

Preliminary Ranking
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
2017-2019

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	65.90	16-1833A	Barnum Point	Island County	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,500,000
2	61.60	16-1468A	Three Islands Spokane River Acquisition	Spokane	\$1,000,000	\$1,947,500	\$2,947,500
3	60.60	16-1837A	Pearson Shoreline	Island County	\$750,000	\$1,289,875	\$2,039,875
4	58.50	16-1730C	Pressentin Park Trails, Bike Camp, and Off Channel	Skagit County	\$603,400	\$663,600	\$1,267,000
5	56.40	16-1470C	Clover Island Northshore Restoration and Riverwalk	Port of Kennewick	\$500,000	\$3,502,806	\$4,002,806
6	55.30	16-1868D	Arboretum Waterfront Trail Renovation	Seattle	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$950,000
7	54.80	16-1956A	Wayne Sammamish Riverfront	King County	\$1,000,000	\$4,057,000	\$5,057,000
8	54.50	16-1769C	Edmonds Waterfront Development and Restoration	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$915,743	\$1,415,743
9	54.20	16-1863C	Stanwood Riverfront Parks Hamilton Landing Phase 1	Stanwood	\$500,000	\$2,002,484	\$2,502,484
10	53.10	16-1976D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$700,000	\$1,200,000
11	51.60	16-2071C	Luther Burbank South Shoreline Restoration	Mercer Island	\$380,000	\$399,147	\$779,147
12	50.90	16-1964D	South Gorge Trail Development	Spokane	\$495,000	\$1,853,800	\$2,348,800
13	49.85	16-1546C	Poulsbo's Fish Park Pedestrian Link	Poulsbo	\$460,000	\$475,552	\$935,552
14	48.75	16-1996C	Lower Daybreak Acquisition and Development	Clark County	\$603,666	\$1,537,279	\$2,140,945

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15	48.50	16-2020A	Birch Bay Park Acquisition	Whatcom County	\$1,000,000	\$1,463,528	\$2,463,528
16	48.20	16-1693D	Rhododendron Park Float and Boardwalk	Kenmore	\$400,000	\$545,000	\$945,000
16	48.20	16-1685D	Willow Grove Park West End Access	Port of Longview	\$500,000	\$989,020	\$1,489,020
18	46.70	16-2007D	Hawley Cove Trails and Beach Access	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$180,050	\$180,050	\$360,100
19	46.50	16-1764C	Cowlitz River Public Access Point	Lewis County	\$227,750	\$227,750	\$455,500
20	46.20	16-2067D	Ballinger Regional Park Water Access Development	Mountlake Terrace	\$500,000	\$623,400	\$1,123,400
21	43.40	16-1690C	Sandy Cove Park Acquisition and Expansion	Snoqualmie	\$560,000	\$962,750	\$1,522,750
22	39.80	16-1393D	Meydenbauer Bay Park Ravine and Swim Area	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$512,696	\$1,012,696
23	37.30	16-1313D	Port of Indianola Dock Redevelopment	Port of Indianola	\$30,686	\$30,686	\$61,372
					\$12,665,552	\$27,854,666	\$40,520,218

*Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

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			Prot.*	Access		Prot.*	Access		Prot.*	Access		Combo.*		Combo.*	Prot.*	Access	Prot.*	Access				
1	Barnum Point		9.60	8.80		9.80	8.60		4.80	4.70	10.00								9.60	-1.00	1.00	65.90
2	Three Islands Spokane River Acquisition		8.60	9.00		8.40	8.40		4.40	4.60	8.80								8.40	0.00	1.00	61.60
3	Pearson Shoreline		9.00	8.40		8.60	8.40		4.40	4.00	9.40								8.40	-1.00	1.00	60.60
4	Pressentin Park Trails, Bike Camp, and Off Channel		9.00	8.60		7.80	8.40		4.10	4.00		4.20					1.90	2.10	8.40	0.00	0.00	58.50
5	Clover Island Northshore Restoration and Riverwalk Arboretum		8.00	7.20		7.60	7.00		4.10	4.00					4.10	4.00			9.40	0.00	1.00	56.40
6	Waterfront Trail Renovation	12.60			16.80			8.60					7.60	0.50					8.20	0.00	1.00	55.30
7	Wayne Sammamish Riverfront	12.60			15.60			8.40			9.00								8.20	0.00	1.00	54.80
8	Edmonds Waterfront Development and Restoration	0.00	7.80	7.80	0.00	7.00	6.60	0.00	3.80	4.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.80	4.30	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	1.00	54.50
9	Stanwood Riverfront Parks Hamilton Landing	13.20			16.40			8.00				3.60	0.00	3.40	0.00				8.60	0.00	1.00	54.20
10	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements	11.10			16.40			7.60					8.20						8.80	0.00	1.00	53.10

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11	Luther Burbank South Shoreline Restoration		6.60	7.40		7.00	6.60		3.70	3.70					4.20	3.80			8.60	-1.00	1.00	51.60
12	South Gorge Trail Development	11.10			14.40			8.00					8.00						8.40	0.00	1.00	50.90
13	Poulsbo's Fish Park Pedestrian Link		7.20	6.80		6.60	6.40		3.80	3.40		3.20					1.75	1.70	9.00	-1.00	1.00	49.85
14	Lower Daybreak Acquisition and Development		6.60	7.20		6.40	7.00		3.60	3.90		2.10					1.60	1.75	7.60	0.00	1.00	48.75
15	Birch Bay Park Acquisition	10.50			14.80			7.80			8.00								8.40	-1.00	0.00	48.50
16	Rhododendron Park Float and Boardwalk	11.40			13.60			7.60					8.00						7.60	-1.00	1.00	48.20
16	Willow Grove Park West End Access	10.80			13.60			8.00				0.00	8.00						7.80	0.00	0.00	48.20
18	Hawley Cove Trails and Beach Access	9.90			13.20			6.80						7.80					8.00	0.00	1.00	46.70
19	Cowlitz River Public Access Point	12.30			13.60			7.60				3.40		3.40					6.20	0.00	0.00	46.50
20	Ballinger Regional Park Water Access Development	10.80			12.40			7.40						7.20					8.40	-1.00	1.00	46.20
21	Sandy Cove Park Acquisition and Expansion	9.00			12.80			6.80				3.40		3.60					6.80	0.00	1.00	43.40

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22	Meydenbauer Bay Park Ravine and Swim Area	8.40			10.80				6.80					6.40						7.40	-1.00	1.00	39.80
23	Port of Indianola Dock Redevelopment	8.10			10.00				5.40					5.80						7.00	0.00	1.00	37.30

Evaluators score Questions 1-18; RCO staff scores Questions 19-20.

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Island County

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Conserving Barnum Point

Island County will use this grant to buy 13 acres of rare, low-bank waterfront on Barnum Point, a third-mile of private beach, and 17 acres of private tidelands. This is part of a larger project to expand Barnum Point Park from 27 acres to 129 acres and protect nearly all of Barnum Point, which is an iconic waterfront landscape on Camano Island. The park will offer more than 2.5 miles of forested trails with spectacular views. More than 80 percent of the island's shoreline is privately owned and much of the public shoreline is inaccessible high bank. Purchase of the land will create the only low-bank access to the water along the point and dramatically will improve the public's access to more than two-thirds mile of adjacent public beach, which currently is difficult to access. The park will be a natural recreation park for activities such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, photography, biking, picnicking, beachcombing, and nature-viewing, and will preserve natural processes and critical marine and salmon habitats. Island County will contribute \$2.5 million in donations of cash and grants from the federal government, the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program, and the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1833)

Spokane

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Buying Land along the Spokane River

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy more than 31 acres with nearly a mile of high quality shoreline along the Spokane River less than 2 miles from downtown. The City plans to develop the area as the only fishing area for people with disabilities on a free-flowing reach of the Spokane River. The uniqueness of the site will allow the public to fish throughout the summer as the river level drops on one of the most scenic and biologically productive portions of the river. Acquisition of this site also will preserve opportunities to move the Centennial Trail off streets and onto a scenic separated pathway, facilitate a trail connection to Spokane Falls Community College, and preserve a well-used trail along the waterfront. The City of Spokane will contribute \$1.9 million in Conservation Futures¹ and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1468)

Island County

Grant Requested: \$750,000

Conserving Whidbey Island Shoreline

Island County will use this grant to conserve 54 acres of undeveloped tidelands and forests spanning more than a half-mile on Whidbey Island's southeast shoreline. The county will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for the Pearson property to protect the property from development and ensure permanent public access for

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activities such as kayaking, fishing, birding, nature-viewing, picnicking, and beachcombing. The land is ideally located along the Cascadia Marine Trail, a Washington Water Trail and designated National Recreation Trail, making it a useful and needed stopover point and potential campground for kayakers and others using non-motorized boats. Island County is partnering with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, which is buying the underlying land interest in the property. The landowner is elderly and intends to sell the property for waterfront development. The property's picturesque beach, abundant eelgrass beds, juvenile salmon and forage fish habitat, a mature coastal forest, and two seasonal streams contribute to the environmental quality of the land and its attractiveness to recreationists. Island County will contribute \$1.2 million in Conservation Futures,² a federal grant, and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1837)

Skagit County

Grant Requested: \$603,400

Building a Bike Camp and Salmon Habitat in Pressentin Park

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy land and develop a day-use area with parking, trails for water and wildlife viewing, and a bicycle-only camping area on State Highway 20. Highway 20 also is U.S. Bicycle Route 10, the state's first designated bike route. Skagit County will restore and enhance historic and existing side channel habitat in the park. The County will reconfigure a relict side channel so that the Skagit River flows into it, creating a half-mile long channel that will provide more than 2 acres of rearing habitat for juvenile Chinook Salmon, steelhead, and other salmon species. Skagit County will contribute \$663,600 in cash, grants from the salmon recovery program and the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1730)

Port of Kennewick

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Restoring Clover Island Shoreline and Riverwalk

The Port of Kennewick will use this grant to restore 2.29 acres of degraded Columbia River shoreline on Clover Island and extend a public trail along the river. Clover Island has been identified as a high priority area for salmon. The Port will remove the cement along the shoreline and restore the natural slope. The Port also will place protective rocks and logs along the shoreline and plant plants along the bank to create a sustainable living shoreline. The Port will install safety lighting, benches, trash cans, and trail signs that will discuss the plants and bird species in the area. The Port of Kennewick will contribute \$3.5 million in cash, a grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1470)

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Seattle

Grant Requested: \$475,000

Renovating the Arboretum Waterfront Trail

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a floating boardwalk trail system on Foster Island in Seattle's Washington Park Arboretum. The new elevated boardwalk will reduce the impacts from people walking through the wetland. The site includes marsh and shoreline areas that are used by western pond turtles, bald eagles, and Chinook Salmon. The trail system includes upland trails, boardwalks, floats, bridges, signs, and viewing platforms. The City will build a gangway and floating walkway segments, and retrofit the existing floating walkway on about a quarter-mile of this trail to improve safety and accessibility for people with disabilities. The trail system is the only passage over the largest wetland in Seattle and is a key link in a larger trail network. With unparalleled views, it is frequented by bird watchers and wildlife photographers. The trail connects the Arboretum with transit hubs and links two parts of the University of Washington Botanical Gardens by connecting Union Bay Natural Area with the Arboretum. Seattle will contribute \$475,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1868)

King County

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Conserving the Sammamish Riverfront

The King County Water and Land Resources Division will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on 34 acres associated with the Wayne golf course. King County is partnering with the City of Bothell to permanently protect the 89-acre golf course, which is one of the largest undeveloped sites remaining along the Sammamish River. The county's agreement will prevent future development, allow passive recreation, and allow restoration to improve the site, especially for salmon. King County will contribute \$4 million in grants from a local agency and from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1956)

Edmonds

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Restoring and Redeveloping the Edmonds Waterfront

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to remove an aged creosote pier that extends over the beach, rehabilitate the beach to increase habitat, increase access to the beach, and complete a walkway from Marina Beach to Brackett's Landing North. This bulkhead is one of the last structures that extends into the beach interrupting the upper beach area for habitat and walkers. This project will expand public access to Puget Sound, integrating this portion more completely with the ecological and social character of the rest of the Edmonds waterfront. Work will include removing the parking pier, rerouting the walkway to improve the beach and tidal habitat, expanding public and hand-launch boat access along the waterfront, and improving the outdated storm water infrastructure. This work will expand upon previous efforts in adjacent sites to reintroduce ecological function to the waterfront. The City of Edmonds will contribute

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\$915,743 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1769)

Stanwood

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Beginning Development of Stanwood's Riverfront Hamilton Landing

The City of Stanwood will use this grant to buy, design, and develop the first phase of Hamilton Landing, a 2-acre site just south of downtown Stanwood with 350 feet of shoreline on the Stillaguamish River. This is only one of two publicly-owned sites on the "Old Stilly Channel." The City will restore the site and public access to the river and develop a hand-carry boat launch. Access to the river was lost to private development in the 1960s and 1970s. Development of the property will provide access to the unique estuary habitat created where the old Stillaguamish River channel meets Puget Sound. The property is part of a larger local project to preserve greenways and make connections to the river. The City owns a 15-acre former dairy farm a half-mile down river from Hamilton Landing and land adjacent to the river that will connect the two properties together allowing access to the river and a future river trail. The City of Stanwood will contribute \$2 million in cash, Conservation Futures,³ and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1863)

Lakewood

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Improving Harry Todd Park

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve Harry Todd Park, a 17-acre park in Lakewood. The park is on the south side of American Lake, a 1,200-acre freshwater lake. The City will improve access to the waterfront by creating pathways accessible to people with disabilities from the parking areas to the shoreline, replacing a failing bulkhead, updating access over the water for fishing, enlarging and enhancing the swim area and habitat along the shoreline, and improving the open areas and picnic areas. This park is in Tillicum, a geographically isolated and extremely low income area. This is the only community park in the area and the only free public access to the waterfront. The City of Lakewood will contribute \$700,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1976)

Mercer Island

Grant Requested: \$380,000

Restoring the Luther Burbank South Shoreline

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to move a popular shoreline trail in Luther Burbank Park further inland to reduce erosion. The City will stabilize and enhance 900 feet of Lake Washington shoreline with a cobble base, place gravel to create a more gently sloping shoreline, and plant the slope with native trees and shrubs. The City also will clear invasive species from the area between the new trail and the shoreline and replant it densely with a mix

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of native groundcovers, shrubs, and trees. The work will create a larger buffer of native plants along the shoreline and a trail that is accessible to people in wheelchairs from the park's boathouse to the swimming area and to the fishing pier. This work will enhance beach habitat for Chinook Salmon, stabilize the shoreline, improve lake water quality, remove invasive species found in the area, and create quality upland habitat for birds and other wildlife. This project also will create well-defined routes to two small shoreline public access points. The City of Mercer Island will contribute \$399,147 in a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-2071)

Spokane

Grant Requested: \$495,000

Developing the South Gorge Trail

The City of Spokane will use this grant to develop two trailheads in Spokane's Peaceful Valley neighborhood and build about 1 mile of trail between the trailheads along the Spokane River's south shoreline for non-motorized uses. The trail will offer views and access to the river via spur trails for recreation. The City also will develop a picnic area at the trailheads, two picnic areas in the Peaceful Valley Conservation Area, and a boat launch facility. The City of Spokane will contribute \$1.8 million in donations of cash, a voter-approved levy, and grants from a local organization and the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1964)

Poulsbo

Grant Requested: \$460,000

Linking Poulsbo's Fish Park

The City of Poulsbo will use this grant to buy 10.05 acres and build a trail that connects two parts of Poulsbo's Fish Park along Liberty Bay shoreline. The 30-acre Fish Park connects Liberty Bay, Puget Sound, and Dogfish Creek. In addition to buying the land, the City will build an 800-foot pedestrian trail, 1.5 miles of soft gravel trails or boardwalk, two viewing platforms, five interpretive signs, benches, and picnic tables. The City also will renovate a parking lot and restore the shoreline and wetland areas. Poulsbo's Fish Park has been a 14-year community investment in conservation planning. The park, which includes shorelines, wetlands, second-growth forests, and estuarine shoreline, is a natural wildlife corridor in an urban setting and supports a diverse population of fish, bird, and mammal species. Poulsbo will contribute \$475,552 in cash and donations of labor and land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1546)

Clark County

Grant Requested: \$603,666

Developing the Lower Daybreak Trail

Clark County will use this grant to acquire 105 acres and develop a waterfront trail along the East Fork Lewis River, next to an existing county park. The current landowner, Columbia Land Trust, will donate the land to the County if the County receives the grant. The land includes more than a half-mile of shoreline. The County will build a 10-foot-wide, half-mile long, multi-purpose trail; an overlook with benches; two river access paths from the main trail; and a one-third mile long secondary loop path. The County also will install three interpretive signs, build

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four picnic tables, and install four benches along the main trail. Finally, the County will improve the trailhead at the existing boat ramp by adding a sidewalk, bollards, striping, regulatory signs, and trash cans. This is the first phase of the development as part of the Lower Daybreak master plan. Clark County, together with partners, has assembled more than 2,200 acres as part of an effort to create a 15-mile-long greenway between the confluence of the East Fork and North Fork Lewis River and Lewisville Park. The greenway is intended to be a habitat conservation and trail corridor with a few areas of more active recreational opportunities. Clark County will contribute \$1.5 million in donations of land and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1996)

Whatcom County

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Buying Land for a Birch Bay Park

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 13.2 acres to develop a waterfront park in Birch Bay. The land is ideally situated in the central business and shoreline area of the community and has 400 feet of low beach and tidelands. The community has long sought a waterfront park in this area to provide beach access, restrooms, parking, and activity areas. The waterfront and tidelands are the major attraction in Birch Bay; however, public access is limited to a few small parcels, road ends, and Birch Bay State Park at the south end of the bay. This land has a central location, beach access, community support, and is near a proposed waterfront trail. The County already has purchased the land is seeking reimbursement. Whatcom County will contribute \$1.4 million in Conservation Futures⁴ and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-2020)

Kenmore

Grant Requested: \$400,000

Building a Float in Rhododendron Park

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to build a float for hand-carry boats in Rhododendron Park. The park is on the Sammamish River, a quarter-mile upstream from Lake Washington, and next to a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ramp for motorized boats. There is no developed access to the park's 600 feet of riverfront. Hand-carry boats are being launched in the mud at the project location now, creating water turbidity and trampled plants. The City will not only build the float, but will build an adjoining parking lot and a connecting path to the park which includes a boardwalk across a wetland, and pave a gravel trail that connects the new path to a bus stop. The City will contribute \$545,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1693)

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Port of Longview

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Improving Willow Grove Park

The Port of Longview will use this grant to develop a pedestrian loop path, picnic facilities, and a fishing pier with parking, and to renovate two restrooms at the 75-acre Willow Grove Beach Park. The park is on the north bank of the Columbia River, west of Longview, and offers public beach access and upland amenities. The path will loop around the park and will be accessible to people with disabilities. The fishing pier will be built at the west end of the park. Development of the park will be designed with consideration for the environment, including fish habitat friendly design and decking for the fishing pier, solar power for restrooms, and plentiful recycling opportunities. The Port of Longview will contribute \$989,020 in cash, staff labor, and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1685)

Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District

Hawley Cove Trails and Beach Access

Grant Requested: \$180,050

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District will use this grant to improve the Hawley Cove trails and access to the beach. The park district will build boardwalk bridges, upgrade the existing trails, build multiple viewing areas, create environmental interpretation, and improve the parking at a second park entrance. Hawley Cove Park has a wide expanse of shoreline along Puget Sound at the entrance of Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island. Although Bainbridge Island has 37 miles of shoreline, about 96 percent of it is privately owned. The project has received support from the Bainbridge Island Waterfront Trails Committee, Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation, and the Wheels in the Woods, an advocacy group of wheelchair park and trail users. The park district will contribute \$180,050 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-2007)

Lewis County

Grant Requested: \$227,750

Providing Access to the Cowlitz River

The Lewis County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy and develop 1.6 acres as an access to the Cowlitz River near Packwood. The land is next to 3.4 acres already owned by the County and upstream of the Skate Creek Road South Bridge. At the heart of the White Pass Scenic Byway, this area is rich with natural resources for outdoor enthusiasts. Tacoma Power releases salmon and steelhead at the site. However, anglers wanting to get to the river must park and walk along narrow, high traffic roads, then cross guardrails, and traverse steep riprap banks to get to the river. The County will develop the 1.6 acres and the 3.4 acres by paving a parking lot, adding an outhouse, and building a gravel pathway to the water. Lewis County will contribute \$227,750 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1764)

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Mountlake Terrace Renovating Ballinger Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to develop and renovate Ballinger Park. The City will build a fishing pier, restroom and paths, and plant the shoreline. The City also will renovate the boat launch. The 55-acre Ballinger Park is a critical recreational oasis in a highly urbanized area. Some activities at the park include bird watching, hiking, jogging, picnicking, fishing, boating, swimming, and other special events. The City of Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$623,400 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-2067)

Snoqualmie Expanding and Improving Sandy Cove Park

Grant Requested: \$560,000

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to buy two properties and three easements totaling just under a half-acre and connect Sandy Cove Park with the Snoqualmie Riverwalk. The City also will restore 2 acres and 370 feet along the bank of the Snoqualmie River. Of the four downtown parks, Sandy Cove is the only one that allows people to get next to the Snoqualmie River and is the closest park to Snoqualmie Falls, a state landmark that draws 2 million visitors a year. It is also at the heart of the Snoqualmie Riverwalk project, which is designed to connect the falls and downtown. Sandy Cove is in disrepair, disconnected from the city trail system, and affected by severe bank erosion and encroaching invasive species. Private properties interrupt its successful connection to the Riverwalk. Bank stabilization will help stem and reverse riverbank erosion, and targeted invasive species control and replanting the shoreline will restore habitat for local Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout, bald eagles, pileated woodpeckers, and songbirds above Snoqualmie Falls. Trail improvements will work towards filling a missing link in the regional 29mile Snoqualmie Valley Trail, in turn connecting to the John Wayne trail that goes to the Idaho border. The City of Snoqualmie will contribute \$962,750 in cash, Conservation Futures,⁵ and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1690)

Bellevue Developing the Meydenbauer Bay Park Swim Area and Ravine Overlook

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop a swim area and ravine viewpoints in Meydenbauer Bay Park. Two viewpoints will be built overlooking the shoreline of the ravine, which is used by herons, eagles, and small mammals. The City also will develop a rooftop plaza with a view of the swim beach and Lake Washington beyond. Meydenbauer Bay Park is in Bellevue on the shoreline of Meydenbauer Bay in Lake Washington. The development will protect the shoreline, improve public access, increase safety, and provide additional water-dependent recreational opportunities. The City also will purchase amenities for the swim area,

⁵Conservation 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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such as a seasonal swim float, swim ladders and ropes, a floating log boom, warning buoys, lifeguard chairs, and shade shelters. The City of Bellevue will contribute \$512,696. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1393)

Port of Indianola

Grant Requested: \$30,686

Redeveloping the Port of Indianola Dock

The Port of Indianola will use this grant to redevelop a dock that is part of the Mosquito Fleet trail by installing an access ramp and interpretive signs, placing a Mosquito Fleet Historical Monument, planting plants, and installing a wildlife viewing area. Less than 6 percent of Kitsap County's 228 miles of shoreline is accessible to the public. Redevelopment will enhance outdoor recreational opportunities by providing access to activities including fishing, swimming, boating, wildlife observation, and walking. Community involvement has raised more than \$18,000 in donations. Completion of this project will decrease the impact of contamination from street runoff, creosote, and treated lumber by limiting paved surfaces and installing a planter to catch rain. Reducing pollution will help protect the tide flats, eel grass, surf smelt, sand lances, and herring habitat. The Port of Indianola will contribute \$30,686. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (16-1313)