

**Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account  
Preliminary Ranking  
2019-2021**

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	61.0	18-2003D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$776,718	\$1,276,718
2	59.5	18-1646D	Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park Renovation	Bremerton	\$438,200	\$441,200	\$879,400
3	56.1	18-2031A	Lopez Channel Shoreline	San Juan County Land Bank	\$410,000	\$412,806	\$822,806
4	56.0	18-1504C	Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary Restoration	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$2,389,394	\$2,889,394
5	55.5	18-1618A	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Acquisition	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$1,000,000	\$3,049,986	\$4,049,986
6	55.4	18-1988D	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Property Development	Auburn	\$500,000	\$626,251	\$1,126,251
7	52.9	18-1945C	California Creek Estuary Park Development	Blaine-Birch Bay	\$458,000	\$458,000	\$916,000
8	52.2	18-1752R	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Shoreline Enhancement	Mukilteo	\$500,000	\$598,000	\$1,098,000
9	50.5	18-1963R	Lowman Beach Park Restoration	Seattle	\$500,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,650,000
10	49.9	18-2033D	Chinook Wind Public Access	Tukwila	\$157,200	\$157,200	\$314,400
11	49.6	18-2004D	Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge Renovation	Spokane	\$500,000	\$1,229,751	\$1,729,751
12	49.3	18-1535C	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Open Space Access	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$2,914,891	\$3,414,891
13	49.1	18-1244A	Washougal River Waterfront Expansion	Washougal	\$74,988	\$74,989	\$149,977
14	48.6	18-2023D	Adams Street Waterfront Park	Hoquiam	\$156,500	\$156,500	\$313,000
15	46.9	18-1437D	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Nature Viewing	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$831,833	\$1,331,833
					<b>\$6,694,888</b>	<b>\$15,267,519</b>	<b>\$21,962,407</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project Types: A=acquisition, C=combination of two or more acquisition, development, or restoration elements, D=development, R=restoration



**Evaluation Scores**  
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Rank	Project Name	1		2		3		4		5					6	7	8	Total				
		Fit with ALEA	Fit with ALEA <sup>1</sup>		Need	Project Need <sup>1</sup>		Site Suitability	Site Suitability <sup>1</sup>		Urgency and Viability	Urgency and Viability	Project Design and Viability	Project Design <sup>1</sup>					Local Community Support	Growth Management Act Compliance	Population Proximity	
			Prot	Acc		Prot	Acc		Prot	Acc		Com <sup>1</sup>		Com	Prot	Acc	Prot	Acc				
9	Lowman Beach Park Restoration	12.3			14.8			8.2					6.8						7.4	0.0	1.0	50.5
10	Chinook Wind Public Access	10.5			16.0			7.6					7.2						7.6	0.0	1.0	49.9
11	Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge Renovation	9.0			14.0			8.0					8.2						9.4	0.0	1.0	49.6
12	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Open Space Access		5.8	8.0		5.8	6.6		3.1	3.9				3.1	3.6				8.4	0.0	1.0	49.3
13	Washougal River Waterfront Expansion	11.1			14.8			7.6			6.8								7.8	0.0	1.0	49.1
14	Adams Street Waterfront Park	10.8			16.8			7.4					5.2						7.4	0.0	1.0	48.6
15	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Nature Viewing	11.7			10.8			8.2					7.2						8.0	0.0	1.0	46.9

Evaluators score Questions 1-6; RCO staff scores Questions 7-8.

<sup>1</sup>Acc=Access Projects, Com=Combination Projects, Prot=Protection Projects

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## **Lakewood** **Improving Harry Todd Park**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve the waterfront in Harry Todd Park, which is on the south side of the 1,200-acre American Lake. The City will build a fishing pier, which will provide the only public fishing dock on American Lake, and replace finger pier docks to support rowing shells and other human-powered boats. In addition, the City will replace the restroom and build pathways from the parking lot to picnic and open areas. This park is in the Tillicum neighborhood, a geographically isolated and low income area. It is the only community park in the area and the only park that provides free waterfront access. Lakewood will contribute \$776,718 in cash and a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2003)

## **Bremerton** **Renovating the Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park**

**Grant Requested: \$438,200**

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to replace the 30-year-old, deteriorating fishing dock in Kitsap Lake Park. The 2-acre neighborhood park is next to a 40-acre forested wetland and has the only freshwater lake in Bremerton, making the park popular for fishing, swimming, boating, nature walking, and wildlife viewing. In addition to replacing the dock, the City will upgrade the restroom, improve the seating area along lake's edge, and install parking and pathways accessible to people with disabilities to link park amenities including a new picnic shelter overlooking the water, lake and wetland viewpoints, and interpretive signs. Bremerton will contribute \$441,200 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, a possible grant from the state Boating Facilities Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1646)

## **San Juan County Land Bank** **Buying Lopez Island Shoreline for a Park**

**Grant Requested: \$410,000**

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy about 10 acres along the western shore of Lopez Island for a public beach and for launching hand-powered boats. The 7.35-mile western shore of Lopez Island largely is inaccessible because of high bluffs, rocky shoreline, and overwhelmingly private ownership. Only two-thirds mile is accessible from land, and the land to be purchased is the only remaining potential access point to the rest. Due to threat from vacation home development, the land was purchased in 2017, but about \$450,000 is still owed to the seller. The land connects to 2 miles of public tideland currently reachable only by boat. This area is part of the Cascadia Marine Trail, but rarely is used because there is no way for paddlers to launch or take out. This project would fill that gap. Its beach also would allow swimming, beachcombing, and wildlife viewing as well kite and stand up paddle boarding among other activities. Additionally, the land is near Shark Reef, a component of the San Juan

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Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and an important seal and sea lion haul out location. The land bank will contribute \$412,806 in donations of cash, a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2031)

## **Snohomish County**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Restoring Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary**

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to restore the estuary associated with the salmon-bearing Lund's Gulch Creek and improve visitor areas in Meadowdale Beach Park. The County will remove fill and place large wood and native plants in the area to re-establish a historic (pre-railroad) 1.3-acre estuary. In the park, the County will build seven viewpoints, four interpretive signs, and pathways along the creek and a boardwalk over a wetland. The County also will install benches and picnic tables, a portable restroom, and a pedestrian bridge over the creek for viewing salmon. The park is at the northern end of Brown's Bay on Puget Sound and sees 65,000 visitors annually. The creek is used by Chinook, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as other salmon species. This project is part of a larger project to provide more elements accessible to people with disabilities, improve water access, address shoreline armoring impacts, and enhance shoreline and in-stream habitat. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$2.3 million in cash, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1504)

## **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe**

**Grant Requested: \$1,000,000**

### **Conserving Port Gamble Bay Shoreline**

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant to buy the development rights on 20 acres at Port Gamble Bay to conserve the land forever. The land was the home of a timber mill from 1853 to 1995 and cleanup was completed in 2017. The landowner drafted plans to develop the site for commercial, residential, and industrial uses. Buying the development rights is the first step in a larger project to restore high quality beach habitat and provide water access and recreational and educational opportunities. The bay is home to herring, surf smelt, sand lance, salmon, steelhead, trout, and shellfish. The site is important to indigenous people who lived there for thousands of years and continue to rely on the water resources. This project will provide immediate access to the water for non-motorized boats. Future phases will include public beaches and trails. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will contribute more than \$3 million in cash, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1618)

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## **Auburn**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Developing a Community Park along the Green River**

The City of Auburn will use this grant to build a 14.73-acre community park at 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast along the Green River. The City will build a 34-stall parking lot, improve access to the river, build a soft-surface trail looping through the site, and add park amenities, such as a picnic shelter, interpretive kiosk, signs, drinking fountain, and restroom. The City also will remove invasive plants and replant native species. The land currently is a mix of forest and invasive species, and river access is by an unimproved path. The only parking is along a narrow shoulder on a curved road. On any given sunny day, there are dozens of cars parked precariously along the road, which people use to get to the river and its sandy beach. Development of the park also will help alleviate the unauthorized activities at the site that harm the environment and the surrounding communities. Auburn will contribute \$626,251 in a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1988)

## **Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District**

### **Conserving California Creek Estuary**

**Grant Requested: \$458,000**

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 11.51 acres of wildlife habitat to protect rare tidelands and estuary and provide access to the public. Working with the Whatcom Land Trust, the district will buy the land, remove the house there, and develop a non-motorized trail, an interpretive trail, and a kayak boat launch. The land is at the confluence of California Creek and Drayton Harbor and is used by birds, trout, and salmon. This coastal inlet provides estuarine and wetland habitat that is protected from the oncoming waves of adjacent Drayton Harbor, making it ideal for migrating salmon, shellfish, waterfowl, and shorebirds. Due to its scenic location near the shoreline, development of the land is likely. The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will contribute \$458,000 in a state appropriation, donations of cash, a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1945)

## **Mukilteo**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Improving the Mukilteo Shoreline**

The City of Mukilteo will use this grant to restore a quarter-mile of shoreline along a proposed promenade planned to connect Edgewater Beach Park and Lighthouse Park. The work will be done at the Mukilteo Tank Farm owned by the Tulalip Tribes. The City will add rounded boulders, gravelly-soil terraces, logs, and large woody materials on top of the existing rip rap, creating space for planting shrubs, grasses, and trees. The shoreline plantings help shade the water, cooling it for fish. The plants also drop branches and leaves into the water, which provide food for the insects fish eat and places for fish to rest and hide from predators. Mukilteo will

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contribute \$598,000 in materials, grants, and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1752)

## **Seattle**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Restoring Lowman Beach Park**

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, with support from Seattle Public Utilities, will use this grant to continue restoring Lowman Beach Park, which is on Puget Sound, in West Seattle. The City will remove part of a failing concrete seawall and restore the beach to a more natural profile, creating habitat for Chinook salmon. Barrier-free access will be provided to the restored beach. This project builds upon restoration completed by the City along the southern portion of Lowman Beach. A seawall was removed in 1995, and since then, natural processes have been expanding the beach and dropping large drift logs there. Seattle will contribute more than \$1 million in staff labor, a local grant, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1963)

## **Tukwila**

**Grant Requested: \$157,200**

### **Developing Trails in the Chinook Wind Habitat Restoration Project**

The City of Tukwila will use this grant to develop a trail system, informational signs, and viewpoints within the Chinook Wind habitat restoration project being jointly implemented with King County. The goal is to create trails through the Chinook Wind site so that people can enjoy views of the river and the off-channel mitigation site and learn about the history of the area and the extensive salmon recovery efforts along the river. The trail system eventually will connect with the nearby Duwamish Gardens trails, making a substantial and unique urban water access experience. Tukwila will contribute \$157,200. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2033)

## **Spokane**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Renovating the Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a pedestrian bridge in Riverfront Park, the city's most popular urban park. Originally installed as part of the Expo '74 World's Fair, this bridge provides an unparalleled viewing experience over the upper falls of the Spokane River; serves as a major north-south connection for walkers, runners, cyclists, and sightseers for recreational enjoyment; and is a crucial companion for interpretive information about the river. Today many bridge components have exceeded their design lives and require increasingly significant repairs to maintain public access. Portions of the bridge decking fail yearly, requiring expensive patching. Bridge railings do not meet modern guardrail standards, and significant portions of the bridge deck framing are heavily corroded. The City plans to extend the bridge's useful service life for an additional 50 years by replacing the bridge decking, guardrail, corroded structure, and utility vaults at each end of the bridge. Spokane will

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contribute more than \$1.2 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2004)

## **Kenmore** **Grant Requested: \$500,000** **Developing Access to the Squire's Landing Waterfront**

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to build a launch area for hand-powered boats, complete with staging areas, a float, a community plaza and picnic shelter, restroom, parking lot, trails, boardwalks, bridges, and river viewing platforms. The City also will improve and create wetlands along Swamp Creek and the Sammamish River for migratory birds and other wildlife. The 42-acre Squire's Landing Park is south of State Road 522 and the Burke Gilman Trail. The park will help people reach the Sammamish River and Lake Washington. Kenmore will contribute more than \$2.9 million in a local grant, a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1535)

## **Washougal** **Grant Requested: \$74,988** **Expanding the Washougal River Waterfront**

The City of Washougal will use this grant to buy easements across two residential lots along the Washougal River to expand access to more than a half-mile of waterfront. By buying the easements, Washougal will be able to connect two amazing waterfront properties—Hathaway Park and the Schmid Family property—with a remarkable river's edge trail. In addition, Washougal will manage a popular swimming hole and be able to make changes, such as erosion control, bank stabilization, and native plantings, to improve the condition of the site. Washougal will contribute \$74,989 in cash and conservation futures.<sup>1</sup> Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1244)

## **Hoquiam** **Grant Requested: \$156,500** **Adams Street Waterfront Park**

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to build a waterfront park along the Chehalis River and upper Grays Harbor Bay. The City will renovate a vacant dirt parking area along the Chehalis River and add a picnic shelter, interpretive signs, a paved parking lot, small craft launch, and waterside pathways with viewing areas for watching fishing boats and cargo ships. Hoquiam will contribute \$156,500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2023)

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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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## **Kenmore**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Developing Waterfront Access and Viewing in Log Boom Park**

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to develop and restore about 2 acres of the city's 16.4-acre Log Boom Park. The work will include developing a path accessible to people with disabilities, installing a picnic shelter, and improving access to the beach for wading, launching hand-powered boats, fishing, and viewing nature. The City also will remove invasive plants and replant native plants along the shoreline, wetlands, and their buffers. Log Boom Park is along the northern shore of Lake Washington, just south of State Route 522 and the regional Burke Gilman Trail. Kenmore will contribute \$831,833 in a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1437)