neo-tropical songbirds. Issaquah will contribute more than \$1.3 million in cash, voter-approved bonds and conservation futures<sup>5</sup>. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1749A-FY08)

**Kent** **\$300,000**

**Developing Riverview Park**

Kent will use this grant to develop a 15-acre waterfront park with a car-top boat launch, accessible fishing areas, picnic tables, a restroom, a picnic shelter, a 75-stall parking lot and trails. The grant also will restore riparian and side-channel salmon habitat. Kent has identified a need for public access to the Green River, which flows on the south and west sides of the park. The project will double the recreation opportunities for boat launching, accessible fishing and bank fishing. Kent will contribute more than \$1.3 million in cash, materials, a federal grant and donated labor and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2009D-FY08)

**Kent** **\$400,000**

**Preserving the Koch Farm**

Kent will use this grant to protect 6.16 acres of Kent Valley farmland adjacent to the Green River by purchasing the development rights. The Koch family owns the land and has been farming it for the past two generations. Because of its adjacency to the Green River, city leaders view this acquisition as a critical component to the preservation of both farmland and riparian and floodplain habitat. The land is next to other publicly

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owned parcels and would become a key property in the city's efforts to preserve valuable open space in a rapidly urbanizing area. Kent will contribute \$400,000 from conservation futures<sup>6</sup>. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-2060A-FY08)

**King County** **\$395,350**

**Enhancing Chinook Bend Natural Area**

King County will use this grant to improve a parking lot and trails in the Chinook Bend Natural Area, a prime fishing spot along the Snoqualmie River. Work will include creating a safe entry road and parking lot; providing access for people with disabilities to new overlooks of the river and wetlands; and improving the trails, educational signs and a bathroom. The County also will control reed canary grass, which makes the land nearly impenetrable during its growing season. The existing parking lot is unsafe because of its very short sight distance and steep hairpin turn to enter. King County will contribute \$884,000 in bonds, donated labor and a local grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1704D-FY08)

**King County** **\$314,800**

**Preserving Bonlie Farmland**

King County will use this grant to protect 118 acres of Bonlie farmland by purchasing the development rights. The property has very high quality agricultural soil and is used for a small, family-operated dairy. In addition to preserving the irreplaceable agricultural soil, purchasing the development rights will increase the likelihood that the property stays in agricultural production, as it will help to keep it both affordable and available for farming. This acquisition helps to achieve King County's dual goals of retaining local agriculture and having it remain a viable component of the county's economy. King County will contribute \$314,800 from voter-approved bonds, conservation futures<sup>6</sup> and a federal grant. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-1917A-FY08)

**King County** **\$525,000**

**Protecting the Bass-Beaver Lake Complex**

King County will use this grant to protect 107 acres of the Bass-Beaver Lake complex, which contains three lakes totaling 42 acres, extensive wetlands and a stream. The land hosts the highest bird species diversity in the county and is home to state priority species including bufflehead, wood duck, pileated woodpecker, bald eagle, great blue heron, common loon and band-tailed pigeon. The wetland next to Bass Lake is one of largest in the county at 140 acres and is priority habitat for the state. The complex is in a county-designated area that is highly susceptible to groundwater contamination; preserving the complex would ensure continued year-round groundwater recharge to the Green River. Extensive development pressure exists because parcels in the

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complex are near lakes, have views of Mount Rainier and have access to State Route 169. King County will contribute \$700,000 from conservation futures<sup>7</sup>. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1892A-FY08)

**King County** **\$236,250**

**Protecting the Middle Fork Natural Area**

King County will use this grant to buy 50 acres of land in the middle of the 205-acre Middle Fork Natural Area. The natural area protects nearly 1.5 miles of the middle fork of the Snoqualmie River. This grant would add another .2 mile of river frontage. The Middle Fork Natural Area provides high quality riparian habitat that is used extensively by elk, black bears and cougars. The natural area also lies within the lands managed by the state for spotted owl habitat. King County will contribute \$236,250 from conservation futures<sup>7</sup>. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1878A-FY08)

**King County** **\$300,000**

**Protecting Riparian Habitat in Taylor Mountain Forest**

King County will use this grant to buy 80 acres in Taylor Mountain Forest, protecting the pond, marshes, swamps, creek and riparian habitats that create the critical headwaters of a large wetland and riparian system extending into Taylor Mountain Forest and draining into both Carey and Holder Creeks. The land is home to black bear, cougar, bobcat, elk, deer, beaver, great blue heron, bald eagle, wood duck, pileated woodpecker, salamander, cutthroat trout and western toad. It also is part of a wildlife corridor that connects Tiger Mountain Forest to the Cedar River watershed. This purchase will prevent housing developments in the forest and allow trail access to the Holder Creek and Tiger Mountain Summit trails. King County will contribute \$850,000 in cash, conservation futures<sup>7</sup> and a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2003A-FY08)

**King County** **\$367,296**

**Purchasing Land for the Redmond Spur Trail**

King County will use this grant to buy 7 miles of railroad corridor between Redmond and Woodinville. The trail will link to the future eastside trail corridor and the Tolt Pipeline, East Lake Sammamish and Sammamish River Trails, allowing further trail connections to Seattle, Renton, Kirkland, Bellevue and the Centennial Trail in Snohomish County. This project will offer users a variety of experiences and destinations including Redmond Town Center, Willows Golf Course, Sixty Acres Park, the Sammamish Valley agricultural area and the Woodinville Tourist District with parks, restaurants, wineries

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and other attractions. King County will contribute \$2.5 million in cash and conservation futures.<sup>8</sup> This grant is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. (06-2004A-FY07)

## **King County** **\$3,218,785**

### **Purchasing Land for Eastside Trails**

King County will use two grants to buy 22.6 miles of railroad corridor to be part of one of the country's longest, abandoned railroad rights-of-way turned regional trail. King County will buy 9.6 miles of corridor from Coulon Park in Renton through Newcastle and Bellevue to State Route 520 and 13 miles from State Route 520 in Bellevue north through Kirkland to Woodinville. The trail will offer users a variety of experiences and scenic views, including mountains, wooded areas, Lake Washington, urban skylines, farmlands and other natural areas. It also will provide access to three beach parks as well as downtown Bellevue. King County will contribute more than \$8.2 million in cash and conservation futures<sup>8</sup>. The two grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1965A-FY08 & 06-1677A-FY08)

## **Kirkland** **\$500,000**

### **Redeveloping Juanita Beach Park Phase 1**

Kirkland will use this grant to improve Juanita Beach Park on Lake Washington. Poor water quality in the swimming beach area results in periodical closure of the beach. Work will include creating a new path along the shoreline, restoring a portion of Juanita Creek within the park, creating marshes to filter water before contaminants reach the lake, building a raised boardwalk over the creek and created marsh and enhancing trail access points from the surrounding neighborhoods. Kirkland will contribute \$1.5 million in cash and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2014D-FY08)

## **Mercer Island** **\$278,326**

### **Restoring the Luther Burbank Park Shoreline**

Mercer Island will use this grant to restore part of the shoreline in Luther Burbank Park to improve wildlife habitat. Located on Lake Washington, the 77-acre park has more than .75 mile of waterfront. Much of the park and its shoreline have been left semi-natural as habitat for wildlife, including salmon and bald eagles. Over the years, portions of the shoreline have been degraded by use, erosion and invading non-native plants. Mercer Island will restore some of the shoreline with native plants and habitat structures and create a shoreline restoration demonstration area for public education. The demonstration area will display habitat-friendly methods property owners may use to protect their shorelines. Mercer Island will contribute \$280,851. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1941R-FY08)

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**Seattle** **\$200,000**

**Developing the Ercolini Property**

Seattle will use this grant to develop .53 acre in west Seattle as a neighborhood park. Development will include keeping a large portion of the grassy area as a sunny play meadow and installing play equipment and a plaza with tables, benches and a small gazebo. Seattle will contribute \$200,000 from a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1614D-FY08)

**Seattle** **\$300,000**

**Expanding Longfellow Creek Greenspace**

Seattle will use this grant to buy .92 acre next to existing city-owned land in the Longfellow Creek Greenspace, a protected area within the Longfellow Creek watershed. Seattle has tried to acquire this wooded property for more than 15 years to help complete a large block of open space that extends from Camp Long to Sylvan Way. The overall greenspace provides wildlife habitat and watershed protection for Longfellow Creek as well as a home for species of concern such as bald eagles and coho and chum salmon. The property is for sale, and neighbors have urged the city to purchase it. Seattle will contribute \$350,000 from conservation futures<sup>9</sup> and a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2056A-FY08)

**Seattle** **\$500,000**

**Purchasing the Capehart Housing Area in Discovery Park**

Seattle will use this grant to acquire 23 acres, called the Capehart Housing area, in Discovery Park to restore the area to a natural setting. Discovery Park, Seattle's largest park, was created in 1972 from a former army base. At that time, the federal government kept a number of developed parcels within the park and on its edge, and later sold this inholding to a developer for high-end housing. The thought of a large housing complex in the midst of a major park touched off public opposition. Seattle has an agreement with the developer to demolish and clear all structures at no cost to the city as a condition of the sale. After acquisition, Seattle will remove roads and utilities in a future development project. Seattle will contribute \$10.6 million in cash, conservation futures<sup>9</sup>, and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1933A-FY08)

**Seattle** **\$500,000**

**Redeveloping a South Lake Union Park**

Seattle will use this grant to redevelop a 12-acre park at South Lake Union by creating pathways and a bridge over the inlet. Work will include demolition, landscaping and other site enhancements. The grant will help enhance the recreation and lake front access, and will improve shoreline and bulkhead alignment, car circulation, parking,

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park accessibility and pedestrian circulation. The park will feature a terraced edge on the shore, a historic ships wharf, look-out points and interactive fountains. Seattle is contributing \$2.5 million in cash, donations and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1620D-FY08)

## **Shoreline** **\$300,000**

### **Renovating Richmond Beach Park**

Shoreline will use this grant to renovate Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, the city's second most used park. While the city is bordered by more than 3 miles of Puget Sound, this park provides the only public beach access. Work will include managing and replanting native habitat; adding a walkway lined with bollards to separate pedestrians from cars; planting to stabilize steep slopes; adding walkways and stairs; and creating new "activity centers" with trellises, interpretive signs, gathering places for sitting and dining, play equipment, renovated restrooms, new showers and other elements. Two new overlooks will be added above the wetlands to provide views of the beach, mountains and islands. Shoreline will contribute more than \$2.7 million in cash and voter-approved bonds. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1906D-FY08)

## **Tukwila** **\$457,521**

### **Protecting Duwamish Gardens for Fish Habitat**

Tukwila will use this grant to purchase 1.76 acres adjacent to the right bank of the Duwamish River for fish habitat. The property is among the largest pieces of land remaining in the Duwamish corridor that are under-developed and good locations for habitat restoration work. The property is in the area where freshwater and saltwater mix, and important habitat for young salmon. Side streams and shallow water also provide opportunities for young fish to move out of the main river channel to calmer areas where they can feed and grow. The property, until recently, operated as a family farm known as Duwamish Gardens, but now is for sale. Tukwila will contribute \$501,650 in cash, conservation futures<sup>10</sup> and federal and local grants. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1727A-FY08)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$250,000**

### **Improving Little Si Access**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a 23-stall parking lot and trail to the Little Si Trailhead in the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area. The Little Si Trail system is one of the most popular in the Puget Sound area. On many weekends, cars are parked illegally along the narrow roadway adjacent to homes. Development of the new parking area will improve public safety and reduce conflicts

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between residences and hikers. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2024D-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$265,000**  
**Protecting Cherry Creek Habitat**

The Department of Natural Resources will partner with King County to acquire 25 acres of riparian habitat along Cherry Creek in the Markworth Forest. Cherry Creek is a high quality salmonid stream. Acquisition will include a minimum of 220-foot buffers around significant wetlands adjacent to Cherry Creek. Work will include demolishing an empty house and outbuildings. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1870A-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$314,000**  
**Building Handling Piers at Lake Sammamish State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to replace six boat launch piers with five boarding floats, at the busy Lake Sammamish State Park. On a summer weekend, visitors launch more than 500 boats from this park, which provides the only public launch on Lake Sammamish. The handling piers are more than 30 years old and do not meet safety standards. The new floats will be 60 feet long to accommodate additional boats during loading and unloading and decrease the waiting time. The new floats will be accessible to people with disabilities. State Parks will contribute \$314,000. This was the top ranked project of 12 competing for funding in the state agency category of the Boating Facilities Program. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1974D-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$336,176**  
**Providing Facilities for People with Disabilities at Flaming Geyser State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to develop a concrete trail and fishing platforms to allow people with disabilities to access the river for fishing. It also will help construct a covered fish cleaning station. Flaming Geyser State Park is a 520-acre park with more than 3 miles of Green River shoreline. About 250,000 people visit the park annually and it's popular for steelhead fishing. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1976D-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$225,000**  
**Restoring Lake Sammamish Shoreline**

State Parks will use this grant to build trails and boardwalks, viewing platforms and interpretive opportunities in Lake Sammamish State Park. Over the years, the lakeshore and riparian areas have been damaged by informal trails and unimpeded boat access. State Parks will restore more than 4.5 acres of lakeshore and riparian habitat by removing non-native and invasive plants; installing large woody debris, which creates habitat for fish; and planting more than 9,000 trees, shrubs, willow stakes and plants. The enhancement efforts will increase wildlife habitat, especially for Chinook salmon,





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great blue heron and bald eagles. State Parks will contribute \$225,000 in donated labor, labor, and a local grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1708R-FY08)

**Woodinville** **\$300,000**  
**Renovating Civic Sports Fields**

Woodinville will use this grant to renovate and expand a former 1970s elementary school sports field into an 8-acre community park with lighted synthetic turf fields, fencing, a fitness trail with exercise stations, a basketball court and a playground. The project will complement the adjacent city community center and improve access to Wilmot Gateway park and trail access between downtown Woodinville and the regional Samammish River Trail. The current fields, used extensively by Little League, youth soccer and recreation camps, have poor surfaces, lack lighting, have damaged or obsolete equipment, have poor access for people with disabilities and lack drinking fountains and covered dugouts. The renovations will more than double the hours of field use to 6,456. Woodinville will contribute more than \$3.3 million in cash, donations and grants. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1598D-FY08)

**Kitsap County** **\$8,046,954**

**Bainbridge Island** **\$473,690**  
**Improving Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park**

Bainbridge Island will use this grant to restore the shoreline and develop access to the water in Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park. The project includes removing the bulkhead and restoring the shoreline by adding sand and gravel to create habitat for forage fish, which will in turn support salmon. Work will include moving a trail, planting and creating an overlook and boardwalk. Bainbridge Island will improve access to the park and beach by creating a small, non-motorized boat landing and pathways. This park is unique to other shoreline parks because it is the only one on the island that is close to downtown, hosts an active salmon run and is on a city-wide trail system that is near a state ferry terminal and the protected waters of Eagle Harbor. Bainbridge Island will contribute \$700,000. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1942D-FY08)

**Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park District** **\$154,325**  
**Redeveloping Soccer Fields at Battle Point Park**

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to redevelop two soccer fields at Battle Point Park, the largest regional park on the island. Deteriorating drainage has made one field virtually unplayable. Redeveloping the fields will increase use, benefiting 2,089 local soccer and lacrosse players, and reduce maintenance. The



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park district will contribute \$547,000 in cash, voter-approved bonds, labor and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2065D-FY08)

**Bremerton** **\$2,000,000**

**Building the Bremerton Boardwalk Trail**

Bremerton will use this grant to build the Bremerton Boardwalk Trail, a .6-mile over water boardwalk from the Bremerton-Seattle ferry terminal to Bremerton's premier and most-used park, Evergreen-Rotary Park. This trail is an extension of the Louis Mentor Boardwalk and will provide critical connections between parks. It will increase waterfront access in the city by almost 50 percent. The boardwalk will range from 12 to 20 feet wide and be accessible to people with disabilities. In addition, the boardwalk will be the first segment of the regional Mosquito Fleet Trail constructed in Bremerton. Bremerton will contribute more than \$6.2 million in cash and labor. This was the top ranked project of 24 competing for funding in the trails category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1801D-FY08)

**Bremerton** **\$201,510**

**Developing Blueberry Park**

Bremerton will use this grant to develop a 7-acre park with parking, restrooms, a tree grove, playground, sheltered picnic area, bike racks, a drinking fountain, interpretive signs and pathways. An historical patch of blueberry shrubs will be enhanced. Kitsap Master Gardeners and Bremerton Urban Gardeners are actively involved and the Kitsap Tree and Shoreline Association will help maintain the trees and plants. Bremerton will contribute \$201,510 in cash, labor, materials and donations of labor and materials. This was the top ranked project of three competing for funding by the Land and Water Conservation Fund. (06-1794D-FY07)

**Bremerton** **\$800,000**

**Expanding and Restoring Evergreen Park**

Bremerton will use two grants to restore and expand Evergreen Park, the city's premier park. The city recently acquired property to expand the park but the public can't use it because it's cluttered with large pieces of concrete, re-bar, rip-rap, debris, creosote pilings and a dilapidated pier. Bremerton will use the grants to restore .75 mile of shoreline on the southeastern border of Smith Cove and along the west side of the Port Washington Narrows. The City also will create a beach to provide much-needed beach and water access, expanding the park by 1.56 acres, and will develop additional parking to relieve the pressure on existing parking lots and adjacent streets. The grant also will provide interpretive signs describing marine wildlife and local history, completing park development. Bremerton will contribute \$461,259 million in cash and labor. The grants are from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1799D-FY08 & 06-1802D-FY08)



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**Kitsap County** **\$160,000**

**Preserving Chico Estuary**

Kitsap County, in partnership with the Suquamish Tribe, will use this grant to buy one of the two remaining, undeveloped shoreline parcels on Chico estuary. Purchasing this 3.23-acre parcel will permanently protect 670 feet of forested shoreline and .54 acre of high quality tidelands. This extensive, unmodified, salt marsh estuary provides habitat for Puget Sound salmon populations that use Dyes Inlet for eating, protection from predators and transition to and from saltwater. Kitsap County will contribute \$160,000. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1840A-FY08)

**Kitsap County** **\$48,481**

**Purchasing Land for Kingston Village Green Park**

Kitsap County will use this grant to purchase 3.6 acres of Navy housing property for the future Kingston Village Green Park in downtown Kingston. The county owns 10 acres of a reclaimed wastewater treatment site, which surrounds the Navy property. A small stream traverses the western edge of both the county and Navy property. The future park will contain ball fields, grass play areas, play equipment, tennis courts, a skateboard park and walking paths. Kitsap County will contribute \$92,550 in cash and a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2053A-FY08)

**Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$250,000**

**Planning the Point No Point Boat Launch**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to provide engineering, permitting and site surveying for construction of a concrete boat launch extending from the existing launch at Point No Point, which is at the northern tip of the Kitsap Peninsula. Work also will include planning for increased parking and a turnaround area. The 4-acre site has been a popular place to launch for salmon fishing in the Possession Point area. The department will contribute \$50,000 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1768N-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$3,958,948**

**Expanding the Stavis Natural Resource Conservation Area-  
Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to buy 422 acres near Seabeck, northwest of Bremerton. The land, a crucial part of the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and the Kitsap Forest Natural Area, is threatened by development. This area contains the highest quality occurrence of a rare forest community and a variety of high quality wildlife habitats. More than 98 percent of similar mature forests in the Puget trough ecoregion have been lost since European settlement. The site is part of a much larger area of managed forests on the western Kitsap Peninsula that form one of the most important landscapes for biodiversity conservation



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in the Puget trough. Stavis Creek, which runs through the site, 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 the creek and have habitat for cavity-nesting ducks. The site also hosts an active bald eagle nest, a small great blue heron rookery, breeding mountain quail, Chinook salmon, cougars and black bears. The grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2130A-FY08 & aA-FY08)

## Kittitas County

\$7,769,714

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$238,962**

#### **Developing the Yakima River Canyon Access**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop the Yakima River Access Site on Canyon Road (State Route 821). The department will create parking for 15 vehicles and a non-motorized drift boat and raft take-out, install a restroom, convert dirt roads to trails, direct travel away from sensitive riparian areas and replant about 600 feet of shoreline. The Yakima River Canyon is a popular recreation area and one of the state's best trout fisheries. The department will contribute \$1,500 in labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1736D-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$4,670,250**

#### **Protecting the Skookumchuck Watershed**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to acquire 12,360 acres in the Skookumchuck Watershed. The property is primarily of shrub-steppe habitat that contains stream, riparian, cliff, talus and cave habitats as well. This acquisition will complete the department's efforts to acquire 17,500 acres, establish a landscape-scale link between the Whiskey Dick and Quilomene Wildlife Areas and protect virtually an entire watershed in a key location. The property is between wildlife areas and a gap between protected areas within the largest swath of shrub-steppe remaining in the state. The Skookumchuck also is listed as an Audubon Important Bird Area. A long list of wildlife will benefit from this acquisition including sage grouse, sage thrasher, sage sparrow, loggerhead shrike and sagebrush lizard. This was the top ranked project of nine competing for funding in the critical habitat category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1807A-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$1,922,100**

#### **Protecting the Teanaway Ecosystem**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 1,280 acres of key habitat lands in the Teanaway valley, a key watershed in the central east Cascade Mountains. The land is home to spotted owls, goshawk, steelhead, bull trout, deer, elk and many



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other animals. This project would protect key owl and fish habitats long-term and assist with spotted owl and bull trout recovery. The scenic Teanaway valley has high recreational use. Currently, 50,000 acres are owned by a timber company, which is working with the department to transition the land from commercial forests to a combination of planned development and conservation lands. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1808A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$818,862**  
**Protecting Upper Yakima Riparian Habitat**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to acquire 200 acres of intact and highly complex riparian habitat in the lower Easton reach of the Yakima River. The project is just upriver from 212 acres of department land and adjacent to several hundred acres of protected land associated with the Suncadia Resort. The property contains prime spawning and rearing habitat and is a prime corridor used by elk, deer, cougar and other wildlife. Public support for the project comes from Kittitas County Commissioners, four local conservation and environmental groups, several fly-fishing businesses and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. This was the top ranked project of 24 competing for funding in the riparian protection category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1817A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$119,540**  
**Rehabilitating L.T. Murray/Wenas Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore shrub-steppe habitat at four locations on the L.T. Murray/Wenas Wildlife Area Complex. The lands were once used as farms or pasture, and now are highly degraded as wildlife habitat. About 130 acres of alfalfa fields at Mountain Vale Ranch west of Selah will be treated with herbicides and seeded with native grass and shrubs to return the area to a more natural condition. Another 8 acres of hay and pasture north of Vantage near Quilomene Bay will be restored through mowing, burning, treating of noxious weeds and seeding with native species. The 150 acres of Conservation Reserve Program lands above the Yakima River southwest of Ellensburg will be enhanced by mowing, burning, treating of noxious weeds, seeding of native species and fertilizing. The 5,000 acres in Skookumchuck, east of Ellensburg, will be treated to control weeds and seeded with native species. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$18,258 in donations of equipment, labor and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1778R-FY08)



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**Klickitat County** **\$608,002**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$608,002**  
**Preserving Klickitat Steppe**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to purchase 540 acres near Swale Creek. The property, when combined with three adjacent sites, will make up the largest steppe land under public ownership in the county. The property also will help to recover endangered and threatened species including the peregrine falcon, bald and golden eagles and trout. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1814A-FY08)

**Lincoln County** **\$345,803**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$249,999**  
**Developing Reardan Audubon Lake Trail**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop wildlife viewing facilities at Reardan's Audubon Lake area. The area is a network of 277 acres of wetlands, vernal ponds, grasslands, channeled scablands and uplands supporting more than 250 species of birds and other wildlife. Work will include building restrooms, trails and two wildlife viewing blinds. The department will contribute \$30,015 in cash and donated equipment. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1897D-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$95,804**  
**Restoring Audubon Lake Grassland**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 80 acres of Palouse grassland using all native seeds and replacing the exotic species now present. This effort will serve as a pilot for future restoration of larger plots of Palouse grassland by state and federal agencies and others, and also will provide environmental education opportunities. The Palouse grassland ecosystem is one of the most endangered ecosystems in the world with only one-tenth of 1 percent remaining. Formerly a vast expanse of native bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue and other grasses mixed with a wide array of forbs, it provided important food and cover to species such as the sharp-tailed grouse, grasshopper sparrow and burrowing owl. This was the top ranked project of 13 competing for funding in the state lands restoration and enhancement category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1896R-FY08)



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Mason County

\$4,082,375

**Mason County**

**\$693,925**

**Protecting Decker Creek Riparian Areas**

Mason County will use this grant to protect the 500-acre Decker Creek riparian-wetland complex. Decker Creek is an important salmon-producing stream and is used by coho, summer and fall Chinook, chum, steelhead and cutthroat. The land also is home to western toad, great blue heron, pileated woodpecker and a large elk herd. The land is scheduled for logging. Mason County will contribute \$693,925 in donated land value and a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1943A-FY08)

**Squaxin Island Tribe**

**\$952,500**

**Protecting Skookum Creek Riparian Areas**

The Squaxin Island Tribe will use this grant to purchase 365 acres of riparian habitat in the Skookum Creek watershed to protect and enhance wildlife populations. This watershed is not highly developed and therefore has high restoration potential. It supports healthy stocks of chum salmon, a declining stock of coho and an elk herd. The Squaxin Island Tribe will contribute \$952,500. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1886A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$1,935,950**

**Protecting the Lower Union River Estuary**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 56.7 acres on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair to protect and enhance estuarine and riparian habitat. With adjacent land owned by the department and land trusts, the project will protect more than 280 acres of quality habitat, nearly the entire lower Union River estuary. Permanently preserving this land will protect the habitat functions for the entire area and facilitate estuarine habitat restoration. Salt marshes lost in Puget Sound are estimated at more than 70 percent since the 1800s, making salt marshes a high priority for protection and restoration. Hood Canal and the Union River support federally protected Hood Canal summer chum and Puget Sound Chinook salmon. Young chum and salmon depend upon estuaries and shallow, nearshore waters for food and refuge from predators. Existing trails along the dike will remain, allowing the public an opportunity to view a salt marsh restoration project in action. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1832A-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**

**\$500,000**

**Restoring the Belfair Estuary**

State Parks will use this grant to restore about 4 acres of estuarine wetlands in Belfair State Park by removing 9,000 cubic yards of fill from the day-use area in front of the



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campground. In addition, crews will remove riprap from nearly a quarter-mile of the Hood Canal shoreline, re-grade and rebuild the beach and replace a culvert on Little Mission Creek that blocks fish migration. The work will provide habitat for young chum and Chinook salmon, as well as waterfowl and shorebirds. The beach improvements will make it safer for pedestrians. Belfair State Park is a 63-acre park with .7 mile of shoreline on Hood Canal. The original park development resulted in a significant loss of intertidal habitat and channelization of two creeks. The proposed project is the final phase of a larger venture to restore more than 10 acres of estuarine wetland. State Parks will contribute \$656,273. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1964R-FY08)

Okanogan County \$10,729,150

**Okanogan County \$745,452**

**Preserving a Methow Farm**

Okanogan County will use this grant to preserve 203 acres of farmland in the Methow Valley by purchasing a conservation easement. The farm contains prime agricultural soils where alfalfa, corn and hay have been grown for more than 100 years. In addition, the farm borders the Methow River, which provides important habitat for salmon, deer, bald eagles and other wildlife. Zoning will allow 40 separate home sites to be built on the property. This project is part of a farmland protection partnership with the Methow Conservancy, a land trust that is working to protect vital farmland between Winthrop and Twisp. Okanogan County will contribute \$745,453 in cash donations and a federal grant. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation. (06-1746A-FY08)

**Department of Fish and Wildlife \$102,500**

**Planning Improvements to the Sidley Lake Boat Launch**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to design and permit future improvements at Sidley Lake, 20 miles east of Oroville near the Canadian border. Future improvements will include adding a concrete-plank boat ramp, a bathroom and parking. The Sidley Lake launch area experiences growing year-round use but offers only a primitive boat launch, no restrooms and no parking. This project has broad support from area residents, county officials and sportsmen’s groups. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1776N-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$4,692,465**

**Protecting the Methow Watershed Phase 5**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to purchase 1,330 acres in the Methow watershed. Targeted parcels will emphasize shrub-steppe and riparian habitats and will benefit more than 40 priority habitats and species, including sharp-tail grouse,





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spring Chinook, steelhead, bull trout and rare carnivores. In addition to protecting key habitats, targeted parcels will connect existing conservation lands, link critical riparian components to protected uplands and maintain important wildlife movement corridors. No other major inhabited watershed in the state offers similar opportunity for such comprehensive protection of wildlife resources and recreation. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1810A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$526,260**  
**Protecting Sharp-tailed Grouse Phase 6**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to purchase 560 acres in the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area. The wildlife area is a successful project to enhance habitats and recover the Columbian sharp-tailed grouse. The grouse are listed by the state as a species threatened with extinction and by the federal government as a species of concern. This is the only area in Washington with an increasing population of native sharp-tailed grouse. Acquisition of this land also would provide contiguous ownership between the Scotch Creek and Sinlahekin Wildlife Areas, which would simplify management of these lands. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1813A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$304,521**  
**Restoring the Methow Shrub-Steppe**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 600 acres of historic dryland agricultural fields in the Methow Wildlife Area to native shrub-steppe vegetation. This is part of an ongoing effort to protect and preserve the ecological integrity of low elevation shrub-steppe habitat in the Methow Wildlife Area. Restoration will include evaluation of each site for soil conditions, vegetation, habitat potential and wildlife use before and after treatment; control of invasive weeds; seeding each site with native vegetation; and follow-up weed control and vegetation monitoring. The department will contribute \$10,402 in donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1646R-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$1,257,952**  
**Expanding the Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 195 acres, expanding the Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve to include areas of two shrub-steppe communities. More than half of the state's shrub-steppe habitat has been lost and much of the remaining habitat is degraded. The 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 extensive in the Okanogan Valley and along portions of the Snake and Columbia Rivers. Intact examples of these



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communities now are very limited. This property 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1829A-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$3,100,000**  
**Expanding Pearrygin Lake State Park**

State Parks will use two grants to buy 239 acres to expand Pearrygin Lake State Park. The 584-acre camping park in the Methow Valley features expansive green lawns leading to 1.4 miles of waterfront on Pearrygin Lake. State Parks has been acquiring land during the past few years to preserve the scenic views from the park and expand its waterfront holdings and opportunities for trails. The grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1659A-FY08 & 06-1658A-FY08)

**Pacific County** **\$2,045,790**

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$595,790**  
**Improving Cape Disappointment Boat Launch**

State Parks will use this grant to finish the boat launch access and parking areas at Cape Disappointment. Work will include widening and resurfacing the boat launch entrance road, paving areas within the park that are closest to the boat launch, extending an area that has been used for temporary parking and landscaping. Underground utilities will be installed and a new restroom, picnic tables and benches for boaters will be added. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1665D-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$1,200,000**  
**Protecting the Seaview Dunes**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 18 acres, including 870 feet of ocean waterfront, to protect the Seaview Dunes area of the Long Beach Peninsula. Local zoning of the Seaview Dunes is allowing a handful of sites to be developed as homes. An inter-governmental planning effort is underway involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Ecology, Pacific County, landowners and community organizations to identify property that needs to be acquired to retain this valuable landscape, protect important wetlands via local regulations and provide compensation to landowners. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1680A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources**  
**Restoring Willapa Bay** **\$250,000**

The Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources have teamed up to restore 500 acres of habitat in Willapa Bay that have been harmed by the invasive plant



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spartina. The restoration will compliment other spartina management work occurring on federal, tribal, state and private lands in the bay. Willapa Bay, a 60,000-acre estuary, is home to a diversity of native plants and animals, and is an important stop-over site for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. Since its accidental introduction in the early 1900s as packing material for imported oysters, the invasive cordgrass spartina has colonized 7,400 acres. Spartina threatens the ecology of the bay by choking out native plants and creating meadows that raise the elevation of mudflats. A multi-agency spartina control program, implemented in 1995, has reduced the infestation to 4,300 acres. The departments will contribute \$47,000 in equipment, labor and donated materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2048R-FY08)

## Pend Oreille County

\$3,661,966

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$3,661,966**

#### **Protecting the West Branch Little Spokane River Phase 1**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 940 acres along the west branch of the Little Spokane River. The land contains highly diverse habitats including streams, riparian areas, wetlands, lakes, beaver ponds, cottonwood galleries, aspen groves and forests. The area is relatively unique to eastern Washington and Pend Oreille County because it provides such a large contiguous area of healthy riparian habitat and wetlands at low elevation. The land supports a high level of diverse mammals, birds and plants and a wide variety of recreational opportunities. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1937A-FY08)

## Pierce County

\$3,625,293

### **Eatonville**

**\$823,286**

#### **Protecting Mashel Riparian Habitat**

Eatonville will use this grant to buy 49.05 acres on the north and south sides of the Mashel River between Highway 161 and the Alder Cut-Off Road to enhance biodiversity and protect salmon habitat. Eatonville has taken significant steps to protect the Mashel River by working with the Nisqually Tribe on salmon restoration projects. The town has allowed streamside replanting and the removal of riprap at its riverside park, and approved the construction of several log jams to slow the river and create fish habitat. These efforts aim to revive salmon runs on what was once one of the most productive salmon streams in the state. This grant allows Eatonville to acquire the land needed to conduct further restoration while preserving green space along one of the town's most



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valuable natural resources, the Mashel River. Eatonville will contribute \$866,224 in donated land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2072A-FY08)

## **Gig Harbor** **\$300,000**

### **Building Westside Neighborhood Park**

Gig Harbor will use this grant to develop 6.76 acres into a neighborhood park. Development will include installing a picnic shelter, benches, pathways with interpretive wetland signs, a play toy structure, parking, a restroom, water fountain and a much-needed youth soccer-baseball field. Work also will include creating grassy open spaces and trails through the forest. Currently, the only fields available within the city's service area are multi-purpose play yards that are not well-suited for competitive play. The area's three youth organizations (with more than 300 teams and 4,000 players) must pay fees to play. Gig Harbor is contributing \$450,492. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1918D-FY08)

## **Peninsula Metropolitan Park District** **\$500,000**

### **Acquiring Harbor Family Park**

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 18 acres at the intersection of 70th Avenue and 32nd Street Northwest for a park. The land was acquired by five families who formed Harbor Family Park, LLC to give the community time to purchase the property. If funding fails to materialize, the property will be sold for housing. The surrounding area is the most densely populated area of the Gig Harbor Peninsula outside of Gig Harbor, and is identified as significantly underserved by park facilities. The park district will contribute \$824,212 in cash, bonds and donations of cash and land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1600A-FY08)

## **Pierce County** **\$932,915**

### **Protecting Puyallup River Habitat**

Pierce County will use this grant to buy 19.2 acres for floodplain habitat on the Puyallup River at Fennel Creek. The land will be used for a future project to setback a levee and restore 53.8 acres of floodplain habitat in the urbanized area of Pierce County about 2 miles from Puyallup, Sumner and Orting. The existing levees significantly limit river channel and floodplains from functioning properly, and restoration would lead to dramatic improvements in habitat, benefiting Chinook salmon, bull trout, steelhead and other salmon species. Pierce County will contribute \$932,915. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1883C-FY08)

## **Puyallup** **\$500,000**

### **Purchasing the Knutson Property for a Community Park**

Puyallup will use this grant to buy 72 acres for a community park in southeast Puyallup. The land is the last available site in the Puyallup Valley that will accommodate a



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community park. When developed, the park will have athletic fields, play equipment and a connection to Puyallup's Riverwalk Trail and Pierce County's Foothills Trail. Puyallup will contribute more than \$5.8 million in cash and donations of cash and land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1735A-FY08)

**Tacoma** **\$150,000**

**Building the Waterway Park Kayak Float**

Tacoma will use this grant to build a pier and a canoe and kayak boat launch on 3.7 acres on the Thea Foss Waterway at East 21st Street. Future development will provide a new water access facility, a shoreline esplanade and possibly a community building and tribal cultural exhibits. Tacoma will contribute \$150,000 in cash and a grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1902D-FY08)

**Tacoma** **\$419,092**

**Developing Chinese Reconciliation Park Phase 2**

Tacoma will use this grant to build a Chinese picnic shelter and a bridge over a grotto, landscape, install signs, complete utility work and continue to stabilize and restore the beach in the Chinese Garden and Reconciliation Park, a multi-phased waterfront development on Commencement Bay. The park is dedicated to the reconciliation of the 1885 expulsion of the Chinese from Tacoma. Located at the southeastern end of the 2.5-mile Ruston Way recreation area, the park will provide access to a 200-foot beach for non-motorized boating, swimming, scuba diving, parasailing and other water activities. Phase 2 will include support from private corporations, foundations, the city and the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation. The completed Chinese Garden and Reconciliation project is anticipated to attract visitors worldwide. Tacoma will contribute \$419,092 in cash, a grant and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1991D-FY08)

**San Juan County** **\$1,871,402**

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$951,018**

**Making Jones Island Moorage Accessible**

State Parks will use this grant to make improvements to Jones Island State Park for people with disabilities. This project will include installation of an accessible ramp from the mooring floats to the beach, an upgrade of the trail systems and restroom, creation of an accessible campsite and addition of accessible drinking fountains. In addition, work will include adding a picnic shelter and three Adirondack sleeping shelters and placing a new pier and floats. Jones Island is a 188-acre marine park 1 mile west of Orcas Island. It's a popular destination for boaters in the San Juan Islands, serving 60,000 visitors annually. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-2157D-FY08)



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**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$920,384**

**Making Sucia Island Moorage Accessible**

State Parks will use this grant to make improvements to Sucia Island State Park for people with disabilities. Work will include installing an accessible ramp from the mooring floats to the beach, upgrading the restroom access, creating a campsite assessable to people with disabilities, adding two Adirondack sleeping shelters and two accessible drinking fountains. The grant also will install a new pier and floats. Sucia Island is a 564-acre marine park, 2.5 miles north of Orcas Island. It's the most popular state park destination for boaters in the San Juan Islands, serving 90,000 visitors annually. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1644D-FY08)

**Skagit County** **\$3,015,938**

**Mount Vernon** **\$394,100**

**Acquiring Bonnie Rae Park**

Mount Vernon will use this grant to buy 10.2 acres in the fastest growing portion of the city for Bonnie Rae Park. Surrounded by development, the park has 5 acres of manicured meadow and 5 acres of forest, which is bisected by the salmon-bearing Maddox Creek. The forest is composed of a complex arrangement of forested wetlands, fern glens among giant cedars and occasional alder groves. Plans for the park include a multi-use sports meadow, group picnic shelter, a barbecue, extensive woodland trails and open areas. If the land is not purchased for a park, it likely will be developed into houses. Mount Vernon will contribute \$394,100 in cash and donated property interest. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1606A-FY08)

**Mount Vernon** **\$300,000**

**Developing Kiwanis Park**

Mount Vernon will use this grant to develop Kiwanis Park. The park will include an extensive wetland trail system, a basketball court, a Little League field, a multi-purpose field, a restroom, barbecue area and picnic shelter. The park is in the center of the residential area. Historically there has been very little park development in this area. Mount Vernon will contribute \$400,000 in cash and donations of cash. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1605D-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$464,283**

**Protecting the Skagit River Forks**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 93 acres, protecting the last remaining stands of riparian forest along the lower Skagit River. Mature lowland riparian forest was once the dominant habitat type along the lower Skagit River, but incompatible land uses have reduced these forested areas to a fraction of their historic



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area. The Skagit Forks area contains some of the highest quality stands of riparian forest remaining. The property contains 30 acres of riparian habitat, 43 acres of wetlands, 20 acres of upland and a freshwater slough. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1816A-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$1,107,555**  
**Completing Rasar Group Camp Development**

State Parks will use this grant to complete development of the group camp at Rasar State Park, a 169-acre park on the Skagit River. Major elements include paving and installing utilities, picnic shelters, a children's play structure, a trailer dump station as well as an interpretive loop trail that connects to the main area of the park. Through a generous property donation in 1985, Rasar State Park was built and opened in 1997, with camping, picnic and day-use facilities and 3.5 miles of hiking trails. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1641D-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$750,000**  
**Purchasing Park Inholdings**

From time-to-time during the biennium State Parks learns of desirable properties near or within park boundaries. Some of these properties are small and consequently may not compete well during a competitive grant process. Others require immediate action to acquire the property. State Parks will use this grant to buy five parcels totaling 120 acres. In the past, funds from inholding grants have been used to purchase property to remove undesirable neighbors (tavern) from a park, to obtain legal access to a park and to acquire sites with high natural resources value. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1669A-FY08)

**Skamania County** **\$76,297**

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**Providing Access to Rock Creek Pond**

Skamania County will use this grant to build a boat launch ramp and other amenities at Rock Creek Cove Pond, completing the third and final phase of shoreline improvements to this property, which is adjacent to Rock Creek Park in Stevenson. Work will include building a concrete ramp for launching car-top and small trailered boats (such as kayaks, canoes and row boats), a boarding float, a separate fishing platform, additional parking, boat storage and a restroom. The pond is accessible from the Columbia River and provides safe access from the river for kayaks and other non-motorized boats. The park provides camping and day-use facilities for touring kayakers and canoeists. Skamania County will contribute \$76,298. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2039D-FY08)



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Snohomish County

\$2,903,841

**Edmonds**

**\$500,000**

**Acquiring Old Woodway Elementary School for a Park**

Edmonds will use this grant to purchase a former school grounds for a neighborhood park. Unless other school properties are surplused in the future, this site may be the last large open space available for parkland. Edmonds has committed to purchase at least half of the site (5.56 acres) to develop as a model neighborhood park to include soccer, a Little League-size field, sport court, play structures, a perimeter path and other park amenities. Edmonds will contribute more than \$3.7 million in cash and a local grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1673A-FY08)

**Edmonds**

**\$100,000**

**Protecting Property Along Shell Creek**

Edmonds will use this grant to buy and preserve .23 acre along Shell Creek for wildlife habitat. Combined with 3 acres of wetland and the adjacent 48-acre Yost Park, this property provides an important wildlife link that is highly visible to the community. The land contains a number of important habitat features such as wetlands, woodlands and stream habitat for a variety of species. Edmonds will contribute \$106,356. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1674A-FY08)

**Lynnwood**

**\$163,000**

**Renovating Daleway Park Aquatic Playground**

Lynnwood will use this grant to renovate the spray pool in Daleway Neighborhood Park. The 35-year-old spray pool does not meet safety and accessibility standards. The existing concrete surfacing is cracking; elevated concrete structures are hard, slippery and dangerous; concrete curbing limits accessibility; and constant maintenance is required. In spite of its deteriorating condition, the spray pool is popular in the summer. An innovative and thematic new aquatic playground has been designed to increase playability and improve safety and access. Lynnwood will contribute \$652,579 in donated land and a local grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2116C-FY08)

**Lynnwood**

**\$176,000**

**Renovating North Lynnwood Park Aquatic Playground**

Lynnwood will use this grant to renovate the spray pool at North Lynnwood Neighborhood Park. The 35-year-old spray does not meet safety and accessibility standards. The existing concrete surfacing is cracking; elevated concrete structures are hard, slippery and dangerous; concrete curbing limits accessibility; and constant maintenance is required. In spite of its deteriorating condition, the spray pool is popular





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in the summer. Lynnwood will contribute \$793,769 in donated labor and a local grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1648C-FY08)

## **Mukilteo** **\$800,000**

### **Developing Mukilteo Lighthouse Park**

Mukilteo will use two grants to begin the first of four phases of development of the 13-acre Mukilteo Lighthouse Park on Puget Sound at the west end of old downtown Mukilteo. Work will include restoring the shore lands to a natural condition that will stabilize sandy soils and enrich habitat, creating a shoreline path, introducing an interpretive program with displays and viewpoints, providing landscaped areas for recreation, providing picnic shelters, building a restroom, providing access to the shoreline via a new parking area for people with disabilities and adding a children's play area. These improvements will transform the site from a state-owned facility to an urban park. In addition, the park also will provide a critical connection to redevelopment efforts underway along the Mukilteo and Everett waterfronts. Located at the historic Elliot Point, this unique park enjoys expansive, unobstructed views of Puget Sound. Mukilteo will contribute more than \$2.9 million. The grants are from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

(06-1879D-FY08 & 06-1694D-FY08)

## **Snohomish County** **\$143,050**

### **Preserving the Werkhoven Dairy**

Snohomish County will use this grant to preserve the 42-acre Werkhoven Dairy by purchasing development rights. The dairy leases hundreds of acres of surrounding farmland, and is recognized as a vital component to the county's agricultural community. The farm is adjacent to the county's first protected farm as well as properties that the county hopes to preserve under its farm protection program. This farmland is under development pressure from a fast growing community. Snohomish County will contribute \$143,050 from a federal grant. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-2007A-FY08)

## **Snohomish County** **\$273,050**

### **Protecting Broers Organic Berry Farm**

Snohomish County will use this grant to preserve 54-acre Broers Organic Berry Farm, which grows a wide variety of berries for farmer's markets, farm-stands and wine, by purchasing development rights. The farm is adjacent to the county's first protected farm as well as properties that the county hopes to preserve under its farm protection program. The farmland is under development pressure from a fast growing community. Snohomish County will contribute \$273,050 from a federal grant. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-2137A-FY08)



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**Tulalip Tribe** **\$499,000**

**Restoring the Qwuloolt Estuary**

The Tulalip Tribe will use this grant to begin restoring more than 360 acres of floodplain within the Snohomish River basin. Crews will remove tide gates on two streams and relocate up to 1 mile of channel to its historic location. This will restore salmon access to 16 miles of upstream habitat and improve habitat and water quality. About .5 mile of a new levee will be built behind the restored estuary to protect properties in the floodplain. Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration and Interpretive Trail Project represents a broad-based, interagency and community effort. The Tulalip Tribe will contribute \$536,000 from a federal grant. This was the top ranked project of 22 competing for funding by the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. (06-1604R-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$249,741**

**Replacing a Boat Launch at Lewis Street Skykomish River Public Access**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to replace a deteriorated boat launch, which provides access to the Skykomish River. One side of the double ramp has been closed and the second ramp is in need of repair. Demand for access is high almost year-round. Replacement of the ramp will expedite the flow of heavy traffic, reducing congestion at the site by allowing one ramp to be used for launching and one for retrieval. The department also will use the grant to add parking for people with disabilities and a paved entrance to reduce maintenance required by a high use and erosion. The Sky Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited has committed to provide monthly maintenance. This was the top ranked project of 18 competing for funding in the state lands development and renovation category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1788D-FY08)

**Spokane County** **\$3,519,232**

**Spokane** **\$530,000**

**Constructing Spokane Whitewater Park**

Spokane will use this grant to construct two whitewater features in the Spokane River, and improve parking, build access trails and provide an interpretive kiosk and restroom on the south bank of the river. The site is near the Sandifur Memorial Bridge, about 1 mile west of downtown Spokane, and is at the hub of a regional trail network. The whitewater features will be constructed from rock grouted with concrete, and arranged in a double U configuration just downstream of the bridge. Work will include adding structures for erosion control, and creating drops and pools in the river to improve fish habitat. The project will remove five abandoned concrete railroad bridge piers that pose a safety hazard to boaters. Spokane will contribute \$530,000 from a state grant and



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donations of cash and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1967D-FY08)

## **Spokane County**

**\$1,421,750**

### **Protecting Antoine Peak**

Spokane County will use this grant to buy 385 acres, including the summit (Antoine Peak) of a 3,375-foot mountain, to protect habitat and views. The mountain forms a prominent and spectacular backdrop to Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake and Newman Lake. Spokane County wants to protect a total of 1,100 acres because of the critical nature of its habitat for wildlife and its million-dollar view, and to open this premier wildlife watching area to the nearly 500,000 county residents. It is rare for a natural area of this size and diversity to be within 1 mile of an urban growth boundary. The land offers a broad range of year-round outdoor activities such as hiking, wildlife watching, horseback riding, mountain biking, picnicking, trail running and cross-country skiing. It is part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches north to Mount Spokane State Park and into the Selkirk Mountains. It is used year-round by elk, moose, black bear, deer and many other mammals. A pond and many streams transect the property offering critical water and helping to recharge the Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for more than 400,000 people. More than eight animal species at risk of extinction use the area. Spokane County will contribute more than \$1.4 million in conservation futures<sup>11</sup>. This was the top ranked project of eight competing for funding in the urban wildlife habitat category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1859A-FY08)

## **Spokane Valley**

**\$306,175**

### **Acquiring Green Acres Neighborhood Park**

Spokane Valley will use this grant to buy 7.8 acres for a park in the rapidly developing Greenacres neighborhood. The proposed park property is level farmland adjacent to 16 acres owned by the Central Valley School District. The city and school district will partner to develop a neighborhood park at a new elementary school. Spurred by the rapid transformation from rural to urban, the Greenacres neighborhood has been a constant presence at park plan meetings. Dozens of volunteers have arranged neighborhood meetings, circulated city questionnaires and secured a private donation. There is an immediate threat of development of the property. Spokane Valley will contribute \$306,176. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1951A-FY08)

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<sup>11</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.



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**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$250,000**

**Building the Newman Lake Fishing Dock**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build a fishing dock at Newman Lake, a popular year-round spot for fishing, boating, swimming and wildlife watching. The department's access site has no shoreline access for anglers with disabilities and very little shoreline access for able-bodied anglers. Anglers often fish from the shore next to the boat ramps, causing conflicts between users. Work also will include building an accessible viewing platform. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-2025D-FY08)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$191,858**

**Constructing the Silver Lake Fishing Dock**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build a fishing dock at Silver Lake, a popular year-round site for fishing, boating, swimming and wildlife watching. The department's access site has two boat ramps and two restrooms but no access for shore anglers. Anglers must fish from the shoreline next to the boat ramps, causing conflicts between users. Work also will include building a viewing platform. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1783D-FY08)

**Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$301,842**

**Replacing Silver Lake Boat Launch**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to replace two boat launches at Silver Lake, a popular year-round site for fishing, boating, swimming and wildlife watching. The site's two concrete-plank boat ramps have fallen into disrepair. The grant will be used to install a boat loading and unloading dock, to grade the area and to repair a fence. The improvements will provide access to the ramp and bathrooms for people with disabilities. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1766D-FY08)

**Department of Fish and Wildlife** **\$345,607**

**Improving Eloika Lake Public Access**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will improve the boat launch area on Eloika Lake by replacing the boat ramp with boat loading dock and restroom accessible to people with disabilities, replacing the fence and grading the parking area. Eloika Lake, 30 minutes north of Spokane, is one of eastern Washington's premier largemouth bass and pan fish lakes. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (06-1771D-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$172,000**

**Restoring Habitat in the Pincroft Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to re-establish native plants in portions of the Pincroft Natural Area Preserve, expanding the bunchgrass grassland on the site and reducing the risk of re-invasion by noxious weeds. Pincroft is the largest remaining ponderosa pine-grassland ecosystem that once was prevalent



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throughout the Spokane Valley. A 15-acre open area in the southeast portion of the preserve was historically a bunchgrass grassland and retains a small amount of intact grassland. Non-native grasses and other invasive weeds now occupy the area. The restoration will reduce the weeds, promote native grasses and forbs and remove the heaviest concentrations of downed trees. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1907R-FY08)

## Thurston County

\$7,620,547

### **Olympia**

**\$1,074,591**

#### **Purchasing and Developing West Bay Park**

Olympia will use this grant to purchase nearly 6 acres of shoreline and begin development. Work will include restoring nearly .5 mile of shoreline habitat, constructing a segment of the West Bay Trail, installing interpretive signs and adding a panoramic viewpoint, seating areas, handheld boat launch, strolling paths, landscaping and other improvements at Rotary Point in West Bay Park. Jutting into Budd Inlet, Rotary Point will create a stage for viewing the State Capitol, waterfowl, marine mammals and fish. The land is a small cove with a shallow bank, a prime site for launching canoes, kayaks and other small boats. Olympia's goal is to acquire a total of 16.8 acres for West Bay Park and to link the park via the West Bay Trail with the State Capitol Campus, downtown Olympia and surrounding neighborhoods. This prime waterfront property will be developed for commercial or residential uses if it is not acquired for public access. Local Rotary Clubs are donating design and development costs. Olympia will contribute \$366,134 in cash and donations of cash, labor and materials. The grants are from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1633C-FY08 & 06-1631C-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**\$2,601,211**

#### **Creating the Bald Hill Natural Resource Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 1,280 acres for a Bald Hill Natural Resource Conservation Area to be added to the Bald Hill Natural Area Preserve. Bald Hill has the best occurrence in the state of the white oak/sedge-camas woodland association, a globally critically imperiled element. Bald Hill has important occurrences of low elevation freshwater wetland and Douglas-fir-madrone hairy honeysuckle forest. The population of Taylor's checkerspot butterfly is of global importance. It is one of a few populations that appears to be stable. Rare plants include small-flowered trillium, common bluecup, Nutall's quillwort and one of two known Washington populations of California sword-fern. This project would improve manageability and long-term viability of the site. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1842A-FY08)



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**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$2,302,440**

**Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to expand the Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area. The additional 90.7 acres, including shoreline, will enhance the conservation area and the viability of the urban wildlife habitat in a rapidly developing residential area. Land acquisition will ensure that the site continues to provide important habitat for wildlife, including nesting bald eagles, a significant heron rookery and the largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound. With habitat ranging from shoreline to wetlands to mature second-growth forest, homes for shorebirds and songbirds, river otters and a maternity colony of bats will continue to be protected. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1836A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$71,962**

**Renovating the McLane Creek Nature Trail**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to renovate the McLane Creek Nature Trail to preserve public safety and protect natural resources. Work will include replacing an aging log bridge, building an educational viewing platform to minimize damage to sensitive streamside plants and soil, redeveloping the entry by adding a covered structure for group gatherings and an information board, developing a new trail and replacing the restrooms. The project would address structural concerns, add amenities that support viewing and interpretation, increase natural resource protection and improve site function and user experience. The facility is near capacity during the summer and fall and is in great need of renovation. The McLane Creek Nature Trail is on the eastern edge of Capitol State Forest. The site provides a unique combination of family friendly hiking trails, and easy access to views of freshwater wetland beaver ponds, salmon and bird habitat and a low elevation forest ecosystem. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1769D-FY08)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **\$1,570,343**

**Expanding Millersylvania State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 70 acres to expand the 842-acre Millersylvania State Park on Deep Lake, just south of Olympia. The land, adjacent to the park, includes forests, a large pond suitable for swimming and open area. The acquisition would allow for an expanded day-use site with new swimming access, forested trails, play areas and additional rustic cabins. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1651A-FY08)



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## Walla Walla County

\$461,604

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Acquiring the Touchet River and Grassland**

**\$461,604**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to acquire 2,560 acres, including 3.5 miles of the Touchet River that supports critical riparian habitat. Acquiring the property provides the opportunity to integrate grassland and riparian protection, which will help preserve and protect fish and wildlife. The land is home to many species that are at risk of extinction. The parcels proposed for acquisition are unique because they comprise the only significant properties along the lower Touchet River where the river bottom is not being farmed. The riparian property is about 185 acres, including 60 acres of mature cottonwood habitat and 125 acres that were recently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The property would be managed as part of an existing wildlife area. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1815A-FY08)

## Whatcom County

\$753,379

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Redeveloping Birch Bay Boat Launch**

**\$440,611**

State Parks will use this grant to put a new surface on its boat ramp, pave the approach and staging area and add a parking lot and a restroom at the southern boundary of Birch Bay State Park. The new facility will serve trailered and car-top boats. Birch Bay State Park is 20 miles northwest of Bellingham and serves nearly 800,000 visitors a year. (06-1642D-FY08)

### **Whatcom County Preserving the Joneli and Dickson Farms**

**\$312,768**

Whatcom County will use this grant to preserve 103 acres of farmland by buying development rights. The two adjacent farms, the Joneli and Dickson farms, are predominately grass-based livestock agriculture and their preservation will help the county curb the loss of agricultural lands. Whatcom County will contribute \$312,768 from conservation futures<sup>12</sup>. This grant is from Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. (06-2076A-FY08)

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<sup>12</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.



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## Yakima County

\$6,245,029

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$645,867**

#### **Protecting Oak Flats**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to purchase 300 acres along the Naches River, begin initial restoration and incorporate the land into the Oak Creek Wildlife Area. Oak Flats is riparian and floodplain habitat near the confluence of the Naches and Tieton Rivers. This reach of the river is important habitat for at-risk salmon species including bull trout and summer steelhead. Acquisition would protect habitat including channel migration zones along a reach of the Naches River that is often confined by U.S. Route 12. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1833C-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**\$1,688,720**

#### **Protecting the Cowiche-Tieton Watershed Phase 3**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to protect 5,705 acres of critical and diverse habitats in the low elevation, shrub-steppe/dry forest transition zone of the south central Cascades slopes. The acquisition would protect stream, riparian, wetland, shrub-steppe, oak woodland, aspen, cliffs and talus habitats. In addition, numerous species would benefit including steelhead and bull trout (both threatened with extinction). Partners include The Nature Conservancy, Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1835A-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**\$1,811,040**

#### **Expanding the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 919 acres surrounding the 470-acre Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area to protect habitat for the rare species found there. The land is one of only three nesting, foraging and fledging habitats in Washington for the sandhill crane, which is threatened with extinction. It also provides a vital link between similar habitat on Yakama Indian Nation lands and the Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The land also provides unique wet meadow and talus habitats for five rare plant species as well as habitat for Mardon skipper butterflies. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1841A-FY08)

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**\$715,785**

#### **Expanding the Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to acquire 104 acres 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





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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 preserve encompasses more than 75 percent of this population. This acquisition will increase the proportion of the population that is protected, improve the department's access to the site, and enhance the department's ability to manage the site. The cliffs, which are included in the acquisition, are a priority habitat used by prairie falcons and golden eagles. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

(06-1827A-FY08)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **\$86,734**  
**Restoring the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 50 acres of habitat in the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area for the endangered Sandhill crane. Work will include stabilizing water levels in the existing wetland, planting disturbed areas with native plants, thinning encroaching lodgepole pine stands, removing derelict fences, and finishing the installation of new fences to control access by cattle. Restoration of natural processes will improve the habitat. The department will contribute \$6,500 in donated labor and staff labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1911R-FY08)

**Yakima** **\$796,883**  
**Making William O. Douglas Trail Connections**

Yakima will use this grant to complete the William O. Douglas Trail by acquiring five missing links (four parcels and one trail easement totaling 4.5 miles) in or near Yakima. The William O. Douglas Trail is a 75-mile trail that runs through Yakima and connects to Mount Rainier National Park. The trail is 90 percent complete. In addition to purchasing land, Yakima will construct a .8-mile pedestrian pathway separated from Sixth Avenue and a .1- to .2-mile bike-pedestrian pathway across Yakima's historic Naches River trolley bridge, giving trail users access to the William O. Douglas hill climb and to the north bank of the Naches River. Yakima will contribute \$919,712 in a state grant, labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1851C-FY08)

**Yakima** **\$500,000**  
**Redeveloping the Upper Kiwanis Park Phase 1**

Yakima will use this grant to add nearly 2 acres to the Upper Kiwanis Park and equip the park with modern recreational amenities such as an 8,800-square-foot skate park, a youth baseball field, a volleyball court, basketball court, play equipment, a new restroom and parking. Members of the Yakima Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs have joined forces to spearhead the improvements and have provided \$500,000. This is in addition to the \$700,000 they contributed to the initial development. Yakima will contribute \$792,500 in council bonds, equipment, labor, materials and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (06-1687C-FY08)